



The Illinois Historic Preservation Caucus

Mission: To provide a voice in support of historic preservation and cultural heritage in the Illinois Legislature.

Objective: “To promote, preserve and protect Illinois historic structures and sites. To help educate and motivate the general public to the importance of maintaining the heritage of our state.”

Who is involved: A bipartisan membership of the House and Senate and participation of nonprofit organizations interested in historic preservation and relevant state agencies.

What it does: Create and review legislation, budget proposals and policies that may impact historic preservation. Possible Caucus initiatives may include:

- Activities and funding of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), including maintenance and operation of state historic sites
- Recommendation of Statewide Preservation Initiatives (some successfully undertaken by other states include court house preservation programs, historic barn preservation programs and the updating of statewide historic resource surveys)
- Activities and funding of Illinois Main Street
- Review of state school code to facilitate preservation (current language favors funding new construction rather than rehabilitation)
- Restoration of State Heritage Grant Fund
- Implementation and funding of the Local Legacy Act (Public Act 93-0328)
- Evaluation of Illinois Register
- Evaluation of state requirements for communities to qualify as a Certified Local Government (CLG)
- Recommendations for additional benefits to CLG communities
- Recommendations for additional benefits to designated scenic byways and heritage areas
- Evaluation of possible IHPA regulatory review of historic properties impacted by TIF expenditures
- Recommendations for additional state tax incentives for historic property owners
- Consideration of revenue neutral initiatives, such as an Executive Order for state offices to prioritize location in historic buildings and districts
- Recommendations to the Congressional Historic Preservation Caucus regarding Federal historic preservation legislation that may impact preservation in Illinois

The establishment of the Illinois Historic Preservation Legislative Caucus of the Illinois Legislature was announced at a reception on October 26, 2005 at the Old State Capitol in Springfield.

The Caucus held its first meeting on February 7, 2006, at which time **Senator Deanna Demuzio (D-Carlinville) and Representative Richard Brauer (R-Petersburg)** were officially voted by their colleagues as co-chairs.

With over 80 members from both the House and Senate – almost half of the Legislature - the Illinois Historic Preservation Caucus is the largest issue-based, bi-partisan caucus in Springfield. It also is the second historic preservation caucus to be formed at the state legislative level in the country. Landmarks Illinois thanks **Representative Thomas Holbrook (D-113, Belleville)** for helping initiate this caucus.

Legislators who are interested in joining the Caucus should contact Don Moss & Associates at (217) 528-6977 or by email to dmossinc@sbcglobal.net

For further information on the Illinois Historic Preservation Caucus, contact Lisa DiChiera, Director of Advocacy at dichieral@lpci.org or 312-922-1742 or go to www.landmarks.org “How Can I Help” – Legislative Issues
 Illinois Historic Preservation Caucus Members as of December, 2008.

Title	First	Last	Party	City
Senator	Frank	Watson	R	Greenville
Senator	Pamela	Althoff	R	Crystal Lake
Senator	Larry	Bomke	R	Springfield
Senator	Bill	Brady	R	Bloomington
Senator	John	Cullerton	D	Chicago
Senator	Gary	Dahl	R	Peru
Senator	Deanna	Demuzio	D	Carlinville
Senator	Kirk	Dillard	R	Hinsdale
Senator	Michael	Frerichs	D	Champaign
Senator	Susan	Garrett	D	Highwood
Senator	William	Haine	D	Alton
Senator	Don	Harmon	D	Oak Park
Senator	Mike	Jacobs	D	Moline
Senator	David	Koehler	D	Pekin
Senator	Kwame	Raoul	D	Chicago
Senator	Christine	Radogno	R	LaGrange
Senator	Dan	Rutherford	R	Pontiac
Senator	Martin	Sandoval	D	Cicero
Senator	Jeffrey	Schoenberg	D	Evanston
Senator	Heather	Steans	D	Chicago
Senator	John	Sullivan	D	Quincy
Senator	Donne	Trotter	D	Chicago
Senator	Arthur	Wilhelmi	D	Crest Hill
Representative	Michael	Madigan	D	Chicago
Representative	Tom	Cross	R	Plainfield
Representative	Mark	Beaubien	R	Barrington Hills
Representative	Dan	Beiser	D	East Alton
Representative	Patricia	Bellock	R	Westmont
Representative	Bob	Biggins	R	Elmhurst
Representative	Mike	Boland	D	Moline
Representative	Mike	Bost	R	Carbondale
Representative	John	Bradley	D	Marion
Representative	Dan	Brady	R	Bloomington
Representative	Rich	Brauer	R	Springfield
Representative	Elizabeth	Coulson	R	Glenview
Representative	Shane	Cultra	R	Onarga
Representative	Monique	Davis	D	Chicago

Representative	Lisa	Dugan	D	Kankakee
Representative	Roger	Eddy	R	Hutsonville
Representative	Sara	Feigenholtz	D	Chicago
Representative	Robert	Flider	D	Decatur
Representative	Barbara	Flynn Currie	D	Chicago
Representative	Mike	Fortner	R	West Chicago
Representative	Deborah	Graham	D	Chicago
Representative	Julie	Hamos	D	Evanston
Representative	Gary	Hannig	D	Litchfield
Representative	Greg	Harris	D	Chicago
Representative	Jay	Hoffman	D	Collinsville
Representative	Thomas	Holbrook	D	Belleville
Representative	Connie	Howard	D	Chicago
Representative	Naomi	Jakobsson	D	Champaign
Representative	Renee	Kosel	R	Mokena
Representative	David	Leitch	R	Peoria
Representative	Joe	Lyons	D	Chicago
Representative	Sidney	Mathias	R	Buffalo Grove
Representative	Frank	Mautino	D	Spring Valley
Representative	Karen	May	D	Highland Park
Representative	Jack	McGuire	D	Joliet
Representative	Bill	Mitchell	R	Forsyth
Representative	Jerry	Mitchell	R	Rock Falls
Representative	Donald	Moffitt	R	Gilson
Representative	JoAnn	Osmond	R	Antioch
Representative	Brandon	Phelps	D	Norris City
Representative	Sandra	Pihos	R	Glen Ellyn
Representative	Raymond	Poe	R	Springfield
Representative	Robert	Pritchard	R	Sycamore
Representative	Dan	Reitz	D	Steeleville
Representative	Chapin	Rose	R	Charleston
Representative	Jim	Sacia	R	Freeport
Representative	Michael	Smith	D	Canton
Representative	Keith	Sommer	R	Morton
Representative	Ron	Stephens	R	Troy
Representative	Patrick	Verschoore	D	Rock Island
Representative	Eddie	Washington	D	Waukegan
Representative	Jim	Watson	R	Jacksonville
Representative	Dave	Winters	R	Rockford
Representative	Wyvetter	Younge	D	East St. Louis