Breaking Barriers By
Preserving The Future:
Fergus Falls Kirkbride







Definition

An architectural concept for mental asylums designed by American psychiatrist Thomas
Story Kirkbride with the key ideas of having more natural light and fresh air and creating a self-providing structure to keep patients occupied.

The History Behind The Fergus Falls Kirkbride

About

- Architect: Warren Dunnell
- Typology: Administration, Hospital, and Residential
- Style: Roman, Renaissance, and Gothic
- Cost: c.\$1,000,000
- 3rd State Hospital in Minnesota

Timeline

Constraction began in 1888

Women were not admitted into the institution until 1893 State Hospital became a Added to the National **Regional Treatment** Center in 1971

Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1986 State sold land and building to Fergus Falls in 2007

Administration building was demolished in 2018

1888 1890 1893 1906 1971 1985 1985

Opened July 31st, 1890

Construction finished in 1906

the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center in 1985

Official name change to Officially closed in 2005 Main tower was struck

by lightening on June 16th, 2009

Kitchen and gymnasium was demolished in 2019 and 2020

Numbers

73 Kirkbrides built in the United States

33/73 Kirkbrides still exist

24/33 Kirkbrides are partially preserved

9/33 Kirkbrides have been adaptively reused

4/9 are mixed-use redevelopment

3/9 are housing communities

2/9 are correctional facilities

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Site

- Northern Fergus Falls, MN
 - o 1400 Union Ave N
- Tower and wings stretch over 11 acres
 - Around 1,500sqft long
- 120 Acre property
 - Focused on land surrounding the horseshoe
 - Entire grounds planned by a landscape architect





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The Present Situation of The Fergus Falls Kirkbride

Demolition

Five Phase Demolition Plan:

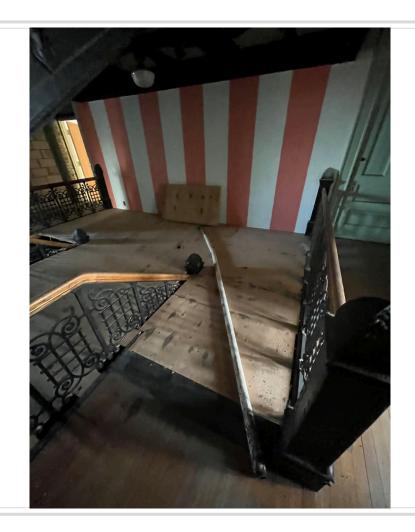
- Phase 1 Administration Building (2018)
- Phase 2 Gymnasium, Kitchen & Tunnels (2019-2020)
- Phase 3 Fix leaking roof & cover broken windows (2023)
- Phase 4 and Phase 5 Future

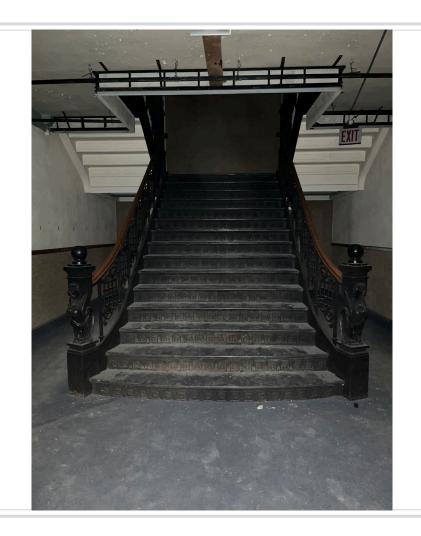
Redevelopment

- 18+ failed redevelopment attempts
- Many ideas: senior center, library, historical center, boutique hotel, restaurants, shops, gallery, lounges, apartments, artist studios, daycare center, movie screening room, indoor playground, greenhouse, indoor dog park, therapist office, etc...

Importance

- Historical preservation
- Community contribution
- Disbanding stigma
- Personal connection
- Architecturally unique





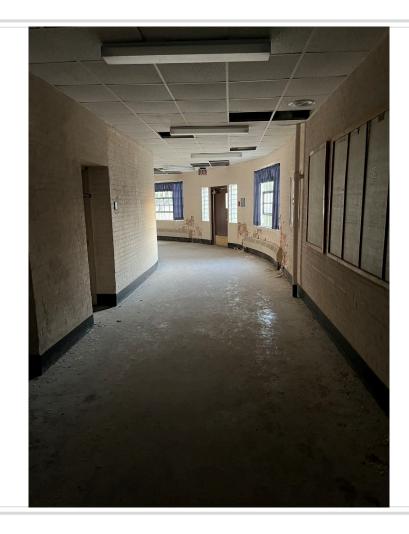




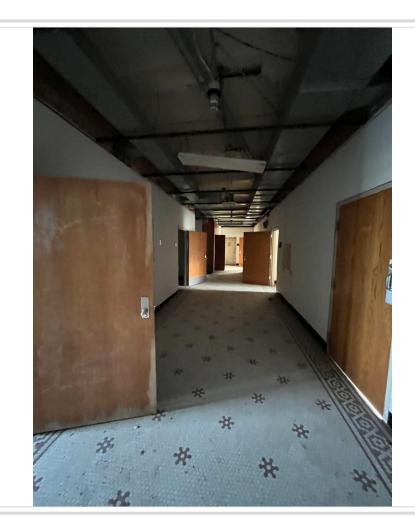


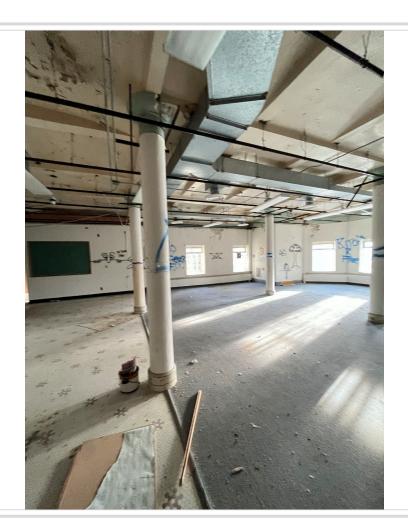










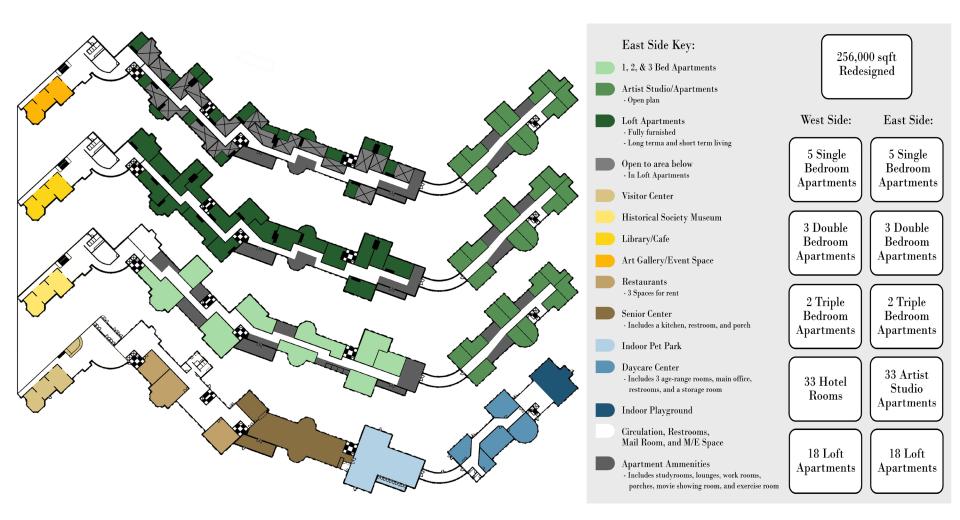






The Future Solution of The Fergus Falls Kirkbride









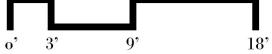
















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Any Questions?

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