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FOX POINT'S Historical Landmarks

The Milwaukee County Landmarks Program started in 1974. Over the course of the last forty years, the program has designated 94 properties as Milwaukee County Landmarks. Ranging from farmhouses to elegant mansions, public parks to industrial buildings, churches and schools to medical institutions, the landmarks reflect each property's historic, architectural, or cultural significance to Milwaukee County.

Seven of these properties are in Fox Point.

Old Dutch Schoolhouse Site & Burial Ground 8400 North Fox Lane Landmark Established: 1991



In the winter of 1852-53, Township of Milwaukee School District No. 9 erected a hewn-log structure to be used as a schoolhouse, for public meetings, and for church services by the Reformed Church of Bethlehem, a Dutch reformed congregation.

In 1868, the adjoining tract was deeded to the congregation for cemetery purposes, although grave markers indicate that burials had taken place as early as 1854. The schoolhouse is long gone but the village continues to maintain the beautiful cemetery on the bluff.

Wright/Adelman House 7111 North Barnett Lane Landmark Designation: 1977

Frank Lloyd Wright designed and personally supervised the construction of this home built by Albert and Edie Adelman in 1946. The house's lawn and low profile recall Wright's turn of the century (prairie) homes and embodies Wright's ideals for low-maintenance buildings. It is built of concrete block and cypress, neither of which requires paint or plaster. The roof is covered with cedar shakes. Wright also designed many of the interior furnishings.



Brooks Stevens House 8041 North Gray Log Lane Landmark Designation: 1981



Built in 1939, this unique two-story home is based on a "form follows function" concept--with living areas in one wing and service areas in another. Designed by Fitzhugh Scott for the famous industrial designer Brooks Stevens, the style reflects the art deco architecture popular at the time.

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Bus Stop Shelters along North Lake Drive Landmark Established: 1994



The bus waiting station on the southwest corner of the intersection of East Bell Road and North Lake Drive is one of the four on Lake Drive. The Bell station, along with the one on Bradley Road, was built in 1940 at the direction of the Fox Point Park Commission at a

cost of \$250 each. The two other stations are on the southwest corner of Lake Drive and Green Tree (1937) and on the southeast corner of Lake Drive and Dean Road (1963). Each was built to "blend in" with a green, residential community. The village chose to repair the shelters using a more expensive reroofing method in order to preserve the character of the shelter--thus honoring these monuments as living representatives of the quality and character of the community.

Friedlander Residence 6970 North Barnett Lane Landmark Designation: 2006



The residence was designed by the local architects Willis & Lillian Leenhouts and constructed in 1952. Lillian Leenhouts was the first woman licensed to practice architecture in Wisconsin. The Friedlander residence typifies Leenhouts'

philosophy of the simple, unpretentious ranch houses the couple created and remains almost unchanged since its original design.

Cast Iron Street Signs Landmark Designation: 2002



automobile culture influenced urban art.

The village installed the original cast iron signs starting in the 1930s. Black with white lettering, the village's trademark fox image is prominently projected from each end. These signs exemplify how streetscapes contributed to local identity and how

Mary Nohl House 7328 N. Beach Drive Landmark Designation: 2006



Originally constructed by her father as a beach cottage in 1921, for over 50 years Mary Nohl lived and worked in the house, using her skills as an Art Institute of Chicago credentialed potter, sculpture, painter and printer to transform her house and property,

inside and out, into a total art environment. The site has attracted attention from scholars, art lovers, and curiosity-seekers who've come to appreciate her distinctive, original, and sometimes haunting creations, and her experimentation in virtually every media. Mary Nohl, according to the County designation, "was one of only a very few women to undertake such a total artistic transformation of her personal world." The property is owned and maintained by the John Michael Kohler Arts Center—which recently announced that the house will remain *in situ* and be occupied on a rotating basis by an artist-in-residence.

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