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**Preservation Buffalo Niagara submits landmark application for 82 Sycamore Street and
608 Michigan Avenue**

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On Thursday, February 14th, Preservation Buffalo Niagara requested that the City of Buffalo expand the Sycamore-Michigan Local Historic District to include the properties located at 82 Sycamore Street and 608 Michigan Avenue.

Originally built ca. 1847 and 1900 respectively, the proposed structures of the Michigan Sycamore Historic District, including the adjacent landmark at 72 Sycamore Street, provide a unique glimpse into the societal and cultural development of Buffalo as an early Canal town to the present day. As a continuous row of mixed-use structures on a busy and key downtown intersection, these buildings provide a unique glimpse into the people who came to Buffalo looking for opportunities and the trades or business they provided for the growing Canal town. Furthermore, they highlight the commercial needs and offerings as the neighborhood and Buffalo evolved. Additionally, the buildings on the northwest corner of Sycamore Street and Michigan Avenue are contemporary to the anchor institutions in the Michigan Street African American Cultural Heritage Corridor and therefore part of the historic built landscape of this designated NYS Heritage Area.

Providing this significance, contributing resources 82 Sycamore Street and 608 Michigan Avenue are eligible for local landmarking as provided in Section 337 of the Buffalo City Charter 37-14 Criteria for Designation, under Criteria 1, 3, and 5.

"These structures represent significant assets for this part of downtown," Says Jessie Fisher of PBN: "With this landmarking, we hope to ensure that they will remain intact and will be properly maintained for future generations. We'd also like to thank Council President Darius Pridgen for his support of the preservation of these buildings."

Ms. Fisher is available for interviews regarding this project.

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