



PEOPLE SAVING PLACES FOR PEOPLE

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Landmarks Illinois began our 51st year eager to implement the changes and innovative strategies needed to move preservation forward.

Our future as an organization includes redefining preservation and how it's practiced, as set forth in our <u>guiding principles</u>. We will be more accessible and relevant to an expanding community of people saving places. And, we will work to build a just, diverse and inclusive preservation movement.

This Annual Report exemplifies how we've put this vision into action. In the past year, Landmarks Illinois launched two new funding programs to make preservation resources accessible to a wider audience, published two informational databases to shine a light on lesser-known stories from our past and redesigned our largest annual event to highlight our diverse preservation field. We also strengthened partnerships that helped re-launch our state legislative caucus, promoted building reuse opportunities, fostered educational opportunities and secured key funding to progress important preservation efforts with fellow advocates across Illinois.

A vital component in our ongoing efforts is to continue our steadfast and effective advocacy work. At any one time, we are working with local advocates on 150 preservation projects in nearly 90 communities — far too many to include in this report. Our "By the Numbers" section captures our quantitative impact. But to better understand each unique project, we urge you to follow us on social media and sign up for our free email newsletters that regularly detail our impact in Illinois.

Change not only takes vision; it requires courage, collaboration, faith and patience. The achievements in this report reflect thousands of staff and volunteer hours. We thank everyone who has given their time, talent and financial support to help Landmarks Illinois save and celebrate the places people value. Together, we are moving preservation forward.

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Pictured: Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald and Board Chair Sandra Rand.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 9 STAFF MEMBERS
- 36 BOARD MEMBERS
- 93 NEW
 LANDMARKS
 ILLINOIS
 MEMBERS
- 268 COMMUNITIES SERVED
- PLACES WE HELPED SAVE
- BUILDINGS WE ADVOCATED FOR THAT ARE NOW LOCAL &/OR NATIONAL LANDMARKS

- HOURS OF EXPERTISE PROVIDED TO PEOPLE OF ILLINOIS
- \$76K GRANT FUNDS AWARDED
- LANDMARKS
 ILLINOIS
 PUBLIC
 EVENTS
- 1,766 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN OUR EVENTS
- \$926K RAISED AT OUR EVENTS

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CALLING ATTENTION TO THE WOMEN WHO BUILT ILLINOIS

In August 2021, Landmarks Illinois published its <u>Women Who Built Illinois</u> online database that includes information on over 100 female architects, engineers, developers, designers, builders, landscape architects, interior designers and clients and their projects between 1879 and 1979. The first-of-its-kind database is the result of an in-depth survey of women in architecture & design-related fields that Landmarks Illinois launched in 2020. The database aims to <u>call attention to</u> the often-overlooked female trailblazers who laid the path for women today and who continue to impact the built environment of Illinois and Chicago.

MOVING PRESERVATION FORWARD

Landmarks Illinois hosted <u>PRESERVATION FORWARD</u> on March 10, 2022, at the Old Post Office in Chicago. The <u>reimagined spring fundraising event</u> was a response to our 50th anniversary in 2021 when Landmarks Illinois set in motion its bold plans for the future of historic preservation – one that is more inclusive, engaging and gives communities more voice in the preservation process. The event also recognized our 2022 Landmarks Illinois Influencers — an all-female group of leaders shaping our communities and inspiring us to rethink how we save places and for whom. More than 600 people attended the event, helping to raise \$616,000 for the organization.





Pictured: TOP - 2022 Landmarks Illinois Influencer Tiara Hughes at the Emmett Till House in Chicago. Credit: Tiara Hughes. BOTTOM LEFT - Jane Johnson (Graham), Head of Interiors Department SOM 1957-1960. Courtesy SOM. BOTTOM RIGHT - 2022 Landmarks Illinois Influencers. Credit: Pivot Photography.

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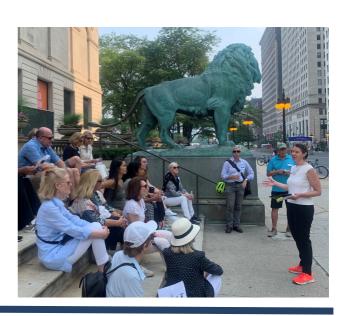
IMPROVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ALONG ROUTE 66

Landmarks Illinois continued to advocate for the Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act, which would increase economic development opportunities for communities along the "Mother Road." In March, Landmarks Illinois and the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway wrote a joint letter to the Illinois Congressional Delegation in support of legislation designating Route 66 a National Historic Trail.

Bonnie McDonald, President & CEO of Landmarks Illinois, is also serving on the Illinois Route 66 Centennial Commission, which held its first meeting in January 2022. Additionally, in the summer of 2021, Landmarks Illinois received a Route History, Inc. Business Award from Route History in Springfield for its "dedication and commitment to preservation, recognition and the renewal of historic businesses that were once economic engines, pillars and places of refuge in Black communities throughout the state of Illinois."

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

In late 2021, Landmarks Illinois launched its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Collaborative, a cohort of racial, economic and environmental justice and historic preservation leaders tasked with creating a national model for relevant, equitable and inclusive historic preservation practices. The group meets monthly to help guide the organization on making changes needed to meet its DEI goals.



Pictured: TOP - 2021 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award recipient Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep. Credit: Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep. MIDDLE - Left to right: Route History President Dr. Gina Lathan, Landmarks Illinois Board Member & Springfield preservation architect Mike Jackson, Route History Vice President & LI Board Member Dr. Stacy Grundy, Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald. BOTTOM - Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald leading a walking tour in the summer of 2021 of Chicago historic monuments.



PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE FINANCING TO COMMUNITY PRESERAVATION PROJECTS



Landmarks Illinois launched its <u>Reinvestment</u>
<u>Program Loan Fund</u> this year, which provides loans up to \$150,000 per project for preservation initiatives in Illinois where traditional financing is either difficult to obtain or unavailable.

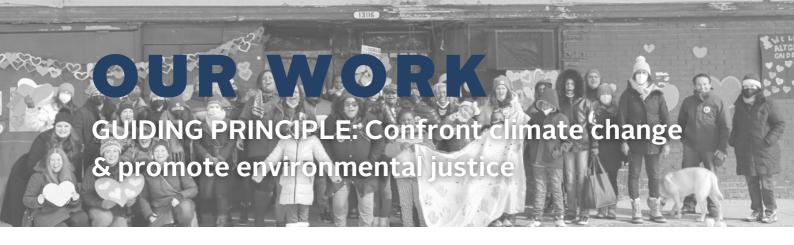


Landmarks Illinois made its first loan in February to the Greater Chatham Initiative (GCI) to help finance the preservation of a South Side building that is now home to the organization's "Artist on the 9" co-working space and gallery. GCI is a nonprofit charged with developing and driving the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to revitalize the Chatham, Auburn Gresham, Avalon Park and Greater Grand Crossing neighborhoods on the South Side of Chicago. The loan from Landmarks Illinois funded historic storefront repairs at 735 E. 79th St. in the Chatham-Greater Grand Crossing Commercial Historic District where GCI opened its "Artists on the 9" work and gallery space in April. Landmarks Illinois proudly attended the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony.



The Reinvestment Program Loan Fund will help spark economic opportunities in neighborhoods and future investment in our historic places.

Pictured: TOP BANNER - West Pullman Senior Housing, a 2022 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award winner. TOP - Landmarks Illinois Chair Sandra Rand, GCI Executive Director Nedra Sims Fears and Landmarks Illinois Director of Advocacy Lisa DiChiera at the grand opening of Artists on the 9 in April. MIDDLE - 735 E. 79th St. BOTTOM - The ribbon cutting at the grand opening of Artists on the 9 in April.



PRESERVING THE HOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT

Landmarks Illinois has continued to bring attention to the need for preservation of Altgeld Gardens on Chicago's South Side. Several of the community's buildings were on our 2021 Most Endangered list. In February 2022, Landmarks Illinois' Skyline Council partnered with community advocacy organization People for Community Recovery to heart bomb Altgeld's Shop Building and School Building C. Two months later, in April, the community, which is the birthplace of the environmental justice movement, was listed in the National Register as a historic district. This listing provides the opportunity for developers to use state and federal historic preservation tax credits on building rehabilitations.

CALLING FOR ADAPTIVE REUSE OF VACANT, UNDERUTILIZED SPACES

In January 2022, Landmarks Illinois <u>submitted a letter</u> to the developers of a proposed casino at the architecturally and culturally significant Lakeside Center on Chicago's lakefront. The letter outlined our support for the reuse of Lakeside Center, a Midcentury Modern building designed by the groundbreaking firm C.F. Murphy and architect Helmut Jahn. Our main reason for supporting the project: The reuse of the existing building and surrounding infrastructure is an environmentally sustainable choice to reduce carbon emissions and increase public greenspace.





Pictured: TOP - Heart bombing at Altgeld Gardens, February 2022. Credit: Lewis Purdy. BOTTOM LEFT - Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director of People for Community Recovery and 2022 Landmarks Illinois, at the heart bombing event. Credit: Lewis Purdy. BOTTOM RIGHT - Lakeside Center in Chicago.

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EXPANDING OUR REACH THROUGHOUT GREATER ILLINOIS

In October 2021, Landmarks Illinois <u>welcomed its</u> <u>new Regional Advocacy Manager</u>, Quinn Adamowski, who serves as the organization's lead preservation advocate in communities in the greater Illinois area outside Chicago and its suburbs. Since coming on board, Adamowski has traveled to dozens of Illinois communities to meet with local advocates, discuss ongoing preservation projects and offer guidance and assistance.





NEW GRANT FUND FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PRESERVATION PROJECTS

Landmarks Illinois <u>launched a new grant program</u> in April 2022 in partnership with Banterra Bank focused solely on providing monetary assistance to preserve or rehabilitate historic structures in downtowns and other commercial corridors of Southern Illinois to support economic development. The <u>Landmarks Illinois Banterra</u> <u>Bank Preserve Southern Illinois Grant Program</u> is our organization's first grant program targeted at a specific Illinois economic development region and is also the first one offered to private building owners, developers and for-profit business owners.

Pictured: TOP BANNER - Skyline Council members joined Structural Engineers Association of Illinois and Women in Structural Engineering for Habitat for Humanity Chicago's "Women Build Day" in October 2021. TOP - Landmarks Illinois Regional Advocacy Manager Quinn Adamowski with advocates outside the Will Rogers Theater in Charleston. MIDDLE - Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald announces the new Landmarks Illinois Banterra Bank Preserve Southern Illinois Grant Program in Marion. BOTTOM: inside the historic Massac Theater in Metropolis.



OFFERING PRESERVATION EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Landmarks Illinois Real Estate & Building Industries Council hosted a highly attended 2021 Summer Education Series in July & August that included two-virtual lunchtime educational seminars and an in-person tour of the Old Post Office. The seminars focused on sustainability and window replacement at historic buildings and featured panelists of preservation and building professionals.

Additionally, in February, Landmarks Illinois once again partnered with the International Masonry Institute for its annual historic preservation training event. This <u>year's one-day virtual training</u> webinar focused on stone repair and featured a case study on the restoration of Chicago's Tribune Tower.

BRINGING PEOPLE TO HISTORIC PLACES

Throughout the year, Landmarks Illinois provided unique opportunities for people to visit, interact with and learn about historic places in their communities. This included hosting four special tours to places like the Pullman National Monument and Old Cook County Hospital's Operating Theater, as well as a special walking tour of Chicago's historic monuments. Nearly 100 people participated in these intimate tours. The Real Estate & Building Industries Council also <a href="https://doi.org/10.2021/journal.org/10.2021/jour





Pictured: TOP - Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald at the grand opening of the Monee Heritage Center at the historic Monee Creamery in September 2021. BOTTOM LEFT - Guests outside the rehabilitated Old Cook County Hospital at Landmarks Illinois' RBIC event in November 2021. Credit: Pivot Photography. BOTTOM RIGHT - Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald leads a special tour at the Old Post Office in Chicago.

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SUPPORTING NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS FOR OUR HISTORIC PLACES

Landmarks Illinois commissioned a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Post Modern James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, which is currently under review by the National Park Service. After years of sustained advocacy, Landmarks Illinois also celebrated the news this past year that the formerly endangered site – built in 1984 and designed by the late Helmut Jahn – would be purchased by a developer that would pursue reuse of the existing building rather than demolition. The sale was finalized in the spring of 2022.

KICKSTARTING THE ILLINOIS HISTORIC

PRESERVATION CAUCUS

In October 2021, Landmarks Illinois and AIA Illinois hosted an event in Springfield to officially kick off and relaunch the Illinois Historic Preservation Caucus. The goal of the caucus is to develop and focus on legislative initiatives that advance historic preservation activities statewide. Current caucus co-chairs are Sen. Cristina Castro, 22nd District; Sen. Jil Tracy, 47th District; Rep. Ryan Spain, 73rd District; and Rep. Michael Zalewski, 23rd District.



Pictured: TOP - Volunteers help restore the historic Matsel Cabin in Carmi, a preservation project that received a Landmarks Illinois Preservation Heritage Fund grant in 2021. Courtesy White County Historical Society. MIDDLE - Inside the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago. BOTTOM - The Illinois Historic Preservation Caucus kickoff meeting in Springfield in October 2021.

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ADVOCATING FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION

In October 2021, two former Most Endangered sites were designated Chicago Landmarks: The former Muddy Waters Home in Kenwood and the Halsted & Willow Gateway in Lincoln Park. For the Muddy Waters House, Landmarks Illinois co-authored the landmark designation report with City of Chicago Historic Preservation Division staff and served as an overall partner in the landmarking effort. In Lincoln Park, Landmarks Illinois has assisted a local advocacy campaign for years that supported preserving this group of four Victorian-era buildings at intersection of Halsted and Willow Streets. A Preservation Heritage Fund Grant from Landmarks Illinois in 2018 also helped pay for an architectural historian to prepare the City of Chicago Landmark District designation report.

STAYING COMMITTED TO SAVING ENDANGERED PLACES

Two 2018 Most Endangered sites that once faced demolition, the Oakdale Tabernacle in Freeport and the Chautauqua Auditorium in Shelbyville, celebrated major preservation victories this year. Both community gathering spots are now restored or are undergoing restoration thanks to continued advocacy efforts by locals and Landmarks Illinois staff. Landmarks Illinois also provided grant funding through our Landmarks Illinois' Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Program to both preservation projects.





Pictured: TOP - Members of "Team Bauer Latoza Studio" who won first place at Skyline Council's Trivia Night (Night 1) in April. BOTTOM LEFT - Muddy Waters House. BOTTOM RIGHT - Shelbyville Chautaugua Auditorium.

OUR WORK

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AMPLIFYING EXCEPTIONAL ILLINOIS PRESERVATION PROJECTS

The 2021 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards took place October 22, 2021, at the Davis Theater in Chicago, celebrating nine 2021 award-winning projects and the people who made them possible. Additionally, to honor the memory and creative spirit of the late Richard H. Driehaus, Landmarks Illinois' longtime partner in preservation, Landmarks Illinois presented a special Richard H. Driehaus Legacy Award for Innovation to 2022 Award Recipient Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep. Landmarks Illinois also held a Preservation Snapshots Lecture last fall to continue to bring attention to this unique project that adaptively reused a former Kmart store into a school, transforming an underserved community in the process.

CALLING ATTENTION TO OUR STATE'S TOP ENDANGERED PLACES

The 2022 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois was published in April, calling attention to five historic and culturally significant sites in Cook, Will and Winnebago Counties that face a serious risk of demolition and/or are suffering significant neglect due to lack of maintenance or insufficient funding for repair. On the 2022 Most Endangered list: the Century & Consumers Buildings and Eugene S. Pike House in Chicago, the Will County Courthouse in Joliet, Elks Lodge #64 in Rockford and Gillson Park in Wilmette.





Pictured: TOP - Landmarks Illinois Director of Reinvestment Suzanne Germann with U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Shannon Estenoz, Congressman Bobby L. Rush & local advocates at Roberts Temple in Chicago. BOTTOM LEFT: 2016 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award Winners Jackie Taylor Holsten and Peter Holsten present a 2022 award to David Chase & Kimberly Rachal for Epiphany Center for the Arts in Chicago. They are joined on stage by Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald. Credit: Kai Brown Photography. BOTTOM RIGHT: 2022 Most Endangered site, the Will County Courthouse in Joliet.

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CELEBRATING ILLINOIS' CULINARY HISTORY



Members of the Landmarks Illinois staff, board and Skyline Council traveled to New York City this year to experience and celebrate the Museum of Food & Drink's exhibit, "African/American: Making the Nation's Table," which features the former Ebony Test Kitchen. In 2018, Landmarks Illinois, with help from its Skyline Council and other volunteers, deconstructed the Ebony Test Kitchen from its home in the former Johnson Publishing Company headquarters in Chicago, which was being converted by a developer from office to residential use. A year later, Landmarks Illinois loaned the kitchen to MOFAD to feature in its exhibit.

Landmarks Illinois also hosted a <u>Preservation Snapshots Lecture: "Saving the Iconic Ebony Test Kitchen"</u> in February 2022, which featured Jean Nihoul, Former Curator & Culinary Operations Manager at MOFAD; and Charla Draper, Publicist and former Ebony Food Editor.

HONORING WWI MEMORIALS IN ILLINOIS

The Landmarks Illinois WWI Monuments of Illinois Database was launched in November 2021 in honor of Veterans Day. The unique database contains information on more than 300 monuments and memorials in nearly 160 Illinois communities honoring those who served in the Great War. The database, which is the result of a years-long survey of existing WWI monuments throughout the state, was made possible through generous financial support from the Pritzker Military Foundation.



Pictured: TOP - Rockford advocate Gary Anderson holds a press conference outside 2022 Most Endangered site, Elks Lodge #64. Credit: River District
Association. MIDDLE - Landmarks Illinois Director of Advocacy Lisa DiChiera joins Jean Nihoul, Former Curator & Culinary Operations Manager at MOFAD, and
Charla Draper, Publicist and former Ebony Food Editor, in the Ebony Test Kitchen in New York City. BOTTOM RIGHT - Suzanne Germann, Landmarks Illinois
Director of Reinvestment, and Bonnie McDonald, Landmarks Illinois President & CEO, join local advocates and members of American Legion Post #488 at the
Goldstar WWI Memorial in Riverside. Credit: Pivot Photography.

OUR WORK GUIDING PRINCIPLE: Be fully transparent & accountable







COMMUNICATING OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Landmarks Illinois published its new <u>Guiding</u>
<u>Principles</u> in April 2021 and quickly went to work
putting them into action during the last fiscal year.
To help our supporters understand why we created
these principles and communicate how we would
apply them to our work, Landmarks Illinois <u>hosted a</u>
<u>Preservation Snapshots Lecture</u> in October 2021.
Bonnie McDonald, President & CEO, led the lecture,
presenting the Guiding Principles and taking
questions from an audience of Landmarks Illinois
members and supporters.

INVESTING IN OUR STAFF TO BETTER SERVE THE PEOPLE OF ILLINOIS

In the summer of 2021, Landmarks Illinois announced new staff developments that are enabling the organization to better serve the people of Illinois and support our plans to move preservation forward. These developments include: Frank Butterfield, who served as Springfield Office Director for eight years, now promoted to the new position of Chief Operating Officer; Tiffanie Williams, former Events Manager, promoted to Director of Corporate Giving & Events; and Suzanne Germann, former Director of Grants & Easements, promoted to Director of Reinvestment. In the fall, we also hired a new Events Manager and Regional Advocacy Manager to further expand our team and reach.

Pictured: TOP BANNER - Sam Kirk and Dorian Sylvain at The Forum in Chicago. Credit: Lewis Purdy. TOP - Landmarks Illinois President & CEO Bonnie McDonald, Director of Reinvestment Suzanne Germann, Regional Advocacy Manager Quinn Adamowski and Board Member Jean Follett at a rededication ceremony at the Edith Farnsworth House in Plano on November 2021. MIDDLE - Landmarks Illinois Events Manager Alma Rebronja and Director of Corporate Giving & Events Tiffanie Williams. Credit: Kai Brown Photography. BOTTOM - Members of the Landmarks Illinois staff at a holiday party in December 2021.





Landmarks Illinois honored longtime Director of Advocacy Lisa DiChiera at the 2022 Annual Meeting. DiChiera served in the position since 2003, acting as the organization's main contact helping Illinois residents tackle preservation issues and projects. Previously, from 1994-1997, she was the director of Chicago programs. In August, DiChiera will be departing Landmarks Illinois to move back to her beloved home state of Michigan. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO LANDMARKS ILLINOIS, LISA!

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REPORT COVER PHOTO: David Howell (on ladder) and helpers work on a historic mirror inside Duncan Manor, a 2022 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award winner. Courtesy of the Howells. PAGE 3 TOP BANNER PHOTO: Regional Advocacy Manager Quinn Adamowski with local advocates in Woodstock. PAGE 13 TOP BANNER PHOTO: Members of Landmarks Illinois staff and board tour historic properties in Marion.



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