How to Find Information on Landmarks

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Guides. The Guide to New York City Landmarks has been published in 1992, 1998 and 2004. Prepared by the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) this is comprised of comprehensive listings and descriptions of all landmarks within the five boroughs. Arrangement is by borough, neighborhood and address. Date of designation, name(s) of creator(s) and details on the landmark are given. An explanation of the work of the LPC is provided along with short features on various related topics such as styles of architecture.

Landmark Designation Reports. These reports are issued when a building or other entity is officially named as a landmark. Reports consist of a description and analysis along with findings and designations of the Commission. Some reports may include additional historical background, illustrations and a bibliography.

Historic District Designation Reports. Certain areas of the city have been declared Historic Districts by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Generally, the historical and architectural background of the district is described. Photographs of various buildings in the district are included. Additionally, there are entries on selected buildings in the designated district listed by street name and number. Each building description features details such as block and lot number, name of architect(s), structure and alterations.

LPC Calendars. Landmarks Preservation Commission Calendars are held in the collection from 1965 to 1975 and 1991 to 1993. Each calendar summarizes the agenda for the public meeting of the Commission being held on that particular date. Please note that this collection is not inclusive.

Maps. A selection of maps from the 1970’s and 1980’s may provide further assistance with research on landmarks and historic districts. The map collection is not comprehensive.

LPC Website. The website of the Landmarks Preservation Commission offers maps, a glossary of architectural terms, information about the workings of the LPC and designation reports plus other resources. Go to www.nyc.gov/lpc. At www.nyc.gov/records, check the “Publications” feature under the subject “Housing and Buildings” for related publications.