

Preserving LGBT History

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On January 28, I wrote to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) in support of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation's proposal that it begin formally recognizing sites of significance to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) movement within previously designated New York City Historic Districts. While the LPC has begun acknowledging LGBT history in its more recent designation reports, there are numerous sites in existing historic districts that have not received such recognition.

Amending existing designation reports to reflect places of significance to the LGBT movement would go a long way toward preserving this chapter of civil rights history, as would consideration of designating these and other sites as individual landmarks based upon their place in LGBT history. Please see my letter below.