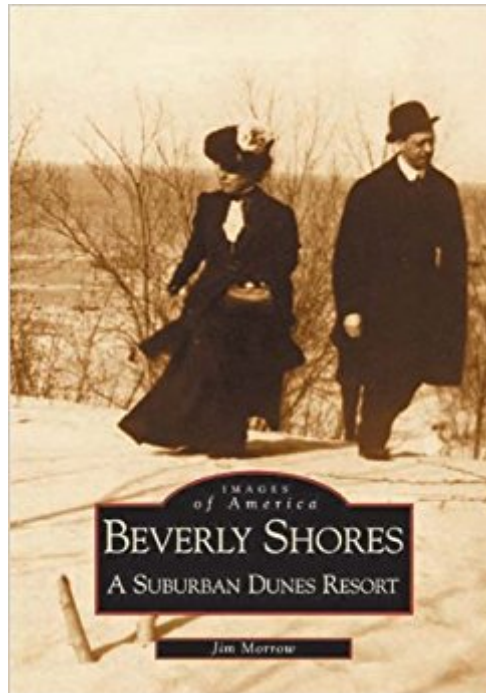




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Synopsis

Beverly Shores, Indiana, is a small resort community clustered along the southernmost tip of Lake Michigan, approximately forty miles southeast of Chicago. The town is now an island of private resort homes surrounded by the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, a federal park. Beverly Shores: A Suburban Dunes Resort presents an extensive collection of architectural and environmental photographs that reflect the changes in Chicago society between the late 1920s and World War II. With this glimpse into Beverly Shores' past, readers of all ages will delight in discovering the unique heritage of this town in northwestern Indiana. From developer Frederick Bartlett's introduction of the Mediterranean Revival style of architecture, to Robert Bartlett's most enduring publicity stunt of buying pieces of the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair and stationing them in the town, this architectural study includes nearly 200 vintage images of the evolution of this suburban dunes resort community.

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Author Jim Morrow is a preservationist of buildings considered of historic and architectural significance. He was issued the Servaas Memorial Award in 1996 from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, which recognizes the achievement in creating public awareness for historic preservation. This book is an exploration of how the period's planning and architectural values shaped Beverly Shores.

I purchased this book because I wanted to learn more about the development of Beverly Shores, IN during the 1920s and 1930s after having visited the permanent exhibition at the Depot of Beverly Shores Museum & Art Gallery. The book contains many interesting historical photos of homes and their floor plans that were built at Beverly Shores, unfortunately most of them don't have dates. These leaves the reader to wonder whether they were taken after construction, or some years afterwards, or whether they still exist. The text of the book is positioned between pictures and often does not pertain to the pictures shown above and below. This makes the story of how Beverly Shores were developed and evolved a bit difficult to follow; the text is clearly secondary to the pictures in the book. The book provides no information as to the CURRENT state of affairs at Beverly Shores; it would be interesting to show which of the original buildings still exist by using a historical map of the town. The permanent exhibition at the Depot of Beverly Shores Museum & Art Gallery is much more interesting to read, and it provides a chronological account of the development of Beverly Shores and its current state of affairs. The ideal book about Beverly Shores would be a combination of the pictures of this book with the narrative from the Beverly Shores Museum

This is an excellent collection of photos, plans, and historical review of a beautiful place in the midwest. It's too bad it is not being currently printed because many people in that area have missed a tremendous piece of literary history. Well written.

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