

Old Greenbelt Theatre
Greenbelt, MD
Commercial Architecture

The Old Greenbelt Theatre is a one-screen, art deco structure built in 1938 in the heart of the city of Greenbelt, Maryland. Greenbelt is a federally planned community developed as part of the New Deal era. The city center, including the Old Greenbelt Theatre, was declared a National Historic District in 1997. The significance of this building to the local community, as well as architecturally, motivated the City of Greenbelt to select us as the design firm to guide them through the process of restoring the iconic structure.

Through a series of community meetings, we were able to work with the City of Greenbelt to develop a scope of work that preserved the historic details while modernizing the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems as well as bringing the building up to accessibility codes. Maintaining the original fabric and character of the theatre was a priority with new elements designed to reflect the art deco and utilitarian style of the building. The cleaning and restoration of the building exterior included the preservation of the original ticket booth, and replacement of aluminum storefront doors with new wood doors in the style of the original design. During the process of exposing the concrete ceiling in the lobby a long hidden original art deco pendant structure was discovered. This pendant was restored and upgraded with new indirect lighting. The existing outdated concession stand was replaced with wood cabinetry with metal accents, solid surface countertops and upgraded equipment. Curved soffits detailed with stainless steel trim respect the art deco origins of the building. The original terrazzo floors were repaired and restored throughout the theatre. The walls were finished to match the original paint colors throughout the building. The restrooms were expanded to allow for improved accessibility. New tile wainscot, stainless steel partitions and metal vanities with solid surface counters were installed in the new restrooms. Finally, the projection room was renovated to accommodate modern digital equipment that provides assistive listening and close captioning for the visually and hearing impaired. This project was successful in maintaining the rich history of the building while updating the facilities to improve the movie going experience for all to enjoy and allow the theatre to continue to be an important part of the Greenbelt community.





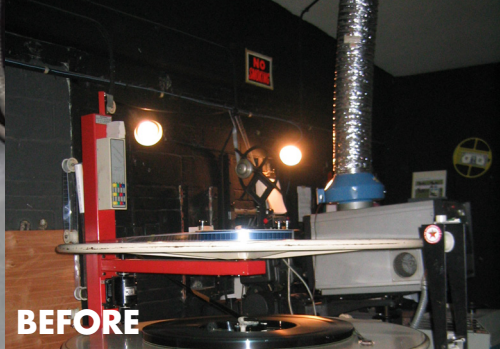
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