

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2010 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Britton Budd Apartments – 501 West Surf Surf-Pine Grove District Exterior and Interior Rehabilitation

Recipient: Chicago Housing Authority/Surf Senior Housing Limited Partnership

Located on a prominent corner in the Surf-Pine Grove District in the North Side's Lake View neighborhood, this 11-story building was designed by architect Horatio R. Wilson. Built in 1917 as an apartment hotel, the building has a grandly-scaled, Renaissance Revival-style design with a U-shaped plan. The building was purchased in the 1950s by the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and renamed the Britton Budd Apartments, after one of the developers of Chicago's original elevated transit system. The restoration of this building, completed last year, is part of a larger effort by CHA and the City of Chicago to renovate 58 senior public housing buildings. To finance the \$39 million project, CHA worked together with the City's Department of Community Development in using a combination of private investment equity, historic rehabilitation tax credits, tax exempt bond proceeds, and loans. The exterior work included repair of the ornate brick and terra-cotta masonry and tile roof, window replacement, and replacement of the missing terra cotta of the domed entrance pavilion located in the courtyard. Interior work included restoring the historic lobby, dining room, penthouse-level ballroom, hallways and other common areas. The rehabilitated Britton Budd Apartments once again provides elegant, quality and affordable housing for Chicago's deserving senior community. The Surf-Pine Grove District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on July 19, 2007.



BEFORE



AFTER



City of Chicago
Richard M. Daley, Mayor

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