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NYS Capitol entrance, stairs to undergo multi-year renovation beginning this summer

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ALBANY, N.Y. ([NEWS10](#)) — The New York State Capitol’s Eastern Approach will undergo a makeover beginning this summer, the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) announced on Monday. A contractor from Pittsfield,

Louis C. Allegrone, Inc., won a \$72 million bid to conduct the renovation.

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The Eastern Approach, a grand exterior staircase and entryway that leads to the Capitol building, will be rehabilitated to improve its structural integrity. According to OGS, the facade closed to the public almost a decade ago, as water infiltration has rendered the structure increasingly deteriorated since the 1920s.

The upcoming project, planned to kick off in early summer, will restore the structure’s stability and resistance to harsh weather. The process will include stair and retaining wall reconstruction, installation of storm drainage and weatherproofing systems, new window and door fittings, and more. A mix of traditional and modern construction techniques will be used during the renovation, and the structure’s existing materials will be reused.

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“The NYS Office of General Services is proud to begin the long-awaited restoration of the New York State Capitol’s Eastern Approach,” said OGS Commissioner Jeanette Moy. “This complex and intricate capital construction project will reinforce its structure, enhance public safety, preserve its historic nature, and ensure it can support the eastern façade of the building.”

The Capitol’s north and south promenades, executive drive and east portico will also be rehabilitated for structural damage from water infiltration. The East Capitol Park will be closed from the project’s start through its

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“We look forward to welcoming New Yorkers back to this important civic space,” Moy said.

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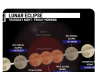
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