

# Annual Report 2010

## FORTY YEARS OF SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP


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This year marks the 40th anniversary of our organization, which began its life in 1971 as the Landmarks Preservation Council. Our early efforts focused on threatened iconic structures in Chicago, including the Old Stock Exchange (demolished 1972), the Marquette Building (saved 1975), and the Public Library and Astor Street District (both saved in 1976).

We expanded our mission in 1979 to include the entire state, thereby adding “of Illinois” to our name and creating the long-familiar abbreviation: LPCI. Two years later, we initiated a statewide conference, followed by an annual preservation awards program and our “Ten Most” list of endangered historic structures. In 2006, we shortened our name to Landmarks Illinois to more succinctly reflect our mission.

One of the lessons we have learned over these past four decades is the need for effective “partnerships.” Some of these involve local governments and advocacy groups. In other cases, these partnerships are with property owners, private foundations, or state and national organizations. But, in all instances, the goal is the same: To accomplish more with less, while finding new, innovative, and cost-effective ways to help protect the great architectural heritage of Chicago and Illinois.

As we begin a new fiscal year—under the guidance of an updated organizational strategic plan—we plan to continue to shape these partnership efforts and resources to meet what is an ever-changing preservation landscape.



Geoff Koss  
Chair, Board of Directors (2009-2011)  
Landmarks Illinois



Metropolitan Church, Chicago  
(Awards Program)



Michigan Avenue, Chicago  
(Endangered Properties)



Louis Sullivan's Idea Exhibit  
(Lecture Series)

## AWARDS PROGRAM

Nine of the top success stories of the past year—ranging from adaptive use and advocacy to restoration and stewardship—were honored at our annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards event.

## COUNTY COURTHOUSES

Over the past two years, grants have gone to seven Illinois counties to help them restore their historic courthouses. These matching grants, which are funded by the Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust, have helped restore courthouse clocks, bells, ornament, and statuary, while designing energy-efficient exterior lighting.

## FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Several architects donated their services—free of charge—to help us show how threatened buildings can be adapted for other uses. These include reuse studies for: Cook County Hospital, two buildings at the Great Lakes Naval Station, Lathrop Homes, the Reese Hospital campus, and, most recently, Prentice Hospital.

## HERITAGE FUND GRANTS

More than 50 matching grants, most ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, have been given to nonprofit groups since 2007 to restore threatened historic properties from throughout Illinois, in part due to our annual Legendary Landmarks fundraising event.



Cook County Hospital, Chicago (Feasibility Studies)  
Farnsworth House, Plano

Lake View Presbyterian Church, Chicago  
(Awards Program)

Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge  
(County Courthouses)  
Meier's Tavern, Glenview  
(Mid-20th Century Modernism Survey)

## DESIGN COMPETITION

Co-sponsored an architectural competition to develop alternative uses for the original McCormick Place in Chicago (1971; C.F. Murphy Assoc.), in association with AIA Chicago and the Chicago Architectural Club.

## ENDANGERED PROPERTIES

Assisted local communities and advocacy groups in preserving threatened properties through our annual listing of—and staff follow up to—the “Ten Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois.”

## FARNSWORTH HOUSE

Transferred management of this acclaimed modernist house museum (1950; Mies van der Rohe) to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, following its joint purchase by our two organizations in 2003.

## HISTORIC SITES

Assisting the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency with an evaluation study of state-owned historic sites, with additional funding from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## ILLINOIS REHAB TAX CREDIT

In cooperation with the University of Illinois at Springfield, conducting an economic study that evaluates the potential impact (number of buildings, revenue, etc.) of a proposed state income tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic properties.

## LECTURE SERIES

This free monthly lecture on preservation topics, organized by LI, is held at the Chicago Cultural Center. More than 115 lectures by preservation experts have been given—to approximately 9,000 people—in the past 10 years.

### MARKETING PRESERVATION

Thanks to pro bono assistance from Optimus, a Chicago visual media company, we have produced two recent videos: the “Chicagoland Watch List” and “40 Years of Landmarks Illinois.”

### MID-20TH CENTURY MODERNISM SURVEY

For the past six years, we have partnered with historic preservation students at the School of Art Institute of Chicago on an architectural survey of buildings from the “recent past” (1935-75) in suburban Cook County. The results are published on our web site.

### RADIO INTERVIEW

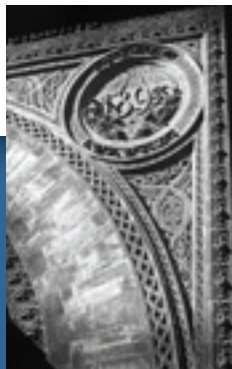
A monthly radio broadcast, featuring LI President Jim Peters and sponsored by the Illinois Farm Bureau’s RFD Network, reaches 75 stations in Illinois.

### RESTORATION RESOURCES GUIDE

This directory of consultants, craftsmen, and other preservation specialists was created with the help of a peer review group of preservation architects and other experts—and maintained by LI on its web site.



Shotgun House Project, Cairo (Heritage Fund Grants)



Arch detail, Chicago Stock Exchange, Chicago Mumford House, Urbana



Main Street, West Dundee (Illinois Rehab Tax Credit)



Manske-Niemann Farm, Litchfield (Endangered Properties)

### MUMFORD HOUSE

Assisted the Preservation Association of Champaign County in efforts to save—and reuse—the oldest building (1871) on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### PRESERVATION HISTORY TOURS

Co-sponsoring with the Chicago Architecture Foundation a series of spring tours of preservation success stories in Chicago’s Loop, as well as a fall series of historic neighborhood tavern tours.

### PROTECTIVE EASEMENTS

Accepted a preservation easement from the McLean County Museum of History for the Adlai E. Stevenson II House in Bloomington, ensuring protection of the childhood home of the former Governor and two-time Presidential nominee. We continue to monitor more than 500 other preservation easements throughout Illinois.

### STATE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

Assisted the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in locating a venue for the 2011 annual conference, which will be held at Lewis & Clark College, whose president, Dale Chapman, is one of our board members.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PROJECTS, VISIT OUR WEB SITE: [WWW.LANDMARKS.ORG](http://WWW.LANDMARKS.ORG).

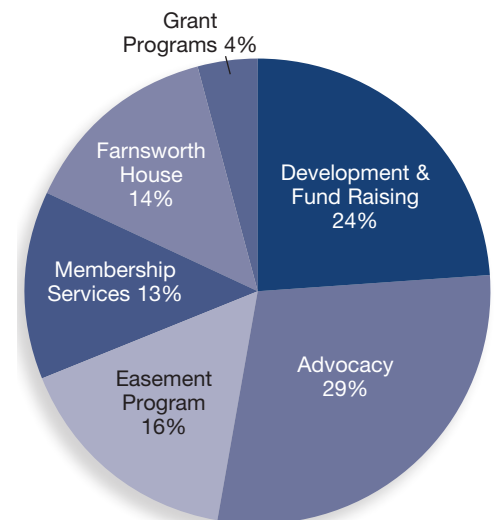
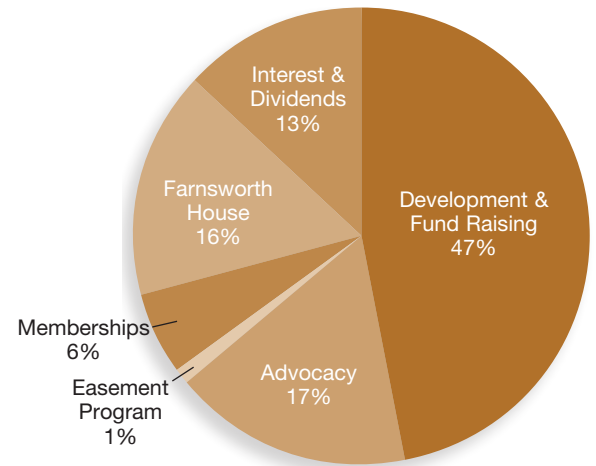
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# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010



	(In 000's)
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
DEVELOPMENT & FUND RAISING	473,000
ADVOCACY	166,000
EASEMENT PROGRAM	10,000
MEMBERSHIPS	57,000
FARNSWORTH HOUSE	159,000
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	127,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>992,000</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
DEVELOPMENT & FUND RAISING	309,000
ADVOCACY	381,000
EASEMENT PROGRAM	203,000
MEMBERSHIPS	165,000
FARNSWORTH HOUSE	176,000
GRANTS PROGRAMS	54,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,288,000</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>(296,000)</b>
<b>LOSS ON INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>345,000</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>49,000</b>
<b>BEGINNING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>5,214,000</b>
<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>5,263,000</b>



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