

Trinity Towers ♦ New York, New York



Original architect:

Francis H. Kimball (completed in 1905)

Building owner:

Capital Properties

In collaboration with:

- Beyer Blinder Belle, *architects*
- Robert Silman Associates, *structural engineers*
- Integrated Conservation Resources, *architectural conservator*

Building description:

Two monumental steel-framed buildings, clad in Indiana limestone with elaborate copper sheet-metal cornices and other ornamentation. Tall parapet walls, turrets, towers and roof conditions made inspection by swing stage problematic and uneconomical.

Scope of work:

- provided safe access and rigging for inspection of 50% sample of entire building facades
- completed the 50% facade inspection Sept. 9, 2001
- returned post-Sept. 11, 2001 to assess the effects of the World Trade Center collapse on the facade condition
- completed 100% facade survey with condition report, annotated elevations and photographs recording the locations, severity, size and extent of existing conditions of the limestone and copper facade, large ornamental cornice, projecting balconies and copper and limestone gargoyles

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