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Rosewood Beach Wins American Institute of Architects – Chicago 2016 Distinguished Building Award

HIGHLAND PARK, IL, October 19, 2016 - Park District of Highland Park's Rosewood Beach received its fourth design award at the annual American Institute of Architects Chicago (AIA Chicago) Design Excellence Award Ceremony held on Friday, October 14 at Navy Pier in Chicago. Rosewood designers Woodhouse Tinucci Architects were joined by W.B. Olson, construction managers for the project and Park District of Highland Park officials as they accepted the AIA Chicago 2016 Distinguished Building Award for the firm's unique design of the beloved Highland Park beach.

Woodhouse Tinucci produced a quintessential beach experience at Rosewood, including a 1,500 foot boardwalk that meanders and connects access points and amenity buildings across the beach including the one-of-a-kind beachfront Interpretive Center. The buildings are long, low, thin and topped with boardwalk planking so the views down the beach and from the park are preserved. AIA jurors noted how well the boardwalk design and material integration served the site. "The concept of one band across the beach... it becomes a part of the landscape," one AIA juror commented. "It's a boardwalk about the environment – not retail."

Since the grand re-opening of beach in 2015, Rosewood Beach has received national, state and local recognition. Earlier this year it was named "Best Restored Beach" by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association; "Outstanding Facility of the Year" by the Illinois Park & Recreation Association; and "Design Merit Award" by the Chicago Building Congress.

"The AIA Chicago Award is another reminder of how the vision and hard work of our District, our residents, and our partners is now a treasured reality for Highland Park," said Liza McElroy, executive director for the Park District of Highland Park. "Woodhouse Tinucci delivered a truly exceptional design that continues to be recognized by the design community across the country."

The Chicago chapter of the AIA (AIA Chicago) annual Design Excellence Awards is the chapter's largest annual event, with over 1,000 attendees from Chicago's architecture and architecture-related fields. The Design Excellence Awards are divided into four categories: Distinguished Building, Divine Detail, Regional & Urban Design, and Interior Architecture. Each category has its own jury, who choose from hundreds of entries. Each category is divided into three levels of awards: Honor Award, Citation of Merit, and Special Recognition.

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