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Saving Promontory Point



A person strolls a pathway on Promontory Point on Feb.8, 2023. (E. Jason Wambsgans / Chicago Tribune)

We were pleased to see the City Council take action to preserve Promontory Point through a local landmark designation, but we were disappointed to see no mention of Alfred Caldwell, designer of Promontory Point, in the Tribune article detailing the announcement ([“City acts to preserve Promontory Point steps,”](#) April 20).

Promontory Point is a special place because it was designed by a landscape architect. Caldwell grasped the technical skills and multidisciplinary breadth of experience to approach the engineering and design of a new lakefront promontory in a way that no other single profession could accomplish. The result is a truly remarkable lakefront public space with a unique sense of place that will remain a preeminent example of Prairie-style landscape design, and a beloved Chicago destination, for generations to come.

We sincerely hope that the Chicago Department of Transportation, the Park District, and the Army Corps of Engineers will take this to heart as they advance the design for improvements. Save the Point and engage landscape architects to lead in the next phase of design.

— Sarah White, president, American Society of Landscape Architects, Illinois Chapter