

246 Henry Street
Brooklyn Heights Historic District

Project: Replace a garden level, under-stoop
gate, with a door
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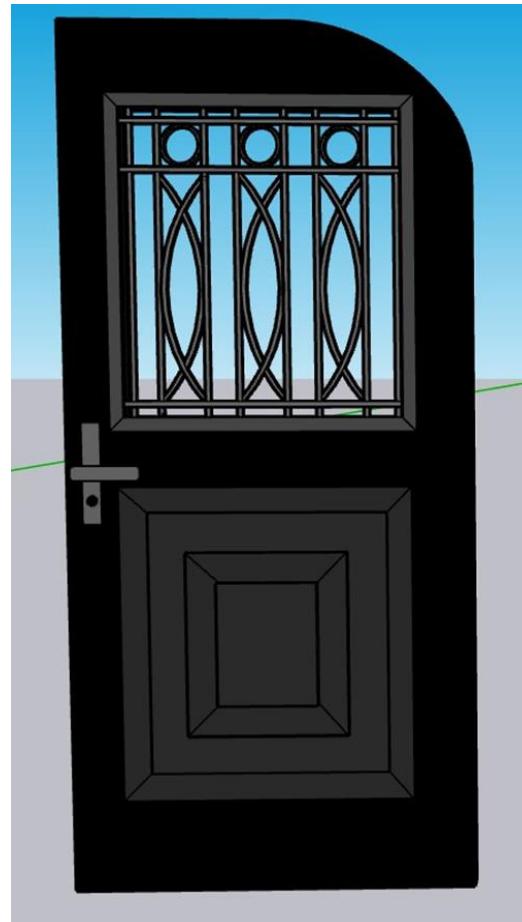
Façade of 246 Henry from across street; 4 family building; upper 3 apartments enter up the stoop



Current Gate is the entrance to lower duplex. Lower third of gate is below ground level. Gate is not front-facing.



Proposed door – all black, transparent glass with wrought iron detail to match existing fencing. Would be at same below grade level or one step lower still. Door frame will be black wood, around the existing opening.



Detail of fencing deployed for door wrought iron design



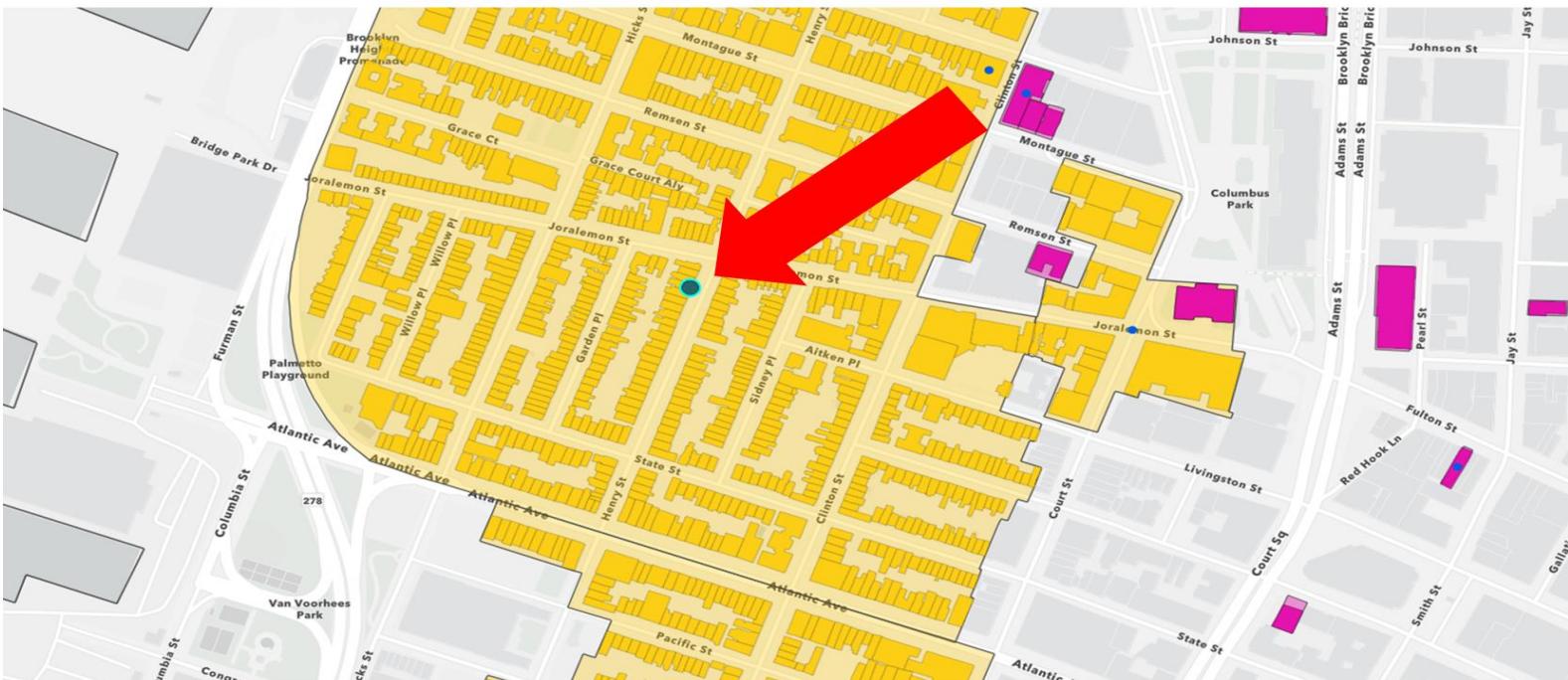
Why This Project

- To eliminate the swarms of mosquitos that for years have lived under the stoop at 246 Henry Street which enter the house whenever the front door (the primary entrance for the owners) is opened.
- To prevent rats and rat feces from continuing to appear in the under stoop area.
- The owners have tried multiple solutions to no avail to these pests and offered multiple door designs, including current one which offers significant transparency in the upper half and has a design element that reflects historic architectural detail. Current design unanimously recommended for approval by Land Use Committee of Community Board 2 and the Trust for Architectural Easements

Location

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Location of Subject Property: Henry Street, between Joralemon and State Streets

Historic Conditions: 1940s Tax Photo and Designation Photo



Assessing Existing Conditions: The Block Context

Proposed door is appropriate, compatible with the district, and respects the visual impact of the surrounding area. As seen later, it is also minimally visible from the street.

Block includes 47 residential buildings, just over 40% of which have doors, not gates, on the garden level (We believe these are generally but not entirely buildings where the original stoop was removed.)

Solid under-stoop doors also exist within the immediately adjacent blocks of the home: 56 Garden Place, 222 Henry Street, and 90 Joralemon are three examples. Photos follow. More examples can be provided

Streetscape Context: 250 Henry Street



Streetscape Context: 254-258 Henry



Streetscape Context: Adjacent Blocks Under-Stoop Doors – 90 Joralemon (visible head on from sidewalk)



222 Henry – Visible Head On from Sidewalk



56 Garden Place – Visible Head-on from Sidewalk



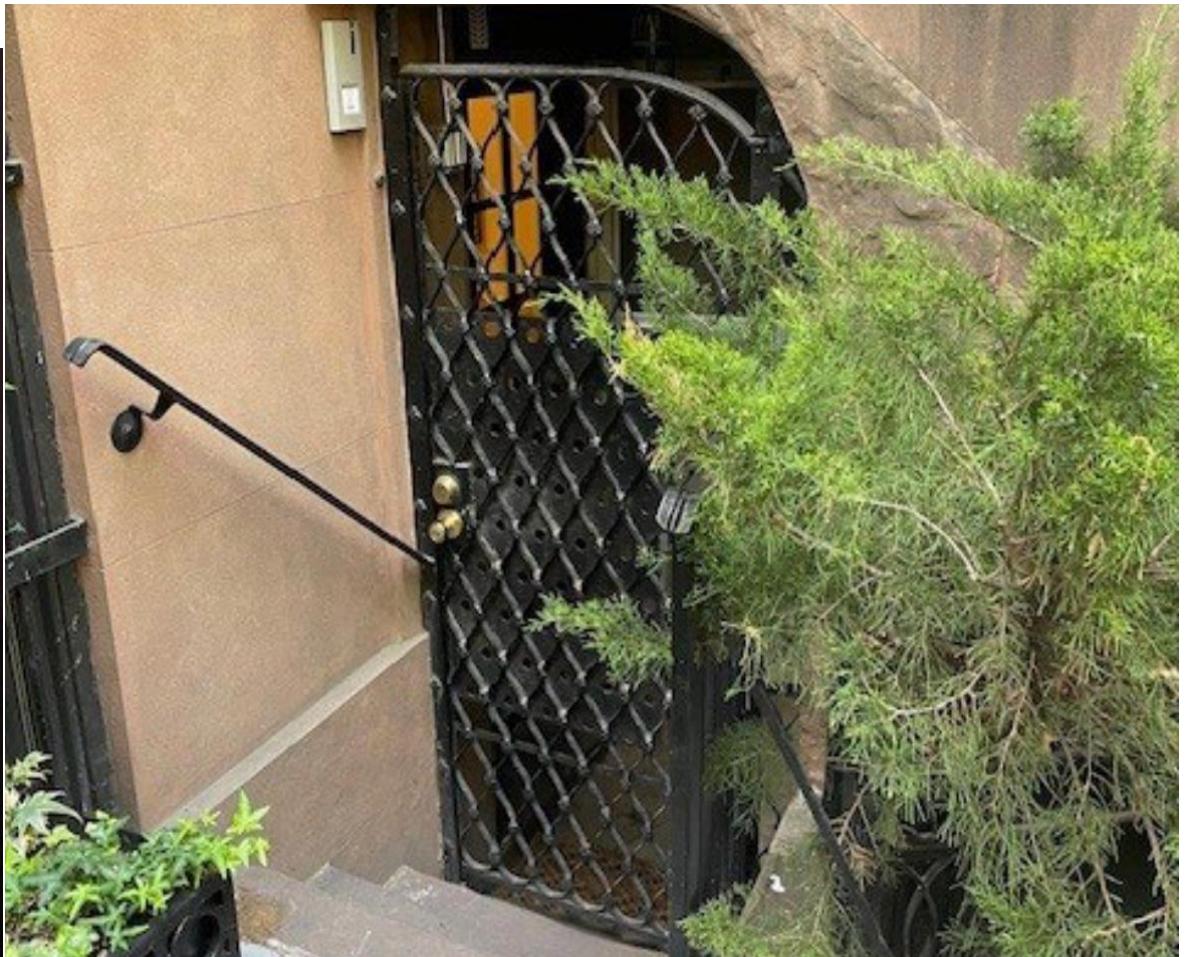
Visibility of Existing Gate/Proposed Door – Because of stoops on either side, only peripherally visible. Also screened by planters and plantings (and trash cans)



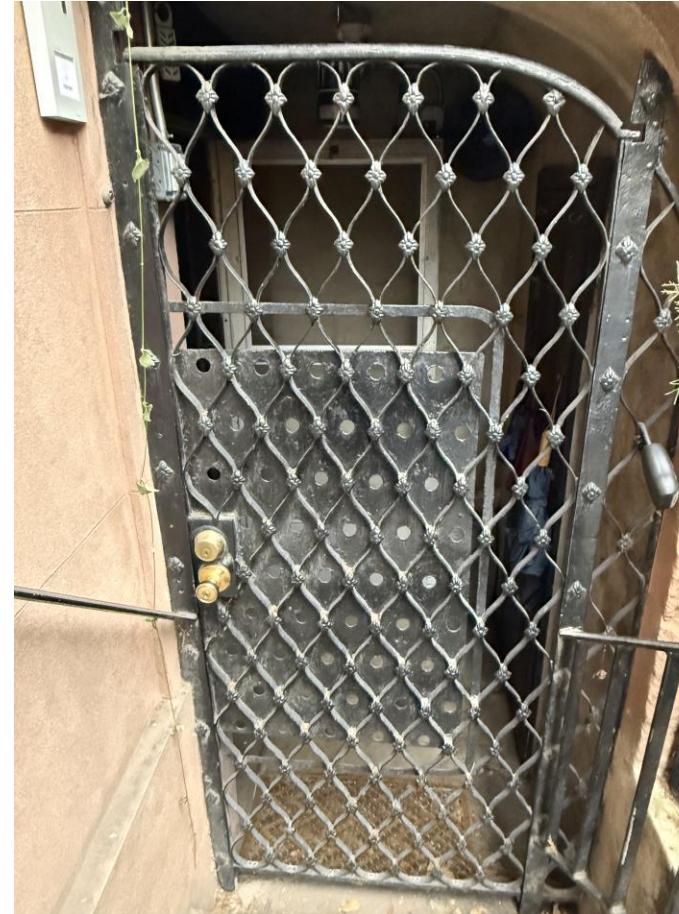
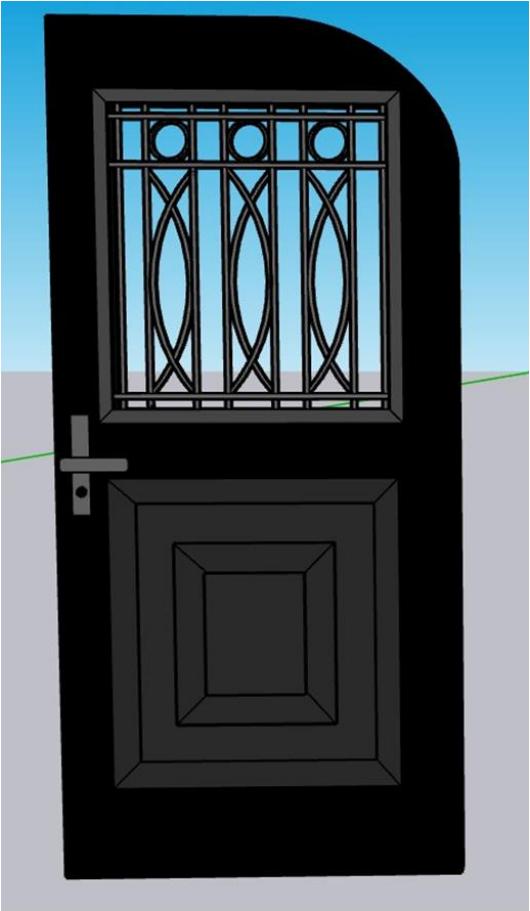
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Current Conditions Include mostly solid, substantial iron plate on the existing gate



Proposed Door Next to Existing Gate



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