

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2010 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### Printers Row Park Printing House Row District New Infill Park

*Recipient: Chicago Park District*

The Printing House Row district in the South Loop was developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as an area of printing and publishing firms wanting to locate their facilities near the Dearborn Street railroad station. The area's unusual street pattern, comprised of long narrow blocks resulting in buildings that admitted plenty of natural light, was ideal for the engraving and typesetting businesses. Beginning in the 1960s, however, the printing companies began relocating elsewhere, and, in one of the nation's first efforts of its kind, the historic structures were rehabilitated for both commercial and residential uses. In 2008, the City of Chicago combined a small, mid-block pocket park and a surface parking lot and transferred the land to the Chicago Park District to create a larger public open space. The new infill park is paved with permeable pavers and includes new landscaping and stone benches marked with large-scale type face to denote the historical development of the area. An existing fountain was incorporated in the new design, and new light fixtures were provided. The park now provides a public amenity to serve residences and retail users of the area. The Printing House Row District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on May 9, 1996.



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