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Ten Most Endangered Historic Places

This statewide list is announced each spring at the State Capitol in Springfield. Its purpose is to focus attention on historic buildings or sites that are threatened by deterioration, insufficient funds, or inappropriate development. Since the program's inception in 1995, nearly 170 endangered properties have been identified. More than a quarter have been saved; about 34 buildings have been lost; the rest are still threatened or being rehabilitated. (For more information: www.Landmarks.org/ten_most.htm.)

Preservation Grants

Landmarks Illinois maintains two grant funds. The Preservation Heritage Fund provides small matching grants to non-profit organizations for bricks-and-mortar assistance and to help fund studies, surveys, and building assessments. Grant funding varies from year to year, depending on foundation and member support. Application deadlines are February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. (For more information: www.landmarks.org/heritage_fund_guidelines.htm.) The County Courthouse Initiative provides matching grants to county governments and nonprofit organizations for the restoration of critical features of existing or former courthouses listed on—or eligible for—the National Register of Historic Places. Special emphasis is also given to projects that include energy-efficient exterior lighting schemes. This project is funded by the Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust. The application deadline for the following construction year is October 1. (For more information: http://www.landmarks.org/courthouse_initiative_grants.htm.)

Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards

Since 1994, Landmarks Illinois and the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation have sponsored an annual awards program that honors projects, individuals, organizations, and programs whose work demonstrates a commitment to excellence in the field of historic preservation. The nine award recipients are chosen by a special jury, based on nominations received each year. The nomination deadline is July 1st. The award event is held in October. (For more information: http://www.landmarks.org/awards_guidelines.htm.)

top to bottom: Massac Theater, Metropolis; Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge; Haskell, Barker, and Atwater Buildings, Chicago



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Every year, Landmarks Illinois programs engage an increasing number of communities throughout Illinois in preservation related efforts. While this map illustrates the places where Landmarks Illinois' grants (2004-2010), awards (1991-2010) and Ten Most Endangered listings (1995-2010) have made a direct impact, Landmarks Illinois also reaches out to even more Illinois communities and individuals through the Chicagoland Watch List, our website (www.landmarks.org), and advocacy assistance. For more details on these projects, see the website.

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