



ADSW PRESERVATION CASE STUDIES

THE WAFFLE SHOP

ADSW assisted with the actions shown in *Italics*.



Former Location: 500 block of 10th Street NW, Washington, DC

ADSW, IN COLLABORATION WITH SEVERAL PRESERVATIONISTS, ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT IN 2007 WITH THE BUILDING'S OWNER TO SECURE THE WAFFLE SHOP'S LONG TERM PRESERVATION. WE HAVE PROVIDED ONGOING DESIGN REVIEW OF RECONSTRUCTION PLANS SINCE A NEW SITE WAS CHOSEN IN 2017.

STATUS

The full photographic and dimensional survey was conducted. Building components were dismantled, and those that could be saved were stored pending reconstruction at a new location. A new location was selected at the southeast corner of 6th and K Streets NW. The Waffle Shop exterior has been fully reconstructed and assembled with two other relocated historic commercial structures, the Hodge's Roast Beef Restaurant and a Lord Baltimore filling station. The interior of the Waffle Shop will be fully reconstructed to closely match the original. We look forward to the Waffle Shop serving the public once again very soon.

DESCRIPTION

Long a fixture in downtown Washington dating to 1950, The Waffle Shop epitomized the concept of modernity whereby a commercial structure served as its own sign for its intended purpose. This small 25 foot wide structure seamlessly integrated several elements, including stylized lettering, a projecting canopy, decorative tile and a large aluminum-trimmed plate glass window that revealed a light-filled gleaming interior. The Waffle Shop was downtown Washington's sole intact Art Moderne restaurant exterior, utilizing elements of streamline design and modern materials, while its interior included elements associated with both Art Moderne and "California Coffee Shop" restaurants of the late 1940s through early 1960s.

ADSW PRESERVATION

Preservationists, including ADSW, The Committee of 100 on the Federal City, The DC Preservation League, and the Downtown Artists Coalition, entered into an agreement in 2007 with the building's owner, Douglas Development, to secure the Waffle Shop's long term preservation. We worked with Douglas and the DC Office of Historic Preservation to find a highly visible, viable and effective location for this iconic structure to ensure new life as a restaurant housed in a faithful recreation of the structure inside and out, combining reuse, replication and refurbishment of original elements.