

2015 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

4921 South Dorchester Kenwood District Rehabilitation

Recipient: Martha Connolly

The Kenwood District on Chicago's South Side is comprised of tree-lined streets and spacious lots with grand singlefamily residences, many designed by prominent architects. This Queen-Anne house was built in the late nineteenth century and was designed by Frederick Perkins. The recipient purchased this house several years ago and undertook a major rehabilitation project. The non-historic siding was removed which exposed the deteriorated siding and scarring from original porch and window configuration. New cedar siding has been installed to match the historic profiles and the front porch was recreated. The curved glass windows at the corner turret and the art glass windows were restored and the remaining windows were replaced to match the historic windows. Interior woodwork, cornices, and fireplaces have been restored and the owner has applied for the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program. The owner also received a Permit Fee Waiver Ordinance approved by City Council. The Kenwood District was designated a Chicago Landmark on June 29, 1979.



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