



PITTSBURGH
MODERN
COMMITTEE
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We research and explore **Pittsburgh's 20th-century Modern and Postmodern architecture, design and public art** (1940s-1980s) as a groundwork for preservation, in collaboration with community members and the City.

Our goal is to engage public awareness & appreciation of local modernist design and related community experiences through **documentation, public programming, education, and advocacy** - and together understand its significance and potential to be reinvigorated and relevant throughout Pittsburgh's diverse neighborhoods.

The Pittsburgh Modern Committee is an all volunteer network of professionals and design lovers.

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Thank you for your interest & participation in our work during 2022, **your support keeps us going!**

Read on for a recap of our achievements this past year and upcoming events.

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- **MODERN SURVEY:** Launched an ongoing series of **print & digital guide-maps to modern architecture, public art & design in Pittsburgh** neighborhoods. Check out [CENTRAL DOWNTOWN](#) and [NORTHSIDE](#) or pick one up for free at [Material Books](#). Watch for our next map release!
 - **MODERN CONTENT:** Launched an ongoing **series of free online talks on various mid/late 20th-century design topics**. [Watch MANCHESTER MODERN here](#) (pw: Fall2022) held during [AIA Pittsburgh Architecture Week](#), and look forward to more this year!
 - **TOURS & EVENTS:** Hosted a sold-out **walking tour of buildings in Manchester completed during the 1960s-1990s**. Conducted a unique **walking tour of three modernist landscape designs** in Downtown

Pittsburgh during the [75th Annual SAH International Conference](#).

- **SOCIAL NETWORKING:** Held a **Pittsburgh Modern Committee residency/exhibition at [Lawrenceville Market House](#)**, featuring excerpts of our research on [modernist Mellon Banks](#) and [our screenprint collaboration with Buildings by Shane](#) (still available for purchase!)
- **SHARING:** Attended the [Docomomo US National Symposium](#) in Philadelphia and **presented *Modernism at the Corner* regarding lesser known and community-driven modern projects in Pittsburgh**. Watch a version of the talk [here](#) and consider attending [their next symposium in New Haven CT!](#)
- **STRATEGY:** Met with [Preservation Pennsylvania](#) and Philadelphia based preservation groups to discuss **challenges & opportunities for modern architecture in Pittsburgh and across the state**.
- **ADVOCATING: Successfully nominated** the former Westinghouse Research & Development Center in Churchill (1950s-80s, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill) and Immaculate Conception Church in Bloomfield (1961, Belli + Belli Architects) for [Preservation Pennsylvania's 2022 At Risk](#) listing that "spotlights threats to special historic places across the commonwealth. Our article on Westinghouse R&D sparked further coverage in Metropolis. **Related upcoming programming below!**
- **SPEAKING UP:** Continued our **push against the demolition of 6112 Penn Avenue ([former 1969-70 Mellon Bank, enjoy this video](#))** including at latest Planning Commission session [covered by Public Source](#).
- **CONSULTING:** Offered advocacy assistance, research, and consultations free of charge to various groups and individuals.

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Coming Up in January + February



January 8, 2023
4:00 pm

Modernism in Pittsburgh: The Story of



February 1, 2023
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Centers of Innovation: Bell Labs and

the Immaculate Conception Church

Architect Greg Weimerskirch and Bob Jaeger, president of Partners for Sacred Places, explore the 1961 church's history and architectural significance.

A free webinar presented by Preservation Pennsylvania, in partnership with Preservation Pittsburgh.

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Westinghouse R&D Center

Learn about Eero Saarinen's modern Bell Labs campus in NJ revitalized as Bell Works and SOMs design for Westinghouse in PA and its potential for restoration.

A free 2-part webinar presented by Preservation Pennsylvania, in partnership with the Pittsburgh Modern Committee.

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