

MADISON PARK

Baltimore City Historic District Ordinance 503 9/29/77
Certified Historic District for Tax Incentives 6/16/81

Description:

The Madison Park Historic District comprises both sides of four blocks of Madison Avenue near North Avenue. Madison Avenue is a diagonally running street adjacent to Bolton Hill. The built environment of the district is primarily made up of brick rowhouses of an eclectic nature. Some of the houses are traditional Baltimore type rowhouses featuring flat facades and little detailing except for ornate bracketed cornices. Later houses feature design elements from Second Empire, Queen Anne and Romanesque Revival styles. Mansard roofs, conical towers, projecting bays, intricate brickwork, cresting unusual window configurations and pedimented roof lines are examples of the more eclectic styling that predominates in this area. Besides the rowhousing, the district includes some significant individual buildings, such as the Belview-Manchester Apartments and the old Madison Avenue Temple, an excellent design modeled after Byzantine architecture.

Significance:

The Madison Park Historic District is significant as a relatively intact neighborhood embodying the distinctive architectural characteristics of eclectic rowhouses. These buildings feature important architectural elements which typify the growing interest that Baltimore architects and builders had in emerging architectural styles and the manner in which they incorporated new elements into the traditional Baltimore rowhouse. The Madison Park area is associated with important local builders, such as Francis E. Yewell, and important local architects, such as Charles L. Carson, who were responsible for the buildings in Madison Park. This area was a predominantly Jewish neighborhood at the turn of the century and later one of the first black middle class neighborhoods. Many influential Jewish and black businessmen who lived in Madison Park played a role in the development of Baltimore businesses and industries.

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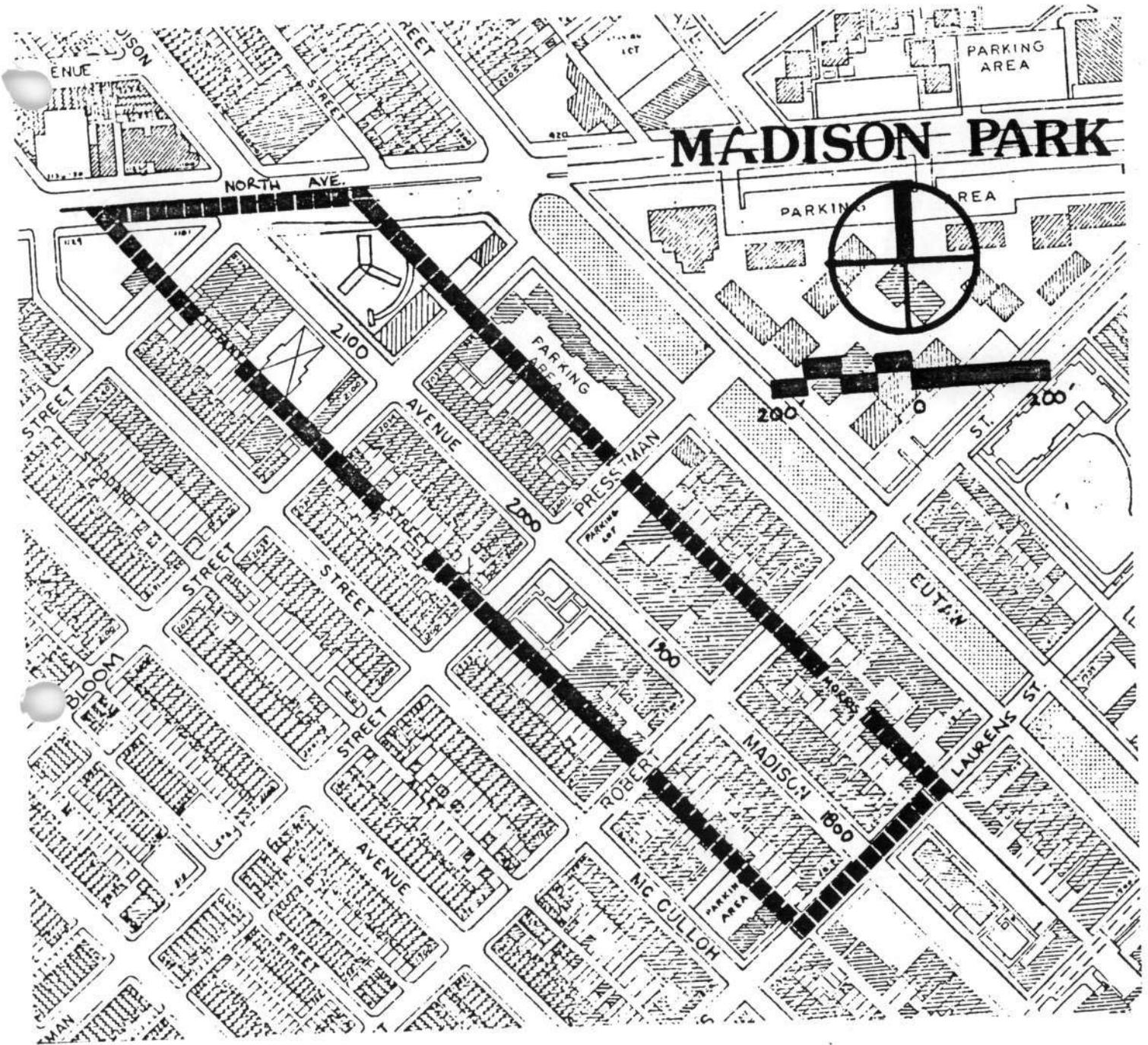
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Bloom Street	342-344	339-405
Madison Avenue	1800-2130	1801-2135
W. North Avenue		1101
Presstman Street	332-338	335-339
Robert Street		341-345

Mount Royal Terrace Baltimore City Historic District

Mount Royal Terrace	1900-2318	
Lennox Street	602-616	601-617



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