

A man in a black long-sleeved shirt and a white cap is performing a bicycle stunt in a grand, ornate hall. He is riding a bicycle horizontally, suspended in the air. The ceiling is a masterpiece of art, featuring a large fresco with a green background, golden patterns, and several figures. A large, glowing chandelier hangs from the ceiling. The architecture is classical, with arched windows and decorative moldings. In the background, other people are visible, some watching the stunt. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and admiration for the architecture.

— ADVANCING —
PUBLIC AWARENESS
OF HOW
ARCHITECTURE
ENRICHES LIFE

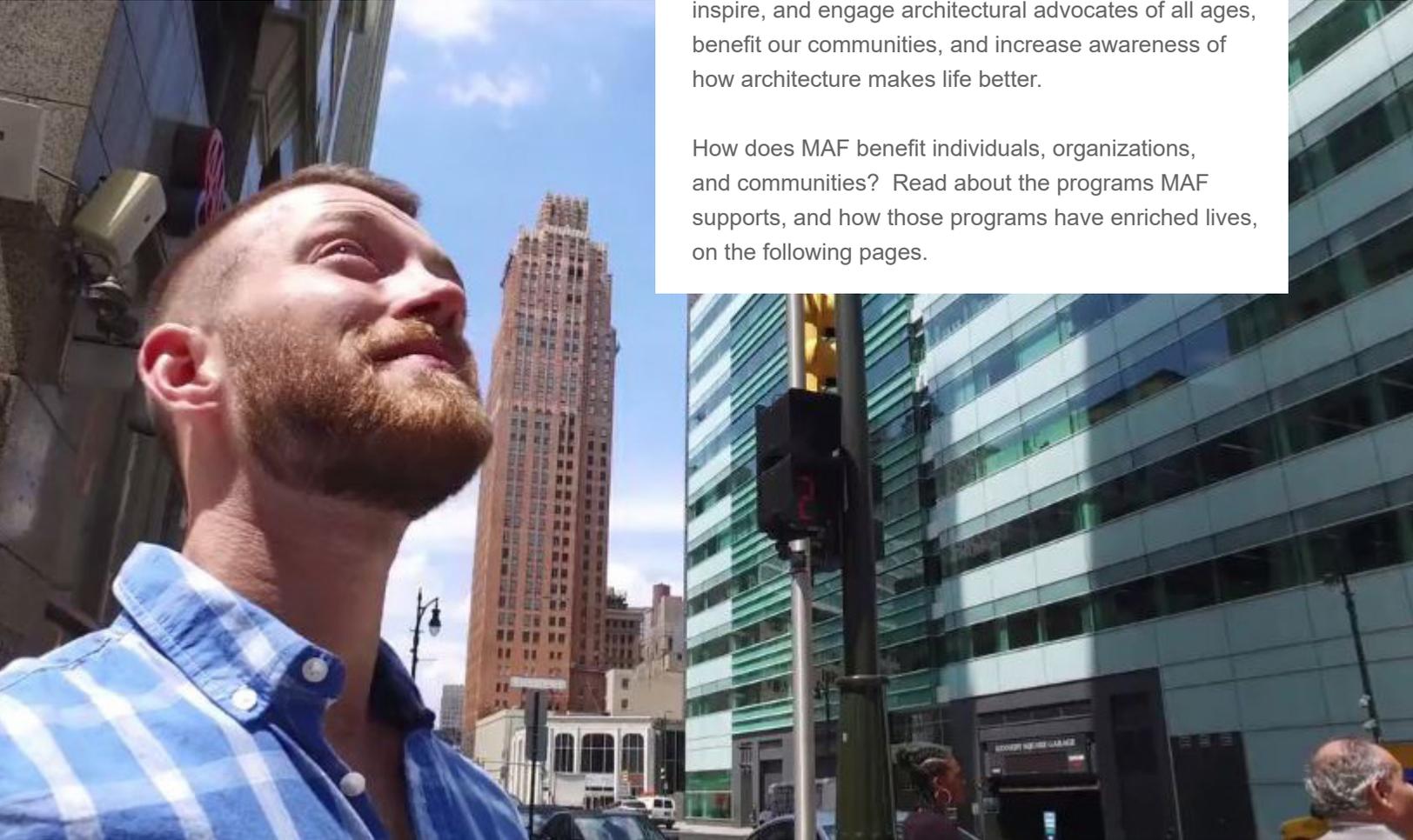
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WHAT IS IT ABOUT ARCHITECTURE?

More than just four walls and a roof, architecture preserves our history, houses our lifetime of stories, and enhances our memories and experiences. Architecture also plays a significant role in our local culture, influences our sense of well-being, strengthens community investment, and serves as a source of pride for those who live, work, play, learn, and do business in our cities and neighborhoods.

The Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the public's awareness and appreciation of architecture. MAF does this by providing funding for quality programming and resources that educate, inspire, and engage architectural advocates of all ages, benefit our communities, and increase awareness of how architecture makes life better.

How does MAF benefit individuals, organizations, and communities? Read about the programs MAF supports, and how those programs have enriched lives, on the following pages.



INSPIRED?

Click [here](#) to help Michigan Architectural Foundation support quality architecture-related programming, and to contribute to advancing awareness of how architecture enriches life.

HOW DO WE EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION?



Thought processes nurturing an appreciation for creativity and design begin at a young age, and grow over a lifetime. MAF supports programs for parents, teachers, and school administrators that help students cultivate long-term interest in architecture, and awards college scholarships that help support the next generation of architecture professionals.



FOR YOUNG STUDENTS

Architecture it's Elementary introduces children to architecture and the built environment through hands-on interactive activities that encompass art, social studies, language arts, history, science, and math, and align with Michigan state educational standards. This free curriculum helps children learn observation, reasoning, and critical thinking skills, and to understand order and think visually. [Download the program guide.](#)



Architreks take students on walking adventures to explore and engage with the buildings, parks, and cities where they live, learn, and play. Video segments engage students in fun, self-initiated activities that can be done individually, with parents, friends, or in a group.



What happens when you inspire children to learn more about architecture and their communities? They become creative thinkers and involved citizens, and are exposed to future career possibilities.

Find out more about Architecture it's Elementary.

LEARNING CURVE

Want to play a role in the programs that fuel children's imaginations and interest in architecture?



MAF's **Build Imagination Book Collection** piques children's interest in design, construction, travel, history, and architecture. Books can be borrowed through the statewide Michigan Library Network. Special collections travel to locations such as children's hospitals and Ronald McDonald House.

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

With their ambition and passion for making places where people spend their lives, today's architecture students will help shape tomorrow's built environment. MAF awards scholarships to students enrolled in architectural programs at Michigan colleges and universities, on criteria including design excellence, community involvement, academic achievement, and/or financial need.

THE FUTURE OF DESIGN? FULLY ACCESSIBLE.

Inspired by a classroom discussion on inclusive design, Michigan Architectural Foundation scholarship recipient Ellis Wills-Begley wants to change the conversation on designing for the disabled. [Learn more about Ellis.](#)



Find out how you can help support the next generation of architectural talent. [_____](#)



HOW DO EXPERIENCES **ENRICH** US AND **IGNITE** OUR AWARENESS OF ARCHITECTURE?



Play a key role in helping create the kind of programming that promotes awareness of how architecture enriches our lives.



ENGAGED AWARENESS

One of the most engaging ways to learn about architecture is through programs that educate us and enrich our experiences, supported by MAF's Public Awareness Grants.

[Read more here.](#)

Rich architectural experiences fuel our imaginations, and create meaningful connection with our communities and culture. MAF's **Public Awareness Program Grants** are awarded to organizations and individuals for projects, programs, and activities that align with MAF's mission to advance awareness of how architecture enriches life:

- "Eero Saarinen: The Architect that Saw the Future" documentary on the life of the legendary architect shown on PBS's 'American Masters' series.
- AIA Michigan Southwest Chapter's "Learn About Where You Live" program, featuring historical drawings from the first four decades of 20th century Kalamazoo.
- "Ultimate Lego Bricks Build-Off Exhibition," an annual student competition that encourages creativity, and critical, abstract and process-oriented thinking.
- Map-style architecture guides that take you on architectural walking or driving tours through communities including **Flint, Ann Arbor**, and Port Huron.

WHY **PRESERVE** OUR ARCHITECTURAL ASSETS?



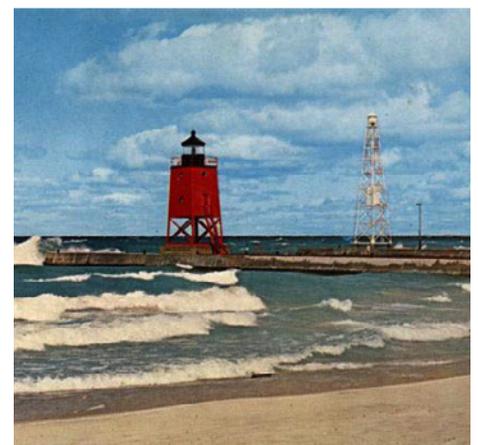
Architecture is one of the most important reflections of our history, society, and culture. Preserving structures helps perpetuate the stories architecture will tell future generations. Michigan Architectural Foundation's **Evans-Graham Preservation Grants** support preservation projects that utilize creative solutions and ensure continued viability of properties. MAF grant funds helped:

- Lawrence Technological University students recreate furniture for Frank Lloyd Wright's Affleck House.
- Fund roof repairs for the Corktown Tenement House, one of Detroit's last examples of an Irish worker's cottage (now a museum).
- Convert a shelter for new uses at Shielding Tree Nature Center's Lawr Farm (part of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park).
- Repair the façade of a 1917 Detroit former lumber headquarters that now houses artifacts from natural history, mythology, and folklore, as the Seafoam Palace Museum.

With support of an MAF Evans-Graham Preservation Grant, the 1849 King House, once part of an Odawa Indian fishing village, is getting a new roof.

[Read about the project.](#)

HISTORY LESSON



Find out how you can support projects that strengthen our communities and preserve Michigan's architectural heritage. _____

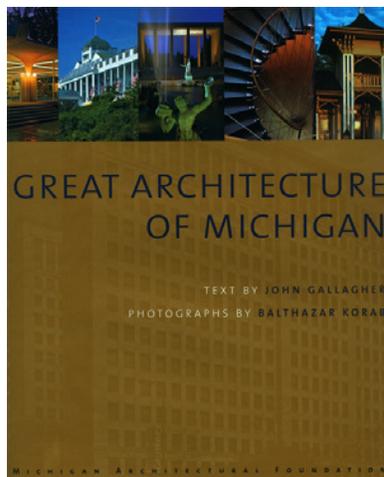
HOW CAN WE **ENGAGE** AND **INSPIRE** IMAGINATIONS?

Access to a wealth of information empowers us to learn, dream, and enrich our lives. The Michigan Architectural Foundation serves as a clearinghouse of **architectural resources** that connect people to architecture, and stimulate our imaginations and interest in the built environment:

MAF's **100 Essential Architecture Books** collection enriches, informs, and entertains architectural admirers. Individual titles can be borrowed via the Michigan Library Network. Additional books are added to the collection on a regular basis.

MAF Supported Publications, including *Great Architecture of Michigan* and the *AIA Detroit Guide to Architecture*, are funded in part by the Michigan Architectural Foundation, and available for purchase through booksellers.

MAF Communications: Want the latest on Michigan architecture and MAF programs? MAF regularly shares program information and news via our **website**, **newsletters**, **social media**, and library of resources. Visit, subscribe, and follow to connect with us and become part of the conversation.



Play a role in helping MAF build a wealth of architectural resources that inform and inspire imaginations.

HOW TO HELP

Michigan Architectural Foundation programming is possible through the generosity of donations from individuals, supporting organizations, proceeds from fundraisers, and the prudent investment of assets. To make a gift that helps MAF advance awareness of how architecture enriches our lives, see below.

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