

412 Blvd. of the Allies - Project Overview

### **Site Location:**

• 412 Blvd. of the Allies

#### **Historical Overview:**

 Function: Former The W.J. Gilmore Drug Company Building; Equitable Gas Company Headquarters; the Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Constructed: 1927.Architect: Joseph Kuntz

# **Project Narrative:**

This project seeks to list the building as an individual historic landmark with the City of
Pittsburgh. The intent in doing so is to recognize the building as an historic civic asset, celebrate
its history, and bolster long-term protections for historically significant elements of the building.

## Timeframe:

- City Nomination: Roughly 6 months to complete the designation process.
  - The application is reviewed by the Historic Review Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council.

## **Designation Effects:**

- City Designation: Exterior changes would be reviewed by the City's Historic Review Commission.
  - As the entire façade was recently refurbished, exterior renovations would likely not happen for decades.
  - Nomination is written in a way that elevated the artistic and commercial past, providing more flexibility in prospective changes in the future.

