



Newsletter

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Advocating for the Preservation of Modern Architecture



Image of the Robert C. Weaver HUD Building, 451 7th Street SW.
Photo by Carol M. Highsmith. [Courtesy of the Library of Congress](#).

The DC Preservation League is a strong advocate for preserving Modern architecture, emphasizing its importance for nearly twenty years. In 2006, DCPL organized two key symposiums on DC Modern architecture, raising awareness of endangered buildings and promoting appreciation for this unique style. DCPL has made significant progress by successfully nominating several iconic properties for the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places, including the [Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library](#), the [Wire Building](#), the [National Geographic Society Headquarters](#), the [Bazelon-McGovern House](#), and the [Euram Building](#).

As the U.S. General Services Administration plans to sell Modernist properties like the [Robert C. Weaver HUD Building](#), DCPL is committed to ensuring that all regulatory processes, including Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, are followed. Any necessary changes to historic landmarks must respect their architectural integrity.

Moving forward, DCPL will continue its efforts to protect Modern architecture in Washington, DC, providing expert guidance and advocacy. Preserving these landmarks honors both our past and the creativity that inspires future generations.

Want to learn about more Modernist landmarks in DC? Click below for a digital tour of Postwar Modernism.

[DC Historic Site Tour: Postwar Modernism](#)

Calling All Members: Exclusive Photo Archive Preview

Wednesday, August 6th | 12 PM to 1 PM
Online, Zoom



Photo of DCPL advocate on a yellow telephone, courtesy of the DCPL Photo Archive.

Know who this is? Contact Shae Corey (shae@dcpreservation.org).

After two years of active archiving (and over a decade of planning), the DC Preservation League's Photo Archive is almost ready to be released to the public. Join Executive Director Rebecca Miller and Programs Manager Shae Corey to learn about the creation of the archive, and get a sneak peek at its contents. You don't want to miss out on this exclusive member-only event, so sign up today!

This event is only available to DCPL Members. Please register online to attend.

[Register Here](#)

Update on the Study of the Economic, Social, and Racial Equity Impact of Historic Preservation

The DC Preservation League is pleased to announce it is now in the second phase of its partnership with the [DC Office of Planning](#), [PlaceEconomics](#), and [Brick & Story](#) to develop a first-of-its-kind historic preservation impact study. The final product – expected in December 2025 – will combine research, data analysis, and community input to lay out the impacts of historic preservation on economic, social, and racial equity in Washington, DC.

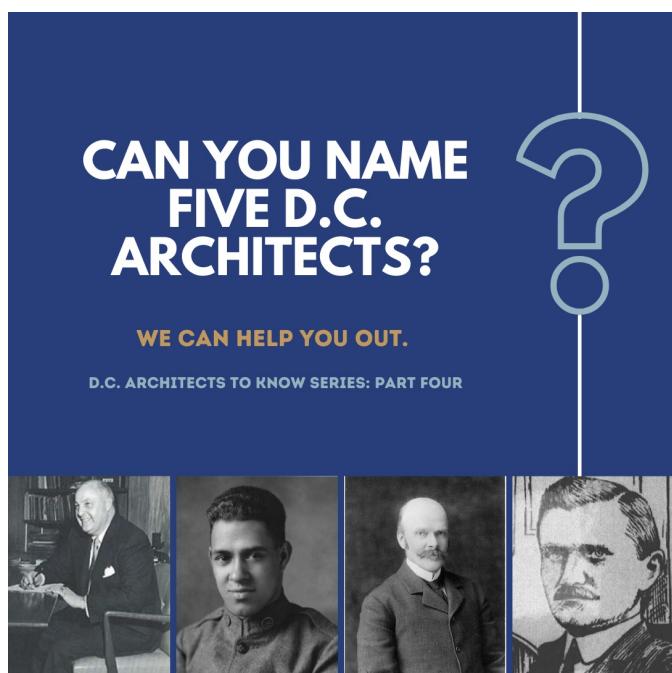
DCPL is elated that the project is finally in progress, as both city officials and preservationists will benefit from a shared understanding of the real-time impacts preservation initiatives have in the District.

The project is 60% funded and DCPL continues to seek support from grantmaking foundations, neighborhood preservation groups, the building industry, and other interested stakeholders. This work is a critical priority for DCPL, and members and supporters are encouraged to donate (link below). All funders will be acknowledged in the final report.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Rebecca Miller, rebecca@dcpreservation.org.

[Click Here to Donate to the Study](#)

DC Architects to Know Series



This month, DCPL is highlighting important local architects through tours and programming. You can also learn about these influential architects through DCPL's *DC Architects to Know Series*, linked below. This five-part series spotlights local architects who shaped the District's built environment, from Romulus C. Archer to Appleton P. Clark and Waddy B. Wood. You can also read more about their historically-designated designs at DC Historic Sites.

[DC Architects To Know Series](#)

[DC Historic Sites](#)

Back to Basics Mobile Outing with River East Design Center

Sunday, July 20th | 2 PM to 4 PM
Anacostia Metro Station
In-Person, Free



The [River East Design Center](#) Mobile Cart is an ongoing project that takes educational programming on the road. The cart brings educational materials about preservation, architecture, and zoning directly to community members to provide useful information on the forces that shape our neighborhoods. The community can use this knowledge to advocate for the policies and projects they want. This July, the DC Preservation League is partnering with River East Design Center to host a mobile cart event focused on DC's architects. Stop by to play a game and learn about local architecture!

This event is free and open to the public. No registration required to attend.

Save the Date: Crab Feast 11

Saturday, September 27th | 12 PM to 3 PM
Washington Canoe Club
3700 Water Street NW



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