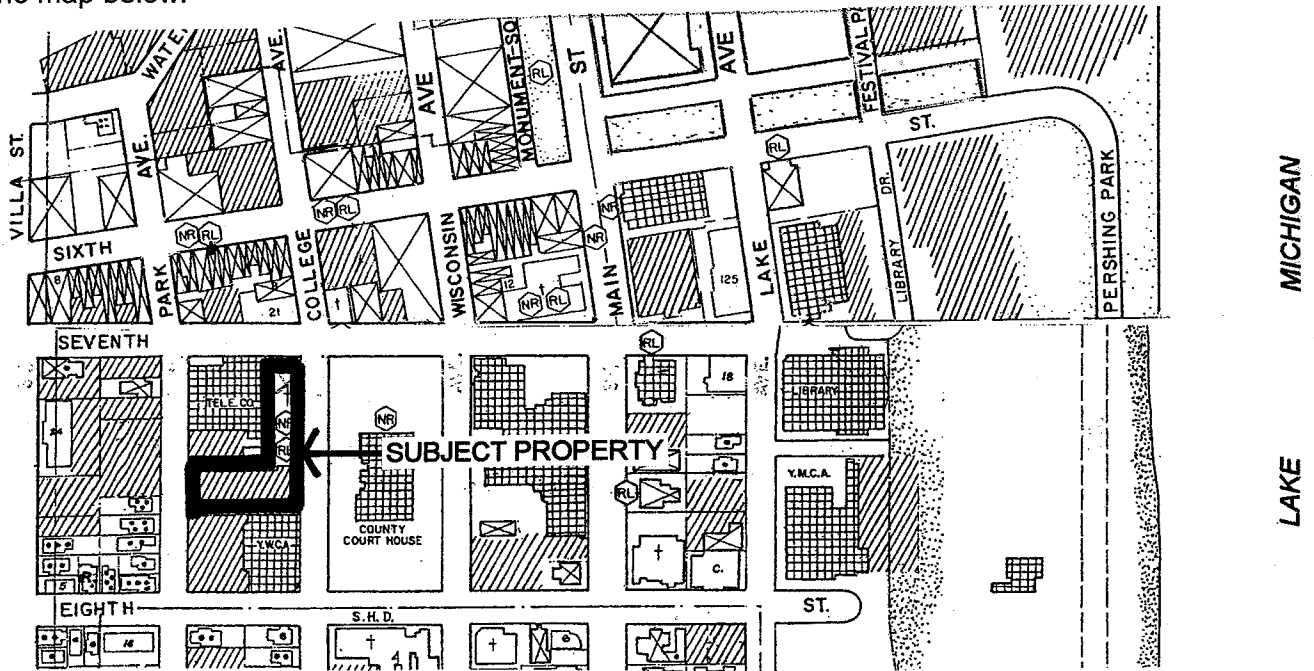


August 15, 2008

Dear Property Owner:

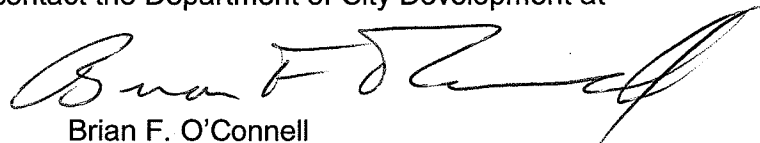
In 1975 the property at 716 College Avenue, historically known as the First Presbyterian Church, was designated a landmark by the City of Racine. In December of 2005, as recommended by the Wisconsin Historical Society, the City of Racine adopted changes to its historic preservation ordinance making it more consistent with State and Federal guidelines. Properties designated landmarks before 2006 do not come under the provisions of the new ordinance.

With the consent of the property owner, and by recommendation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the City of Racine is considering the rezoning of the property at 617 College Avenue from O/I Office Institutional District to O/I with an H-Historic Properties District overlay to facilitate the re-designation of the property as a City of Racine Landmark under the new historic preservation ordinance. The specific location is shown as "Subject Property" on the map below.



The City Plan Commission has scheduled a public hearing at which you can be informed of the details of the rezoning and re-designation effort, and where your views regarding this proposal may be expressed. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 4:15 p.m., or soon thereafter, in Room 205 of City Hall, 730 Washington Ave.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Department of City Development at 636-9151.

  
Brian F. O'Connell  
Director of City Development

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