

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

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24<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Preservation Conference

Saturday, March 3, 2018



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The Historic Districts Council is the citywide advocate for New York's historic neighborhoods. For more than forty years, HDC has worked to ensure the preservation of significant historic neighborhoods, buildings and open spaces, to uphold the integrity of the Landmarks Law and to further the preservation ethic.

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## SCHEDULE

- 9:30AM Registration, Coffee, Session Leader Sign-up and Preservation Fair
- 10:00AM Opening Remarks
- 10:15AM Voting for Sessions  
Coffee and Preservation Fair
- 10:45AM Final Session Schedule Unveiled
- 11:00AM-11:45AM Session 1 (Rooms W300, W301, W302)
- 12:00PM-12:45PM Session 2 (Rooms W300, W301, W302)
- 1:00PM-1:30PM LUNCH
- 1:45PM-2:30PM Session 3 (Rooms W300, W301, W302)
- 2:45PM-3:30PM “Losing Its Way:  
The Landmarks Preservation  
Commission in Our Time”  
(Room W301)
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## CONFERENCE SESSIONS: HOW IT WORKS!

What is a “Participant-Driven Conference”?

Unlike traditional conferences in which attendees listen to panel discussions or lectures from experts, topics in a participant-driven conference are **suggested and led by the attendees themselves**. While some may choose to come prepared with a topic for discussion, all attendees should be prepared to be active participants, meeting new people, sharing ideas and helping to shape the discussions they are in. This way, the event will truly **reflect the interests and ideas of all attendees**, not just a few pre-determined speakers.

How does it work?

All attendees are invited to lead **45-minute sessions on any topic of their choice** related to historic preservation in New York City. Those who sign up to lead sessions may do so in any format of their choice: Power Point presentation, round-table discussion, game - you name it! Leaders are also invited to co-lead a session or assemble a panel of a few people willing to speak on a given topic.

Upon arrival at the Conference, **leaders will sign up** for their proposed session on a large board in the main event space. After opening remarks and a featured keynote address, **attendees will vote** for the sessions they find most interesting. The sessions with the most votes will be arranged on a schedule for the day, and attendees may attend **any session they wish**, even if they did not vote for it. Attendees are also welcome to move around freely from session to session if they so choose.

Will I have a chance to mingle with other attendees? During registration and breaks from the sessions, civic groups from across the five boroughs will participate in the annual **Preservation Fair**. Organizations will present their current efforts, including posters, images, postcards, petitions, brochures and other educational and advocacy literature. Come meet your fellow preservationists and learn about their work to preserve our city!

The event will feature a **buffet lunch** in the middle of the day, during which attendees can mingle, socialize and keep the conversations going.

Following lunch there will be a closing plenary session “Losing Its Way: The Landmarks Preservation Commission in Our Time”; which all attendees are invited to attend.

Are there other events associated with the Conference?

A series of **walking tours** are offered in the spring highlighting Conference themes. See the following pages for tour information. This will be a fun way to reconnect with other Conference attendees and to learn more about preservation efforts in our historic city!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Stay tuned for information about these upcoming walking tours in March & April!

***Ridgewood Reservoir, Queens***

***Bushwick, Brooklyn***

***Postmodern Midtown, Manhattan***

***Kew Gardens, Queens***

***United Palace, Manhattan***

For tickets, please visit  
**[hdc.org](http://hdc.org)** or call **212-614-9107**

*Meeting locations and directions for the tours will be provided upon registration. Tours generally last between one and a half and two hours.*

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**Save-the-Date:  
Tuesday, April 24!**





Thank you for supporting the Historic Districts Council. Whether this is your first conference or you've been here for all twenty-four, your contribution helps us to protect New York's historic neighborhoods and communities.

Since 1970, we have worked to protect thousands of landmarked buildings and 141 officially designated historic districts across New York City, but there is much more work to be done – and we need your help.

We ask that you consider making a gift to HDC to ensure our programs continue to thrive. Better yet, a recurring gift will ensure that that the New York of tomorrow includes a stable, healthy, and vibrant Historic Districts Council.

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