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### **Prentice Hospital makes statewide endangered list**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011, Springfield, Ill.**—The former Prentice Women’s Hospital, 333 E. Superior St. (Cook County), was named for the third consecutive year to Landmarks Illinois’ annual “Ten Most Endangered Historic Places” list, which was announced today at a press conference in the State Capitol.

“This highly original building is a prime example of Bertrand Goldberg’s groundbreaking ‘organic’ architecture,” said Jim Peters, President of Landmarks Illinois. “It also was widely influential on the design of hospital buildings nationwide.”

Landmarks Illinois, the state’s leading voice for historic preservation, listed nine other endangered historic properties on its annual list which focuses attention on sites throughout Illinois threatened by deterioration, lack of maintenance, insufficient funds, or inappropriate development.

This Bertrand Goldberg-designed hospital has been largely vacant since Northwestern’s Women’s Hospital relocated to a new structure in 2007. Ownership is expected to revert back to Northwestern University this year, when the last tenant moves out of the building. This concrete, clover leaf-shaped structure, which was built in 1975, would then likely be demolished for a new medical research facility.

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### Background

Since the inception of Landmarks Illinois' "Ten Most" list in 1995, more than a third of the listed properties have been saved, less than a quarter have been demolished, and the rest remain threatened or are being rehabilitated.

This year's list also includes: an 1859 mansion, an historic bridge, a 1920s community center that promoted physical fitness, an 1871 county sheriff's residence and jail, a former social settlement house, a 1930s Art Deco theater, one of the state's most extravagant movie palaces, three century-old Catholic churches, and a pair of buildings that housed one of the state's most noted artists.

Landmarks Illinois is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year as a statewide advocacy and education organization. The not-for-profit works with citizens and communities throughout Illinois to preserve, protect and promote historic places through advocacy and education. In addition to the Ten Most Endangered list, the organization also sponsors an annual awards program and a matching grants program for County Courthouses.

The complete "Ten Most" list, including photos of the following sites, is available at [www.Landmarks.org](http://www.Landmarks.org) through the "Press Room" link.

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Landmarks Illinois is the state's leading voice for historic preservation. Since its founding in 1971, the 2,500-member statewide organization has saved countless architectural and historic treasures throughout Illinois. Landmarks Illinois' mission today focuses on saving buildings, facilitating preservation, and educating the public. For more information, visit [www.Landmarks.org](http://www.Landmarks.org).