

# INDIANA PRESERVATION

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INDIANA LANDMARKS

# Annual Report

## WELL MATCHED

Connecting buyers  
with historic  
properties

## ANSWERING THE CALL

Preserving sacred  
places and Black  
heritage

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for your  
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# Rising from the Ashes

IN 2019, THE WORLD WATCHED in horror as the roof of Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral erupted in flames. Watching its iconic flèche, red-hot, crash through the cathedral's roof will remain an indelible image of our lifetime. Five-and-a-half years later, the world's attention returned to Notre Dame to celebrate its heroic restoration.

The events surrounding Notre Dame caused me to think of landmarks in Indiana we nearly lost to fire and the meaning these buildings carry in our communities. In the 1980s a devastating fire all but destroyed Franklin College's Old Main. The decision to restore was tough, but right. The restoration marked a rebirth of the historic campus.

In 2009, Jefferson County was preparing to celebrate its bicentenary. As restoration work on its 1854 courthouse was nearing completion, citizens in Madison watched aghast as fire engulfed the building, destroying its roof and dome. It took two years and \$8 million to restore. "You can't tell what is original and what isn't," remarked County Commissioner Julie Berry at the rededication ceremony.

In 2001, one of Indiana's most spectacular sacred places, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Indianapolis, suffered a near-catastrophic electrical fire. After an 18-month restoration, its interior is nothing short of glorious.

Referring to the restored Notre Dame, *The New York Times* architectural critic Michael Kimmelman likened the landmark to people. "It's like us. We get things repaired. We don't necessarily look the same, but there's something about the soul, our identity, which goes on and can make a place much more meaningful and beautiful over time. It's not just about whether something is made of stone or concrete."



Marsh Davis, President

On the Cover

When Indiana Landmarks was entrusted with finding the next caretakers of Attica's Cottrell Village, we found the right fit in architects John Toniolo and Jeff Harting (pictured with dogs Bruce and Stella), who are rehabilitating the landmarks as their home.  
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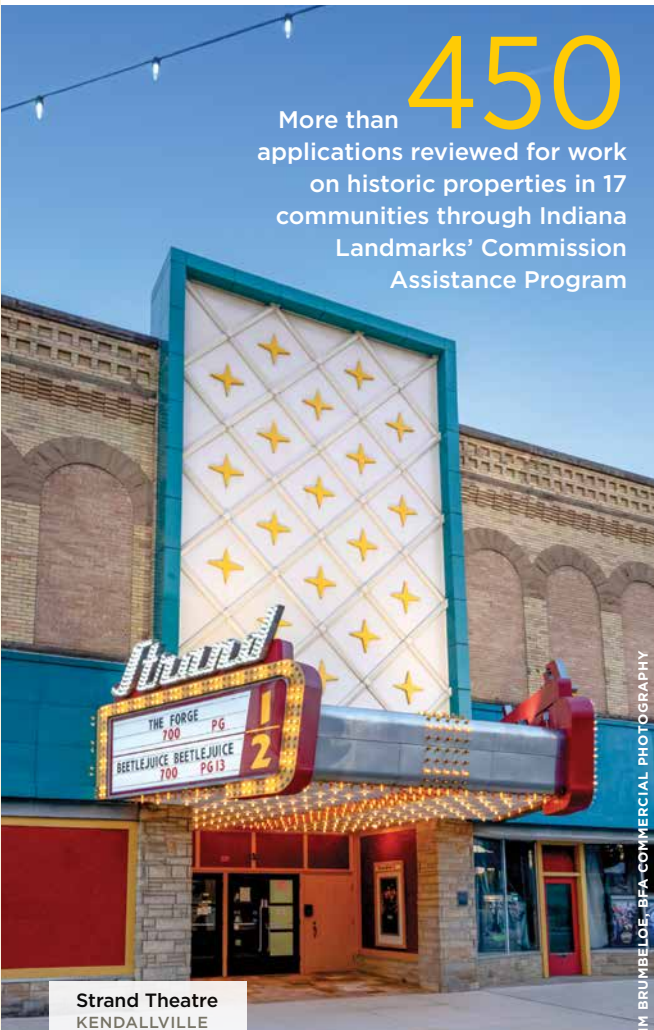
# BY THE NUMBERS

\$3.2 million+

in grants awarded by Indiana Landmarks for architectural and structural assessments, reuse studies, building repairs, fundraising planning, educational projects, and other preservation efforts

Trinity United Methodist Church  
LAFAYETTE

NATHANIEL DALE, NEW ADVENTURE PRODUCTIONS



Strand Theatre  
KENDALLVILLE

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450  
More than applications reviewed for work on historic properties in 17 communities through Indiana Landmarks' Commission Assistance Program

18,849  
joined our guided tours, workshops, and talks exploring historic places around Indiana



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7,341

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hours contributed by volunteers who led tours, assisted at events, and provided gardening, research, and other essential assistance to Indiana Landmarks



## Property Sales Fuel Preservation

**WHEN SAVING MEANINGFUL PLACES MEANS** identifying new owners, Indiana Landmarks' real estate program makes the connection. Sometimes we take on projects no one else will, landmarks that require significant repair before they're ready for buyers to finish the work. In other cases, Indiana Landmarks receives landmark properties as estate gifts donated by owners who trust us to find new caretakers to carry on their legacy of good stewardship, knowing proceeds from their sale will benefit our mission. Last year, Indiana Landmarks sold two such properties in Attica and Beverly Shores.

In the late 1980s and '90s, Attica native and renowned interior designer John Cottrell restored a collection of c. 1850 Greek Revival-style buildings, a beloved community gathering space known as Cottrell Village that included the Attica Presbyterian Church, Norman and Maria Brown House, and William and Emeline Brown House. Prior to his death in 2021, Cottrell arranged their donation to Indiana Landmarks with covenants to protect the village's architectural character.

Longtime supporter Jim Morrow bequeathed the Horner House in Beverly Shores to Indiana Landmarks, tasking us with finding a new owner for the Modernist stand-out. Captivated by the property's significant architecture, history, and Lake Michigan views, Chicago residents Philip Pierce and Anthony Schreiber are rehabbing the house as a weekend getaway in a way that honors the home's original character.

PHOTO BY BLAKE SWIHART

After his passing, Indiana Landmarks worked with affiliate Fountain County Landmarks to chart Cottrell Village's future, investing more than \$100,000 in repairs and arranging for the local group to continue managing the church as an event space. We found ideal new owners for the residential properties in architects Jeff Harting and John Toniolo, whose expertise includes historic restoration through their firm GTH Architects.

After years of living in a Tudor Revival-style house in Highland Park, Illinois, the couple was ready for a new home within the Midwest. A Google search led them to Cottrell Village, where they found the landmarks' vintage charm and Attica's small-town

atmosphere appealing. Since acquiring the properties last summer, they've completed rehabilitating the William and Emeline Brown House as their home, in consultation with Indiana Landmarks.

"We saw our job as taking a puzzle and putting it together to make things work and fit. We saw immediate solutions that were sympathetic to the house and functional for us," says Harting. "This is our final move. Famous last words."

In Beverly Shores, Jim Morrow—a longtime supporter—bequeathed the 1949 Horner House to Indiana Landmarks. Designed by Swiss architect Otto Kolb as a vacation home for Hungarian emigrants Imre and Maria Horner, the house's glass walls and open layout maximize views of Lake Michigan, features that caught the attention of self-proclaimed architecture nut Anthony Schreiber and partner Philip Pierce, who—like the Horners—were seeking a weekend getaway from Chicago.

"We'd been on a quest to find an architecturally significant house in the area for some time. When we saw this listing, we knew it was perfect," says Schreiber. "It's such a warm and inviting space to look over the lake. The way light moves through the house is just incredible," adds Pierce.

After purchasing the house in September, the couple immediately began making plans that will make the home their own while respecting the original design. They've also begun researching Kolb and the Horners, delighted to discover the Horners' Chicago home was only a block from where they live today. "We plan on owning this house for however long we live and want to pay homage to the Horners' vision," says Schreiber.

When we listed New Albany's c. 1860 Smith-Phillips Farmhouse for sale in early 2024, we knew it would garner



Along with finding new caretakers for properties in Attica's Cottrell Village (above), Indiana Landmarks sold several properties statewide in 2024 and safeguarded others, like South Bend's Poledor House (below), moved last summer to save it from development.

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attention, but we didn't expect the property to land on the front page of the local newspaper, generating same-day offers.

The centerpiece of a large farm for years, the handsome brick I-house was targeted for demolition in 2022 when, backed by a community petition, we convinced developer Hogan Real Estate to relocate the 185-ton farmhouse and donate it to Indiana Landmarks. We sold the property to Witten Builders who are repurposing it for their company headquarters.

In June, South Bend residents lined the streets to watch the c.1913 Poledor House roll slowly from its original home on Marion Street out of the path of development. We've put the property—one of the city's best examples of Craftsman-style architecture—on a new foundation in the Chapin Park neighborhood, where we'll offer it for sale in 2025.

In the past year, Indiana Landmarks also sold historic properties in Carmel, North Manchester, Richmond, Bedford, and Wabash, attaching covenants to ensure their long-term preservation. View landmarks for sale at [indianalandmarks.org/properties-for-sale](http://indianalandmarks.org/properties-for-sale).



## Telling the Story

### IN ITS MISSION TO SHINE

a spotlight on the places that embody the state's Black heritage, Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program takes a multi-pronged approach: supporting research and programs that share Indiana's African American history, offering scholarships and internships to empower the next generation of Black preservation leaders, cultivating strategic partnerships, and making grants to support preservation of Black landmarks.

Last spring, the Black Heritage Preservation Program helped draw national attention to Gary's Theodore Roosevelt High School by successfully nominating it to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2024 list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. When it was built in 1930, the high school was one of only three in Indiana constructed exclusively for Black students. It grew to become one of the largest African American high schools in the Midwest



In 2024, Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program continued its work to raise awareness of the state's African American heritage, including nominating Gary's Theodore Roosevelt High School (above) as one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places and joining community-led efforts to urge archeological excavation of Indianapolis's former Greenlawn Cemetery, a site currently undergoing redevelopment (below).

PHOTOS BY BLAKE SWIHART AND EVAN HALE

and a point of pride for the city's Black community. Closed since 2019, today the school faces an estimated \$20 million in repair costs. The Black Heritage Preservation Program is working with a coalition of key partners to explore reuse strategies and in the meantime negotiated an agreement with the school system to assess artifacts left in the building.

In Indianapolis, we joined a community advisory group that urged the City of Indianapolis to undertake an archaeological excavation of the former Greenlawn Cemetery—the city's first public cemetery—currently targeted for redevelopment. As part of the effort, the coalition has been collecting research on some of Indianapolis's earliest Black residents known to be buried there, with plans to share their stories in a traveling exhibit in 2025.

The Black Heritage Preservation Program is also working to collect historical records and stories. Around the state, we've helped conduct oral history events, recording interviews with Black elders whose remembrances will be digitized for future research. In Indianapolis, we took possession of records from the King and King Funeral Home, a historic Black funeral home that operated from the 1930s through the 1980s. The Indiana Historical Society is processing the collection, which will be made available digitally.

"We have done a lot, but there is much more to do to make sure this heritage is not erased," says Eunice Trotter, director of Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Program.



## Gifts of Faith

### TO HELP ENSURE THE FUTURE OF HISTORIC

houses of worship, Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places Indiana program offers grants and training supported by funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. In the last year, the program awarded over \$3 million in planning and capital grants to 30 congregations statewide.

Through its New Dollars/New Partners program, Sacred Places Indiana provides participants with technical expertise, training, and grants to support congregations as they raise funds and engage with community partners, offering program graduates planning grants to assess their buildings and prioritize restoration work. Last year, New Dollars/New Partners participant Hopewell Presbyterian Church outside Franklin used a \$64,667 capital grant to repair masonry when water infiltration threatened the 1902 Gothic Revival/Romanesque church while maintaining the historic crenellations adorning the parapet wall of its 1958 addition.

In 2024, Sacred Places made the first round of grants from a substantial new program, the Sacred Places Indiana Fund, designed to help congregations address even greater capital needs at their historic houses of worship. Seven congregations across the state received over \$2 million for historic preservation projects, including Broadway United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, which received a \$400,000 grant to make masonry repairs on the bell tower and limestone façade of its 1920s Gothic Revival-style church.

The Plainfield Friends Meeting tapped into both programs to address chronic water infiltration at the historic Society of Friends Meeting House on the old National Road. Armed with the results of a study funded by a planning grant from the New Dollars/New Partners program, the congregation leveraged a \$60,850 capital grant from the Sacred Places Indiana



Last year, our Sacred Places Indiana program provided over \$3 million in capital and planning grants to 30 congregations around the state, fueling critical repairs to historic houses of worship. Indianapolis's Broadway United Methodist Church (right) is using the funds to refurbish the masonry and limestone façade of its Gothic Revival church, while Plainfield Friends Meeting (left) received a grant to reroof its historic meeting house.

PHOTOS BY EVAN HALE AND © PLAINFIELD FRIENDS MEETING

Fund to reroof the entire meeting house, sealing the building against future water damage.

"We continue to receive calls for help from congregations who need assistance in maintaining their historic facilities," says David Frederick, director of Sacred Places Indiana. "By offering this critical funding, we hope to help congregations and parishes continue to thrive as spiritual centers and make vital contributions to their communities."

If your historic church or parish is eligible, the fund will begin accepting applications for 2025 grants from January 15 to June 15, 2025. Learn more about eligibility requirements at [indianalandmarks.org/sacred-places-indiana](https://indianalandmarks.org/sacred-places-indiana).





# ANNUAL SUPPORT

**G**ifts from our members and supporters enable us to act quickly when historic places are threatened and fuel our mission to leverage preservation as a tool for revitalization. The following list reflects contributions above the level of individual and dual membership given between September 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024, but please know we are grateful for the support of each and every member. Want to join our list of donors? Contact Jennifer Hawk, Membership and Annual Giving Manager, 317-822-7922, [jhawk@indianalandmarks.org](mailto:jhawk@indianalandmarks.org).



In April, a \$4 million exterior restoration kicked off at the storied House of Tomorrow (top) in Indiana Dunes National Park, funded by the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund administered through the U.S. Department of the Interior. The restoration will reflect the original construction of the house, built for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair and moved to Beverly Shores (left) at the fair's end. The work—expected to be completed in 2025—is based on a plan led and funded by Indiana Landmarks.

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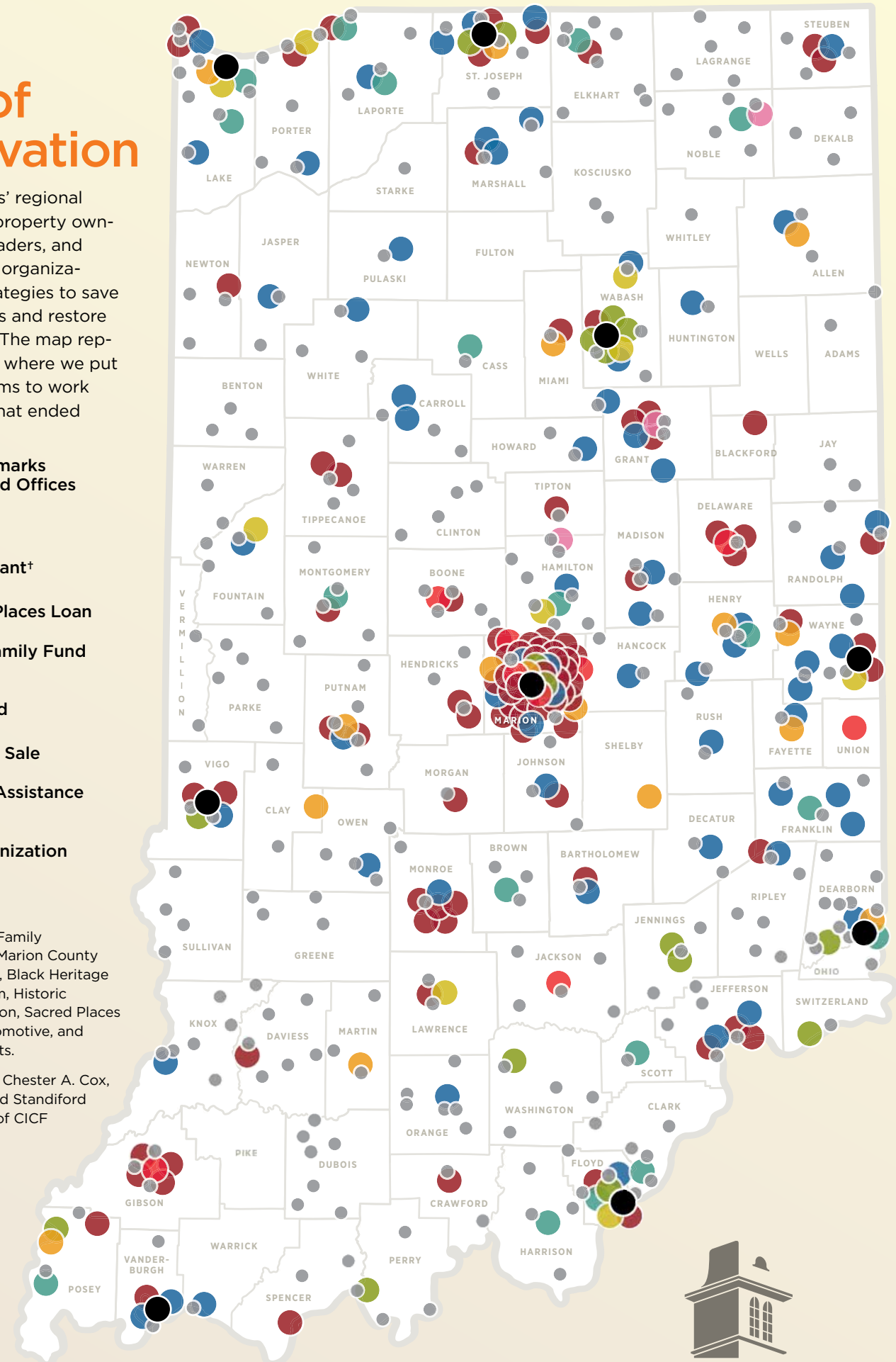
# State of Preservation

Indiana Landmarks' regional office staff assist property owners, community leaders, and local preservation organizations, devising strategies to save endangered places and restore historic buildings. The map represents the places where we put our formal programs to work in the fiscal year that ended August 31, 2024.

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- Cox Funds Grant†
- Endangered Places Loan
- Efroymsen Family Fund Grant/CICF
- Landmark Sold
- Landmark for Sale
- Commission Assistance Contract
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- Site Visit

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In the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, Indiana Landmarks' finances strengthened considerably, with our net asset balance increasing from \$110.8 million to \$132.3 million, the result of generous contributions, positive returns on invested endowment assets, and strong earned revenues.

Indiana Landmarks' staff and board-level finance and investment committees continue to carefully oversee the organization's resources. We prudently manage our operational spending to remain within the budgeted sources of funding, including a 4.5 percent endowment draw. The graph identifies the sources of operational revenue and our use of those funds.

For complete audited financial statements, visit Indiana Landmarks' website, [indianalandmarks.org](http://indianalandmarks.org), or contact Vice President and CFO Madonna Wagner at 800-450-4534.

**60.8%**

Investment income

**16.6%**

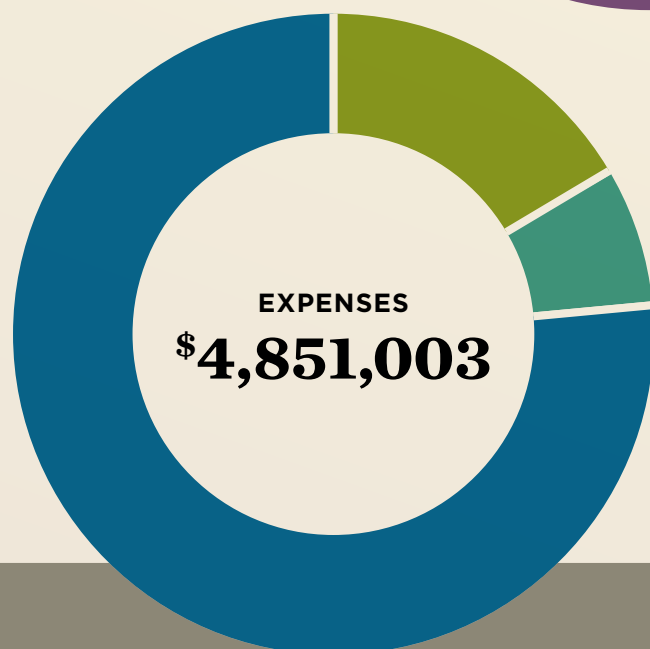
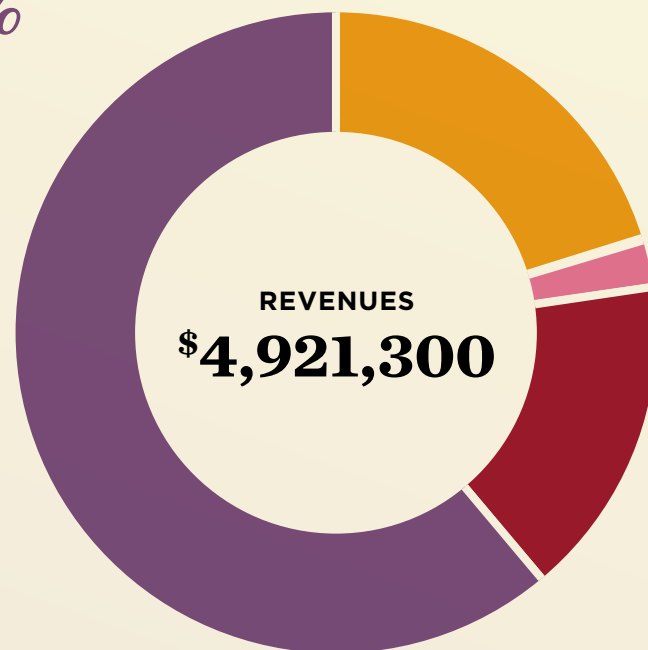
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**2.5%**

Membership dues

**20.1%**

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**WHEN A BUILDING OWNER** needs advice on making repairs, or a local leader wants to know how preservation can influence downtown revitalization, Indiana Landmarks' staff serve as a valuable resource, offering our members and partners expert advice on protecting the historic and architectural character of Indiana's meaningful places.

In cities and towns without professional preservation staff, Indiana Landmarks helps fill the gap in a more formal way through our Commission Assistance Program. In 2024, 17 communities contracted

Indiana Landmarks' staff offer preservation expertise to spur downtown revitalization around the state. Through the PreservINg Main Street program, our regional staff advised on changes to historic façades in downtown Kendallville (above) and Brookville (below), where the improvements have inspired additional investment by neighboring property owners.

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with Indiana Landmarks to manage their preservation commissions, lending preservation expertise, developing design guidelines, and evaluating renovation plans. Last year alone, Indiana Landmarks' staff reviewed more than 450 applications from property owners seeking approval for work on their historic buildings.

In Kendallville and Brookville, Indiana Landmarks staffed both cities' preservation commissions and advised on suggested changes to 15 historic façades, an improvement initiative fueled by the communities' inclusion in PreservINg Main Street, a program of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Because good work attracts imitators, historic façades rehabbed through the program inspired neighboring building owners to invest in their own properties as well, sparking a revitalization ripple effect. Dozens of new businesses have opened in both Brookville and Kendallville since their selection as PreservINg Main Street's pilot communities.

In 2024, Historic Downtown Kendallville continued the momentum by using a \$100,000 loan from Indiana Landmarks and a \$100,000 grant from the Cole Foundation to acquire and begin repairs on a nineteenth-century building at 211-213 S. Main Street, one of the most blighted landmarks on the downtown block. Once work is complete, the Main Street group hopes to attract a restaurant or brewery to the building, taking advantage of increased foot traffic in the city's core.

Indiana Landmarks is also overseeing work in downtown Attica, administering grants to eight preservation projects through the Attica Revitalization Subgrant Program, an effort made possible by a \$650,000 grant to Indiana Landmarks from the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program, funded by the federal Historic Preservation Fund and administered by the National Park Service, Department of Interior. The funds granted in Attica will help building owners of commercial landmarks on Perry and Main streets make structural repairs, rehabilitate masonry, and restore windows.



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## On Safer Ground

FINDING SOLUTIONS TO save Indiana's most imperiled landmarks can be a years-long process, but the results speak for themselves. In 2024, we celebrated wins for several current and former landmarks on our 10 Most Endangered list.

When Hendricks Regional Health purchased the 1891 Thomas and Louisa Little House along the National Road in Plainfield in 2017, initial plans for a new medical facility called for the house's demolition. Public outcry and an online petition with nearly 9,000 signatures in support of saving the Queen Anne-style



We saw progress for endangered places in 2024, including Plainfield's Little House, moved to a new site to undergo restoration. Aided by a grant from the Standiford H. Cox Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, Gary's Means Manor achieved listing in the National Register of Historic Places, adding acclaim for the Black development built by Andrew and Geter Means. We also sold Geter Means' house to Gary East Side Community Development Corporation (below), which will continue the property's rehab. PHOTOS © TOWN OF PLAINFIELD AND BLAKE SWIHART

house led Indiana Landmarks to include it on our 2023 10 Most Endangered list and ultimately persuaded Hendricks to reverse course. Last summer the company partnered with the Town of Plainfield to relocate the Little House a short distance away, where a new owner is stabilizing and restoring it.

In Gary, the Means Manor neighborhood's listing in the National Register of Historic Places in August culminated a years-long effort by community members to tell the story of brothers Andrew and Geter Means, who created quality housing for the city's Black middle class. When the 1954 ranch house built for Geter Means and his wife, Virginia, landed on Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered list in 2022, it was barely visible, deteriorating behind overgrown vegetation. Indiana Landmarks invested \$100,000 to purchase the Means House, clean it out, make grounds improvements, and add a new roof. Last April, we sold the property to Gary East Side Community Development Corporation—a nonprofit addressing local workforce and housing needs—which will continue the rehabilitation and determine a use that honors the property's heritage.

Last spring, Indiana Landmarks moved its Eastern Regional Office into Richmond's former Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, included on our 10 Most Endangered list in 2019 and 2020 after the church's closure. We partnered with local leaders and the Whitewater Valley Presbytery to find a new use for the 1906 building and its stunning Tiffany Studios interior, and today it thrives as a performing arts venue called The Reid Center. The revived landmark is located in Richmond's Starr Historic District, a current entry on Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered list. By relocating to the neighborhood, we hope to spur additional investment in the area.





Last December, Indiana Landmarks wrapped up its Save the Irreplaceable capital campaign, which raised over \$36 million for our work to save meaningful places. Among other goals, the money raised will fund repairs and improve functionality and accessibility at Indiana Landmarks' historic properties including Veraestau in Aurora, where workers added new paint inside and out. PHOTO BY MITCHELL KNIGGA

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Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, Indianapolis

One-hour guided tours explore the history, architecture, and preservation of the Athenaeum, as it evolved from German clubhouse to a hub of modern urban life. Tours depart at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Advance tickets encouraged. \$12/adult; \$10/member; \$5/child (age 6-11); free to children ages 5 and under.

## Mapping Asian American and Pacific Islander History in Indiana

Feb. 4, Indianapolis and online

Huy Pham, executive director of Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP), leads a workshop on APIA history in Indiana and introduces an interactive mapping platform for documenting related sites nationwide. 6 p.m. at Indiana Landmarks Center and online. Free with RSVP.

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Discover the fascinating history of two turn-of-the-century hotels and their award-winning restorations on daily guided tours. Advance tickets encouraged. (Wed.-Sat., Jan.-May & Tues.-Sat., June-Dec.)

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South Bend

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## First Friday Art Show

Feb. 7, Indianapolis

Indiana Landmarks Center's Rapp Family Gallery hosts a free opening reception for "New Horizons," an exhibit highlighting Black history with work in a variety of mediums by Bruce Armstrong, Charlotte L. Brown-Parrott, J. Morris Thompson, and Greg Moore. Curated by Clayton Hamilton. 6-9 p.m.

## Conversations in Indiana African American History

Feb. 13, Indianapolis and online

Freetown Village presents historians, researchers, and educators sharing their knowledge of Indiana's Black heritage and culture. 6 p.m. at Indiana Landmarks Center and online. Free with RSVP.

## Athenaeum Bier & Building Tour

Mar. 2, Indianapolis

Sample German American heritage through beer, appetizers, and activities on this adults-only (ages 21+) version of our Athenaeum tour. Tour departs at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Advance tickets encouraged. \$35/general public; \$30/member.

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Apr. 26, Indianapolis

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## Celebrating Marsh Davis

Mar. 15, Indianapolis

Indiana Landmarks invites members and friends to honor President Marsh Davis at a celebratory retirement reception at Indiana Landmarks Center. Join us to raise a glass and congratulate Marsh on his outstanding legacy at Indiana Landmarks. 4:30-6:30 p.m., with brief remarks at 5:30 p.m. Free with RSVP strongly encouraged. Space will be limited.



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# Homegrown Solution

**IN THE 1830S, QUAKER** abolitionist Jesse Baker settled the area that became known as Baker's Corner—reportedly aiding local Underground Railroad efforts by using his farm to hide slaves seeking freedom. When plans to reconfigure U.S. 31 at 236th Street in Hamilton County threatened the historic Baker-Johnson-Pickett Farmstead in 2020, Indiana Landmarks joined local and state leaders to save the site's turn-of-the-century barn and c.1850 farmhouse. We partnered with the Indiana

When highway reconfiguration threatened a significant historic barn and farmhouse in Hamilton County, Indiana Landmarks partnered with the Indiana Department of Transportation to find a solution. Last fall, we celebrated the landmarks' multi-million reconstruction at Fieldgate Farm, a boutique farm in Sheridan, where they will be part of the property's agricultural programming.

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Department of Transportation (INDOT) in finding a solution to preserve the buildings as part of Fieldgate Farm, a boutique farm in Sheridan.

INDOT engaged Indiana Landmarks as project manager and provided a \$2.2 million grant, while Fieldgate Farm offered a site for rebuilding the landmarks and contributed \$200,000. ARCHitecture Trio documented, photographed, and laser-scanned the house and barn to identify original materials and guide Brandt Construction's reconstruction. In November, we joined a crowd celebrating completion of the project at Fieldgate Farm, now open to visitors for special events and by appointment. Read about the property at [fieldgatefarm.com](http://fieldgatefarm.com).