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# **Perpetual Protection**

HOUSES SUCH AS THE BEEM HOUSE IN SPENCER (featured on the cover) don't come on the market very often. Indiana Landmarks is honored to own this property and to offer it for sale, thanks to an extraordinary donation by Spencer Beem LLC, a.k.a. Sara Edgerton, our board chair from 2020-2022.

Sara lovingly oversaw the restoration of this landmark 1874 Italian Villa over many years. That work included rebuilding the prominent tower, taken down many decades earlier. In addition to the house, she restored the carriage house and summer kitchen. And recently she added a stunning multi-purpose barn, constructed of materials from an old barn on her ancestral land in Grant County.

Sara's gift of the property aligns with and supports Indiana Landmarks' mission. Once in our ownership, the property was marketed for sale with a preservation covenant that will "run with the land" and ensure its protection in perpetuity. Proceeds from the sale will go straight into Indiana Landmarks' mission-based programs.

Indiana Landmarks seeks a new owner for the Beem House who will commit to its preservation and to honoring the historic integrity of the property and Sara's legacy of outstanding stewardship.

Gifts of historic property provide valued support to our organization and perpetual protection to historic places. If you are interested in a potential gift of real estate to Indiana Landmarks, we would be grateful to have that conversation. Likewise, if you are interested in the Beem House, the same holds true.

Contact me at any time.

Marsh Davis, President 317-639-4534 mdavis@indianalandmarks.org



To protect her hard work in restoring Spencer's 1874 Beem House and support our mission to save meaningful places, former Indiana Landmarks board chair Sara Edgerton donated the property, now on the market with a preservation covenant ensuring the landmark's ongoing protection. PHOTO BY BLAKE ROSS

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**185** tons

The weight of New Albany's c.1860 Smith-Phillips Farmhouse, rolled to a new site to save it from demolition. See page 4 to learn about other historic properties saved, sold, and on the market.



years of collaboration with Frank Lloyd Wright to create plans for Samara, the 1956 Dr. John and Catherine Christian house in West Lafayette. Read more about the landmark's \$1.6 million restoration on page 16.

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awarded from the Great American Outdoor Act will fund structural repairs and exterior restoration on the 1933 House of Tomorrow in the Indiana Dunes National Park. See more on pages 8-9.

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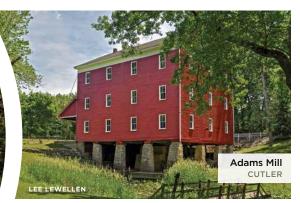


Regional staff visited **245** communities to offer preservation advice, technical assistance, advocacy, and elbow grease.

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in grants and loans for repairs, feasibility studies, historical markers, and projects raising awareness of historic places around Indiana





# **Taking the Initiative**

## STRATEGIES TO SAVE MEANINGFUL PLACES

can take many forms, including supporting local efforts, and advocating on behalf of others. But sometimes, it takes a more direct approach to get the ball rolling. To carry out our mission, Indiana Landmarks frequently takes ownership of historic properties, investing in their rehabilitation before selling to buyers who can finish the work.

Last spring, we found the right match for South Bend's Kizer House in Ed and Stephen Ziegler, a father-son team whose love for South Bend, Notre Dame, and historic buildings prompted them to purchase the Romanesque Revival-style mansion in the city's West Washington National Register District. The pair





Stephen and Ed Ziegler (above) purchased South Bend's Kizer House (top) from Indiana Landmarks in March, with plans to adapt the interior for mixed-use development. In Wabash, the Cosby family reached out to Indiana Landmarks to help save two historic houses (left) in the North Wabash Historic District. PHOTOS BY TODD ZEIGER (TOP): © STEPHEN ZIEGLER ABOVE); EVAN HALE (LEFT)

plan to create a mixed-use facility with a café, public rental space, and apartments in the 7,220-square-foot mansion.

Though Ed and Stephen both live in Florida, they share deep connections to South Bend. Ed earned his Ph.D. at Notre Dame before spending a career teaching at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, where he helped found the Notre Dame Club of Boca Raton. After growing up in South Florida, Stephen became a business and technology consultant and earned a master's degree at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business in 2020.

The Kizer House was on a downward path a decade ago until Indiana

Landmarks partnered with the City of South Bend to save the property. We undertook complete exterior restoration of the c.1888 house, garage, and grounds, preparing the way for new owners to finish interior renovations.

"When I saw this property on Zillow, I immediately contacted the team selling it to see how I could be first in line for this," says Stephen. "I actually bought it sight-unseen. I had to trust what Indiana Landmarks was doing as part of my decision."

After 40 years as an interior design professor in North Carolina's Eastern Carolina University, Katherine Swank wanted to return to the Midwest to be closer to family. "My brother asked me what kind of home I was looking for, and I described a Civil War-era house in eastern North Carolina that had such a sense of place," says Katherine. "After I finished talking, he sent me a photo of 846 Park Avenue in South Bend."

The 1907 Rodes House's abundance of natural light appealed to her artist's sensibilities, and the Chapin Park Historic District reminded Katherine of where she grew up in Dowagiac, Michigan. "I find that when you go into a historic district, you're surrounded by a fellowship of like-minded people who share an appreciation of cultural heritage," says Katherine. She purchased the property from Indiana Landmarks and is working with students at Notre Dame to brainstorm accessible renovations that will allow her to stay in the house for years to come. "Throughout my career, I've tried to meld design projects with historic structures that need to be preserved. There's this whole notion of sustainability and looking at how the existing housing stock can be repurposed, continuing the legacy of those who lived before."

In that spirit, she's admired work

Looking for a place to retire near family, interior design professor Katherine Swank (right) found the right match in the 1907 Rodes House in South Bend, attracted by the house's natural light, original architectural features, and location in the city's Chapin Park Historic District. Her brother is overseeing rehabilitation of the house, which Swank hopes will serve as her home for years to come. PHOTOS BY TODD ZEIGER



underway at the lot next door to her new home, where last fall Indiana Landmarks relocated the 1929 Arthur May House. The stately Georgian Colonial house previously occupied a corner of a Memorial Hospital parking lot-the last house standing in a formerly residential area. We partnered with owner Beacon Health System on a plan to save the house and restore it to use as a single-family home by moving the twostory structure to a thriving residential area. We'll complete







stabilization work before offering the house for sale.

Another move in New Albany helped save the c.1860 Smith-Phillips Farmhouse. When the property's location on Charlestown Road was targeted for development, Indiana Landmarks partnered with developer Hogan Real Estate to save the brick building by moving it to a new lot. Hogan Real Estate covered costs and logistics and donated the property to Indiana Landmarks. Following some additional repairs, we'll market the property for commercial use.

In Wabash, one family saw an opportunity to partner with us to In Aurora, Indiana Landmarks intervened to prevent demolition of a c.1905 house on Hanover Street. We bought the property and kickstarted rehabilitation-repairing and painting the wood siding, installing a new roof, and refinishing wood floors-before selling the house to buyers who are carrying on our work. PHOTOS BY JARRAD HOLBROOK

"I actually bought it sightunseen. I had to trust what Indiana Landmarks was doing as part of my decision."

preserve their mother's legacy. For years, the Cosby family lived in a large Dutch Colonial-style home in the National Register-listed North Wabash Historic District, where Mary and Jim raised five children and Mary channeled her abundant energy into a variety of civic, social, and entrepreneurial activities. After earning a degree in early childcare education, she bought an adjacent c.1890 home for her growing daycare business. Upon her death, Mary's grown children looked for a way to save their mother's beloved home, but a high mortgage balance complicated their plans. Mary's daughter-in-law Cindi Cosby, an ardent preservation advocate, reached out to Indiana Landmarks for advice.

Working through a tangle of legal and financial red tape, last March Indiana Landmarks was able to acquire the properties from Mary's estate, with the blessing of her large family. We will make basic repairs and complete exterior rehabilitation on both houses before selling them with preservation covenants to buyers who will finish interior work. The project is part of our revitalizing work in Wabash, where we've sold three historic houses in the past fiscal year, including the completion of Waypoint Wabash, a transitional home for women located in a Second Empire-style house that Indiana Landmarks renovated for the nonprofit.

A longstanding relationship with Indiana Landmarks inspired Tell City leaders to collaborate with us on saving a historic house in the city's Swiss District. When the City acquired a vacant c.1885 house in a sheriff's sale, it turned to Indiana Landmarks to help revive the blighted property. After fixing the collapsing front porch, removing aluminum siding, repairing clapboard, and adding a new roof and fresh paint, we'll sell the house with preservation covenants, returning it to the City's tax rolls and helping preserve the neighborhood's historic character.

In the last year, Indiana Landmarks also sold properties in Indianapolis, Elkhart, Aurora, Georgetown, and Hanover. Visit indianalandmarks.org/properties-for-sale to see more historic places for sale.

# **Financial Fuel**

## INDIANA LANDMARKS' ENDANGERED PLACES

loans help local preservation groups by providing critical financial support for difficult projects. The revived properties go back on the tax rolls, with preservation covenants to ensure their ongoing protection. In the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, we made loans to four groups.

In 1996, Richmond's local newspaper called the house at 2237 East Main Street the city's top eyesore. It didn't look much better in 2019, when county and city leaders recruited our affiliate Richmond Neighborhood Restoration (RNR) to perform a makeover. The group banished a family of raccoons, put on a new roof, and removed roomfuls of debris. A \$75,000 loan from Indiana Landmarks helped with rehab costs, including a new roof and new plumbing and electrical systems. RNR plans to put the house on the market this spring and repay the loan when the property sells. "It's a win-win for all of us. We'll restore the house, and someone will live in it once again and pay taxes, making the property useful again," says RNR Vice President Dr. Dave Jetmore.

A \$25,000 loan helped another Richmond nonprofit, Richmond Columbian Properties, replace the boiler and

Our \$75,000 loan to local affiliate **Richmond Neighborhood Restoration** helped finance transformation of the historic house at 2237 East Main Street (below), previously dubbed one of the city's worst blighted properties. The group plans to offer the house for sale this spring, once work is complete. PHOTOS © RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION (BELOW); BRITTANY MILLER (RIGHT)



stabilize the interior of its headquarters in the 1885 William G. Scott House, an event and historic preservation education center on 10th Street.

Save Our Stories (SOS), our affiliate in Marion, used a \$25,000 loan to purchase the Firestone Automotive Service Center, a streamlined 1936 landmark used only for storage over the last 20 years. SOS received Efroymson Endangered Places and Indiana Automotive grants from Indiana Landmarks to fund an environmental study at the property, and the group secured an additional \$200,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to do remediation on the site. SOS hopes to attract a buyer to develop a café, retail, or music venue at the center, now on the market for \$175,000.

Another local affiliate, Huntington Alert, used a \$17,000 loan to continue work at a c.1890 commercial building at 20 N. Jefferson Street, currently for sale in the city's Courthouse Square Historic District.

Learn more about Indiana Landmarks' loans in our informational guide at indianalandmarks.org/grants-and-loans.



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# Annual Support

members and supporters enable us to act quickly when historic places are threatened and support our mission to leverage preservation as a tool for revitalization. The following list reflects contributions above the level of individual and dual membership given between September 1, 2021, and August 31, 2022, but please know that we are grateful for the support of each and every member. Want to join our list of donors? Contact Jennifer Hawk, Membership and Annual Giving Manager, 317-822-7922, jhawk@ indianalandmarks.org.

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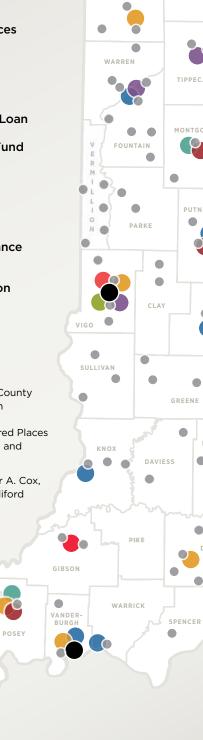
## State of Preservation

## **INDIANA LANDMARKS'**

regional office staff assist property owners, community leaders, and local preservation organizations, devising strategies to save endangered places and restore historic buildings. The map represents the places where we put our formal programs to work in the fiscal year that ended August 31, 2022.



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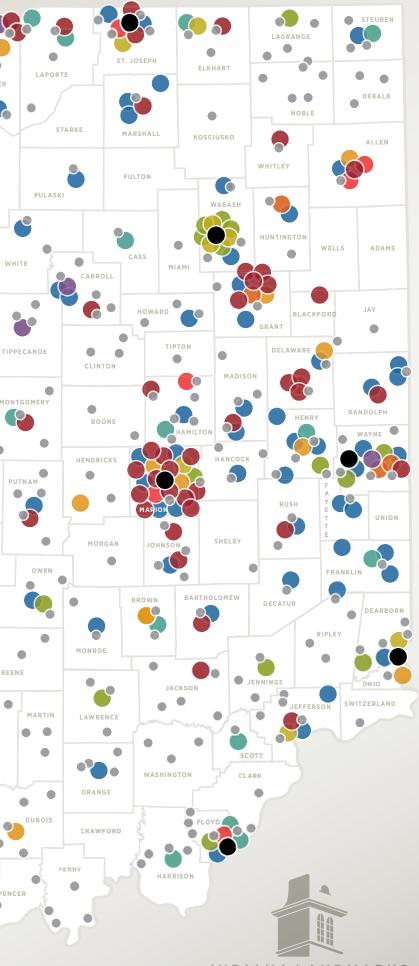


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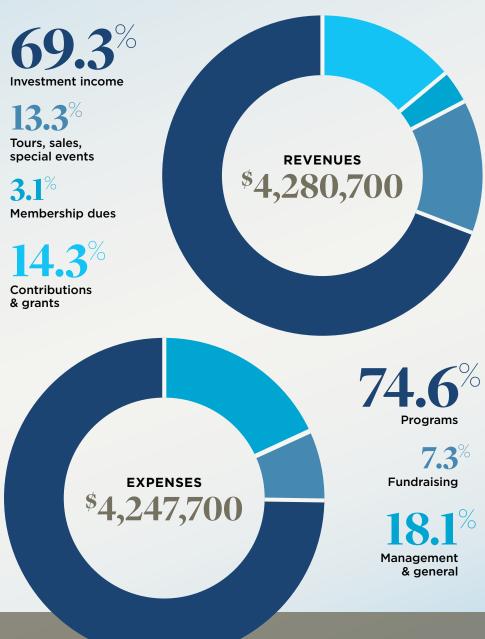
## 2022**Financial Report**

For the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, Indiana Landmarks' operations held strong despite a difficult economic market. We were able to achieve positive results by limiting operational spending to remain below budgeted expenses and securing revenues exceeding budgeted expectations.

Our Statement of Financial Position reflects \$97.82 million in total assets, \$867,000 in total liabilities, and \$96.95 million in net assets.

Indiana Landmarks' staff and board-level finance and investment committees continue to carefully manage the organization's resources. The accompanying graphs identify the sources of operational revenues and support and our use of those funds.

For complete audited financial statements, visit Indiana Landmarks' website, indianalandmarks.org, or contact Vice President and CFO Madonna Wagner at 800-450-4534.



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In October, Indiana Landmarks launched the Black Heritage Preservation Program and introduced new director Eunice Trotter (above) during a celebration at our state headquarters in Indianapolis. The program builds on the work of our African American Landmarks Committee, established in 1992 to help identify and save African American sites. PHOTO BY EVAN HALE

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## When people need a hand saving

a threatened landmark, advice on rehabbing historic structures, or guidance on other preservation issues, Indiana Landmarks' network of regional offices means help is never far away. Our staff log a lot of visits to communities around the state, offering expertise and encouragement.

Last year in New Castle, staff from our Eastern Regional Office provided valuable input and guidance on a new program to encourage investment in downtown and supported advocacy to save a vacant landmark on the city's courthouse square.

To help building owners looking to make repairs and attract new business, the City of New Castle, the New Castle Redevelopment Commission, and New Castle Main Street created the Building Renovation Assistance Program (BRAP) in 2022. Administered by New Castle Main Street, the initiative spurred \$1.2 million in downtown investment in its first year—nearly \$390,000 supplied by the New Castle Redevelopment Commission leveraging \$810,000 in private investment. The program served as a catalyst for refurbishing the 1935 Castle Theater and resulted in new market-rate apartments and six new businesses. Indiana Landmarks' staff served on the committee to create program guidelines and help choose grant recipients.

"We want to continue the momentum," says Corey Murphy, president of New Castle Henry County Economic Development Corporation and BRAP committee member. "We think this a pretty effective way to attract new people and businesses to our community, showing we're willing to invest in ourselves."

As other buildings nearby enjoyed rehabilitation, New Castle's Courthouse Annex continued to languish, landing it a

In New Castle, we offered advice to community leaders as they kicked off a Building Renovation Assistance Program to spur investment in downtown landmarks, including the 1935 Castle Theater (above), and we convinced county commissioners to issue a request for development proposals for the endangered Courthouse Annex (below), now targeted for rehabilitation in 2023. PHOTOS BY BRITTANY MILLER (ABOVE); EVAN HALE (BELOW)

spot on Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered list. With our support, local advocacy to save the twentieth-century building prompted county commissioners to issue a request for redevelopment proposals. Last May, officials accepted a bid from WTP Group LLC, led by Minnesota architect Andrew V. McGlory, who plans to turn the three-story Classical Revival building into a boutique hotel, restaurant, and bookstore. WTP Group is finalizing plans and funding, aiming to start work in late spring or early summer 2023.



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members Shelby Moravec and Mark Kurth always considered themselves fans of Mid-Century Modern architecture, so it was a surprise when they fell in love with a nineteenth-century house, La Porte's 1856 Forrester Mansion. They bought the property in 2014, moved into a camper on site, and kicked off a years-long effort to restore the house's historic details. Drawing on her art background, Shelby restored ornate stenciled ceilings hidden beneath acoustical tiles, using the remnants of colors buried under layers of wallpaper to create a historically inspired interior palette. "Having put in the work that we have, it's hard to think of it being in someone else's care without guardrails on how that happens," says Mark. To protect their labor and investment, the couple donated a preservation easement to Indiana Landmarks, charging the organization with safeguarding the property's architectural integrity. "This easement is a kind of contract with the future, giving us peace of mind that what's important about the house will

carry on afterward no matter the caretaker. That's a nice feeling," adds Mark.

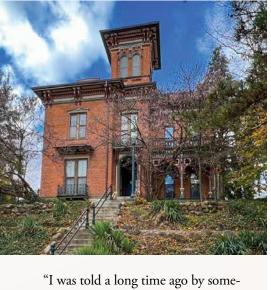
In 2022, property owners in Huntington and Bedford donated preservation easements to Indiana Landmarks as well.

In Huntington, Dr. John Buhler watched a historic home he had previously owned lose its defining features in a modern update by new owners. He donated an easement to spare the city's

To protect their hard work and investment. owners donated preservation easements to Indiana Landmarks on historic properties including the 1869 Davies House (right) in Huntington and the c.1872 Stevens House in Bedford (below). Mark Kurth and Shelby Moravec (above) donated a preservation easement on 1856 Forrester Mansion in La Porte (top), where their multi-year rehabilitation included conserving stenciled ceilings previously hidden under acoustical tiles. PHOTOS BY TODD ZEIGER AND © SHELBY MORAVEC (ABOVE); LAURA ANN HAYDEN (RIGHT); GREG SEKULA (BELOW)

1868 Davies House from a similar fate. The Italian villa was covered in vines, its rotten porches supported by telephone poles when the Buhlers purchased it out of bank foreclosure in 1983. The family embarked on a painstaking restoration, including trimming Bradbury and Bradbury wallpaper to fit the walls and ceilings in six rooms. Along with protecting the home's exterior, the easement will safeguard three fireplaces and a threestory walnut staircase.

Mark Scherschel donated an easement on the c.1872 Stevens House in Bedford to protect his family's legacy.



one that I did not own the house, I was the caretaker, and I believed that was true," says Mark. He and his wife, Susan, bought the property—once owned by Mark's great-grandfatherat auction in 1974. The Scherschels rehabbed the house as their family home, selling it in 2022 after nearly 50 years of ownership. "When we decided to sell, we became concerned that someone might go in there with a different attitude. It's very important to us that it's maintained and continues as a significant historic structure," says Mark.

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Mar. 26. Indianapolis Storyteller Lou Ann Homan comes to Indiana Landmarks Center to share an original story about Wabash's Eagles Theatre, winner of Indiana Landmarks' 2022 Cook Cup for Outstanding Restoration. Indiana Landmarks and Storytelling Arts of Indiana, with support from Frank and Katrina Basile, developed the If These Walls Could Tell series in 2011, and a party celebrating the launch of the If These Walls Could Tell book follows the program. 4-5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15/ person and are available at storytellingarts.org.

## **Rescue Party**

Apr. 29, Indianapolis Enjoy great music, lavish buffets, and an auction of one-of-a-kind experiences at Indiana Landmarks Center while raising money for Indiana Landmarks' Endangered Places programs. Watch our website for details.

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A day-long event at Indiana Landmarks Center helps people who interpret history for the public hone their skills, with sessions focusing on prioritizing the customer experience, approaching tours as performances, and working with diverse audiences. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$30/person.

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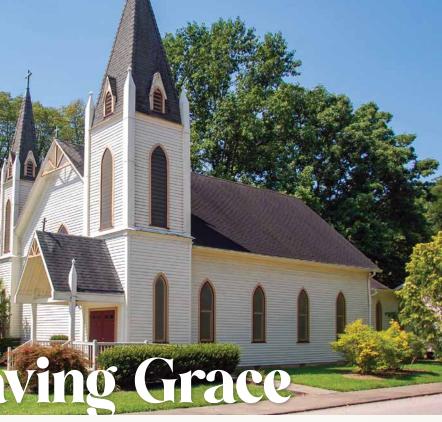
In a like-minded effort to help congregations maximize the potential of their historic buildings, the Episcopal Dioceses of Indianapolis and Northern Indiana started a program supported by Lilly Endowment's Thriving Congregations Initiative to inventory underused and unused spaces in their parishes, meeting with community and arts groups to assess potential partnerships. Sacred Places Indiana is consult-

## Sacred Places Indiana awarded \$112,500 in grants for historic houses of worship in the last fiscal year, including \$25,000 to help create an endowment to support preservation of New Harmony's 1899 Holy Angels Church, a prominent downtown landmark. PHOTO BY DANIELLE BACHANT-BELL

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ing with churches participating in the program, offering advice on building repairs and connecting congregations with contractors able to undertake the work. "That's the value-added service we bring to the table, being able to connect churches with preservation professionals and suggest resources for funding," says Sacred Places Indiana Director David Frederick.

In the last fiscal year, Sacred Places Indiana also made \$112,500 in grants to eight historic houses of worship around Indiana to aid in planning and improvements. See the full list of grants at indianalandmarks.org/resources.

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### In 2022,

Indianapolis's 1903 Nowland Avenue Bridge reopened following a campaign to repair the crumbling concrete span, located over Pogue's Run in Spades Park. The structure is the oldest remaining bridge in the city designed by engineer Daniel Luten. PHOTOS BY LAURIE KLINGER AND EVAN HALE

The bridge spans Pogue's Run in historic Spades Park east of downtown. Completed in 1903, it's the oldest remaining Luten bridge in the city.

By 2017, a century's worth of wear left the bridge in poor shape. Neighbors from the Near Eastside formed Pathways Over Pogue's to advocate for bridge repairs and the trail's completion, securing \$226,000 in donations. The City of Indianapolis awarded a \$600,000 federal Community Development Block Grant for the project. Indiana Landmarks chipped in with two grants from the Marion County Historic Preservation Fund to help with design costs. With work now complete, the Nowland Avenue Bridge is slated for a grand opening in spring 2023. Read more on Pathways Over Pogue's' website, **popindy.org**.