

J.M. Wilkerson Construction Co., Inc. was selected as the general contractor for the John H. Sr. and Ethel C. Bennett History Museum, located on the campus of Reinhardt College in Waleska, Georgia.

The Museum is modeled after Native American dwellings similar to those once found in the north Georgia area. The Museum consists of an Iroquois longhouse between two Mississippi mound buildings. The 50 foot longhouse was designed to resemble the bark once used to build these dwellings. African tile was used to resemble a dirt floor. Poles of Southern yellow pines were used to hold up the 25 foot arched ceiling. The Mississippian houses were built with stucco to resemble the “wattle and daub” technique once used in their construction. The museum houses several permanent displays with gallery space available for traveling exhibits. The museum has classrooms, laboratories and a 100 seat state of the art theater.

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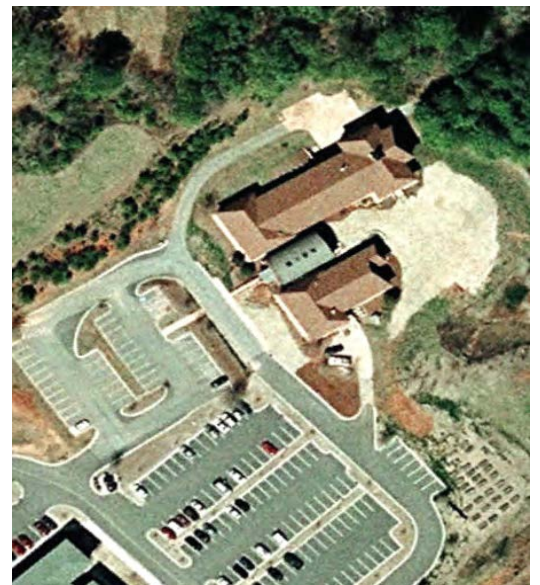
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Completion Date

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\$1.8 Million



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