

Historic NoHo....

What will "landmarking" mean?

The New York City Landmark Preservation Commission will, within the next few months, consider designating NoHo an Historic District.

As residents, merchants, and property owners know, NoHo has a rich history and a wealth of architectural treasures. (See the reverse side for the list of eleven NoHo sites already designated as individual landmarks.)

Now, the Landmark Commission is looking at the possibility of designating the entire neighborhood as an historic district, as has been done with the West Village, SoHo, and other neighborhoods. The affected area is bounded by Houston, Mercer, Astor Place, and the Bowery.

The goal of landmarking is to safeguard the city's historic and aesthetic heritage, while stabilizing and improving property values. At the same time, it limits exterior alterations and provides a review process for such changes.

Your NoHo Neighborhood Association is actively studying this proposal.

1. We have met with our City Councilmember, Kathryn Freed, who believes that the designation will be a real boon to our community..
2. We have invited the Commission to come to a NoHo meeting in January to explain the implications of landmarking for all of us. A date and place will be announced soon.

For more information on Landmarking, call the Commission's Public Information Office (212) 487 6782; literature is available. For information on your NoHo Neighborhood Association's participation, call:

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NoHo's Treasures....

NoHo is a small neighborhood – a sliver along the eastern fringe of Community Board 2, which extends from the Bowery to the Hudson and from Canal to 14th Street. CB2 encompasses such well-known historic areas as Greenwich Village, SoHo, and Little Italy. Yet little NoHo contains more than a quarter of the individually designated landmarks within CB2. Listed here are our 11 NoHo landmark sites.

1. Astor Library, now the Joseph Papp Public Theater, 425 Lafayette Street, one of America's most innovative theatrical institutions.
2. Bayard-Condict Building, 65-69 Bleecker Street (at Crosby), the only New York City work by the renowned Louis Sullivan.
3. Bleecker Street IRT station, one of seven stations on the Lexington Avenue line recognized for their distinguished tilework.
4. Bond Street Savings Bank, 330 Bowery, now the Bouwerie Lane Theater.
5. De Vinne Press Building, 393-399 Lafayette Street, a masterpiece of 19th Century commercial architecture.
6. Fire Engine Company 33, 44 Great Jones Street, a dramatic turn-of-the-century Beaux-Arts firehouse.
7. 376-378 Lafayette Street, another 19th-Century commercial classic.
8. La Grange Terrace (Colonnade Row), 428-34 Lafayette, once among the City's grandest homes.
9. Old Merchant's House, 29 East 4th Street, an early 19th Century home, with its interior preserved as it was.
10. Robbins & Appleton Building, 1-5 Bond Street, 19th Century cast-iron building whose facade was restored in 1986.
11. Skidmore House, 37 East 4th Street, another survivor from the 19th Century era when NoHo was the City's grandest residential area.