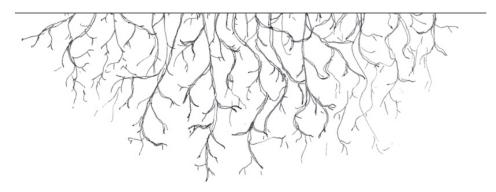
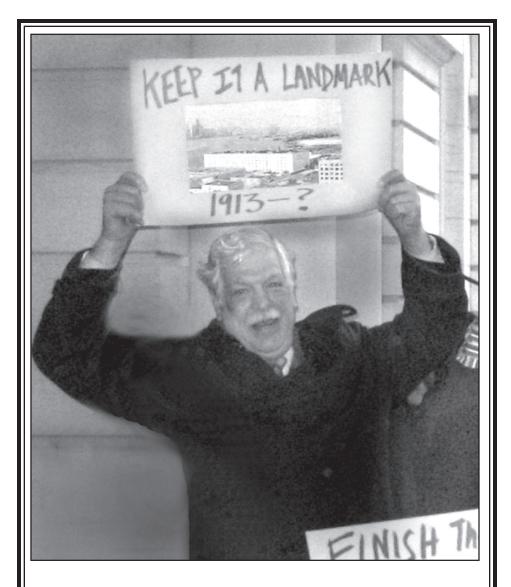


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FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES Council Member Jessica S. Lappin

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GRASSROOTS PRESERVATION AWARDS

Successful historic preservation efforts in New York City require a collaboration among many parties, including the public, government agencies and the private sector. Without popular support even the most well-intentioned and farsighted public policy cannot be implemented, and without governmental guidance even the most organized and wellfunded private efforts are doomed to fail.

With these awards HDC seeks to recognize, honor and encourage public participation in the preservation process. These are the individuals and organizations that, with their time, effort and support, move the preservation collaboration forward. By working with, encouraging and cajoling public decision-makers, these grassroots preservationists form the foundation of all our work. In 2000, HDC gave the first annual Grassroots Preservation Awards to recognize such outstanding efforts.

In addition, the awards include two special categories. The Friend in High Places and Friend from the Media Awards honor and acknowledge the dedication and support of elected officials and the press for encouraging the cause of historic preservation throughout the city. Without support from elected representatives or the media, few communitybased preservation efforts would ever bear fruit.

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"Friend in High Places" Hon. Jessica S. Lappin, Council Member, 5th District, Manhattan



Council Member Lappin will receive the Friends in High Places Award for her efforts on behalf of preservation. Since her appointment as chair of the New York City Council Subcommittee on Landmarks, Siting and Maritime Uses in January 2006, CM Lappin has helped protect the historic fabric of New York while working to improve the landmarks process and provide much needed funding for the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Under her leadership, the Council held an unprecedented oversight hearing at

Queens Borough Hall highlighting the need for increased landmark designations outside of Manhattan. CM Lappin has also been a principal sponsor of much needed funding for the Landmarks Commission, which has allowed the agency to revive its survey department. In her own district (which encompasses the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island), CM Lappin has been a strong advocate for preservation, helping local preservation groups and aiding a decades-long campaign to achieve victory against fierce opposition in gaining landmark designation for the City and Suburban Homes First Avenue Estates.

"Friend from the Media" Brownstoner.com, a Brooklyn-based blog



Brownstoner.com is a Brooklyn-based blog, launched in 2004, that features Brooklyn real estate and renovation and all the tangential topics that impact life inside and outside the home in Brooklyn. Constantly updated and linked to, the site has helped provide increased visibility and a positive voice for preservation efforts in Brooklyn and across the city. With more than 100,000 visitors a month, Brownstoner is one of the leading blogs that has changed how we help talk about, appreciate and protect New York City's neighborhoods. Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn



Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn (DDDB) is a grassroots community organization formed in February 2004, which leads a coalition of 21 community organizations and block associations opposed to Forest City Ratner's "Atlantic Yards" mega-project. The \$4 billion project would use at least \$1.6 billion in public funds and would abuse the state's power of eminent domain by taking private property from one owner to give to a private entity for private use. While DDDB opposes the specific Atlantic Yards proposal, they do advocate for appropriate community-based planning and development efforts. Now that the Atlantic Yards project is in jeopardy of failing entirely, DDDB continues to aggressively push for a democratic process and a community-based plan for the Vanderbilt rail yards in Prospect Heights.



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227 Duffield Street Coalition



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227 Duffield The Street Coalition consists of Joy Chatel, Jennifer Levy of South Brooklyn Legal Services, and Families United for Racial and Economic Equality (FUREE). This small group led a popular movement to successfully save the late 1840's rowhouse at 227 Duffield Street in Downtown Brooklyn from demolition. The building, an important link to Brooklyn's under-recognized Abolitionist history, had been slated to be

torn down and replaced with a parking garage as part of the city's plan for the redevelopment of Downtown Brooklyn. In June 2007 South Brooklyn Legal Services filed a lawsuit on behalf of Chatel and FUREE to stop the destruction on the basis that the city did not adequately examine the property's link to abolitionist history and the Underground Railroad; the lawsuit also stipulated that a new study of the area's significance be conducted. The city settled the lawsuit in November 2007 and agreed to spare the house. Plans are now being made to turn the building into a museum and cultural center celebrating its noteworthy history.

DUMBO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Octavio Molina

The DUMBO Neighborhood Association (DNA) was founded in 1997 to build and maintain a better community for the people who live and work there. Since its founding, DNA has worked to preserve the historic character of their waterfront Brooklyn neighborhood, which possesses a rare collection of massive 19th-century warehouses, Belgian block streets and breath-taking harbor views—all bracketed by the monumental presence of the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges. DNA succeeded in having the district listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places in 2000 and cited in 2007 as one of America's "Eleven Most Endangered Historic Sites" by the National Trust for Historic District in 2007. In the face of blistering real estate pressure, DNA continues to work for appropriate development within and around DUMBO. Working with sister organizations, it also sponsors a multitude of community-building events.

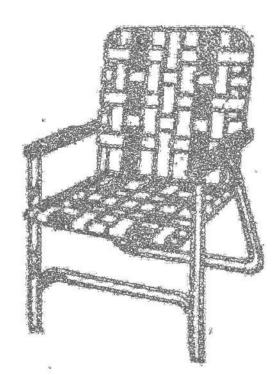
JUNIPER PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION



Steve Garza

The Juniper Park Civic Association was formed in 1938 to fight for the community. Beginning in 2006, the group has been advocating for the preservation of St. Saviour's Church, a rare Carpenter Gothic style church in Maspeth, Queens, designed in 1847 by renowned architect Richard Upjohn. JPCA fought against all odds to save the church despite unresponsiveness and even opposition from the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the former local council member. At the last moment, as demolition was occurring, the association achieved the tremendous by convincing the developer to halt demolition and allow the historic church to be moved to another site. The process is still ongoing, but the future of St. Saviour's seems far more secure thanks to the efforts of the Juniper Park Civic Association.

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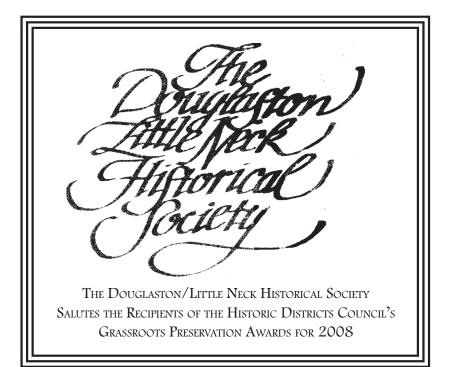


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The Historic Districts Council is the independent, not-for-profit, nonpartisan, citywide advocate for New York's designated historic districts and individual landmarks and for neighborhoods and buildings meriting preservation. The Council is dedicated to upholding the New York City Landmarks Law and to furthering the preservation ethic. This mission is accomplished through ongoing programs of hands-on assistance to more than 500 local community and neighborhood groups and through public-policy initiatives, publications, educational outreach and sponsorship of community events.

The core belief of the Historic Districts Council is that the preservation and enhancement of New York City's historic resources – its neighborhoods, buildings, parks and public spaces – are central to the continued success of the city. Originally founded in 1971 as a coalition of community groups from New York City's designated historic districts, HDC was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1985 and has grown to become the foremost citywide voice for historic preservation. Following its mandate of community-based preservation advocacy, HDC works continuously to broaden and educate the preservation constituency – from producing zoning and architectural surveys of unprotected historic neighborhoods, to meeting with legislators and city officials, to creating educational programs on the techniques and strategies of neighborhood preservation.

HDC's small professional staff is guided by its dedicated Boards of Directors and Advisers, whose members represent more than two dozen historic neighborhoods and are drawn from the fields of architecture, education, history, marketing, law, design, public relations, journalism and community activism. Their collective expertise aids community groups in their campaigns to preserve the sense of place that characterizes the city's diverse historic neighborhoods. Working with these neighborhood partners, HDC has been instrumental in preserving historic buildings and communities across the five boroughs.





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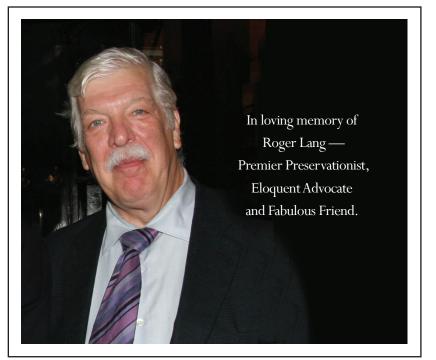
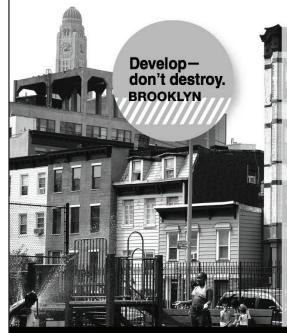


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Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn thanks the Historic Districts Council for acknowledging and honoring our ongoing work to stop the Atlantic Yards project in Prospect Heights and Park Slope, Brooklyn. It is a great honor to receive the Grassroots Preservation Award from HDC.

We express our deepest thanks to our hundreds of volunteers, our individual and organizational supporters, our 4,000 donors, our Advisory Board and Board of Directors, our elected official stalwarts, and the broad community for making our work possible. It is only with that support and involvement that we are able to continue our work.

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- 2007 -Broadway-Flushing Homeowners Association Crown Heights North Association East Village Community Coalition Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance

- 2006 -

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> - 2005 -Judy Berdy Peter Levenson Kate Ottavino Landmark West! Richmond Hill Historical Society Rosemary Cappozalo

- 2004 -

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- 2003 -CitiNeighbors Coalition for Historic Carnegie Hill Josephine E. Jones Senator Street 300 Block Association Seaport Community Coalition Manhattan Community Board I

- 2002 -

Evelyn and Everett Ortner Jackson Heights Beautification Group Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Save Gansevoort Market Task Force Linda C. Jones - 200I -Daniel Donovan Paul Graziano Bill "Reverend Billy" Talen James Ferreri Marjorie Decker Johnson

- 2000 -

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FRIEND IN HIGH PLACES AWARD

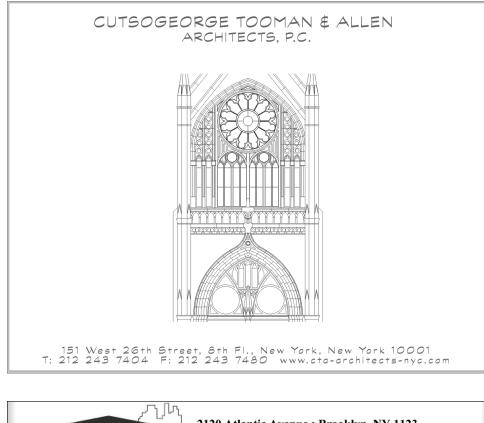
Assembly Member Deborah Glick - 66th District, Manhattan; 2007 Council Member Letitia James - 35th District, Brooklyn; 2006 Council Member Tony Avella - 19th District, Queens; 2005 Senator Liz Krueger - 26th District, Manhattan; 2004 Council Member Michael McMahon - 49th District, Staten Island; 2003 Council Member Dennis Gallagher - 30th District, Queens; 2002 Senator Thomas K. Duane - 29th District, Manhattan; 2001 Council Member Jerome X. O'Donovan - 49th District, Staten Island; 2000

Friend from the Media Award

Curbed.com; 2007 Cityland; 2006 Riverdale Press; 2005 The Staten Island Advance; 2004 The Villager and Albert Amateau; 2003 The City section, The New York Times; 2002 James Niccoloro; 2001 Jim O'Grady, The New York Times; 2000

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