In 2000, the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) enacted the Plan for Transformation, a ten year, $1.6 billion scheme which aimed to transform public housing developments, residents, and the CHA itself. Ten years into the Plan, rehabilitation or demolition of the projects is ongoing, and at two historic complexes, the Julia C. Lathrop Homes and LeClaire Courts, work has yet begun. Both developments are representative of early Chicago public housing built before 1949, when thoughtful, well executed design and planning were the norm. During that era, public housing communities were supportive, healthy environments for working class residents. Lathrop Homes and LeClaire Courts, both architecturally significant properties, are important physical reminders of the CHA’s progressive roots and should be preserved. Through sensitive rehabilitation, these complexes can continue to provide affordable housing to communities they have served for over fifty years.