

Parkside Homes and Addition,
WW II Era Building Type 2
Bounded by Connor Avenue, Frankfort
Road, and Zachariah Chandler Park
Detroit
Wayne County
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
PARKSIDE HOMES AND ADDITION,
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Location: Bounded by Connor Avenue, Frankfort Road,
and Zachariah Chandler Park,
Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

Dates of
Construction: 1940-1941

Architects: Parkside Architectural Associates (Edward A.
Schilling, C. William Palmer, and Clair W.
Ditchy)

Builder: O.W. Burke Company of Detroit; Bryant and
Detwiler Company of Detroit

Present
Owner: City of Detroit Housing Department
2211 Orleans Street
Detroit, MI 48207

Present Use: Residential, primarily vacant

Significance: These combination two- and three-story
buildings, which front on Conner Avenue, were
designed to relieve the visual monotony of
a large housing project otherwise consisting
of nothing except two-story rectangular
buildings lined up like soldiers in formation.

Historian: Charles K. Hyde, Wayne State University,
Detroit, Michigan 48202, July 1996.

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The most visually interesting part of the Parkside Addition is a series of buildings running along the southwest edge of the complex, on the north side of Conner Avenue. Eight of these (Buildings 102, 103, 104, 202, 203, 204, 205, and 206) have a three-story segment at the end of a standard two-story building. Two of these (104 and 202) stand alone, but are close to and nearly perpendicular to two rectangular flat-roofed stucco two-story buildings (Building 105 and 201) containing four one-bedroom flats. The remaining six have two-story segments containing two two-bedroom flats attached at the southern ends of the three-story segments, but offset.

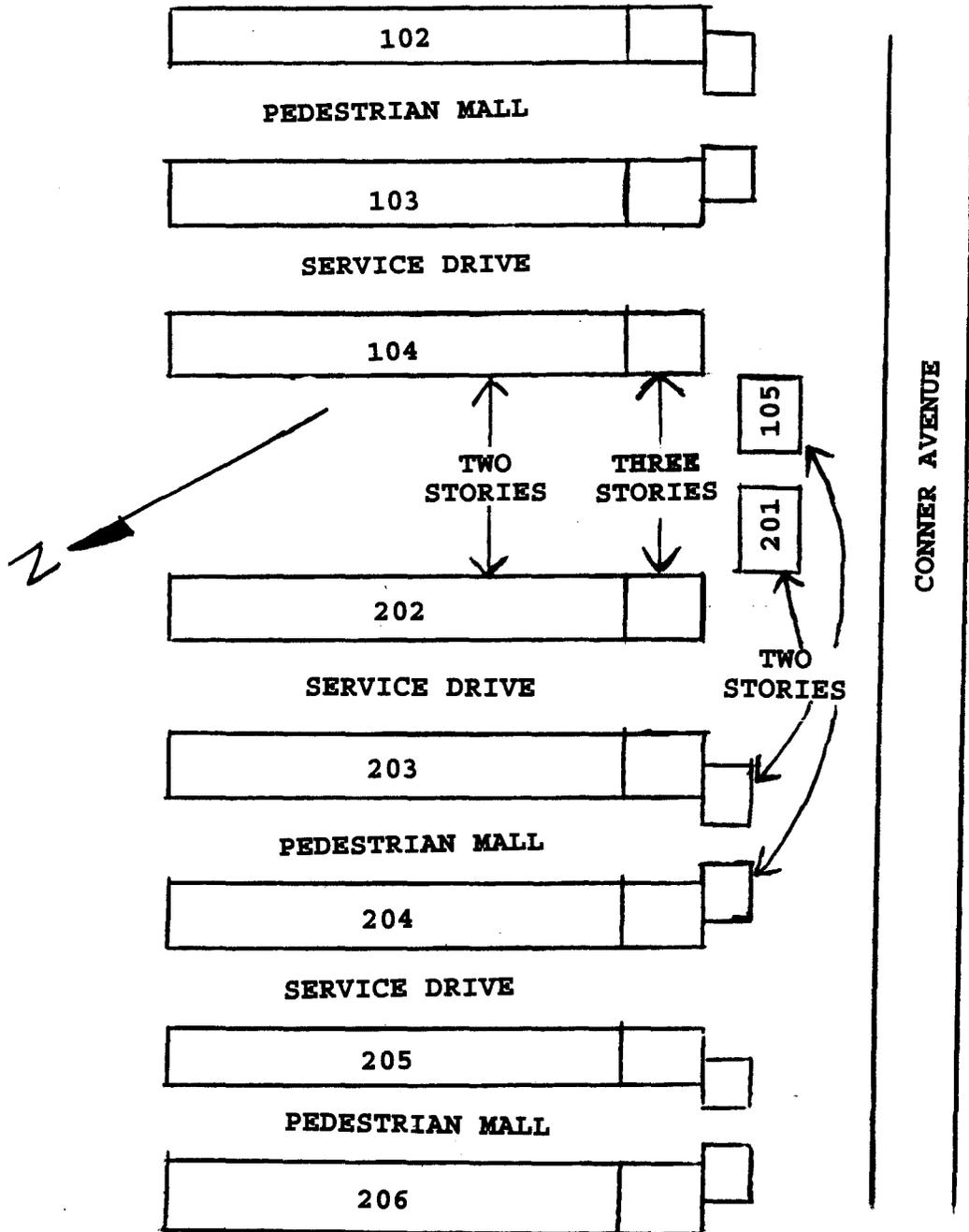
Stylistically, these buildings are an interesting, but confusing mixture. The attached two-story flat segments have walls of brown brick using a common bond pattern. There is a single header course extending around the buildings above the upper-story windows. These all have flat roofs, with overhanging eaves, except for the segment attached to Building 103, which has a gabled roof. The three-story ends of Buildings 202 and 203 are brown brick and have recently-installed gabled roofs with overhanging eaves, while the remaining three-story segments are stucco on the upper two stories, brick on the first floor, and have flat roofs.

The six two-story brick segments attached to the three story sections are identical, measuring 25 feet 9.50 inches wide along the front on Conner and 29 feet 8.50 inches in length. These each have a pair of two-bedroom flats, with the door on the Conner leading to a staircase to the second floor flat.

The three-story end sections are 25 feet 9.50 inches wide and 18 feet 8.75 inches long. The first floor contains a two-room flat with no separate bedroom. The second and third floors, reached by a set of stairs on the Conner frontage, contain a two-bedroom row house, with the kitchen/dining room and living room on the second floor, and the bath and two bedrooms on the third floor. The remaining two-story segment of the building contains eight dwelling units, including five two-bedroom row houses, a three-bedroom row house, and two one-bedroom flats. It measures 25 feet 9.50 inches wide and 120 feet 4.40 inches long. Combining all the sections, the six buildings are each 168 feet 9.50 inches long overall.

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GENERAL SITE PLAN OF PARKSIDE ADDITION,
BUILDINGS FRONTING ON CONNER AVENUE



DWELLING UNIT TYPES, FOR BUILDINGS
FRONTING ON CONNER AVENUE

