



**National Trust for  
Historic Preservation**  
*Save the past. Enrich the future.*

December 4, 2020

Chairman Jose Perez  
Office of the Common Council - City Clerk  
200 E. Wells St.  
Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI, 53202

Dear Chairman Perez and members of the Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee,

The National Trust for Historic Preservation concurs with the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission's unanimous recommendation to award permanent historic designation to the former Forest Home Library, 1432 W. Forest Home Ave. (File #200865).

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a privately funded nonprofit organization that works to save America's historic sites, tell the full American story, build stronger communities, and invest in historic preservation's future as a tool to enrich people's lives.

Completed in 1966, Forest Home Library exhibits many key characteristics of the Modern style of architecture, including the use of new and innovative materials like Corten Steel. Sensitive adaptations and upgrades could allow the Library to shine once again, particularly now that Midcentury design is a widely popular and emulated style.

We respectfully urge you to recommend permanent historic designation for Forest Home Library to the Milwaukee Common Council so that this neighborhood gem can continue to enrich its community and your city's architectural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Sandy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Jennifer Sandy  
Field Director, Preservation Services & Outreach Department

Cc: Jeremy Ebersole, Executive Director, Milwaukee Preservation Alliance