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GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA

GILES COUNTY COURTHOUSE Renovation

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The Giles County Courthouse, constructed in 1836, is on the Virginia Register of Historic Landmarks. The two-story brick building is a Classical revival design and features a small portico with a simple pediment and two pairs of Corinthian columns. While subsequent additions have added to the floor space at the rear of the building, the exterior harmony, functionality, and interior flow of the building have been lost.

The Giles County Board of Supervisors asked HDH Associates, P.C. to conduct extensive analysis by evaluating the existing condition of the building with respect to ADA compliance, mechanical/electrical requirements, aesthetic appearance, functionality, and space usage. This evaluation resulted in a design to add accessible restrooms on both floors, an elevator, a new mechanical/electrical system throughout, as well as other exterior and interior renovations including window and door replacement, brick repairs, metal roof replacement, interior finishes, lighting, and security features.

The renovations and addition of the elevator were designed with the primary goal of retaining the physical and historical integrity of the building while restoring the cohesion between the various parts of the building.

