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SoHo -CAST IRON HISTORIC DISTRICT EXTENSION

The proposed SoHo–Cast Iron Historic District Extension consists of approximately 109 properties located on the blocks immediately adjacent to the east and west sides of the existing SoHo–Cast Iron Historic District. Many of the buildings within the study area date for the same period of development as those in the designated historic district and exhibit similar architectural characteristics. There are several cast-iron-fronted buildings within the extension study area as well a large number of similarly-styled masonry buildings.

The proposed extension consists of two subsections. The larger eastern section encompasses all of the eastern side of Crosby Street and portions of Lafayette, Howard, and Centre Streets, while the smaller western section includes buildings on the western side of West Broadway, some of which go through the block to the east side of Thompson Street. The boundaries of the extension were drawn so as to protect cohesive streetscapes along narrow Crosby and Howard Street as well as a number of notable cast-iron buildings on West Broadway.

Like their counterparts in the designated district, many of the structures within the proposed extension were erected in the post-Civil War era as store and loft buildings for the wholesale dry goods merchants and manufacturing businesses that congregated in the neighborhood in the mid- and late-nineteenth century. The proposed extension displays a variety of architectural styles also present in the SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District, including Italianate, Second Empire, and Romanesque Revival. In many instances, these buildings were designed by the same prominent architects as those inside the designated district—Robert Mook, D. & J. Jardine, Detlef Lienau, Samuel A. Warner, George F. Pelham, Louis Korn, Issac F. Duckworth, Griffith Thomas, and

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John B. Snook. Other prominent architects and firms whose work is found in the proposed extension include Edward H. Kendall, DeLemos & Cordes, and Horgan & Slattery. There are also a number of early residential buildings, possibly dating to the early to mid-nineteenth century, along West Broadway, such as No. 400; No. 398 and No. 412.