

Stalco, H3 Hardy and BPCA wins Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award

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General contractor Stalco Construction, H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture, and Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) received a Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award from the New York Landmarks Conservancy for the restoration and renovation of the landmark Pier A in Manhattan's Battery Park. The Moses awards are the Conservancy's highest honors for outstanding preservation work. The project is on track to receive a Silver LEED certification.

Shari Hyman, BPCA President & COO, said, "Receiving the Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award is a source of great pride for us. The dedication of BPCA's remarkable staff, working closely with an outstanding group of professionals from H3 Hardy Collaboration and Stalco Construction is visible from the moment you first lay eyes on Pier A."

The three-story Victorian Pier A, located in Manhattan's Battery Park, was built in 1886. It is the oldest remaining pier structure in the city. The building was completed in three phases over 33 years. The initial structure, the pier shed, was built in 1886 of timber, masonry, iron, and steel, with the piers below the deck constructed of masonry and concrete. The third-story addition was built in 1904, at which time the entire structure was clad in metal. The clock tower and the WWI memorial clock were added in 1919. Pier A was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, became a New York City Landmark in 1977, and entered the Historic American Engineering Record in 1983.

According to Stalco President, Alan Nahmias, "The project team completely renovated the interior, restored the exterior and roof, performed extensive structural repairs, and installed new concrete slabs and access ramps on the pier's promenade."

In 2008, H3 Hardy Collaboration performed a reuse study that looked at various tenants including the Staten Island Ferry and the National Park Service. It subsequently developed a phasing plan for renovation and reuse that was implemented by Stalco. Much research was done by H3 and the engineering team using historic photographs and texts, site tests, and probing of materials and structural elements.

Construction was nearly complete in late 2012 when Hurricane Sandy hit. Stalco spent another six months fixing the hurricane's damage, which included new drywall and other interior finishes. The building is currently undergoing additional construction work in preparation for a restaurant tenant.

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