



PRESERVATION-RACINE, INC

Mayor Gary Becker
Members of the City of Racine Plan Commission
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Re: Establishment of H-Historic Properties District: 11th and Lake

Dear Mayor and Commission Members:

We have been following the City's preparation of the 11th Street and Lake Avenue area Historic Properties District, the first to be established under the new Landmarks Preservation Ordinance. We believe this is the first step in an ongoing process which will provide protection for our historic landmarks and the districts where they can be found.

Our lakeshore and its historic neighborhoods are unique to Racine. The value of a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house, a Lucas Bradley church, a street of German workers' cottages, or Racine's Harbor Lighthouse and Life Saving Station cannot be over estimated or duplicated.

The City currently provides protection for its historic downtown by providing a review process for modifications to its buildings. We believe it is important to extend that process to its landmarks throughout the city. The 1915 Lochnair Inn is a contributing building within the Southside Historic District. It and its surrounding neighborhood deserve to be protected under the new ordinance.

One of Preservation Racine's goals is to create a public awareness of our architectural heritage and promote its preservation. We urge the City to join us in this endeavor, and we ask that you approve this first Historic Properties District.

Sincerely,

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