

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2010 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### 4552 North Dover Dover Street District Exterior and Interior Rehabilitation

*Recipient: Magic Touch Real Estate Inc.*

The residential buildings of the Dover Street District reflect the history and development of the larger Sheridan Park neighborhood and the importance of middle-class housing in the late 19th- and early 20th-century development of Chicago. The buildings are of high-quality architectural designs, built out of traditional materials and incorporating fine craftsmanship. This building had been vacant for many years and was in danger of being demolished. When the property was purchased, the current owner stabilized the structure, removed the non-historic, front one-story addition, and undertook an extensive rehabilitation. The work included a new front porch, new windows, and new doors. A "formstone" veneer, an artificial stone which had been installed over the wood clapboards, was removed, and new wood siding and shingles were reinstalled based on evidence uncovered during the project. Returned to its historic appearance, this house once again demonstrates the craftsmanship typical of the district. The Dover Street District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on December 12, 2007.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



City of Chicago  
Richard M. Daley, Mayor

Department of Zoning and Land Use Planning  
Patricia A. Scudiero, Commissioner