



ADSW PRESERVATION CASE STUDIES

KENNEDY-WARREN

ADSW assisted with the actions shown in *Italics*.



Location: 3133 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Original Name: The Kennedy-Warren

Original Use: Residential

Years of Construction: 1930-1931; 1935; 2003-2004

Original Architect (1930): Joseph Younger

200-Unit Addition Architect (1935): Alexander H. Sonnemann

South Tower (2003) Architect: Hartman-Cox

Current Use: Residential

*ADSW FILED A LANDMARK APPLICATION SEEKING TO
PROTECT THE INTERIOR SPACES OF THE KENNEDY-WARREN
APARTMENT BUILDING.*

DESCRIPTION

Many Washingtonians know that the large complex that dominated this part of Connecticut Avenue was about two-thirds of what was planned, interrupted when the Depression halted new construction. The building was completed to the original design with very careful matching of materials on the exterior in 2003. The building's entrance, now nicely centered on the completed courtyard, is notable, one of the best in Washington, with a distinctive tower and a beautiful Art Deco aluminum canopy.

All of the Art Deco decorative details are totally integrated into the building's design, both inside and out, making it a symphony of Aztec and other exotic motifs rendered in aluminum, limestone, and brick and continued indoors to the interior finishes.

It is also believed that the Kennedy-Warren had the earliest natural cooling system in the country, drawing air from deep in Rock Creek Park behind the building and circulating it to every apartment.