

FIRST BANK OF OAK PARK

NORTH AVENUE & AUSTIN BOULEVARD



The project encompasses the redevelopment of an entire block located at the northeast corner of Oak Park. The major design elements include the remodeling and expansion of the existing branch bank building, redesign of the drive through, and the design of a new plaza and fountain.

The building addition with its tower on axis with the plaza creates a strong sense of entrance and high visibility on both thoroughfares. Rhythmic masonry arches continue from the existing building and wrap the addition to create seamless integration of old and new. The new drive-through design centralized all teller functions.

The plaza and fountain design abstracts Frank Lloyd Wright's "circle within a square" motif in deference to one of Oak Park's most famous residents, and forms a welcoming gateway plaza to the village.