ANCHORING A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

The neighborhood of Pullman is a planned community famed for its urban design and architecture. On February 19, 2015, President Obama visited Chicago’s Historic Pullman District to establish the district as a National Monument within the National Park System. Pullman National Monument tells the story of American opportunity and diversity intertwined with arts and culture and a legacy of significant labor, industrial, social and civil rights issues.

In April 2015, AIA Chicago and the National Parks Conservation Association brought together urban planners, architects, landscape architects, engineers, economists and historians to create a plan for development of the Pullman National Monument neighborhood. Pullman Artspace is prominently featured in the vision for that plan titled “Positioning Pullman.”

Through a generous grant from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, the development team held an architectural design competition to engage an architectural team that could design a building to honor the history and character of Pullman’s landmark community, attract artist from outside the community, create a space that spurs creativity, and integrate the building into the built and human fabric of the community. The Chicago-based firm Stantec won the competition and have been named architects on the Pullman Artspace project.
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