



The Famous, a noted Jewish restaurant on Washington Avenue, was gutted to create the District's most popular restaurant, The Strand, with architecture by Yosse Friedman.

The Blackstone, at 800 Washington Avenue, represents the most striking victory for a long struggle to provide improved housing for the elderly. D. Kingstone Hall's fourteen-story Mediterranean structure of 1929, remodeled in 1934 with V. H. Nellenbogen as architect, now holds 131 apartments. E. Santos, AIA, of Chisholm, Santos & Ramundez, recovered delightful courtyards, a clay-tile sweeping staircase, and retained the rough-textured stucco interior walls. The developers, Related Housing, reopened the resort hotel to meaningful new grandeur in 1988.





The Helen Mar Apartments, now condominiums, are the most ambitious recycling program north of the District. Designed by Robert E. Collins in 1936 for John Marsa, contractor, the building was restored by architect Yossi Friedman of New York. The black Vitrolite striping and bas reliefs contribute importantly to the stylishness of the whole. The building is effectively illuminated at night and seen across Lake Pancoast from Collins Avenue.



