

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2017 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Former James Mulligan Public School 1855 N Sheffield Ave Adaptive Reuse

Recipient: Svigos Development, Inc.

Public education has historically been one of the most important responsibilities of Chicago government, and public school buildings often are visual and social anchors in the City's neighborhoods. Opened in 1890, the James Mulligan Public School exemplified the importance of Chicago's public schools to the City's social and cultural history. Rehabilitation work to convert the building to residential use began in 2014 with an exterior scope of work that included window sash replacement with new wood windows to match the historic configuration, and masonry repairs. A devastating fire in 2015 during construction meant that the developer had to redo much of the rehabilitation work that had already been completed. Despite that setback and delay, the interior now boasts 23 apartment units with additional amenity spaces. Configured within the historic classroom spaces, the units retain characteristic materials such as original hardwood floors, wood trim, and built-in cabinets. By overcoming significant challenges during the rehabilitation process, the developer's commitment to preservation has reactivated a notable building in the Ranch Triangle neighborhood. The developer worked closely with the Illinois Historic Preservation Office for the 20% Federal Tax Credit. The James Mulligan Public School was designated a Chicago Landmark on April 2, 2014.



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