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WRIGHT
IN RIVERSIDE



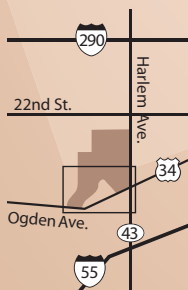
Riverside, Illinois is
one of the most historic and
beautiful villages in Chicagoland



Designed in 1869 by landscape architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, and internationally recognized as one of the first planned suburban communities in the United States, the entire Village of Riverside was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1970. Frank Lloyd Wright's Riverside work includes the Tomek House and the Coonley Estate. Following the completion of the Coonley Estate buildings, Jensen designed and implemented a landscape plan for the property which incorporated Wright's hardscape design and which adds to the significance and beauty of the site.

Commissioned by the Riverside Improvement Company to design a "rural" community with modern conveniences, Olmsted and Vaux went further in attempting to maintain a pastoral feel in an urban setting. They planned the streets to follow the area's natural contours instead of the city grid system. The Village's plan also accorded for a grand park system that uses several large parks as foundations, with forty-one smaller triangular parks located at intersections throughout town to provide for additional green spaces and an open, rural feeling. Riverside is the perfect setting to view Prairie Houses and the only place in the world where the great creativity of both Frank Lloyd Wright and Frederick Law Olmsted are combined.

Take a walk or drive through the gas-lit winding streets while enjoying our historic architectural wonders.



- 1 F.F. Tomek House - Wright Designed
- 2 Watertower and Historic Downtown
- 3 Coonley Residence - Wright Designed
- 4 Coonley Playhouse - Wright Designed

All homes in Riverside are privately owned. Please respect our neighbor's privacy and stay on the public sidewalks. Thank you.

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