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The Friends of Modern Architecture/Lincoln (FoMA) had a particularly rewarding year in 2017 due to a partnership with the Lincoln Historic Commission to increase the number of Modern houses in Lincoln's existing Historic District. Introduced at the State of the Town Meeting in November, and with approval at the 2018 Town Meeting, the initiative will result in thirty Modern houses, dating from 1937 to 1969, joining the Historic District. The addition of these houses represents another compelling moment in our Town's history.

Why does this matter? The importance of the initiative is assurance that these houses will remain to speak to future generations of ideals and an historic period of architecture and culture of international, national, and local significance. Much of Lincoln's quiet, naturalistic aura is due to the way in which these houses are carefully sited and integrated into the landscape. As future restoration or renovation projects inevitably occur, the scale and the spirit of these houses and their settings will be retained.

Founded more than a decade ago, FoMA continues to educate the public about Modernism in America and Lincoln's seminal role in its development. FoMA is committed to the preservation of our unique, comprehensive collection of Modern buildings that exemplify Modernism's concern about the subtle, but powerful force thoughtful design can bring to our lives. Our archive continues to grow, including oral histories and gifts of house plans that will be useful to Lincoln residents, its boards and commissions, and scholars. We invite you to see our redesigned website offering continually updated content. The website will make archival information available and information about our activities and other noteworthy regional events. A frequently visited portion of the site is "houses for sale".

This coming year we look forward to offering two tours of "new" historic houses that have joined the Lincoln Historic District, but we will begin the year "out-of state" by featuring the film, Columbus, Indiana: Different by Design for Winter Carnival on Thursday, January 25, at the Lincoln Library. Two Lincoln architects, Peter Sugar and the late Crawley Cooper, designed buildings in Columbus, Indiana, where Modern design was meant to foster an architectural environment that would have a positive effect on the lives of people. Peter Sugar will introduce the film offering firsthand insights.

Please know that we are strengthened by your broad support as members of our organization, and we appreciate your renewed membership. Your interest and support are critical to everything we do, and we are grateful to each of you.

Sincerely,
The Friends of Modern Architecture/Lincoln Board of Trustees