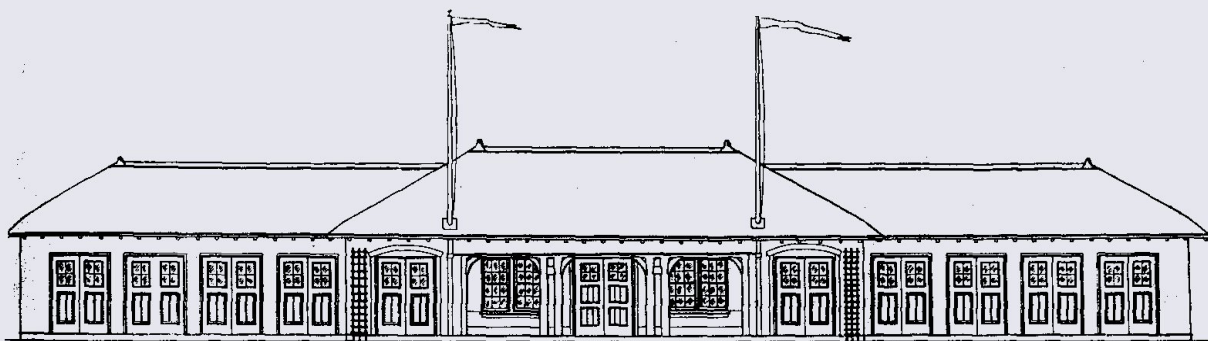


BRITTINGHAM BOATHOUSE
Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association 1910



Camp Randall Rowing Club, in partnership with the Madison Parks Division, the Madison Parks Commission and the Madison Parks Foundation, has stepped in to save and restore the oldest building still in use in the Madison Parks system today. The historic Brittingham Boathouse is one of the surviving masterpieces of our link to the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association. Located on Monona Bay adjacent to our downtown and on a major entryway to our city, the Brittingham Boathouse was originally constructed in 1910 and has been listed on the National Historic Landmarks Registry since 1977.



Over the past many decades, the building condition deteriorated mostly because of unstable dredge materials used for fill under the original structure. Although it was partially restored in 1980, no significant renovation funding was available.

In 2001, Camp Randall Rowing Club restarted the effort to save this special building. Phase I (\$900,000+) completed in 2006, included the lifting and relocation of the structure to an adjacent location with more stable soils and the complete historic restoration on the exterior of the building along with the establishment of historic landscaping surrounding the structure.



On May 3, 2007, the 2007 Historic Preservation Award was presented to Camp Randall Rowing Club by the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation in recognition of its outstanding preservation efforts on the Brittingham Boathouse. On June 11, 2007, the Wisconsin Historic Society Board of Curators and Awards Committee selected Camp Randall Rowing Club and the Madison Parks Division to receive the Historic Preservation Award. These awards honor the Madison Parks Division and Camp Randall Rowing Club's work in protecting the Brittingham Boathouse, a Wisconsin historic property.



We are now in the next phase of the project, involving the addition of restrooms and running water for the many rowers who train at this location, along with installation of an exterior water fountain for the fishermen, runners and bicyclists using the park. Your help in these efforts is very much appreciated!

