

SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY
Campus Heritage Preservation Plan
 Newport, Rhode Island

Project Data

Date: 2002-2004
 Size: 85± acres
 Context: Historic Newport, Rhode Island



Ochre Court, 1888-1892 by Richard Morris Hunt, SRU's Administration Building

Project Description:

Twenty selected Salve Regina University (SRU) historic properties were researched, surveyed and assessed as part of the Campus Heritage Grant from the Getty Foundation. The intent of the program was to help SRU “manage and preserve the integrity of their significant historic buildings, sites and landscapes.” Each of the twenty properties were assessed focusing on their existing physical conditions and identifying SRU’s significant landscape and architectural features in order to make recommendations for guiding restoration, repair, and future use.

SRU, founded in 1947 by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, is a co-educational university situated in historic Newport, Rhode Island’s Ochre Point, a National Historic Landmark District established in 1976. The campus is a living museum of American architectural styles and historic landscape designs of the Gilded Age. “The University now recognizes its campus as one of the most unique architectural ensembles in the world and...[is taking]...steps towards the scholarly study and restoration of its buildings” and landscapes. The objective was to identify, assess, and plan for the preservation and adaptive reuse of the significant historic resources on campus. The focus was building, site specific, and campus-wide to insure cohesive master planning and recommendations.

