Olmsted’s Riverside:
Illinois’ Landmark Village

Designed in 1869 by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux (the team who created Central Park) Riverside is one of America’s first planned communities. Located just west of Chicago, the entire village has been designated a National Historical Landmark and a National Historic Landscape due to its significance in the history of urban planning and landscape design. Guthrie Park, the village’s centerpiece, has recently been certified as an arboretum. PBS included Riverside in its 2016 program called “Ten Towns that Changed America.”

In this slide lecture, Riverside resident and art historian, Jeff Mishur tells the town’s story, reviews the highlights of Olmsted's design and discusses homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, R. Harold Zook, Joseph Silsbee, William Le Baron Jenney, and other architects.

Jeff Mishur is co-owner of Art Excursions, Inc., a company that provides private guiding, small group art tours in the United States, travel consulting, and art related lectures. Art Excursions also provides walking tours of Riverside.

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