

BY THE NUMBERS

2,525 Attendees engaged through our 20 events and programs

2 25th Anniversary celebrations for two of LI’s main programs: LI Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards & LI’s Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois

113 Historic places LI has helped saved through the history of LI’s Most Endangered program

\$73,900 Total awarded through three grant programs

10 Years LI worked with partners & legislators to establish the statewide historic preservation tax credit that took effect January 1, 2019



LANDMARKS ILLINOIS ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2018 – 2019

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.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

We are proud of the progress we are making toward our vision where people value places of the past as vital to the future. With three years of work toward our strategic plan goals, the opportunities and challenges before us are becoming clearer. This Annual Report provides highlights of our significant accomplishments in advocacy, communications, education and fundraising.

Our supporters can be assured that Landmarks Illinois is moving into our next fiscal year in a strong position. We continue to advance historic preservation, explore innovative practices and are beginning to plan for the organization’s 50th anniversary in 2021. Thank you for your steadfast and vital support for our important mission and for joining us in helping people save places for people.

Bonnie McDonald
President & CEO

Mark G. Henning
Board Chairman

Gary Anderson
Board Vice Chair



ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD FULFILLING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN



GOAL 1 Express why historic preservation matters.

Filed a lawsuit against Rock Island County and the Rock Island County Public Building Commission to prevent demolition of LI Most Endangered site, the historic Rock Island County Courthouse and protect state historic preservation laws.

After gaining national attention in the *New York Times*, *Architectural Digest* and other nationwide publications, we are partnering with the Museum of Food and Drink in Brooklyn, New York, to feature the *Ebony* Test Kitchen

that LI and the Skyline Council saved from destruction in 2018 in a traveling exhibit.

Successfully gained nationwide attention to preserve Chicago's Postmodern Thompson Center through its listing on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places List.

**Visit the LI Press Room on our website for more information on all these accomplishments.*

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

After successfully preventing its demolition, the Skyline Council and LI joined with dozens of Evanston advocates to heart bomb the Harley Clarke Mansion. (Visit LI on Flickr to see photos!)

LI Board Member Jean Follett presented one of our largest attended Preservation Snapshots lectures about Illinois' Underground Railroad sites at Quinn Chapel AME Church in Chicago, which included the premiere of our short video on the same topic by our student filmmaker, Catalina Parra. (Read about Catalina at the LI Preservation News Blog.)



Frank Butterfield, Director of the Springfield Office, and incoming Board Member Tracy Dillard hosted a preservation mixer in Carbondale to introduce LI resources to a new audience.

Photos: LI & preservation partners at the Thompson Center; LI President & CEO Bonnie McDonald, Pastor James Moody, Jean Follett, Patricia Joseph, Catalina Parra and Corlis Moody at the Snapshots Lecture at Quinn Chapel; Skyline Council Vice Chair Sarah Van Domelen of WJE conducts a condition assessment of the Amasa White House in Geneva; LI President & CEO Bonnie McDonald is interviewed at the 2019 Most Endangered press conference in Springfield; LI supporters raise their paddle at the 2019 LLC.

GOAL 3 Deliver solutions that save more historic places.

LI hosted our first comprehensive financial incentives for adaptive reuse seminar in Chicago through our Real Estate and Building Industries Council. (Visit the RBIC Events web page for more info.)

LI was on hand for the first workshop for applicants of the new Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit bill in Springfield.



GOAL 4 Tell our story.

We commemorated 25 years of the LI Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards with a special program that included adding two-and-a-half decades of awards archives to our website. (Visit the Awards Programs webpage to read about award recipients since 1994.)

The 25th anniversary of the Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois included a special anniversary project to reflect on 25 years of saving threatened places. This included an extensive photography feature that you can see at our Most Endangered Programs webpage.

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

Raised nearly \$900,000 to support our advocacy and education programs through the Legendary Landmarks Celebration. (Visit the LLC Events page to learn more.)

Our new LI Annual Corporate Sponsor Program saw 12 corporate partners increasing their support for our mission. (Learn about our program and sponsors under the "About" tab on our website.)

The launch of our new Monthly Giving Program makes giving easy and provides enduring funding to grow our impact. (Click "Join or Renew" on our website for more information.)

