

# Rhode Island State House



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Fiberglass owls now crown the dome of the Rhode Island State House in order to keep away roosting pigeons. The owls are just one aspect of a \$4-million renovation project...completed on the exterior of the capitol in Providence. Graciano Corporation, a Pittsburgh-based restoration company, oversaw the two-year project. According to Edward Sanderson, the executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, the restoration stabilized the white Georgia marble masonry that had developed cracks since the capitol's 1895 construction.



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