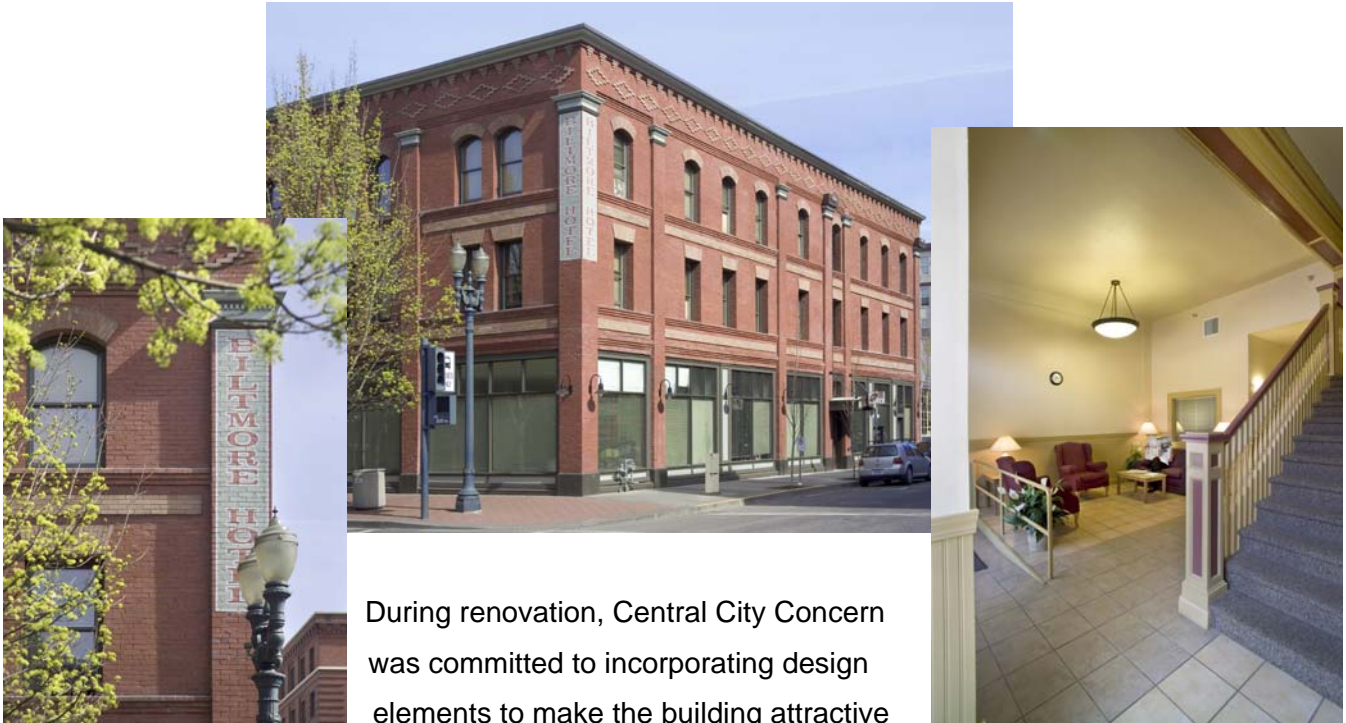


2005 EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING AWARDS
Preserving Affordable Housing
Central City Concern for the Biltmore Building

The Biltmore Building is a rehabilitated century-old historic building in Portland's Old Town neighborhood. Located at the corner of NW 6th and Everett, the Biltmore was originally built in two phases and completed in 1905. While not on the National Historic Register or located within an historic district, the building clearly is an integral part of the historic fabric of Portland's Old Town neighborhood.



During renovation, Central City Concern was committed to incorporating design elements to make the building attractive

within the context of the adjoining neighborhood structures, but retain certain historical elements that made the building unique. Fortunately, the long residential use of the upper floors provided an opportunity to retain much of the building's original character. However, the ground floor exterior of the building had suffered multiple reworking over the years to accommodate a 100-year parade of different commercial tenants. With the careful cleaning of an old billboard and the restoration of the painted-on building sign, retained the history of past use.

The Biltmore now offers permanent, low-income single room occupancy housing for tenants. Tenants share community rooms, kitchens and bathrooms on each floor. The Central City Concern's Community Engagement Program occupies ground floor commercial space and provides case management for chronically homeless individuals impacted by homelessness, addictions and/or primary and mental health issues. The Central City Concern Old Town Clinic, a primary care facility, occupies the remainder of the commercial space.

The Biltmore building blends a historical perspective with a clear vision of the future, bringing together innovative financing and cutting edge structural rehabilitation to preserve not only a historic building, but provide 76 units of much needed low income single room occupancy housing.