

Preservation Buffalo Niagara Landmarker Award

Category: Landmarker

Eric Stenclik and Steven Deitz

94 Oakland Place

Buffalo, New York

Preservation begins with people who value historic properties and actively invest to protect and enhance those places that matter to all of us.

Appreciating great design in the built environment is easy, but solving the many unique challenges presented by an old building can be hard. Leaders such as Eric and Steven emerge from these intense endeavors to become ambassadors for building a preservation ethic.

Eric and Steven tackled a sizable project restoring the Horace Reed House at 94 Oakland Place. Built in 1894 as a grand house on one of Buffalo's grandest streets, the residence is not protected by district or individual historic designation. Though it could

have been radically altered and original features lost through insensitive remodeling, the partners carefully responded to the challenges of restoration—large and small.

They reconstructed, repaired, reinstalled, replaced, remilled, and restored—the menu of “R’s” that nourishes preservation—and the result of their extensive work enhances the appearance both of the house and the streetscape.

Eric and Steven also excel as “ambassadors.” Leaders in the 2006 publication of *Oakland Place*, they generously open their residence for numerous public tours and fundraising events (including a PBN tour this year), and their efforts promote aware-



ness of the great architectural and social history of the Oakland Place neighborhood, the Delaware District, and the city.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara is pleased to salute them for their stewardship, for their preservation-ethic recruitment efforts, and for their early encouragement to establish PBN.