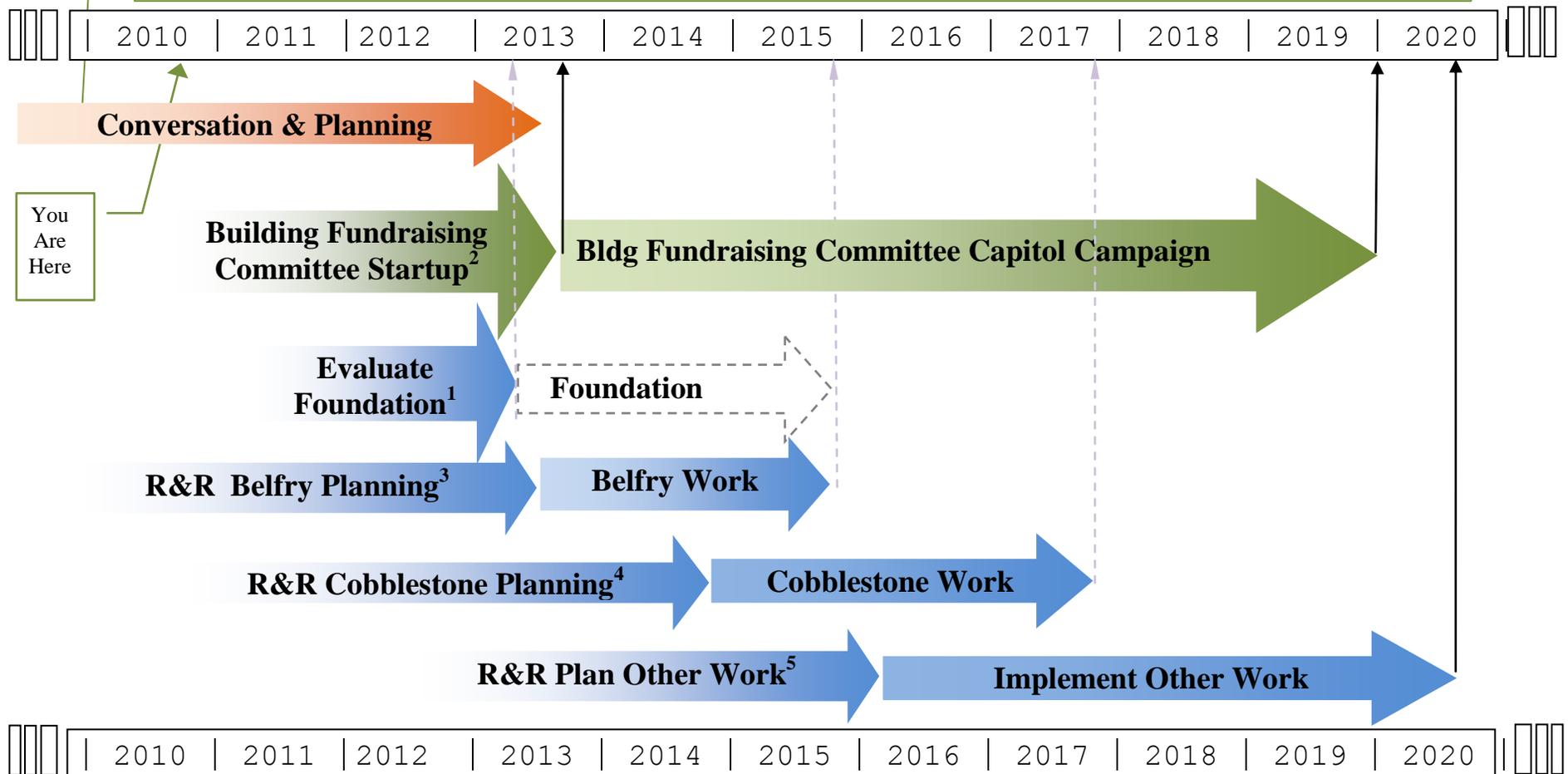


Cobblestone Church Building Master Plan (Draft)

Conversation & Planning: Congregational Meetings, possible retreat, flesh out the Master Plan:

- Determine goals: Restore to period? Maintain current mix? Do what's needed to meet needs within historic limits? How much of a goal is physical accessibility?
- Determine if work plan for building foundation is needed
- Figure out timeline for painting, belfry work, wiring, make decisions on further work
- Figure out timeline for fundraising: initial funds for planning, major Capitol Campaign for Master Plan



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1. **Evaluate Foundation:** Below ground level, age and groundwater have turned the masonry of the building’s foundation into dead mortar, meaning some or all of it is just sand. We don’t know A) the extent of the damage, and B) what problems might occur because of this. Can it be safely be ignored; will it be fine as long as it is undisturbed, or will the walls eventually fall down because of it? We need to find a knowledgeable expert.
2. **Building Fundraising Committee (BFC) - startup:** This new committee would be charged with raising money for initial work, applying for grants, and eventually running a capitol campaign once we know how much is needed. The committee will make recommendations to the board on financial issues such as whether to incorporate a “building foundation” separately from the Church. Both the BFC and the R&R Committee will need to reach out to the Cortland area community. The BFC will probably have non-church committee members.
3. **Belfry Planning:** The repairs that stabilized the belfry in 2006 were expected to last 5-50 years, depending on if water damage continues. The drainage structure of the belfry is faulty and involves many unknowns. Part of the belfry will need to be disassembled to assess how to repair the drainage and how much rotted wood needs replacing.
4. **Cobblestone Planning:** We have identified a company we believe is competent to do basic maintenance of the cobblestone above the water table (above the slate line that runs about 5 feet up). We need more preservation information, particularly on the section above the ground but below the water table.

5. Plan Other Work:

<p><i>Things we know need attention:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace the furnace 2. Rewire & upgrade electrical service 3. Correct problems with the fire escape 4. Replace roof & install gutters 	<p><i>Things we’ll need congregational input on:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Accessibility - for people with disabilities: priorities? B. Should we level the floor in the Sanctuary? C. Replace carpets? D. Repair water damage, or let it ride? E. What upgrade needs do we have: dishwasher? Curb cut outside? Sound system needs? F. What are our space needs and possible solutions?
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