

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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WHAT WE DO

The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) designates, regulates and protects the City's architectural, historic and cultural resources, which now number 1,346 individual landmarks and more than 31,000 properties in 111 historic districts and 21 extensions to existing historic districts. The Commission reviews applications to alter landmark structures, investigates complaints of illegal work and initiates action to compel compliance with the Landmarks Law.

FOCUS ON EQUITY

LPC focuses on equitable and inclusive service delivery through its education and outreach efforts in communities across all five boroughs. These efforts include holding community meetings to inform diverse stakeholders—including residents, property owners, business owners and community boards—about the landmark designation process and its regulatory impact. The Commission is also implementing multi-lingual education campaigns to serve those same audiences. The agency works with applicants from all backgrounds including homeowners, commercial property owners and small businesses, retail tenants, developers, institutions and City agencies to provide technical advice and expedite applications related to improvements and alterations to landmark properties. An agency grant program provides funding to low-income applicants to assist with building repairs. LPC seeks to preserve historic resources that represent a diversity of cultures, historical periods and neighborhoods to tell the story of the development of New York City.

OUR SERVICES AND GOALS

SERVICE 1 Identify and protect qualifying architectural, historical, cultural and archaeological assets in all five boroughs.

- Goal 1a Identify and designate as landmarks, eligible individual buildings, interiors, scenic landmarks and historic districts.
- Goal 1b Facilitate appropriate work on landmark buildings through technical assistance and timely issuance of permits.
- Goal 1c Increase compliance with landmark regulations.
- Goal 1d Evaluate potential impacts to archaeological resources in a timely manner.

HOW WE PERFORMED

- During the first four months of Fiscal 2015, the Commission designated four individual landmarks, including Ridgewood Lodge No. 710 and the Doering-Bohack House in Brooklyn and the First Baptist Church (later Ukrainian Autocephalic Church of St. Volodymyr/Congregation Tifereth Israel Town and Village Synagogue) and Mills Hotel No. 3 in Manhattan.
- The Commission had a seven percent increase in the number of work permit applications received, reflecting slightly more construction activity citywide during the period. Additionally, the publication of a new Permit Application Guide and promotion of the FasTrack filing initiative resulted in more complete applications filed and a 47 percent increase in the overall number of actions taken by the Commission.
- Although the Commission received fewer complaints in the first four months of Fiscal 2015 than in the same period of Fiscal 2014, the number of investigations completed increased slightly and the Commission issued 13 percent more warning letters than in the comparable period of the previous year.
- The Commission had a slight increase in archaeological applications during the reporting period and maintained the percentage reviewed within 10 days at the level of the corresponding period of Fiscal 2014.

SERVICE 1 Identify and protect qualifying architectural, historical, cultural and archaeological assets in all five boroughs.

Goal 1a Identify and designate as landmarks, eligible individual buildings, interiors, scenic landmarks and historic districts.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY14	FY15
★ Individual landmarks and historic districts designated	36	20	11	20	20	7	4
★ - Total number of buildings designated	1,040	1,408	324	*	*	8	4

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Goal 1b Facilitate appropriate work on landmark buildings through technical assistance and timely issuance of permits.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY14	FY15
★ Work permit applications received	11,823	11,886	13,235	*	*	4,480	4,797
★ Actions taken on work permit applications received	11,238	11,767	13,176	*	*	4,377	6,447
Certificates of No Effect issued within 10 days (%)	80%	87%	94%	85%	85%	92%	91%
Expedited Certificates of No Effect issued within two days (%)	92%	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%	84%
Permits for minor work issued within 10 days (%)	81%	83%	91%	*	*	87%	93%

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Goal 1c

Increase compliance with landmark regulations.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY14	FY15
Number of complaints received	670	815	875	*	*	316	285
Investigations completed	796	806	783	*	*	255	259
Enforcement actions taken: Total warning letters, NOVs, and stop work orders issued	1,100	1,030	993	*	*	308	359
Violations admitted to or upheld at the Environmental Control Board (%)	79%	87%	97%	*	*	95%	97%

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Goal 1d

Evaluate potential impacts to archaeological resources in a timely manner.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY14	FY15
Archaeology applications received	283	242	284	*	*	104	106
Archaeology applications reviewed within 10 days (%)	96%	96%	98%	85%	85%	96%	97%

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AGENCY CUSTOMER SERVICE

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY14	FY15
Customer Experience							
Letters responded to in 14 days (%)	88%	88%	94%	*	*	95%	87%
E-mails responded to in 14 days (%)	98%	99%	100%	*	*	100%	100%

AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Statistics	Actual			Sept. 2014 MMR Plan	Updated Plan	Plan	4-Month Actual	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY15 ¹	FY16 ¹	FY14	FY15
Expenditures (\$000,000) ²	\$4.3	\$4.5	\$4.7	\$5.3	\$5.7	\$5.6	\$1.4	\$1.6
Revenues (\$000,000)	\$4.7	\$5.4	\$6.4	\$3.8	\$5.0	\$3.8	\$2.7	\$2.4
Personnel	58	64	64	73	76	75	66	61
Overtime paid (\$000)	\$6	\$1	\$0	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$0	\$0

¹February 2015 Financial Plan ²Expenditures include all funds. "NA" - Not Available in this report

NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information, go to:

- Press Releases (information on landmark approvals):
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/lpc/html/about/newsroom.shtml>

For more information on the agency, please visit: www.nyc.gov/landmarks.