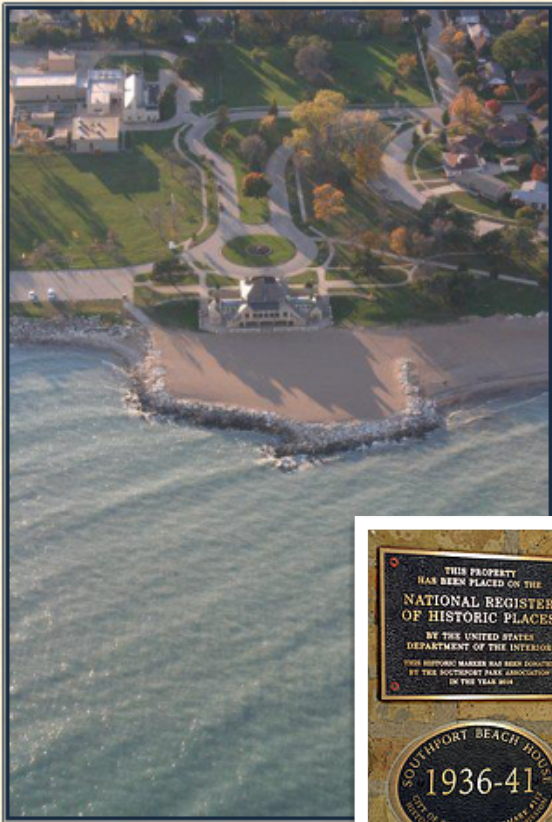




The Southport Park Association is dedicated to the preservation of this unique architectural and cultural landmark for future generations.



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Southport Park Beach House Kenosha Wisconsin

On January 8, 2003 this beautiful lakefront pavilion was listed in the National Trust for Historic Preservation National Register of Historic Places.





KENOSHA'S NATIONAL TREASURE ON THE SHORE OF LAKE MICHIGAN

The *Kenosha Parks Association* was formed in 1906 with the aim to develop an extensive park and beach system throughout the City of Kenosha. However, outside Library Park, land that had been donated to the City was still largely undeveloped by the 1930s.

The Southport Beach House was built during the Great Depression as a Works Progress Administration project from 1936 to 1941. The WPA grant provided jobs for hundreds of unemployed workers who constructed several parks buildings still in use throughout Kenosha County.

City of Kenosha Planning Department Architect Chris Borggren designed the Southport Beach House. He devised a unique structure, incorporating materials salvaged from the former Bain Wagon Works Company, slate from the Chicago and Northwestern Depot in Racine, and marble from the old Kenosha Post Office.

Borggren's unique design combined a mix of classic and contemporary architectural styles. The exterior blends Tudor Revival details with an overarching Mediterranean Revival theme. Repurposed marble was used to create the Art Deco ballroom, featuring geometric ornamentation common to the style. The lower level bath house changing facilities were in continual use for decades, by local citizens and visitors to Kenosha.



The Southport Park Association of Kenosha was founded by community volunteers. We are a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation working in partnership with the City of Kenosha to ensure enduring stewardship of Kenosha's historic structures and coastal public spaces.

Your support will help us preserve Kenosha's lakefront legacy!