



# **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION SUMMER CONFERENCE**



**HOTEL DECO  
OMAHA, NE  
JULY 17-19, 2024**

**Hotel Deco & Redick Tower**



**Year Built:** 1930

**Architect:** Joseph G. McArthur

**Style:** Art Deco

Designated Omaha Landmark: 9/9/1980

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places: 6/21/1984

Believing in "the prestige of the motor car as the most popular means of transportation", architect Joseph McArthur developed the 1930 Redick Tower building as a self-contained unit, providing parking space for 500 cars to be used by both tenants and the general public. The design anticipated the future by combining office and parking facilities in one structure. In terms of style, the twelve story, stepped back Redick Tower is a fine example of late Art Deco architecture. Like its contemporaries the Union Station and the Joslyn Art Museum, the building was influenced by Bertram Goodhue's design for the Nebraska State Capitol. McArthur's Redick Tower exhibits a conscious attempt for modernity and artistic expression to complement the machine age.

The Redicks were pioneer settlers of Omaha and long-time owners of the downtown site on which the eleven-story Redick Tower rises. One of the first high-rise buildings in Nebraska to accommodate multiple functions in one compact urban block, Redick Tower originally housed commercial storefronts at street level, and office space on the top floors.

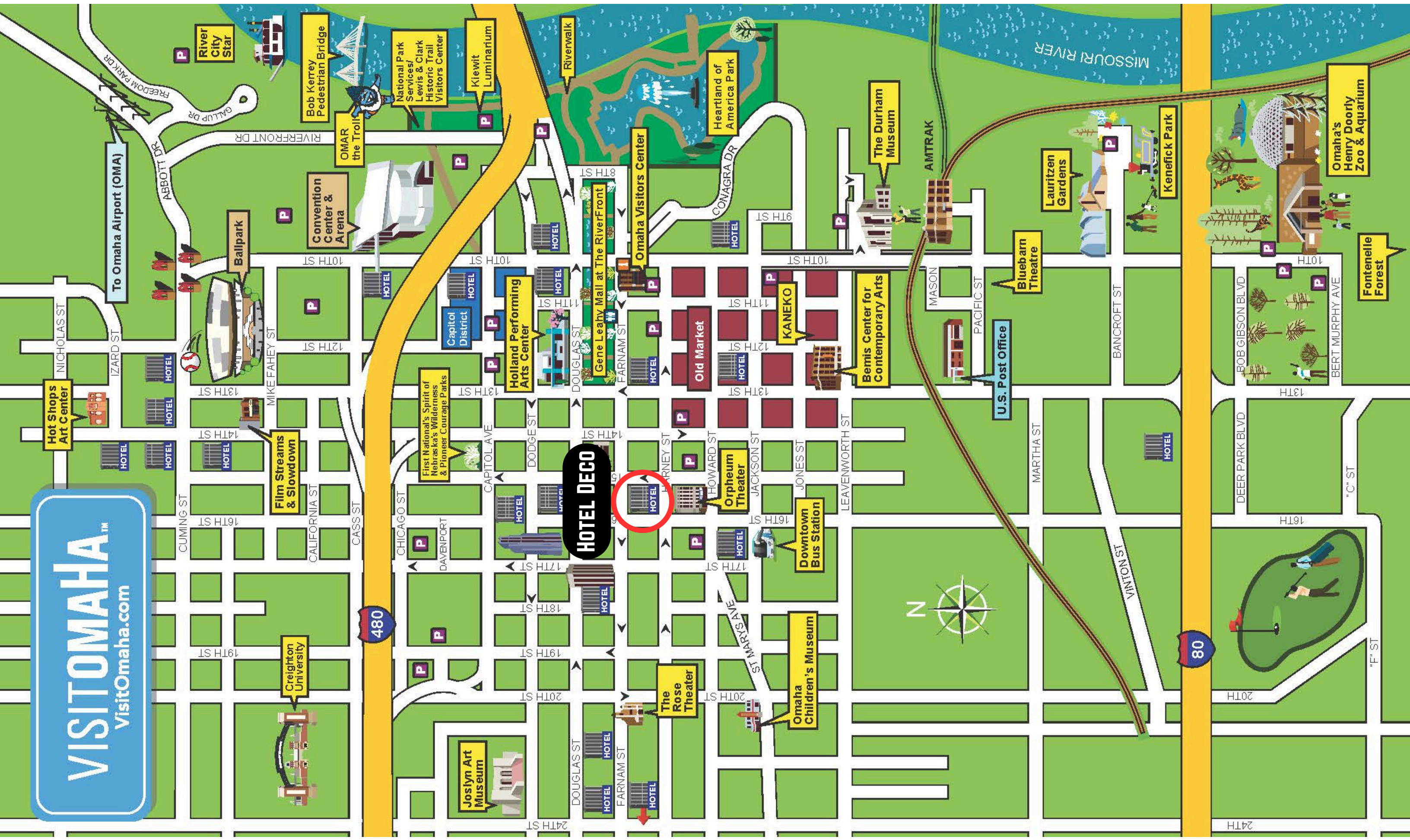
Rising to a height of 137 feet, the massive bulk of this "squat" skyscraper is disguised by its combination mounted tower and set-back design. Closely spaced pilasters embrace recessed windows that rise the entire height of the building, providing vertical emphasis especially on the flush south facade.

Not visible on the exterior are the structural manipulations the building required. The reinforced concrete skeleton is particularly complex due to the special orientation of the beams, variable bay sizes and numbers, and differing floor depths on levels accommodating ramps, parking, setbacks, and street grades.

Clad in brick, the Tower features more than 100 stylized patterns of terra-cotta ornamentation, including detailing that enhances the monumental south door surround. The storefront level is entirely sheathed in terra-cotta with both low and high relief floral patterns. The top-most spandrel in each window bay is finished with a terra-cotta panel of the most elaborate design. Throughout the building's interior you will find more than 50 artisan Deco works, including the original period elevators, mosaic tiles and cornices.

One unique history to the Hotel Deco past is that Joseph G. McArthur, the building's architect, was so connected to the iconic building that he buried his beloved dog into the buildings façade. It can be found over the exterior entrance to Monarch.





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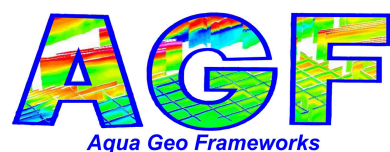
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# AGENDA

## Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Registration/ Welcome Reception – Chrysler Room

## Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Registration/Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to the City of Omaha, Douglas County Historical Society

9:10 a.m.- 9:20 a.m.

*Vendor Highlight* – McCrometer

9:20 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

Steve Owen, City of Lincoln- Future Water Supply of Lincoln, Nebraska

9:55 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Break / *Vendor Highlight* - Olsson

10:25 a.m.- 11:10 a.m.

Aaron Schepers, Cornerstone Mapping-Aerial Imagery for Agricultural and Groundwater

11:10 a.m.- 11:20 a.m.

*Vendor Highlight* - NARD

11:20 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Tom Riley, NeDNR - Perkins County Canal

12:00 p.m.- 12:10 p.m.

*Vendor Highlight* - HDR

12:10 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break/ Visit Vendor Booths

1:30 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.

Jennifer Schellpeper, NeDNR- 20 Years of integrated Water Management in Nebraska

2:15 p.m.- 3:10 p.m.

Mark Rude - NWRA Update

3:10 p.m.- 3:40 p.m.

Break / *Vendor Highlight* – Aqua Geo Frameworks

3:40 p.m.- 4:20 p.m.

Jared Abraham, AquaGeo Frameworks - Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Survey

4:20 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

*Vendor Highlight* - LRE Water

4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

GMDA Board Meeting

Dinner on your own

## Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Chris Shultz, JEO Consulting- Lower Platte River Groundwater Modeling

9:00 a.m.- 9:10 a.m.

*Vendor Highlight* - JEO

9:10 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Ben Griffith - Groundwater Conflicts & Lawsuit Decisions

10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Break / *Vendor Highlight* – EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc.

10:30 a.m.- 11:10 a.m.

Jessica Dickinson, EA Engineering- PFAS

11:10 a.m.- 11:20 a.m.

*Vendor Highlight* - Seametrics

11:20 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

*Vendor Highlight* – Longitude 103

11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

City of Omaha- Metropolitan Utilities District

12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Optional Field Trip- Tour of Metropolitan Utilities District