






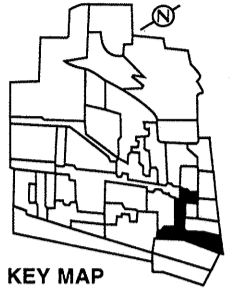


# Character Area 24 Greene and Ste-Catherine

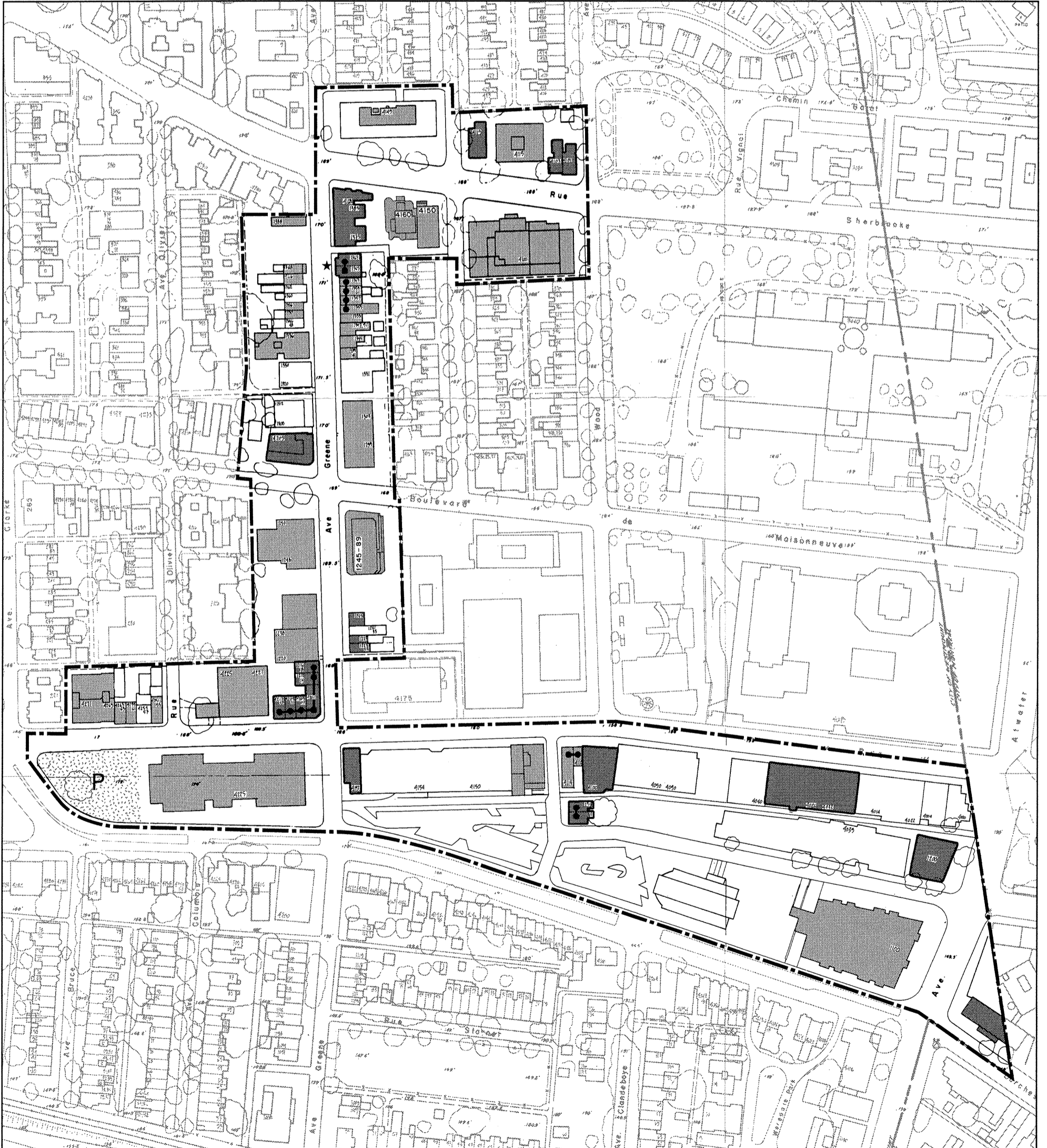
In the 1890's, the electric tramway lines on Greene Avenue and Ste-Catherine Street promoted the commercial development of this area. Already select about their housing types, Westmounters were even more uncompromising towards the type of business conducted within their city. Service-type shops, grocery stores, shoemakers, banks, etc., were the only kind of businesses permitted on these streets. This area has undergone tremendous change over the years due to the demolition of much of its older stock of buildings being replaced by newer and not always harmonious buildings. Greene Avenue has acquired the reputation of the fashionable shopping street while Ste-Catherine Street has taken on the big city atmosphere influenced by its proximity to downtown Montreal.

## LEGEND

-  **Category I**  
Exceptional (★) to Important
-  **Category II**  
Significant
-  **Category III**  
Neutral
-  **Architectural Ensembles**
-  **Buildings profiled in the 1988 Westmount Heritage Study**
-  **Public Green Space**
-  **Semi-private or private Green Space of importance**



**KEY MAP**  
Area Heritage Value: MEDIUM  
Degree of Homogeneity: LOW



# Defining characteristics of Character Area 24 Greene and Ste-Catherine

The following are some of the key *defining characteristics* applying to the whole area.

**Use and typology:** Almost all are attached buildings of commercial (mainly at street level) and office use.

**Siting:** With the exception of buildings on Sherbrooke Street, all buildings are sited parallel to the street. The facades are almost always set back less than 2.5 m from the streetline.

**Heights and frontages:** The buildings are generally two (40%) or three storeys (30%) high. Almost fifteen percent are greater than four floors high. Slightly more than half of the buildings have frontages 5.5 - 11.0 m wide. The frontages of the remaining buildings vary greatly.

**Roofs:** All roofs are flat, two thirds of which have straight parapets and the remainder have decorative sloped roofs with dormer window projections.

**Facade materials:** The street facades are generally in brick, the remainder are almost equally divided between stone and precast concrete.

**Entrances conditions:** All entrances are at the front of the buildings, generally 0.2 - 0.4 m from the sidewalk level.

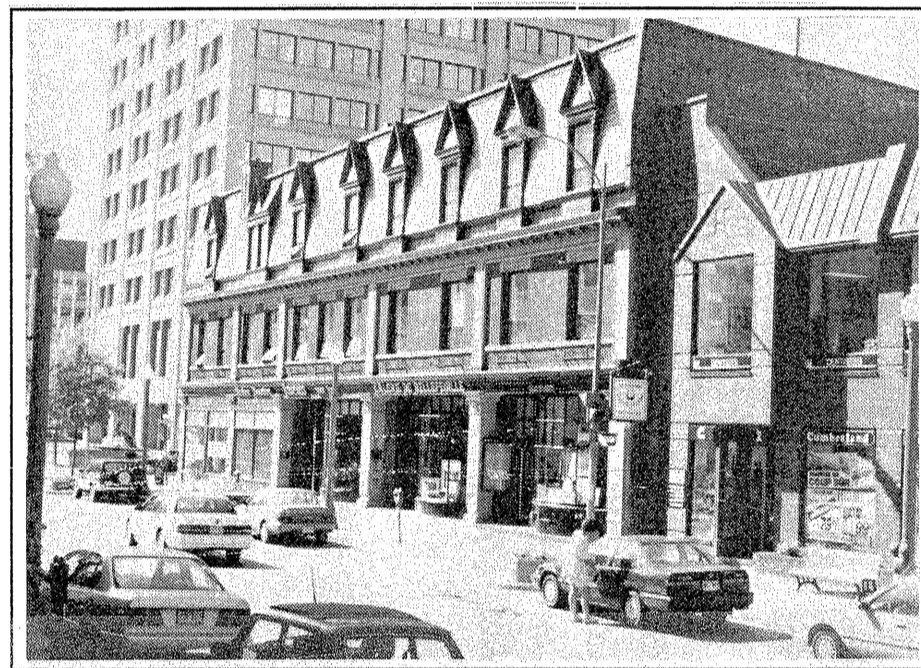
**Facade treatments:** Modern glass storefronts and entrances along with retail signs just above are almost always present at street level of Greene and Ste-Catherine street facades. The facades above the storefronts are almost always flat, although slight wall recesses or projections are often found. Cornices generally project below parapet height, and stone accents and banding are sometimes (30%) present on the brick facades.

**Windows:** Window shapes are almost always vertical; however, they are generally in larger, wider openings containing two or more windows.

**Parking:** Virtually all office buildings provide off street parking facilities either in indoor garages or in outdoor parking lots reached via the lanes. Parking for commercial/retail purposes is provided mainly on the street. There are also two municipal parking lots.



*Ste-Catherine St., south side: a mix of old and new buildings of high density.*



*Shopfronts like the ones at the corner of Greene and Ste-Catherine add ambience to a shopping street.*

## List of Building Addresses with Categories

Cat	Address	Cat	Address	Cat	Address	Cat	Address	Cat	Address
II	Atwater Ave., west side	III	Greene Ave., cont'd	I	Greene Ave., west side	III	Greene Ave., cont'd	I	St. Catherine, north side
I	1100	II	1331	II	1208/1210	I	1362	III	St. Catherine, south side
I	1200	II	1339/1341	I	1212/1214	II	1366	I	4201/4203
II	Dorchester Blvd., north side	II	1345	I	1216/1218	II	1368	I	4205/4207
II	4225	II	1347/1351	II	1220/1238	II	1384	I	4209/4211
I	Gladstone Ave., east side	II	1353	II	1248/1250	I	1384	I	4213/4215
I	11	II	1355	I	1304	II	Sherbrooke St., north side	II	4221/4225
I	15	II	1357	III	1308/1312	I	4101	II	4251/4253
I	Greene Ave., east side	II	1359/1361	III	1320/1330	I	4103	III	4255/4257
I	1223/1225	II	1363	II	1336	I	4115	II	4259/4261
I	1227	I*	1365	II	1346/1348	I	4119	II	4263/4265
III	1231/1233	I*	1367/1369	II	1350	II	4145	II	4269/4271
I	1235	II	1373/1385	II	1356	II	Sherbrooke St., south side	II	4100
II	1245/1255/1277			III	1358/1360	II	4100	II	4150
II	1299/1303					I	4160	I	4160
							4168	III	4150
								I	4192
								III	Tupper Ave., north side
								III	4039