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Leadership in complex historic preservation projects leads Baltimore firm to Annapolis City Hall project.

Baltimore, MD, October 9, 2008 - After a notable proposal competition with some of the nation's most highly regarded architecture firms, KANN Partners has been selected to develop an Historic Structures Report for the Annapolis City Hall.

An award-winning architecture firm, KANN Partners has continued to stay at the forefront of innovative building and material restoration, conservation, and rehabilitation and preservation evaluation. Donald Kann, AIA, Principal-in-Charge and founder of KANN Partners notes, "Preservation takes a certain temperament and a substantial commitment of resources devoted to research, design, and technology. We are excited to be selected for this project because it is a central piece of the City of Annapolis' historic environment and a great opportunity for us to develop further in historic preservation."

The Annapolis City Hall, which has been a part of the Maryland landscape for more than 200 years, is a contributing structure in a National Register Historic District, is listed on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places, and is a designated local landmark. However, the building has gone through multiple renovations through the years, making its history somewhat muddled. With such a muddled past, the solutions for future preservation can be all the more difficult to find. But this is the type of challenge KANN Partners seeks. This is where their experience and expertise shine.

Historic preservation has been a focus of KANN Partners since its inception nearly 35 years ago. This type of work exemplifies an important component to KANN's values as an organization: respect what exists in a building and a location. And, this project will be added to a list of noteworthy buildings for which KANN Partners has provided similar preservation services, including the Baltimore City Hall, the Johns Hopkins Hospital Landmark Buildings, and the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse.

For the Annapolis City Hall, KANN Partners will provide an Historic Structures Report - a full history of the architecture and building materials of the City Hall and a guiding document that will help to direct future restoration and preservation projects for the structure. The project will involve the use of on-site investigation, in-depth research, thoughtful planning, accurate cost analysis, and the latest analytical technology to provide a comprehensive report.

And, through the process, some hope, the research will shed some light on one small mystery and an interesting tidbit of the Annapolis City Hall story: Did George Washington dance here?

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