

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2017 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### 223 W Menomonee St Old Town Triangle District Restoration

Recipient: Cityview Builders, Inc.

Historic buildings located within the boundaries of the Old Town District include many examples of architectural styles that were important in Chicago after the fire of 1871, such as Italianate and Greek Revival ornamental styles, the Queen Anne style, and Chicago Cottages. Most of the homes in the area, having been restored in the last 25 years, illustrate the desirability of life in the older residential neighborhoods close to the center of the city. Efforts to de-convert this c.1880's two-unit building to a single family residence began in 2016, and included removal of non-historic vertical board and underlying asphalt cladding. Historic clapboard was revealed to be intact, and subsequent removal of the front stair exposed further physical evidence of previous alterations on the front façade. In-depth analysis of the uncovered scarring by the building owner resulted in a discovery that a front porch structure existed at some point in the building's early history. Restoration efforts included reconstructing the full-width porch, reinstating the historic fenestration pattern, repairing historic wood clapboard, and interior modifications to return the building to a single family configuration. The Old Town Triangle District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on September 28, 1977.



before



after siding removed



after



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