

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS

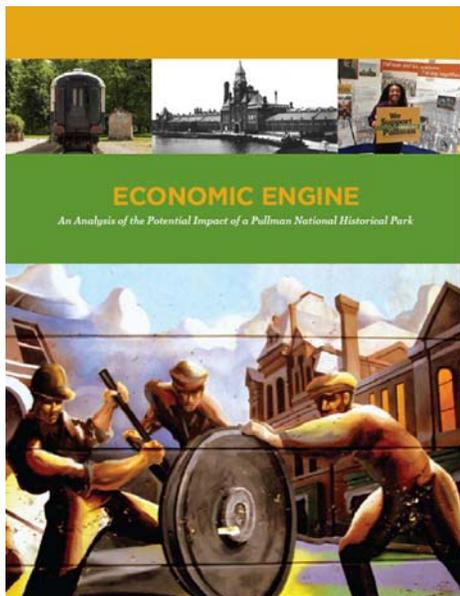


## 2015 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### The John Baird Award for Stewardship In Historic Preservation

Recipients: Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives and National Parks Conservation Association

The John Baird Award for Stewardship was created to recognize those who advocate for preservation through long-term ownership of a historic landmark or extraordinary efforts to further preservation awareness. The declaration of Pullman as a National Monument on February 19, 2015 was an honor achieved largely through the advocacy efforts of Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives (CNI) and the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). Pullman has many local neighborhood organizations and residents united behind the effort to name Pullman a monument through the focused organization and strategic planning by both CNI and NPCA. In addition to working with residents, CNI and NPCA coordinated discussion and outreach between the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the National Park Service as well as legislative leaders to ensure coordination to move this effort forward. Locally-based Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, created in 2010, has invested more than \$5 million to renovate many historic row houses in the Pullman neighborhood. The National Parks Conservation Association is a non-profit organization that started in 1919 with the purpose of advocating for National Parks and the National Park Service. In an early effort on behalf of Pullman, NPCA, with the City of Chicago, published an economic report which stated that a Pullman National Monument will bring more than 300,000 visitors to the area each year, create 350 jobs annually and \$15 million in annual wages, sustain \$40 million in economic activity for the community, and generate more than \$32 million per year in visitor spending. The Pullman District was designated a National Historic Landmark on December 30, 1970. South Pullman was designated a Chicago Landmark on October 16, 1972, and North Pullman on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1993.



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