

CHICAGO LANDMARKS

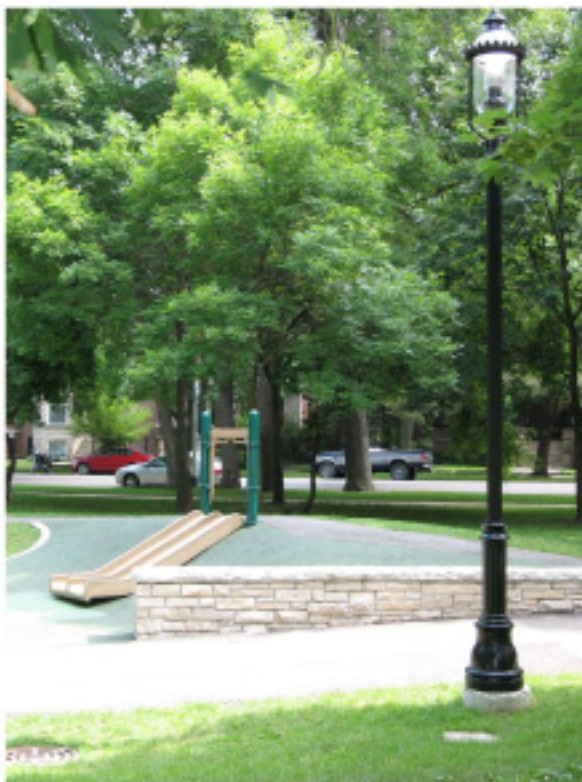


2010 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Palmer Square Playground Logan Square Boulevards District New Children's Playground

Recipients: Chicago Park District

The Logan Square Boulevards District is marked by the landscaped boulevards of the city's park and boulevard system and the high-quality, finely-detailed buildings that line it. One of the focal points of the district is Palmer Square, a wide park median that stretches from Kedzie to Humboldt boulevards. The City of Chicago received a grant from the State of Illinois for improvements to the square, and the Chicago Park District worked with the community to develop a new children's playground and other improvements that respect the historic landscape. Work included enhanced landscaping, an improved recreation trail with a finely crushed stone surface, new benches, additional light fixtures, and new drinking fountains. The central children's play area, the design of which is themed after the classic tale of "The Velveteen Rabbit," was developed as three small, separate nodes to better blend into the landscape and retain as many trees as possible. The Logan Square Boulevards District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on November 1, 2005.



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