

Mason Lofts ***Oak Park, Illinois***

Historic Preservation Commission of Oak Park Award, 2004

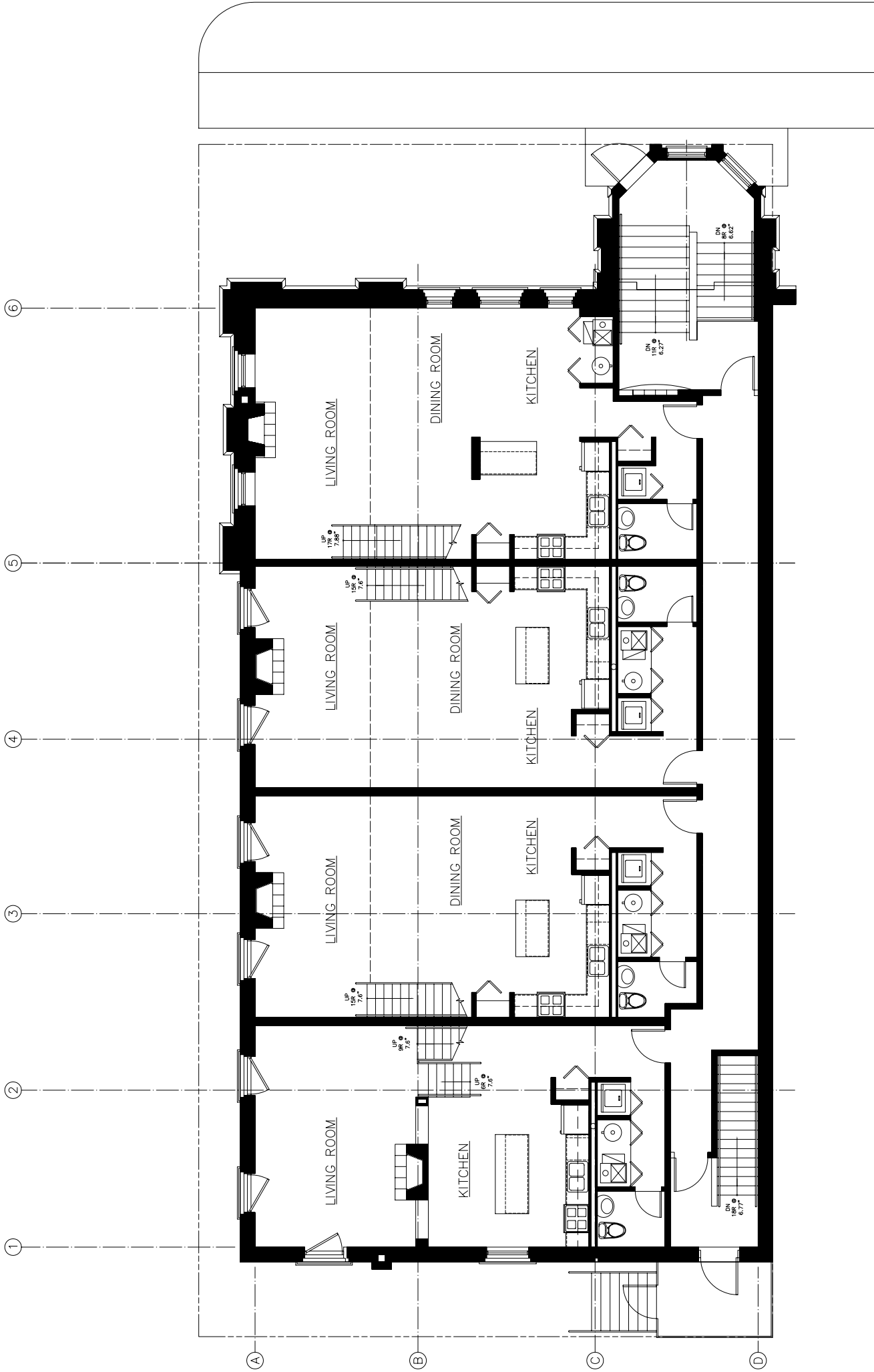


Vacant for 12 years, the former Second Presbyterian Church built in 1906 was renovated into four dwelling units. Each dwelling is configured as a loft townhome with the addition of a mezzanine level to increase square footage. The living rooms feature sixteen foot high ceilings and sky lights as well as roof terrace gardens. A major challenge to the project involved reinforcing the ground floor beam structure to allow the incorporation of parking in the basement.

Preservation and retaining important historical features were also goals of the development. Mortar analysis was performed so that the repointing of exterior walls would match the existing mortar in terms of color and composition. Interior storm windows were installed so as not to interrupt the unique fenestration pattern that is a character defining feature of the facade. The project received an Honorable Mention Award from the Village of Oak Park for the sensitive restoration of the building.

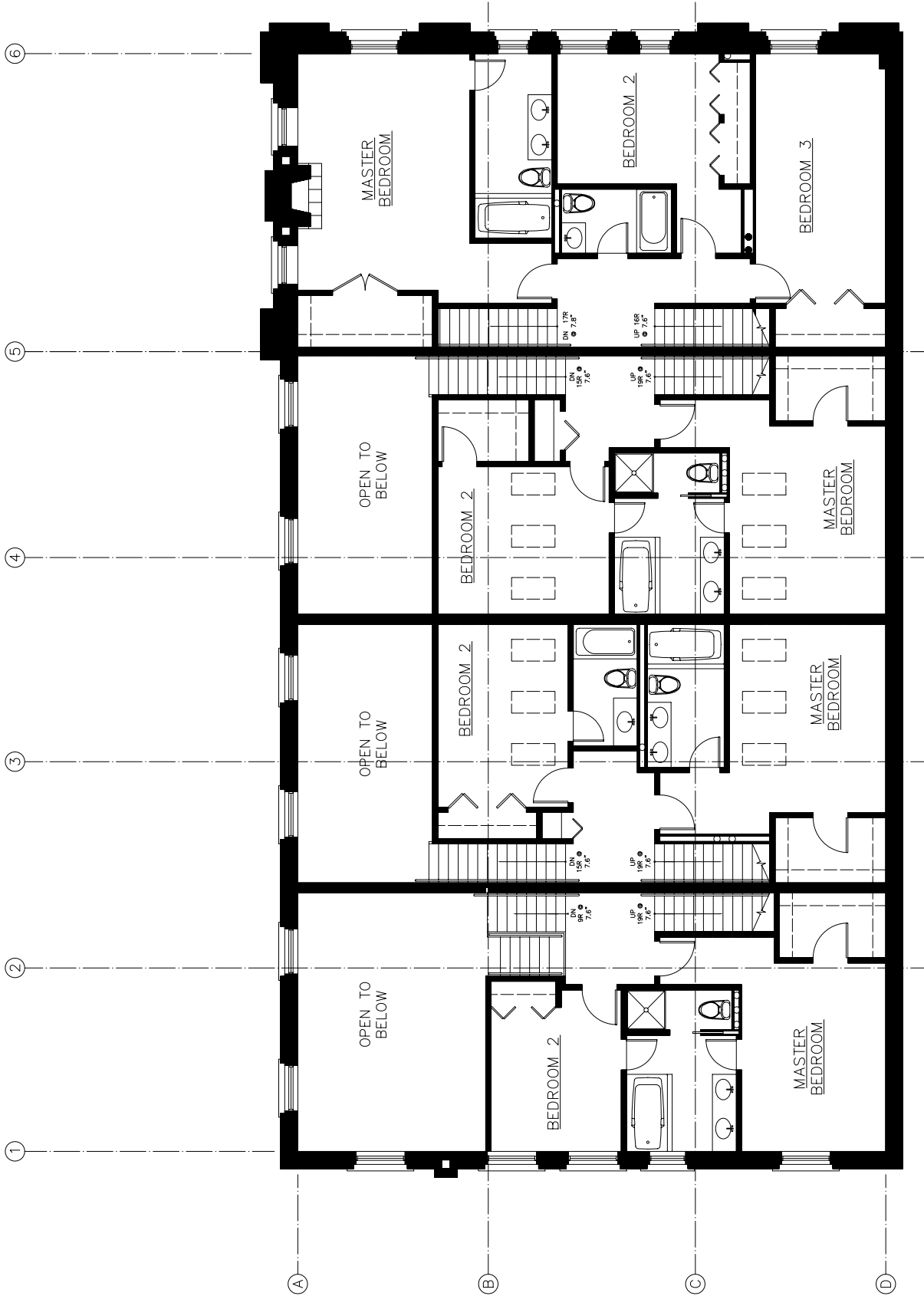






1 FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



① SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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