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For 25 years, PPS has worked with concerned neighbors, owners, and activists to develop the annual MEP list of buildings in threat of neglect, deterioration, or demolition. The list generates interest in and support for these historic structures; celebrates the benefits of preservation and the extraordinary architectural resources in our city; and fosters creative collaboration among property owners, developers and others to bring about positive change. Many properties featured on past MEP lists have successfully been saved or are in the process of being restored, including the Bomes Theatre and the Kendrick-Prentice-Tirocchi (a.k.a. Wedding Cake) House.

Industrial Trust Co. Building
Kennedy Plaza
Threats Demolition by neglect, demolition, lack of government leadership and support

William R. Babcock II House
145 Lexington Avenue
Threats Vacancy, Lexington Avenue

Rialto Theatre
121 Mathewson Street
Threat Obsolescence

Water Supply Board Building
552 Academy Avenue
Threat Demolition

Richard Brown House, Butler Hospital Campus
345 Blackstone Boulevard
Threats Vacancy, lack of funding

Beresford-Nicholson Estate
288 Blackstone Boulevard
Threats Demolition, insensitive development

West Side Park (Parcel P4), I-195 Development District
Peck and Dyer Streets
Threats Insensitive, overscaled development of Parcel 42

St.Teresa of Avila Church
265 Manton Avenue
Threats Vacancy, lack of funding

Temple Beth-El (Broad Street Synagogue)
688 Broad Street
Threats Vacancy, deterioration

Olneyville Industrial and Commercial Buildings
Various Olneyville locations
Threats Decay, lack of development, under-utilization