

BY THE NUMBERS

2,500 Number of attendees engaged through our 18 events and programs

47 Years Landmarks Illinois has been helping people save places

26 Landmarks Illinois grants given statewide from our three grant programs

11 Pro bono condition assessments for projects needing help

4 Number of Section 106 processes on which we are serving as a consulting party

1 Number of new staff positions added: Emily Stinnett, Office Manager

LANDMARKS ILLINOIS STATEMENT OF VALUES

Adopted November 2017

We are guided by four core values that reflect our mission, culture and vision for an Illinois where people value places of the past as vital to the future.

Landmarks Illinois values:

Innovation

We are at the forefront of the historic preservation field with inventive ideas and solutions that better help people to save the places of the past that matter to them.

Education

We seek and freely share knowledge that furthers our mission and vision.

Stewardship

We seek to inspire others to believe, as we do, that preservation is progress and that by reusing places of the past we conserve irreplaceable cultural resources for people today and into the future.

Empowering People & Improving Lives

We seek to be inclusive and equitable in our work to inspire people to save places for people, to help them succeed, to grow our movement and to improve the quality of life in the communities that we serve.

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LANDMARKS ILLINOIS ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2017 – 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Two years into our current strategic plan and we have made strong gains toward achieving our vision: an Illinois where people value places of the past as vital to the future. Our report captures only the highlights of this year's noteworthy achievements, as the complete list is truly overwhelming – that's the level of impact you made possible as a supporter of Landmarks Illinois.

Our vision is not without challenge, and gains may be incremental, but each year we have this opportunity to celebrate preservation wins with you – our members. People Saving Places. For People.

Bonnie McDonald
President & CEO

Mark G. Henning
Board Chairman

Sandra Rand
Board Vice Chairman



ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD FULFILLING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN



GOAL 1 Express why historic preservation matters.

Served as the Presenting Sponsor of the 2017 PastForward Conference in Chicago with significant support from Alphawood Foundation Chicago and corporate donors.

GOAL 2 Engage and inspire more people across Illinois to save historic places.

Landmarks Illinois (LI) hosted a volunteer clean-up day at the Central Park Theater in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood.

The Skyline Council of LI established four working groups to engage more people in its activities and aligned its Skyline Social with the PastForward Diversity Scholars. (Picture 1)

The Skyline Council organized our first heart bombing activity at Art of Culture, Inc. (formerly Donda's House) in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood and participated in the volunteer-led dismantling of the *Ebony* test kitchen at the Johnson Publishing Company. (Picture 2)

GOAL 3 Deliver solutions that save more historic places.

Significant LI advocacy projects:

Statewide - Federal Historic Tax Credit program saved, River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit program extended and the new Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit passed the General Assembly.

Statewide - Creation of the LI Reinvestment Program, funded through a significant grant from The 1772 Foundation. LI plans to make its first revolving loan in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood in 2018.

Champaign - Facilitated meetings between the Champaign School Board and advocates for the Burnham House, included on LI's 2016 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. LI Skyline Council Member Chris Enck signed agreement, avoiding demolition if historic house is moved by July. (Picture 3)

Chicago - Published renderings of a new reuse plan for the endangered Thompson Center in Chicago. (Picture 4)

Chicago - Successful negotiation of grant and legal agreements, and hiring the Project Manager, to begin the Oscar Stanton DePriest House (Bronzeville, Chicago) grant work paid for by a federal African American Civil Rights Grant from the National Park Service.

Elmhurst/Hinsdale - Accepted easements for properties in Hinsdale and Elmhurst, where historic houses are threatened with demolition.

Geneva - Landmarking of Mill Race Inn by the Geneva City Council after inclusion on 2018 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois.

Highland Park - Assisted in successful effort to persuade School Districts 112 and 113 to opt into the Property Tax Assessment Freeze program for single-family home owners. (Picture 5)

Peoria - Successful move of LeTourneau House (the Steel House) to new site following LI participation in task force and grant.

Princeton - Successfully listed two, new local National Register historic districts for North and South Main Streets and reestablished the local historic preservation commission to complete Richard H. Driehaus Foundation grant project. (Picture 6)

Springfield - Participation with a wide group of stakeholders to achieve the best possible outcome for the 1908 Race Riot site on 10th Street, which led in part to the formation of the NAACP. The remaining archaeology associated with the site was threatened by the High Speed Rail. The majority of the site will now be preserved in place and the High Speed Rail project will avoid most of the archaeology.

Wheaton - Move of House of Seven Gables, designed by Jarvis Hunt, to avoid demolition.

Wilmington - Launching Pad Restaurant and Gemini Giant purchased by a couple to reopen in 2018 following inclusion of Route 66 on LI's 2017 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois.

GOAL 4 Tell our story.

Expansion of LI's voice in both traditional and social media, especially for key programs like the Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards, LI grant programs and LI's Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. LI now sends more than a dozen press releases per year to promote our programs, events and projects, resulting in consistent media attention from statewide and national publications.

GOAL 5 Raise the financial support needed for LI to grow and succeed.

Increased number of donors and size of gifts in all areas of giving throughout the fiscal year.

Most highly attended Legendary Landmarks Celebration reaching 112% of its sponsorship goal.

Made significant strides toward creating LI's first Monthly Giving program, and Annual Corporate Sponsor program, which will launch in late 2018.