



**LANDMARKS
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TRANSFORMATIONAL PLAN

2025 - 2030



Transforming the Future of Preservation

We are committed to making preservation more relevant to more people so that our work continues to be meaningful in a changing world.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to accelerate preserving and reusing significant places statewide to foster healthy, livable and thriving communities.



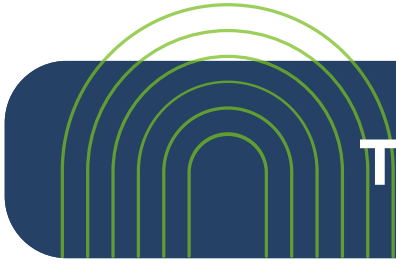
Vision Statement

We envision a future where preservation is an accessible, equitable and effective tool supporting strategic, community-driven revitalization.





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Transformational Building Blocks

These building blocks are the foundation of our efforts to create a more relevant and impactful preservation practice for Landmarks Illinois.



Guiding Principles

We use our [guiding principles](#) approved in 2021 to champion justice, respect identities, remove barriers to preservation tools, foster inclusion, and address climate change.



The Relevancy Guidebook

[The Relevancy Guidebook: How We Transform the Future of Preservation](#) published in 2023 provides actionable steps to make historic preservation more relevant and responsive to community needs.



DEI Collaborative Roadmap to Transformation

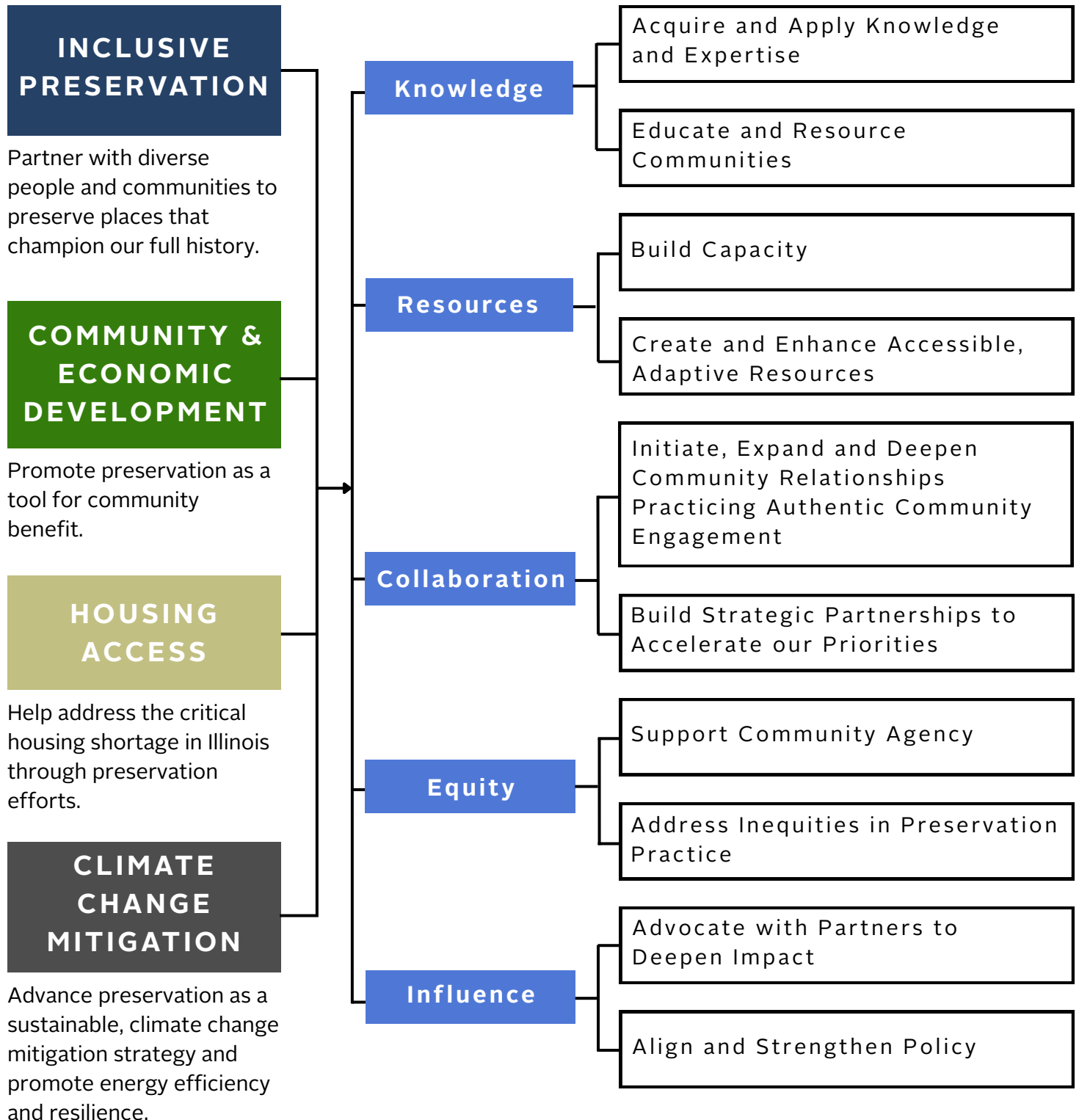
Our DEI Collaborative Roadmap to Transformation outlines culture-driven strategies, processes, and actions to support Landmarks Illinois' team in implementing our vision.



Social Determinants of Health

Our preservation efforts, guided by [social determinants of health](#), ensure that our work contributes to the well-being of people and communities.

Transformational Priorities and Goals



Acknowledgements

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(Top Left) Landmarks Illinois' staff member Kendra Parzen (L) joined partners McGuire Igleski & Associates, Pullman National Historical Park, and People For Community Recovery for a walkthrough and pro bono assessment of the former School Building C at Chicago's Altgeld Gardens, listed on Landmarks Illinois' 2021 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. Photo by Landmarks Illinois.

(Top Right) Landmarks Illinois staff Suzanne Germann (L), Quinn Adamowski (CL) and Amber Delgado (R) with Hegeler Carus Mansion Laura Walker (CR) in LaSalle, IL, in September 2025 to conduct an annual inspection of the National Historic Landmark, which Landmarks Illinois has held an easement on since 2006. Photo provided by Hegeler Carus Mansion.

(Bottom Left) The Skyline Council of Landmarks Illinois hosted their 2023 Valentine's Day event with the Courthouse Preservation Partnership at the former Will County Courthouse in Joliet, IL. The event brought attention to the architecturally significant courthouse threatened with demolition. Photo by Lewis Purdy.

(Bottom Right) Landmarks Illinois staff member Frank Butterfield (L) with partners at restored Millstadt Water Tower Dedication, Millstadt, IL, 2024, listed on the 2014 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois. Photo by Landmarks Illinois.

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(Top) Pro bono building assessment of Arco de La Vallita, Little Village neighborhood, Chicago, IL, by Landmarks Illinois Skyline Council member Amanda Marshall, 2022, pictured with partners from the Little Village Community Council. Photo by Landmarks Illinois.

(Bottom) Ribbon cutting at the Old Courthouse Center, Woodstock, IL, 2023. The courthouse was a 2024 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award recipient. Photo provided by City of Woodstock.