



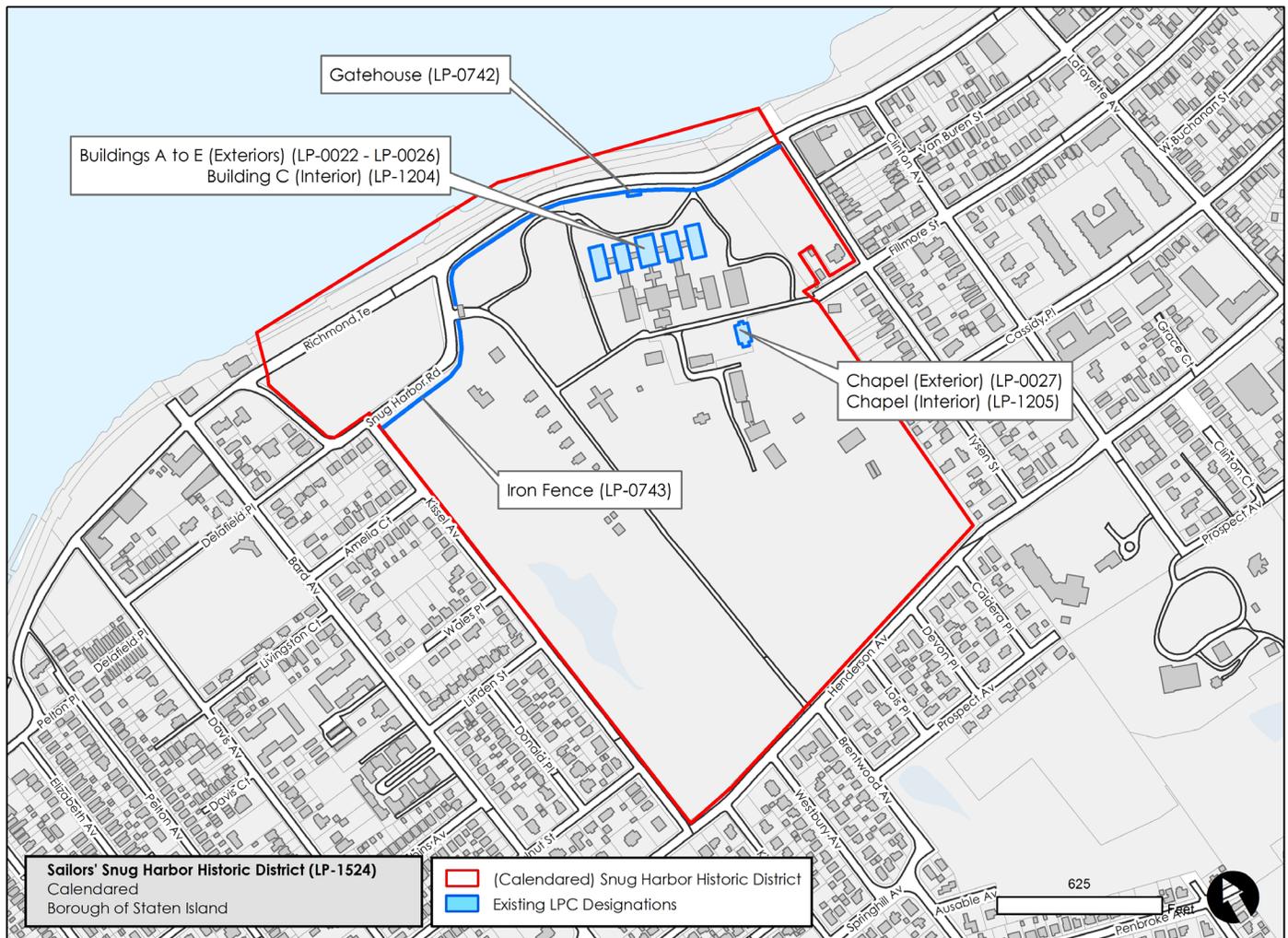
Landmarks Preservation
Commission

Sailors' Snug Harbor Historic District

Staten Island Block 68, Lot 70, Block 68 Lot 85, Block 76
Lot 200, Block 75 Lot 200, Block 75 Lot 150, Block 68 Lot
80, Block 75 Lot 100, Block 75 Lot 30, Block 70 Lot 60,
Block 76 Lot 1, Block 68 Lot 60, Block 75 Lot 1

Staten Island Community Board 1
Public Hearing Date(s): 11/13/1984; 01/08/1985

(Calendared) Sailors' Snug Harbor Historic District (LP-1524)



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Special Public Hearings

The Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the backlog of buildings in the Borough of Staten Island on **October 22, 2015** and encourages interested parties to submit written testimony in advance of that hearing. Each speaker will be given three minutes total to speak, and in that time may address all of the items within Staten Island Group 1, just particular items, or add comments to support written testimony. In order to conduct efficient hearings, we ask speakers to register in advance, and submit their written statements and materials that will be read at the hearing by **October 15, 2015** to backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov.

If you have questions about this property or the hearing process please contact backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov or call (212) 669-7817. If you would like more information about this property, please see the research file summary (over) and go to our website (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/lpc/html/backlog95>) and click on the link for this building's research file.



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Sailors' Snug Harbor Historic District Description

Landmark Type: Historic District

Built: c. 1845 - 1916

Architect: Various

Style: Various

Research Staff Hearing Statement (1984 or 1985)

SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT, Staten Island

Sailors' Snug Harbor was founded by shipping merchant Robert R. Randall who stated in his will of 1801 that his property in Greenwich Village be used to care for "aged, decrepit and worn-out sailors." Land on Staten Island was purchased in 1831 and by 1833 the first structure -- Building C, designed by Minard LaFever in a monumental Greek Revival Style -- was completed. It established the core of the institution which developed around it over the course of the 19th and early 20th century. At its peak, Sailors' Snug Harbor was considered to be the nation's grandest ensemble of buildings and grounds devoted to the care of aged seamen.

The proposed 80-acre Historic District embraces the surviving half of the original Snug Harbor grounds; the southern half was sold to developers in the 1930s. In addition to the previously designated New York City Landmarks -- the front row of Greek Revival buildings (Buildings A-E) constructed between 1833 and 1881, the 1855 Chapel and the Richmond Terrace fence and gatehouse -- the proposed Historic District includes approximately twenty-two additional structures which range in date from the 1845 Wash House through the 1916 Recreation Hall. A wide variety of styles from Greek Revival through neo-Georgian is represented as well as a range of building types. These include such simple utilitarian structures as the 1891 Vegetable Storage House and far more imposing buildings such as the neo-Classical Music Hall of the early 1890s.

Extensive remains of the Harbor's landscaping also survive together with monuments to Richard Randall and the large Neptune's Fountain of 1893. Although a number of the Snug Harbor buildings have been demolished, those which remain, together with the surrounding grounds, are considered to retain their power to evoke the character of this unique institution at its zenith.