



FACT SHEET

PROJECT

The Historic Park Inn Hotel, the only remaining hotel in the world designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright, re-opened on Aug. 8, 2011 in downtown Mason City, Iowa following an \$18 million restoration.

OWNERSHIP OF THE HISTORIC PARK INN HOTEL & City National Bank building

- Wright on the Park, Inc. was formed as a 501 c (3) in the spring of 2005.
- The mission of Wright on the Park, Inc. is to own, restore, preserve, maintain and educate the public about The Historic Park Inn Hotel designed by Frank Lloyd Wright
- Wright on the Park, Inc. will continue to own the buildings in perpetuity. Wright on the Park, Inc. will be responsible for ongoing maintenance/preservation, for example roof replacement, exterior tuck pointing, mechanical and other issues.

HISTORY

Frank Lloyd Wright is widely considered to be America's greatest architect. In a remarkable career spanning more than 70 years, he created over 1,000 designs, 500 of which were realized.

Two prominent Mason City attorneys, J.E.E. Markley and J. Blythe commissioned Wright to build new law offices. Wright added the hotel and bank for purposes of additional revenue. The Historic Park Inn Hotel & City National Bank opened in September 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Markley became familiar with Wright's work because they sent their two daughters to Hillside School, operated by Wright's aunts in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Wright had designed a building for the school in 1903. The building impressed Markley which led him to choose Wright as the architect for their new law offices.

FUNDING

The restoration of The Historic Park Inn Hotel & City National Bank building totals \$18 million. When the hotel re-opened on Aug. 8, 2011, it was debt free.

Funding sources above \$1 million include:

- Vision Iowa
- State Historic Tax Credits
- Federal Historic Tax Credits
- New Markets Tax Credits

Additional sources of funding include:

- Iowa Great Places
- Area foundation grants
- Area corporate donations
- Donations from individuals

OVERVIEW OF PROPERTY

Specific features include:

- 27 hotel guest suites
- Restaurant and bar
- Conference center of 8,000 square feet
- Original Wright designed art glass skylight
- Tours available for the public and motor coaches

MANAGEMENT OF THE HISTORIC PARK INN HOTEL

The Historic Park Inn Hotel will be managed by HPI Partners, LLC based in Mason City and owned by Steven Noto, President of Thompson Companies and CFO of Stoney Creek Hospitality Corp.

RELATED PROJECTS

Frank Lloyd Wright Stockman House & Architectural Interpretive Center

530 1st ST NE, Mason City, Iowa 50401

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the Prairie School style, constructed in 1908, the house presents a revolutionary challenge to the very common four-square house of that time. Its open floor plan led to the floor plan of the modern American home. The restored home is furnished with Arts & Crafts and Wright designs of the period. It is the first and only Prairie School house designed in Iowa by Wright. The Architectural Interpretive Center, inspired by a Walter Burley Griffin design, offers architectural exhibits and features a large gift shop.

Rock Crest/Rock Glen National Historic District

While working in Mason City, Wright discussed the possibility of designing other homes in the community. Walter Burley Griffin and Barry Byrne eventually picked up on Wright's ideas and started a new development. In 1912, Griffin's first two houses were completed, now recognized as the Rock Crest/Rock Glen National Historic District, which is the largest grouping of Prairie School homes, unified by a common natural setting in the United States. Three more houses by Griffin, one by Byrne, one jointly by Griffin and Byrne and one by Einar Broaten followed them. In addition, William Drummond designed the Curtis Yelland house while he was in Mason City supervising the construction of the hotel and bank complex started by Wright.

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