

## **Useful Preservation Links**

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### **Preserve and Protect**

A not-for-profit corporation providing space on the World Wide Web for Historic Preservation and Environmental Protection Organizations. Many New York City preservation groups are hosted here.

### **The City of New York Landmarks Preservation Commission**

The Landmarks Preservation Commission protects the City's architectural, historic, and cultural resources. The Commission identifies, designates, and regulates buildings, districts, sites, and interiors; surveys potential landmarks and historic districts; evaluates proposals for landmark designations; and regulates alterations to designated sites and structures. The site includes public hearing schedules.

### **Central Park Conservancy**

The Central Park Conservancy is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1980 that manages Central Park under a contract with the City of New York/Department of Parks and Recreation.

### **Columbia University's Historic Preservation Program**

Columbia University's Master of Science degree in Historic Preservation is the oldest and most comprehensive program of its kind in the United States.

### **Community Board 8**

Board 8 represents the Upper East Side of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. The Community Board office is a small city agency. The staff, headed by a District Manager, assists the Board with its work, and helps citizens resolve municipal service delivery complaints.

### **The Gotham Center**

Mike Wallace, author of *Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898* (the Pulitzer-Prize winning book he wrote with Ted Burrows), launched The Gotham Center for New York History, to be housed at the City University of New York's Graduate Center. Their web site provides a roster of resources and a regularly- updated calendar of events. It also provides on-line discussion groups and resources for K-12 educators wishing to teach NYC history.

### **Historic Districts Council**

The Historic Districts Council is the citywide voice for New York City's designated historic districts and neighborhoods meriting preservation. The Council is dedicated to advocacy on behalf of historic neighborhoods, protecting the integrity of the Landmarks Law, and furthering the preservation ethic, through hands-on assistance to local community and preservation groups, public policy initiatives, publications, educational programs and conferences.

### **Municipal Archives**

With some 100,000 cubic feet of civic documents, vital and building records, letters, films and photographs, New York City's Municipal Archives boasts the largest collection of any U.S. city government. Located in the Surrogate's Court landmark at 31 Chambers Street, the Archives' permanent quarters comprise climate-controlled storage facilities, state-of-the-art conservation, microfilm and photo laboratories, and a well-lit, comfortable reference room that welcomes the public.

### **The Municipal Art Society of New York**

A private, non-profit membership organization that aggressively champions excellence in urban design and planning and the preservation of the best of New York's past.

### **The National Register of Historic Places**

The Register is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The informative site includes an online database of properties listed on the National Register. [Click Here for a list of all National Register properties in New York State.](#)

### **Preserve/Net**

Cornell University's "Preservationist's Resource" includes many national and international links, conference and job listings.

### **Preservation League of New York State**

The Preservation League of New York State is dedicated to the protection of New York's diverse and rich heritage of historic buildings, districts, and landscapes. It actively encourages historic preservation by public and private organizations, agencies, and individuals in local communities throughout New York State and provides the united voice for historic preservation.

### **World Monuments Fund**

A New York-based non-profit dedicated to preserving and protecting endangered works of historic art and architecture around the world. The World Monuments Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites, a program of World Monuments Fund, is issued every other year.