



HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

THE ADVOCATE FOR NEW YORK CITY'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS



**Historic Districts Council Announces The 2022 Six to Celebrate:
New York City Areas Meriting Preservation**

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The Historic Districts Council (HDC), New York's city-wide advocate for historic buildings and neighborhoods, is pleased to announce the 2022 Six to Celebrate, its annual program honoring historic New York City neighborhoods and cultural sites and the local community groups working to preserve and enhance them.

This year, HDC has selected the following community partners and areas for the Six to Celebrate Program:

- The Parkchester Project - Parkchester, The Bronx
- I AM CARIBBEING - Little Caribbean, Brooklyn
- Crown Heights North Association - Crow Hill, Brooklyn
- East Bronx History Forum - Van Nest, The Bronx
- Save Chelsea - Penn Development Area, Manhattan
- Preservation League of Staten Island - Bayley Seton Campus, Staten Island

Since 2011, Six to Celebrate has been helping to shape preservation activities in New York City. The program has been instrumental in the creation of 14 New York City Historic Districts and 50 Individual Landmarks. In addition, five districts and three individual properties have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The program has spurred 19 neighborhood surveys, encompassing thousands of buildings. It has also leveraged over \$130,000 in private and public grants for these community-driven efforts.

Lorna Nowvé, HDC's Interim Executive Director observed, "This year saw an exceptionally high number of applicants, underscoring how important this initiative is to local community groups. We are inspired by their dedication and commitment to their neighborhoods, and look forward to honoring their mission by sharing their stories and highlighting why they are, indeed, worthy of celebrating."

Applications for Six to Celebrate were submitted by neighborhood groups around the city. The winners were chosen on the basis of architectural, cultural, and historic merit, the presence and level of threats to the area, and the commitment shown by local advocates to promote their work. Another important element was an assessment of where HDC's citywide preservation perspective and assistance could be the most meaningful.

Throughout 2022, HDC will work with and focus on these neighborhood partners to set and reach preservation goals through strategic planning, advocacy, outreach, programs, and building public awareness. This work is in addition to HDC's ongoing support and advocacy for numerous neighborhood preservation efforts throughout the city.

Founded in 1970 as a coalition of community groups from the city's designated historic districts, HDC has grown to become one of the foremost citywide voices for historic preservation. Serving a network of over 500 neighborhood-based community groups in all five boroughs, HDC strives to protect, preserve, and enhance New York City's historic buildings and neighborhoods through ongoing advocacy, community development, and education programs.

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