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CAPE MAY, N. J. - "Another giant step in the City of Cape May's

MAYOR
BRUCE M. MINNIX

struggle to preserve its unique Victorian heritage has been made."

COUNCILMEN

BERNARD A. BERK

JEROME E. Inderwies

announced Mayor Bruce M. Minnix recently.

CITY MANAGER

D. RUSSELL BARR

"A team of workers received a Grant from the National Endowment for

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the Humanities to measure, document, and produce final drawings of

some of the major Victorian structures in our City. The Grant from

the National Endowment for the Humanities was made possible through

the efforts of Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey and Representa-

tive Frank Thompson, Jr. of Mercer County. Architectural historians

Carolyn Pitts and George Thomas are working with architectural drafts-

men Hugh McCauley, Merry Thomas, and Joel Bartlett in the undertaking.

"These records and drawings are filed with the Historic American Build-

ings Survey and the Library of Congress. Such permanent records of

important structures create greater public interest and thus attract

and encourage sympathetic preservationists.

"The value of this project to Victorian Cape May cannot be underestim-

ated. Last Summer, this same dedicated group of Philadelphians vol-

unteered their time and labor to record the Windsor Hotel," added the

Mayor. "Their interest and efforts were a prime factor in the changing

of the proposed demolition plans for that structure. Their dedicated

work created the interest that made this year's Grant possible.

"For the next few weeks, residents of and visitors to the City will see

this group crawling under and hanging from various buildings. Every

architectural detail is measured and recorded. These numbers are later

drawn on a Master Plan for each structure that could never be recreated

if the buildings were destroyed.

THE CITY OF CAPE MAY

"The City of Cape May is proud of this activity and deeply indebted to the people who made it possible.

"Anyone interested in further specific information can call Cape May City Hall - 1-609 884-8411 - or Carolyn Pitts - 1-609 884-2161, " concluded Mayor Minnix.