

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>1910 - PRESENT</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

In 1910 Ballard and Pottinger, early Chicago area community developers, erected the ARDMORE AVENUE STATION on the Chicago Aurora and Elgin Electric Railway (CA&E) right of way at Ardmore Avenue in what is now the Village of Villa Park (Estab. 1917).

The station which served primarily as a waiting room is a one story structure of English design. The building has a concrete foundation, concrete floor, cobble stone columns and watertable with a concrete belt at window sill line with brick walls above. It is approximately 15 X 30 feet in area. (450 sq. ft.)

The sash, doors and frames are of wood with steel lintels (threshold). It is topped with a wood roof covered with tile, cornice of wood, galvanized iron gutters, and chimney of brick. Remnants of a cinder platform front the structure.

The building was heated by wood burning fire place and electrically lighted. Windows on all sides and two doors on the rail side (north) provided additional illumination and access.

The interior of the building was a waiting room for railway passengers and was appropriately furnished with wood benches and attached flip top seats.

The station now sits adjacent to the Illinois Prairie Path which occupies the once Chicago Aurora & Elgin Electric Railway right of way.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1910 - PRESENT

Builder/Architect BALLARD & POTTINGER

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The ARDMORE AVENUE STATION was erected in 1910 by Ballard and Pottinger, early Chicago area community developers, to serve as a waiting room for Chicago Aurora and Elgin Electric Railway passengers. The railway provided passenger service from 1902 - 1957 and freight service until 1959. Ballard and Pottinger saw their investment as a way to interest city dwellers (Chicagoans) in property they were developing in the Ardmore area. To this end they organized free family excursions on Sundays to this area via the CA&E Railway. The Ardmore station served as the focal point for these trips. They were so successful that by 1917, the area adjoining the station known as Ardmore joined with the area to the immediate East to become the Village of Villa Park. This station, once one of 73, is now but one of 3 remaining. The electric railway and this station were vitally important to the concept of community development in the early part of the 20th Century. The Ardmore station is a significant part of our history as well as the present. Its significance to the area is such that it should be preserved for the future. Linkages with the past that remain significant in our time deserve historical recognition. The Ardmore Station is so significant. The building is now on the Illinois Prairie Path, itself an important conservation effort in our state.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Elmhurst, IL

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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ARDMORE AVENUE STATION

The real estate situated in the County of Du Page, State of Illinois; that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 Township 39 North Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the South line of the former Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railroad Right of way with the East line of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, being also the center line of Ardmore Avenue; thence southwesterly along the southerly line of said former railroad right of way 130 feet to the place of beginning. Thence continuing southwesterly along the southerly line of said former railroad right of way 80 feet to a point; thence northerly at right angles to the last described course 40 feet to a point; thence northeasterly, parallel to the south line of the former railroad right of way 80 feet to a point; thence southerly at right angles to the last described course 40 feet to the place of beginning.