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John Baird Award for Stewardship in Historic Preservation Façade Legacy Project

Recipient: Pullman Civic Organization - Beman Committee

Pullman was the combined vision of company owner George M. Pullman, architect Solon S. Beman, and landscape architect Nathan F. Barrett. This industrial town was constructed between 1880 and 1884. In addition to cultural, religious, and recreational buildings, the community included over 1750 dwelling units. The residences were built with a wide range of design details to reflect the economic and social status of the employees who resided in them.

The Beman Committee of the Pullman Civic Organization is dedicated to promoting the historical significance of Pullman and preserving the architectural integrity of the district in accordance with the standards and guidelines for rehabilitation established by the Secretary of the Interior. In 2007, the group began to survey every residential building in the south section of Pullman to document existing conditions and the remaining historic details of each individual façade. This documentation, in addition to thousands of hours of research, led to the creation of the Façade Legacy Project and the development of a guide that contains measured architectural drawings of each primary façade type, complete with porch, window, and door configurations. The project was completed in 2013 and the reference guide is now available for residents to use when considering a rehabilitation project.

The Pullman Historic District was listed as a National Historic Landmark on October 8,1969. Pullman was designated a Chicago Landmark District on October 16, 1972 (south section) and June 9, 1993 (north section).



