

Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture

National Register Historic District

Boundary Expansion Approved May 22, 2009

The boundaries of the Frank Lloyd Wright-Prairie School of Architecture National Register Historic District were officially expanded following final approval by the National Park Service on May 22, 2009. This project, which was sponsored by the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission, took four years to complete.

Project History

Beginning in November 2005 the Historic Preservation Commission supervised an architectural survey of the historic district, including proposed expansion areas on the east, west and south. The survey was begun by volunteers, and completed by Thomason & Associates, a consultant hired in 2007. Digital photos of every property were donated by the Oak Park Photography Club.

Following completion of the architectural survey, Thomason & Associates created survey forms for each property and evaluated the boundaries of the historic district.

- Two public information meetings were held at the Oak Park Public Library in June 2007 and March 2008.
- A draft nomination to update the existing National Register historic district nomination, which includes a list of Contributing and Non-Contributing resources, was submitted to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in February 2008.
- The Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council recommended approval of the expansion in September 2008, and the nomination was forwarded to the National Park Service for final approval.
- The boundary expansion was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 22, 2009.

Impact on Property Owners

The National Register is the nation's official list of places recognized for their historical or architectural significance and considered worthy of preservation. The National Register is an honorary listing, and does NOT prevent property owners from making changes (including demolition) or force owners to make improvements to their property. Nor does it limit the use of a building. ***Properties within a National Register historic district are not required to undergo design review by the Historic Preservation Commission.***

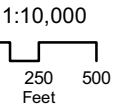
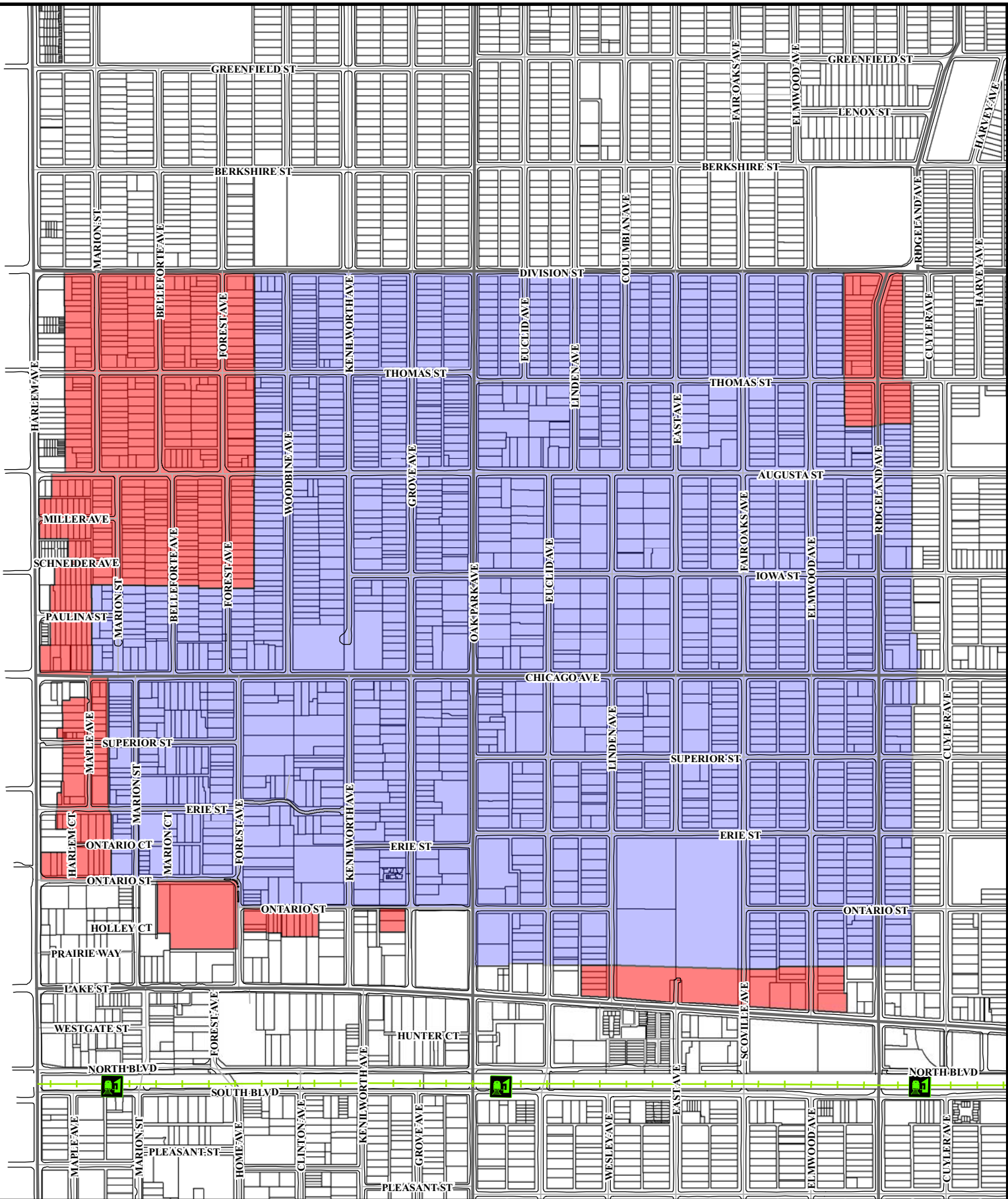
Only properties within a locally designated historic district require Historic Preservation Commission review. Contributing Resources are eligible for tax incentives for rehabilitation, including the *Property Tax Assessment Freeze* program for single-family residential, the *Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit* for multi-family and commercial, and the *Façade Easement* donation for both.

Attached for your information are the following:

- Brochure: National Register of Historic Places
- Brochure: Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program (for single-family homes/condos)
- Brochure: Historic Preservation Tax Credit (for commercial/multi-family buildings)
- Brochure: Preservation Easement (all building types)
- A map showing the local historic district (in blue) and the expanded National Register historic district (in red) is on the reverse side.

**For more information, call 708.358.5417 or
e-mail planning@oak-park.us.**





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