

# BRONX HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT



Office of the Bronx Borough President

Suggested Sites For Landmark Consideration

# Bronx Sites for Potential Designation

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- St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church, *3025 Grand Concourse*
- Tracey Towers, *60 West Mosholu Parkway South*

## Community District #8

- Alderbrook, *4715 Independence Avenue*
- Béla Bartók House, *3242 Cambridge Avenue*
- Bicknell House, *220 West 253<sup>rd</sup> Street*
- Christ Church Rectory, *5030 Henry Hudson Parkway*
- Church of the Mediator, *260 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street*
- Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, *475 West 250<sup>th</sup> Street*

# Bronx Sites for Potential Designation

## Community District #8 (continued)

- Dodge/Delafield District, *Riverdale*
- Gaelic Park Sports Center, *West 240<sup>th</sup> Street, north side between Broadway and Irwin*
- Glyndor House, *Wave Hill*
- Henry Hudson Bridge
- Ladd Road Houses, *Riverdale, off of Palisade Avenue, north of 255<sup>th</sup> Street*
- LeGras Hall, *College of Mt. St. Vincent*
- Sholem Aleichem Cooperative Houses, *3451 Giles Place*
- Villa Charlotte Bronte, *2501 Palisade Avenue*
- Extension of Wave Hill District, *Riverdale*

## Community District #9

- St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church, *2380 East Tremont Avenue*

## Community District #10

- Bronx Whitestone Bridge
- City Island Historic District
- City Island Museum (formerly Public School 17), *190 Fordham Street*
- Ferris Cemetery, *1430 Commerce Avenue*
- First Presbyterian Church of Throgs Neck, *3061 East Tremont Avenue*

## Community District #11

- Lourdes of America (St. Lucy's Roman Catholic Church), *833 Mace Avenue, corner of Matthew*
- Pelham Parkway

## Community District #12

- Police Precinct 47, *4101 White Plains Road*
- Van Cortlandt Golf House

# Sites Suggested for Plaques or Markers

(Structures no longer extant)

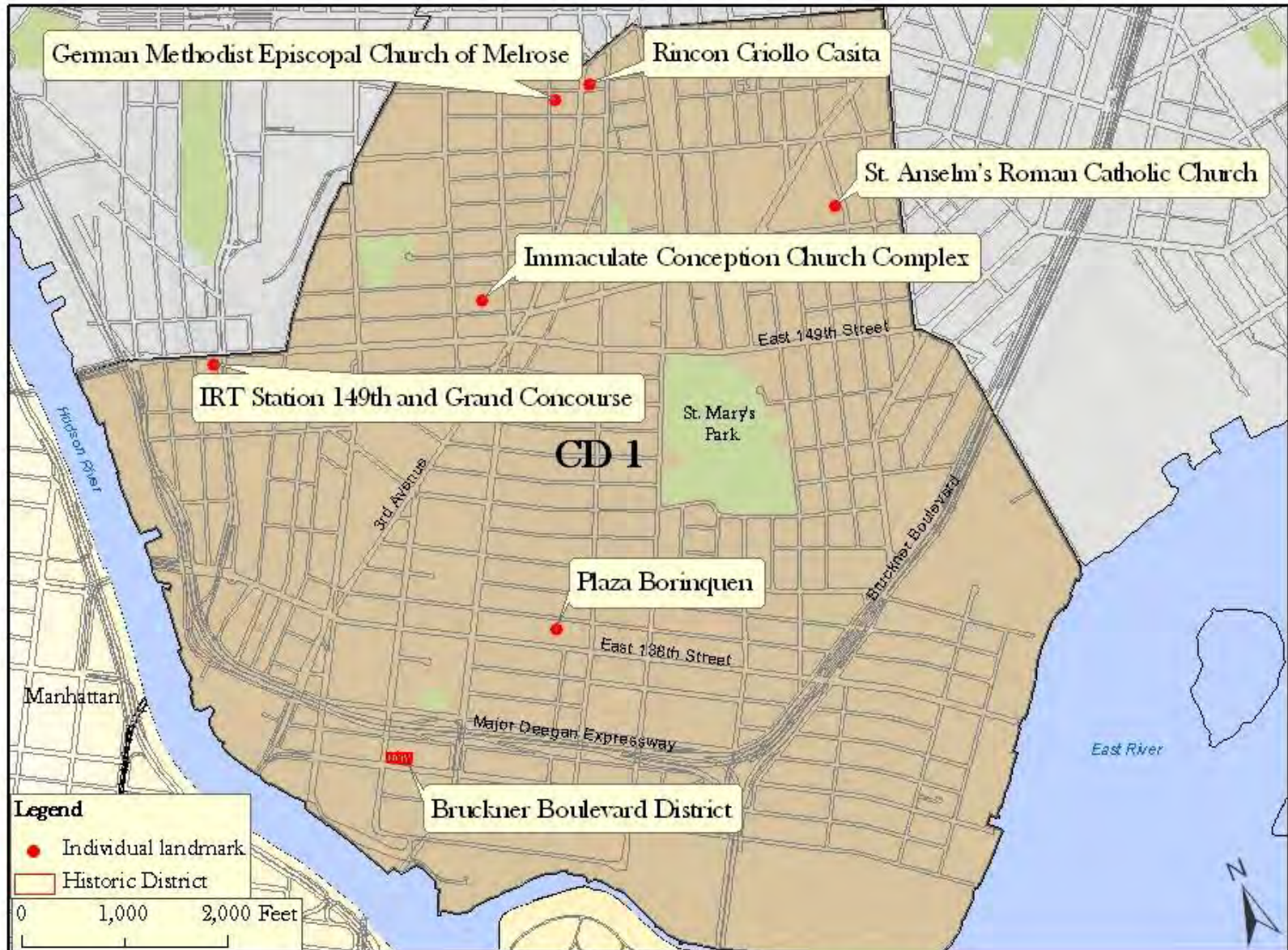
## Miscellaneous Sites:

- Site of Biograph Studios, *807 East 175<sup>th</sup> Street between Marion and Prospect Avenues, now a Sanitation Department facility*
- Site of the Edison Studios, *Decatur Avenue and Oliver Place, now the site of the Edison Apartments*
- Site of the Janes & Kirtland Iron Works, *149<sup>th</sup> Street, north side, between St. Ann's and Brook Avenues to Westchester Avenue*
- Site of the Lincoln School for Nurses, *Southern Boulevard and 141<sup>st</sup> Street, southwest corner, near Bruckner Boulevard*
- Site for the Nation's Executive Mansion, *southwest corner of Boston Road and Connor Street*
- Site of Piccirilli Brothers Sculpture Studio, *467 East 142<sup>nd</sup> Street, west of St. Ann's Avenue*

## Revolutionary War Sites:

- Fort Independence, *Giles Place*
- Fort Number Eight, *Bronx Community College campus*
- Negro Fort, *at height of St. George's Crescent east of the Grand Concourse and south of Van Cortlandt Avenue East*
- Landing site of British fleet on October 12, 1776, *now Marina del Rey on Schurz Avenue*
- Landing site of British fleet on October 18, 1776, *Pelham Bay Park, northern end of cove west of Rodman's Neck*

# Proposed Landmarks and Historic District Community District 1



# Bruckner Boulevard: Historic District

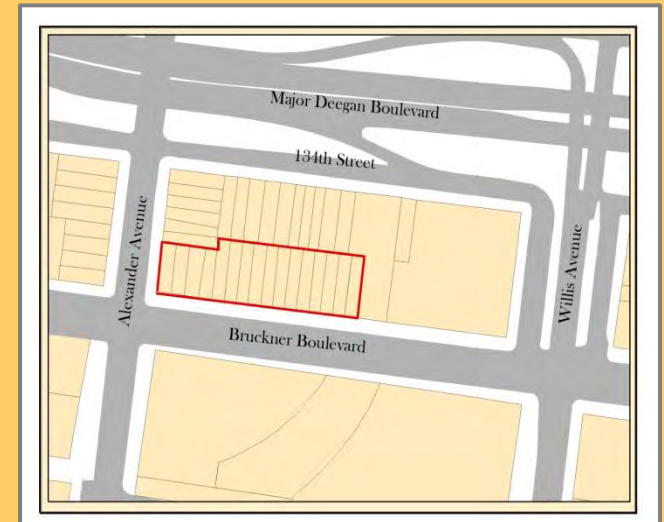


## Community District 1

39-69 Bruckner Boulevard

Block	2296
Lots	47 to 57

One cohesive block front of uniform structures along Bruckner Avenue in the Port Morris Mixed Use district. Antique stores have located in the storefronts of recently renovated tenements along the stretch of Bruckner Blvd. between Alexander and Willis Avenues. These buildings reflect the historic character of the district and are a good compliment to formerly industrial buildings along adjoining blocks.



# German Methodist Episcopal Church of Melrose



## Community District 1

790 Elton Avenue

Block	2379
Lot	45
Built	1879
Architect	John Rogers or H.S. Baker

Red brick Victorian Gothic style structure with stone trim designed by either John Rogers or H.S. Baker (records are unclear). The Gothic arched entrance emphasizes the symmetrical design while four evenly spaced slender towerlettes divide the façade into three equal bays with Gothic arched stained glass windows in each bay.

### *Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Immaculate Conception Church Complex



## Community District 1

364 East 151<sup>st</sup> Street

Block	2397
Lot	17
Built	1887
Architect	Henry Brun

Romanesque Revival style ecclesiastical architecture. The red brick church is ornamented with crockets and towerlettes. Round arched openings, stone belt courses and window enframements, corbelled round-arched cornices and small arcades articulate the façade.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# IRT Subway Station at East 149<sup>th</sup> Street



## Community District 1

Grand Concourse and East 149<sup>th</sup> Street

Block	2346
Lot	43

Built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century as the Mott Avenue Station – the first subway station in The Bronx, – it consists of two levels built one below the other, separated by a mezzanine. The lower station features a large barrel vault and opened in 1904, while the upper level opened in 1917. The former entrance to the station bears the name Mott Avenue, the street which preceded the Grand Concourse. The station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*Landmarks of The Bronx, and*  
<http://www.nycsubway.org>



# Plaza Borinquen



## Community District 1

470 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Willis & Brook Avenues)

Block	2283
Lot	40
Built	1974
Architect	Ciardullo-Ehmann

A low-scale, scatter site housing development in the Mott Haven neighborhood built under the Federal Housing Authority 236 Project for the South Bronx Community Housing Corporation. The majority of the 88 units feature three and four bedroom interlocking triplex apartments each with its own garden.

*John Ciardullo Associates, P.C.*



# Rincon Criollo Casita



## Community District 1

499 E. 158<sup>th</sup> Street

Block 2364  
Lot 45

Casitas are small houses surrounded by gardens created to recall the look and feel of the Puerto Rican countryside. One of the city's oldest and largest, Casita Rincon Criollo, occupies city-owned land which was abandoned and strewn with garbage before neighborhood people reclaimed it in the late 1970s. Since then, neighbors have used their corner to gather, garden, hold community events, and pass down musical and cultural traditions. The bomba and plena musical group, Los Pleneros de la 21 emerged from Rincon Criollo.

*Place Matters, MAS*



# Saint Anselm's Roman Catholic Church



## Community District 1

673 Tinton Avenue

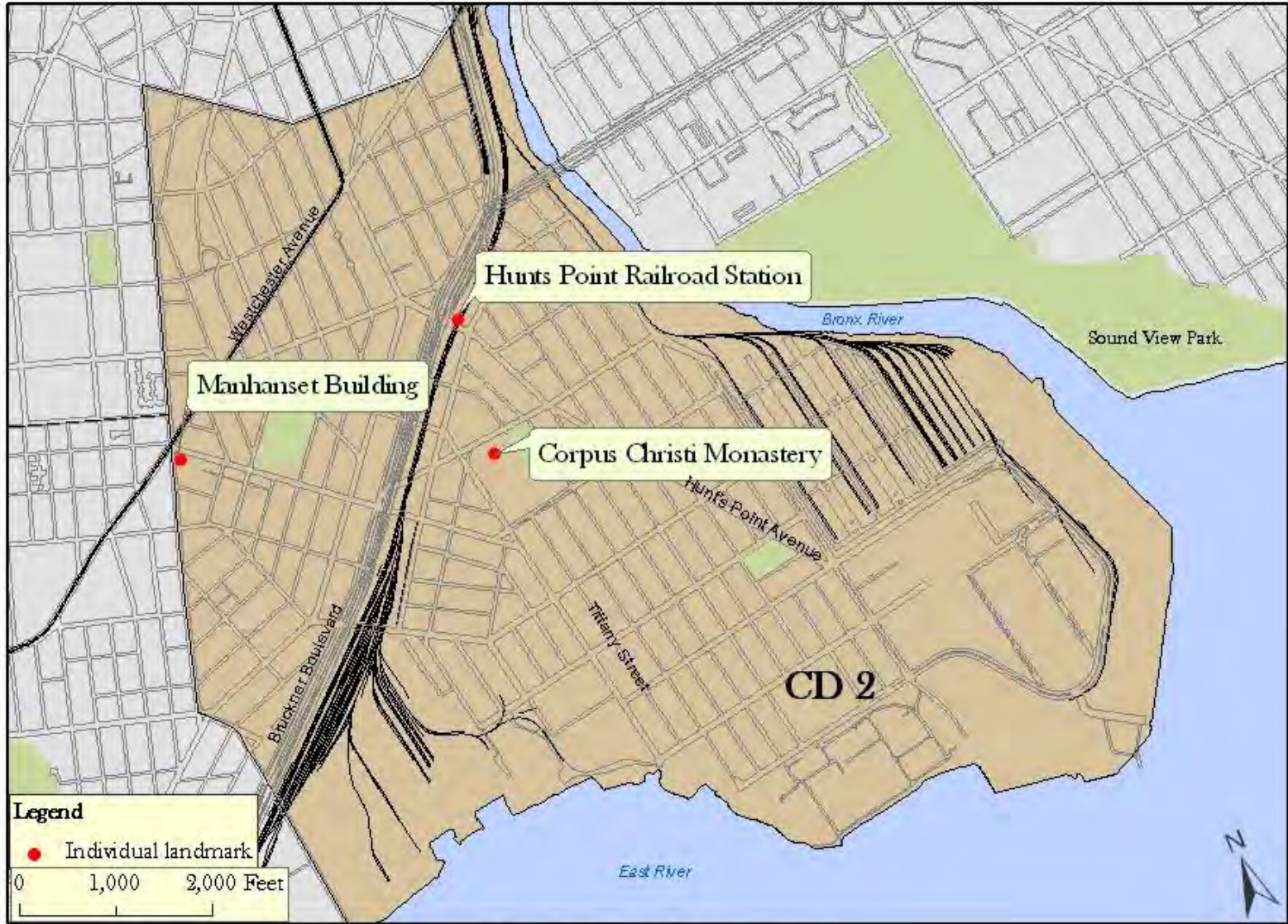
Block	2654
Lot	41
Built	1907
Architect	Anton Kloster

A brick neo-Byzantine structure. The entry porch is arcaded by two columns and side walls which support the three arches. Most of the building's openings are set in round arches.

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# Proposed Landmarks Community District 2



# Corpus Christi Monastery



## Community District 2

1230 Lafayette Avenue

Block	2738
Lot	1
Built	1890
Architect	William Schickel

Corpus Christi Monastery is the oldest Dominican monastery in the United States, a 116 year old branch of the first monastery of nuns founded by St. Dominic de Guzman in Prouilhe, France, in 1206. The neo-Gothic style structure lies opposite the landmark American Bank Note building.

*Landmarks of The Bronx, Corpus Christi Monastery Website*



# Hunts Point Railroad Station



## Community District 2

904 Hunts Point Avenue

Block	2741
Lot	1
Built	1908
Architect	Cass Gilbert

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad developed a commuter line from New Rochelle to the southern Bronx, receiving passengers until 1931. A neo-Gothic style building with dormer windows that was once a local stop is now divided into stores. In 1918, the Real Estate Record & Guide called it "a building of marked architectural beauty."

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# Manhanset Building



## Community District 2

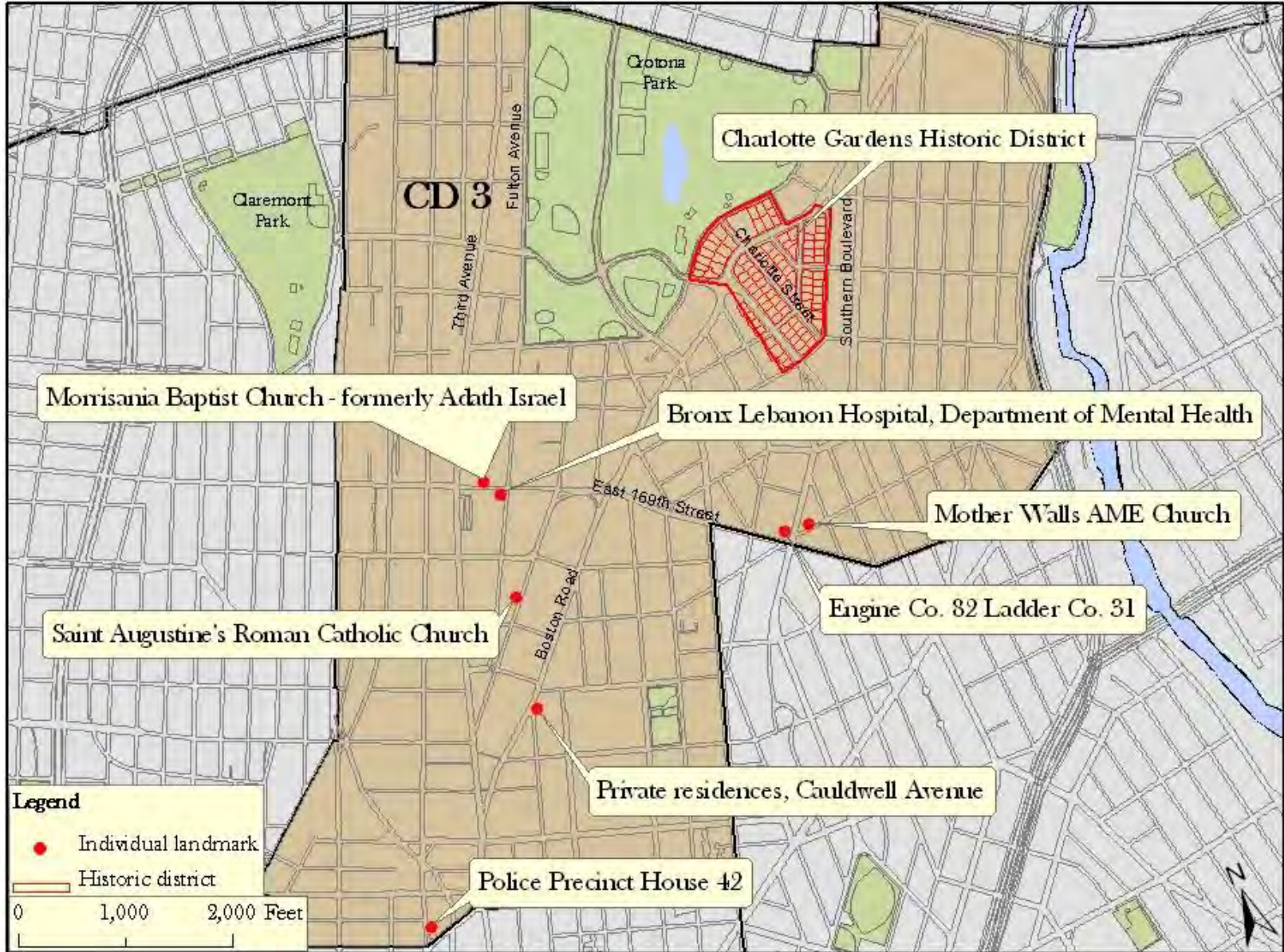
850 Longwood Avenue at Prospect Avenue

Block	2688
Lot	48
Built	1905

Built in 1905, the Manhanset Building is notable as an example of neo-Renaissance style architecture, influenced by the École des Beaux-Arts and the architecture of the 1893 Chicago World's Columbian Exposition. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places owing to the significance of the Casa Amadeo record store located on its ground floor, a center of Puerto Rican culture.



# Proposed Landmarks Community District 3



# Bronx Lebanon Hospital Department of Mental Health



## Community District 3

1285 Fulton Avenue

Block	2610
Lot	38
Built	1889
Architect	De Lemos & Cordes

Originally the Eichler brewery family residence, this red brick and terra-cotta structure is considered either French Renaissance or Second Empire architecture and features mansard roof and gables.

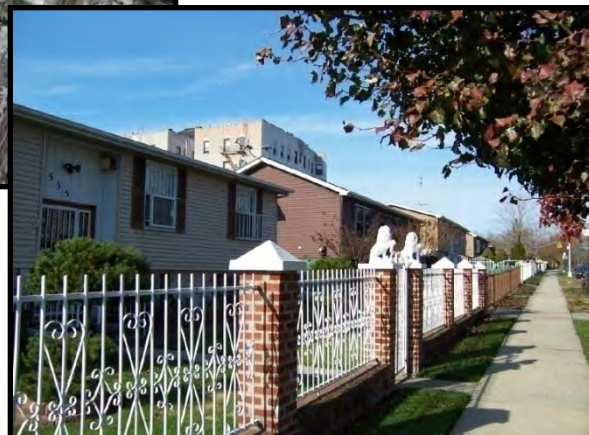
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# Charlotte Gardens



Before (c. 1970s)



After (c. 2000s)

## Community District 3

Built

Early 1980s

When President Jimmy Carter visited Charlotte Street in October of 1977, the street was decrepit and vacant due to rampant arson that consumed large swaths of the South Bronx. Today Charlotte Street is a low-density development comprised of single family homes and stands as a symbol of the accomplishments of various community groups that worked tirelessly to improve their neighborhoods and reunite the communities of the South Bronx.

*New York Times, October 5, 2007*



# Cauldwell Avenue Private Residences



## Community District 3

1074 & 1076 Cauldwell Avenue

Block	2633
Lot	14
Built	1892
Architect	Charles C. Churchill

Both Queen Anne style private residences have recessed porches above front doors. The porches, supported by turned posts, have rails and balusters.

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# Engine Company 82, Ladder Company 31



## Community District 3

1213 Intervale Avenue  
NW corner of 169<sup>th</sup> Street

Block 2973  
Lot 38

Besides being a rather attractive Beaux-Arts style building, the cultural significance of Engine Co. 82 dates from the early 1970s when it was the busiest fire house in the world. Firefighters stationed here often answered six alarms each day in the period when arson fires were set and the surrounding neighborhood largely burned down. Firefighter Dennis Smith immortalized the building in his national best selling account *Report From Engine Co. 82*, published in 1972. It is also one of the few structures in that neighborhood that predates the new apartment houses and townhouses that rose on the site of the rubble.

*Lloyd Ultan,  
Bronx Borough Historian*



# Morrisania Baptist Church (formerly Congregation Adath Israel)



## Community District 3

551 East 169<sup>th</sup> Street  
(between Fulton & Third Avenues)

Block	2925
Lot	92
Built	1901

In 1927, the synagogue was sold to the Morrisania Baptist Church and a new building was erected on the Grand Concourse and 169th Street. The congregation has since moved to the Riverdale section of The Bronx and become affiliated with the Conservative Synagogue. The first Temple Adath Israel congregation disappeared around the turn of the century.

<http://www.bronxsynagogues.org>



# Mother Walls AME Church



## Community District 3

895 Home Street

Block	2974
Lot	27
Built	1909
Architect	Thompson & Frohling

This tan and red brick structure, on a triangular peninsula opposite Engine Company 82, was originally Free Magyar Reform Church and later Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

*AIA Guide to New York City*



# Police Precinct House 42



## Community District 3

830 Washington Avenue

Block	2365
Lot	1
Built	1904
Architect	Charles Volz

Once the 36<sup>th</sup> precinct, later the 46<sup>th</sup> and most recently the 42<sup>nd</sup>, this neo-Renaissance structure appears in exterior shots of *Fort Apache*, *The Bronx*, a 1981 movie about life in an earlier and somewhat devastated South Bronx. The real Fort Apache was actually the Simpson Street station house.

*AIA Guide to New York City*



# Saint Augustine's Roman Catholic Church



## Community District 3

1183 Franklin Avenue

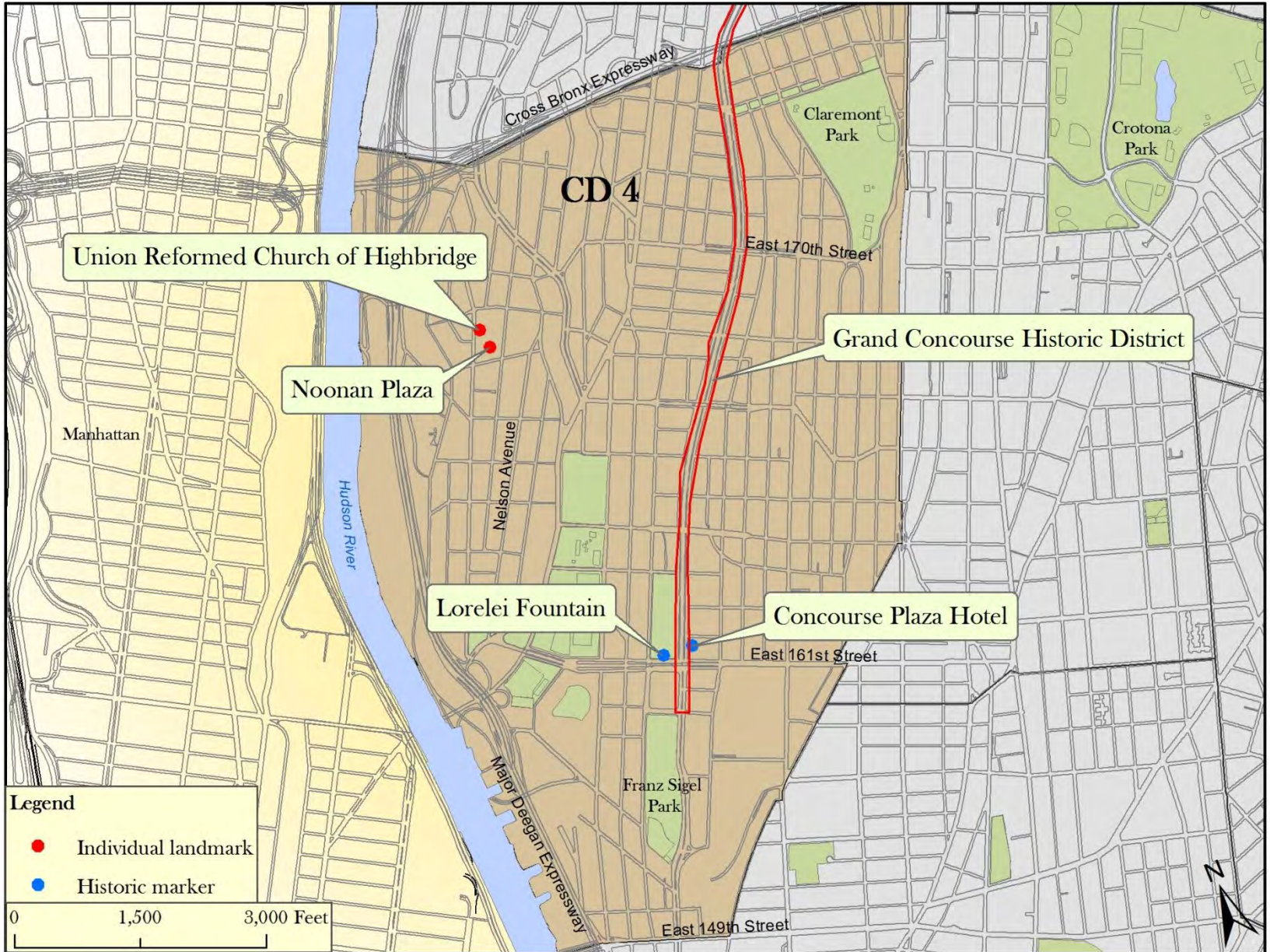
Block	2611
Lot	52
Built	1904
Architect	Louis Giele

This church commemorates St. Augustine, the fifth-century bishop and doctor of the church from Hippo near ancient Carthage in North Africa. St. Augustine's pastor in the 1940s, Fr. Cornelius Drew, attracted 550 new Catholics to the church, largely through classes designed specifically for African-Americans. The Renaissance and Baroque structure features a brownstone façade. It features two square towers with stained glass windows set in round arch openings.

*Landmarks of The Bronx,  
National Catholic Reporter*



# Proposed Landmarks and Historic District Community District 4



# Concourse Plaza Hotel



## Community District 4

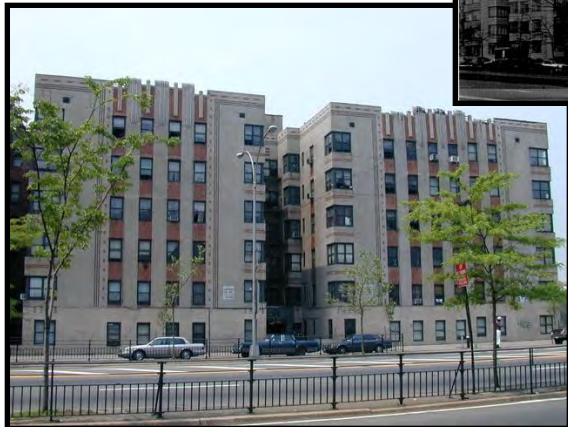
900 Grand Concourse  
at East 161<sup>st</sup> Street

Block	2460
Lot	1
Built	1923
Architect	Maynicke & Frank

Built in the 1920s, hosting guests including President Harry S. Truman and Yankee stars from Babe Ruth to Billy Martin, the hotel became a home for welfare families in the 1960s. Eventually, the hotel, including its grand ballroom, was gutted, and it is now a home for the elderly.



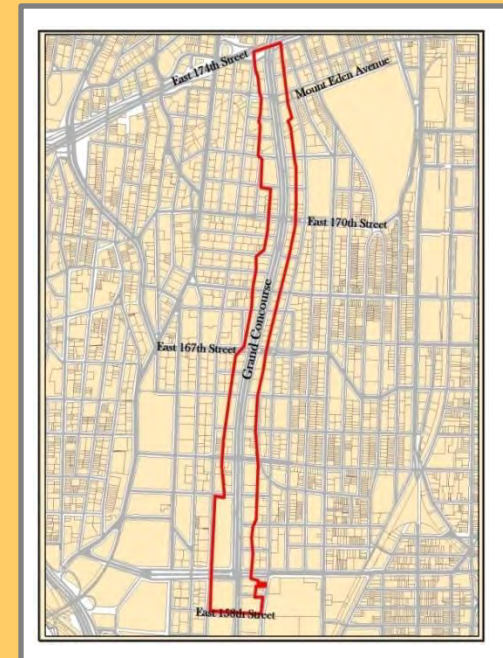
# Grand Concourse: Historic District



## Community District 4

Grand Concourse Boulevard  
from 158<sup>th</sup> Street to Mosholu Parkway

The Concourse is renowned for its art deco style buildings which include Concourse Plaza Hotel, 900 Grand Concourse, Apartment House (Fish Building), 1150 Grand Concourse, 1785 Grand Concourse, and 174th Street Underpass. Traverses Community Districts 4, 5 & 7



# Lorelei Fountain



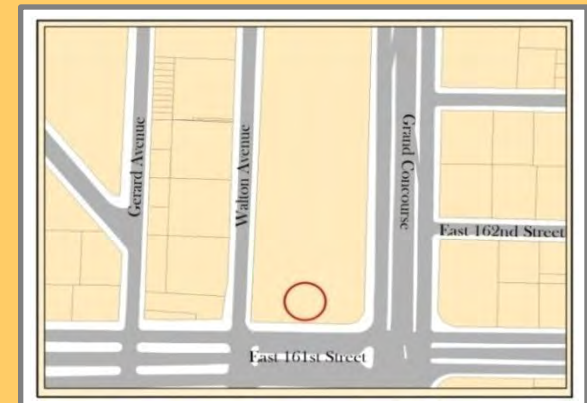
## Community District 4 Joyce Kilmer Park

East 161<sup>st</sup> Street between Grand  
Concourse and Walton Avenue

Built	1899
Sculptor	Ernst Herter

Rebuilt and relocated in 1999, the fountain honors the poet of “Die Lorelei,” Heinrich Heine, whose bas-relief portrait decorates the base. A group of New Yorkers of German ancestry offered the statue to the City in 1893 after the sculptor’s gift had been rejected by Dusseldorf, Heine’s birthplace. The donors wanted it placed at Manhattan’s Grand Army Plaza, where Sherman’s statue now stands. Heine’s ethnic background—he was both a German and a Jew—together with the statue’s “questionable” artistic merits for tastes of the time, precluded that location.

*AIA Guide to New York City*



# Noonan Plaza



## Community District 4

105-145 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street,  
at Nelson Avenue

Block	2518
Lot	1
Built	1931
Architect	Horace Ginsbern

This Art Deco Mayan style 7-story apartment building, arranged to form a quadrangle, is entered diagonally through a highly decorative masonry arcade leading to a central 15,000 square foot courtyard.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Union Reformed Church of Highbridge



Community District 4

1272 Ogden Avenue

Block	2518
Lot	14
Built	1887
Architect	Alfred E. Barlow

Designed in Richardson Romanesque style, completely faced in stone, the square tower and nave rise from a battered stone foundation.

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# Proposed Landmarks Community District 5



# Birthplace of Hip Hop

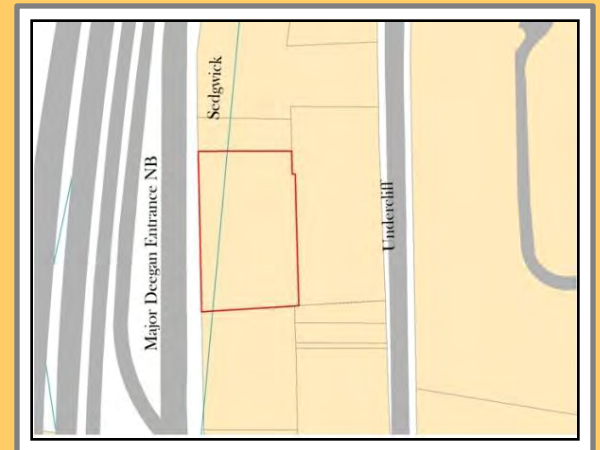


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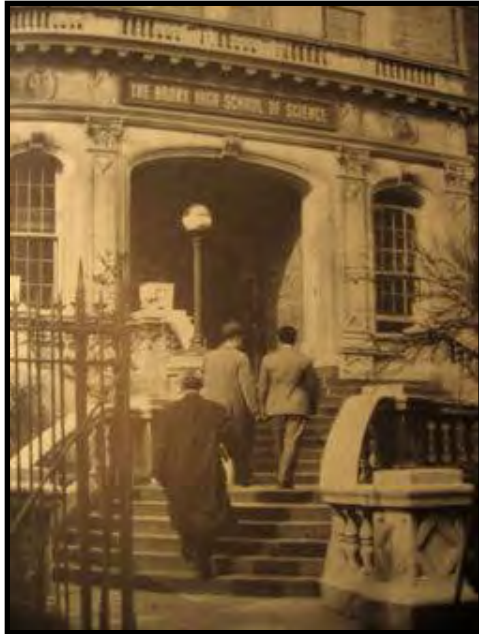
1520 Sedgwick Avenue

Block	2880
Lot	17
Event	August 11, 1973

Scholars, musicians, and the media widely recognize 1520 Sedgwick Avenue, aka General Sedgwick House, as the birthplace of hip hop. In recognition of its important place in American history, in July of 2007, 1520 Sedgwick was declared officially *eligible* to be recognized as landmark by the State of New York.



# Former Evander Childs High School (old Bronx High School of Science building)



## Community District 5

120 East 184<sup>th</sup> Street  
at Creston Avenue

Block	3172
Lot	46
Built	1918
Architect	CBJ Snyder

The Bronx High School of Science was founded in 1938 by resolution of the Department of Education of the City of New York with Dr. Morris Meister as the first principal of the school. The school was housed in a gargoyled Gothic building located at Creston Avenue and 184th Street. Bronx Science left this building in 1959.



# Lewis Morris Apartments



## Community District 5

1749 Grand Concourse

Block	2822
Lot	19
Built	1923
Architect	Edward Raldiris

Once considered the grandest residence on the Concourse, Lewis Morris is a 13-story high rise in lavish Beaux Arts style. This structure emulated the contemporary luxury apartments of Park and West End Avenues in Manhattan.

*AIA Guide to New York City,  
Landmarks of The Bronx*



# South Hall



## Community District 5

### Bronx Community College Campus

Block	3222
Lot	62

This building was originally designed as a mansion for the family of Gustav Schwab, a German immigrant who was the American representative of the Northern German Lloyd Steamship Line. Made of red brick, it was called by him Fort Number Eight because it was built near the site of a Revolutionary War Fort of the same name. The villa, with a spectacular view of the Harlem River Valley, is an example of how a wealthy German immigrant family lived in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The property was purchased by New York University and added to its campus in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and renamed South Hall. It became a part of Bronx Community College in 1975.



# Twin Parks Northwest



## Community District 5

355 E. 184<sup>th</sup> Street

Block	3024
Lot Number	8
Built	1970
Architect	Prentice & Chan, Ohlhausen

Twin Parks Northwest was sponsored by the New York State Urban Development Corporation (UDC) as an infill housing project. The tower provides a diverse mix of apartments ranging in size from studios to 5-bedroom duplexes.

The UDC was created under State legislation in 1968 given wide-ranging development authority and financial resources to “improve the physical environment for low- and moderate income families.”

*<http://housingprototypes.org> &  
Center for Architecture*



# Proposed Landmarks Community District 6



# Keating Hall



## Community District 6

441 East Fordham Road  
Fordham University

Block	3273
Lot	1
Built	1936
Architect	Robert J. Reiley

Designed in the Collegiate Gothic style, its central towers loom over the campus and surrounding area.

*AIA Guide to New York City  
and Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church



## Community District 6

627 East 187<sup>th</sup> Street

Block 3076  
Lot 25

This church was begun in response to the increasing numbers of Italian immigrants coming into the Belmont area in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. It began as a basement church and took ten more years to complete. It is designated an Italian ethnic church by the New York Archdiocese. Masses in Italian can still be heard there. At its height, Masses for children were held in the original downstairs church, while adults attended services upstairs. The church quickly became the center of the cultural and civic life of the neighborhood.

*Lloyd Ultan,  
Bronx Borough Historian*



# Twin Parks Southeast



## Community District 6

2311 Southern Boulevard

Block	3113
Lot Number	9
Built	1969
Architect	James Stewart Polshek

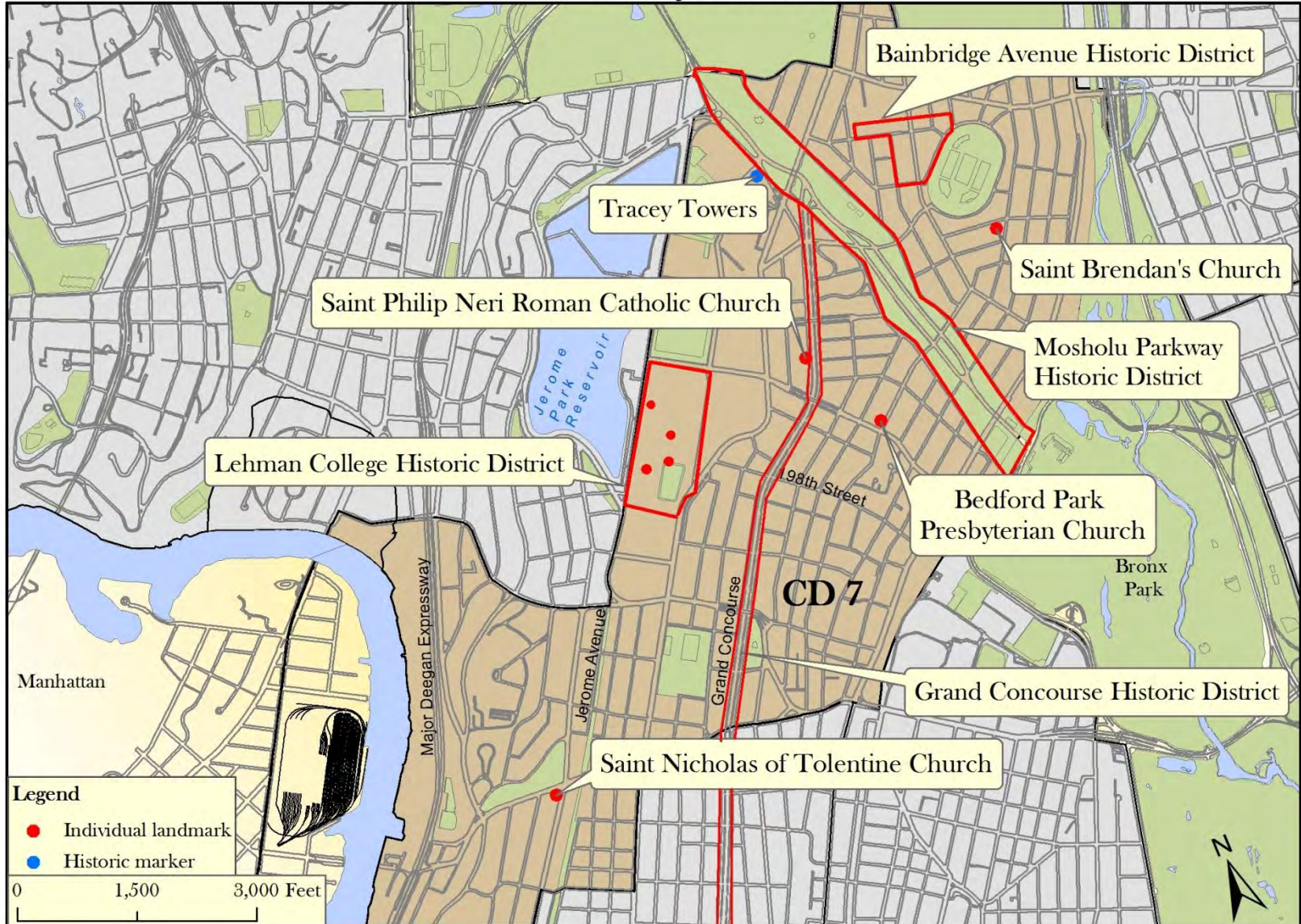
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# Proposed Landmarks and Historic Districts Community District 7



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# Bainbridge Avenue: Historic District



## Community District 7

Block 3327, 131 E. 210<sup>th</sup> Street; Block 3338, Bainbridge Avenue 150 E. 210<sup>th</sup> Street, Lots 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 46, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 Bainbridge Avenue; and Block 3343, Lot 260, 3400 Wayne Avenue, Lot 326, 170 E. 210<sup>th</sup> Street, Lots 330, 331, 332, 334, 336, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344 and 347 Bainbridge Avenue.

An area filled with grand old homes of architectural distinction and similarity, built in the 1920s. The area includes Montefiore Hospital's original building and the Lenru Cooperatives.



# Bedford Park Presbyterian Church



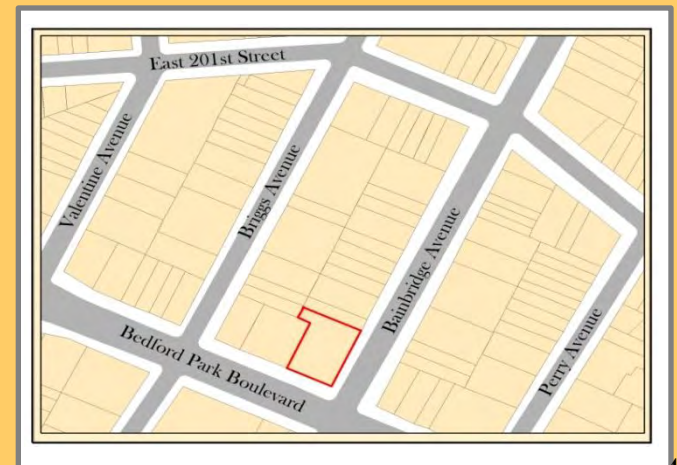
## Community District 7

2943 Bainbridge Avenue

Block	3298
Lot Number	1
Built	1900
Architect	Robert H. Robertson

This church with a cross-shaped plan is constructed of locally quarried stone. The gables, of half-timbered construction, contain stained glass set in cusped arches.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Lehman College: Historic District



Gillet Hall



Music Building



Davis Hall



Old Gymnasium

## Community District 7

Four buildings, Gillet and Davis halls, the Music Building, and the Gymnasium, were completed in 1931. The United Nations Security Council occupied the Gymnasium building from March to August 1946. During festivities marking the 40th anniversary of the United Nations in 1986, the Southern New York State Division of the United Nations Association presented Lehman College with a commemorative plaque, now displayed outside the Gymnasium Building. The College participated in the United Nations' 50th anniversary activities in 1995-96.

*Lehman College Website*  
<http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/lehman/>

*Photos courtesy of Lehman College, Campus Explorer*  
<http://www.campusexplorer.com/>, and Flickr  
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# Mosholu Parkway



## Community District 7

from Gun Hill Road to Bronx Park

Built

1935-1937

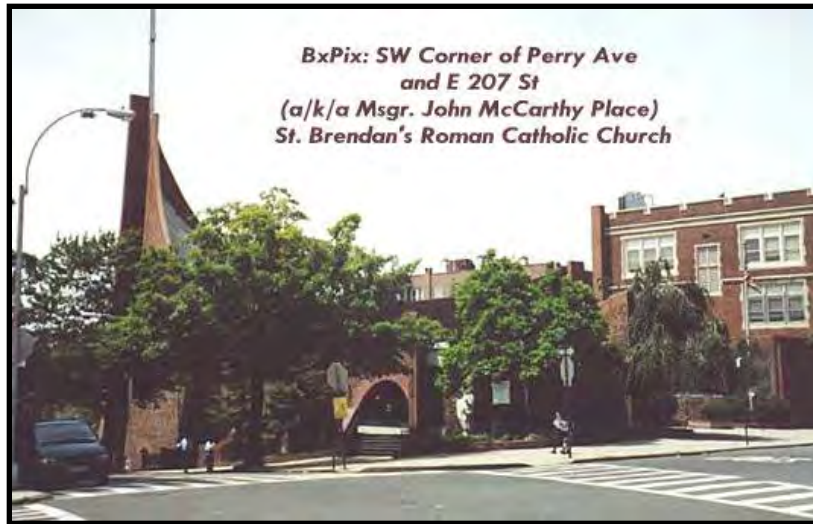
Mosholu Parkway is a landscaped highway connecting Bronx Park to Van Cortlandt Park. “Mosholu” is an Algonquin name meaning “smooth stones” or “small stones” for the nearby creek now known as Tibbett’s Brook. The Mosholu Parkway serves as a major transportation route while beautifying the surrounding area and keeping alive the history of the land’s previous residents.

The creation of Mosholu Parkway came as a result of the widespread park and parkway movement that Olmsted pioneered during the 1860’s.

*New York City Department of Parks & Recreation*



# Saint Brendan's Church

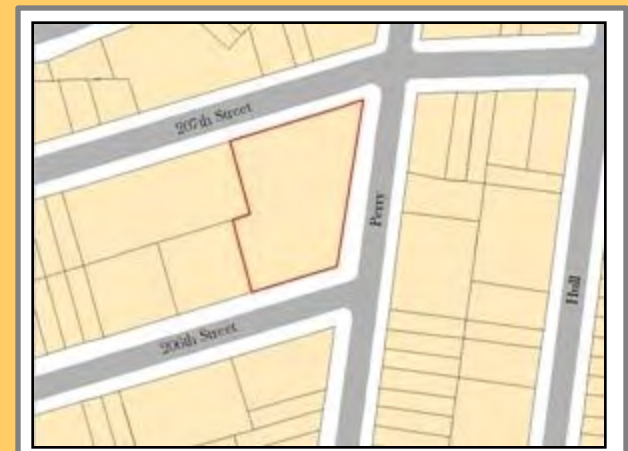


## Community District 7

333 East 206<sup>th</sup> Street  
(includes 207<sup>th</sup> Street & Perry Avenue)

Block	3342
Lot	38
Built	1908

On April 29, 1909, the groundbreaking for the church began. On May 16, the Feast of St. Brendan, the cornerstone was laid.



# Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church



## Community District 7

100 West Fordham Road

Block	3218
Lot	35
Built	1928
Architect	Delaney, O'Conner & Schultz

The façade of this grey stone Gothic style church is divided into three sections. The entry is set in a high corbelled Tudor arch which projects out from the façade and has a large stained glass window.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Saint Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church



## Community District 7

3025 Grand Concourse

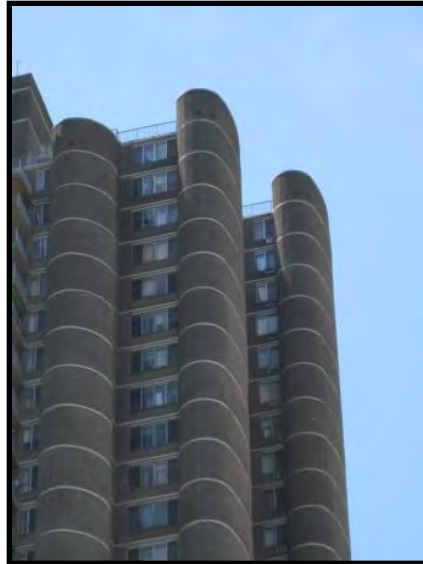
Block	3310
Lot	64
Built	1899
Architect	Delaney, O'Conner & Schultz

The façade of this grey stone Gothic style church is divided into three sections. The entry is set in a high corbelled Tudor arch which projects out from the façade and has a large stained glass window.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Tracey Towers



## Community District 7

60 West Mosholu Parkway South

Block 3251  
Lot 490  
Built 1967-1972  
Architects Paul Rudolph, Jerald Karlan

In the words of “New York 1960” authors Robert A. M. Stern, Thomas Mellins, and David Fishman, The Mitchell-Lama Tracey Towers are “New York’s ultimate example of futuristic design.”

The lobby incorporates half a dozen levels, not always sensibly; ramps lead to stairways that lead to ramps – to nowhere. But Rudolph’s use of curves, in both plan and section, makes this one of the city’s great interiors.

*The New York Times, March 25, 1997*



# Proposed Landmarks and Historic Districts Community District 8



# Alderbrook



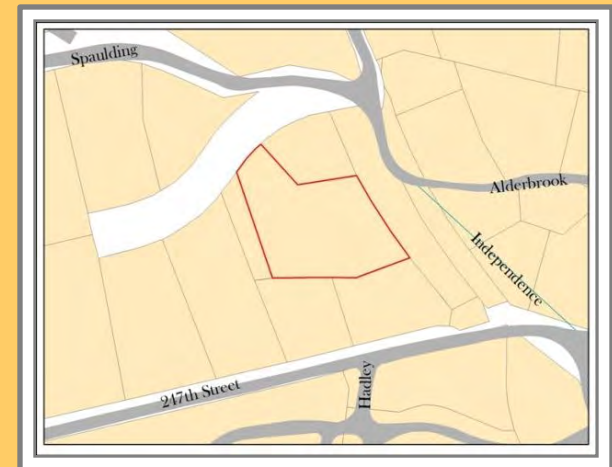
## Community District 8

4715 Independence Avenue

Block	5926
Lot	76
Built	c. 1880

This Gothic Revival mansion was built for Percy Pyne, president of National City Bank of New York. The structure reflects the influence of Andrew Jackson Downing and Calvert Vaux. Much of the original detailing remains throughout the house including grand stairways, inlaid hardwood flooring, multi-paneled wainscoting and classically carved archways. The villa was preserved through site redevelopment and is now the center of the residential enclave now known as Alderbrook.

*Landmarks of The Bronx,  
Riverdale Nature Preservancy*



# Béla Bartók House



## Community District 8

3242 Cambridge Avenue

Block	5784
Lot	330

Noted Hungarian composer Béla Bartók, arrived in the United States fleeing the Nazis in 1940. He rented this house from its ethnic Italian owner in 1941, and lived there until 1944, the year before he died. He supported himself working in the music library of Columbia University, but he also composed two orchestral compositions while residing in this house. In 1948 Serge Koussevitzky commissioned Bartók to write Concerto for Orchestra and Yehudi Menuin commissioned him to compose Sonata for Solo Violin. Both works are still in the orchestral repertoire today.

*Lloyd Ultan,  
Bronx Borough Historian*



# Bicknell House



## Community District 8

220 West 253<sup>rd</sup> Street

Block	5836
Lot	3127
Built	c. 1872
Architect	Dwight James Baum

This Gothic Revival home was built for the Joseph I. Bicknell family. Notable features include deep overhanging eaves ornamented with barge boards. The former Bicknell estate now belongs to the Riverdale Country School.

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# Christ Church Rectory



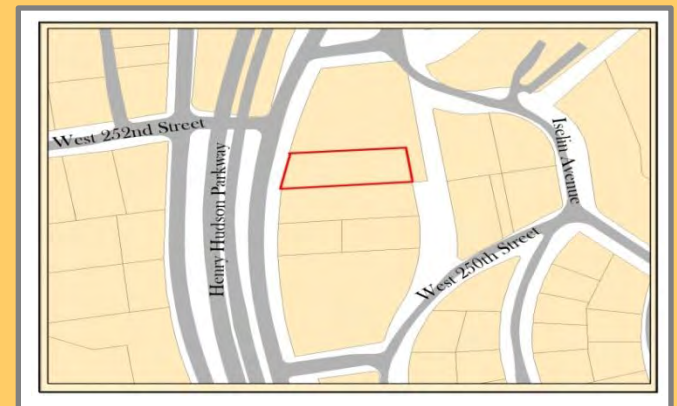
## Community District 8

5030 Henry Hudson Parkway

Block	5833
Lot	4259
Built	1872

The architecture of this frame residence combines Georgian details with elements of French Second Empire style. The main façade of the three-bay house faces the Henry Hudson Parkway and consists of two sections. The first section, two bays wide, includes the centrally placed entrance. The second section, one window wide, is slightly recessed. A simple projecting bracketed cornice surrounds the house below an asphalt shingled mansard roof.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Church of the Mediator

## Community District 8

260 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street

Block	3958
Lot	80
Built	1897

A neo-Gothic stone structure, the Church was designed by architect Henry Vaughn at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It's stained-glass windows depict biblical and historical figures dear to the Episcopal Church, with a few unexpected additions such as reformer and educator Booker T. Washington. Once known as "The Little Cathedral of the Bronx," the church remains a significant community gathering space, however over the years the church has fallen into disrepair and, as a result, could benefit from designation as a landmark, as this would make it eligible for grants and enable its repair.



# Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale



## Community District 8

475 West 250<sup>th</sup> Street

Block	5833
Lot	4237
Built	1961
Architect	Percival Goodman

With Rabbi Max Kadushin as its first rabbi, the Conservative Synagogue of Riverdale was founded in 1954 and erected its first building, a Hebrew school. Then in 1962 a new sanctuary, designed by renowned architect Percival Goodman, was dedicated and the community started to grow. In 1973, the Conservative Synagogue merged with Adath Israel of Grand Concourse, one of New York City's greatest Conservative institutions.

*Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale,*

*<http://www.csair.org/history.htm>*



# Dodge/Delafield District



## Community District 8

Bound by 247<sup>th</sup> Street, Palisade Ave,  
246<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Ave.

The Dodge-Delafield District, the core of Riverdale's "estate area", features sizable lots with sweeping lawns and large trees. A number of mansions were built for successive generations of the Dodge family. Outbuildings of the estate—gatehouse, icehouse, gardener's cottage, barn, garage—which later were converted to houses for family members, remain as residences. The area also contains a sprinkling of more modern homes, some notable in their own right.



# Gaelic Park Sports Center



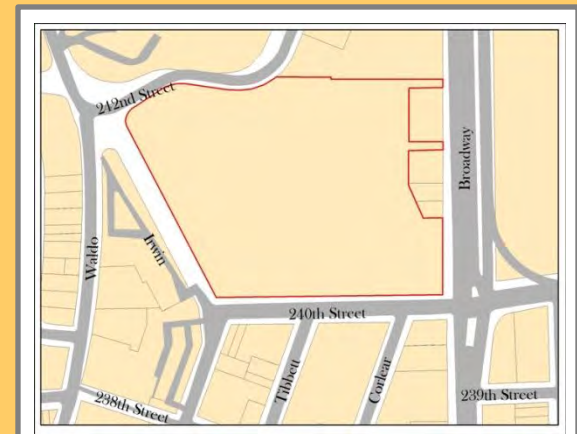
## Community District 8

West 240<sup>th</sup> Street  
north side between Broadway & Irwin  
(Manhattan College campus)

Block 5776  
Lot 401

The land was purchased in 1926 by the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) and first opened in 1928. The GAA ran the park for 10 years until it was forced into bankruptcy and the city took over. In the '70s the park was famous for outdoor concerts. In 1991 Manhattan College took over the park and made the official name The Gaelic Park Sports Center. Gaelic Park has brought Irish sports like hurling and Irish football to New York for over 75 years.

*Municipal Art Society*



# Glyndor House at Wave Hill



## Community District 8 Wave Hill

Block	5937
Lot	440
Built	c. 1929
Architect	Butler and Corse

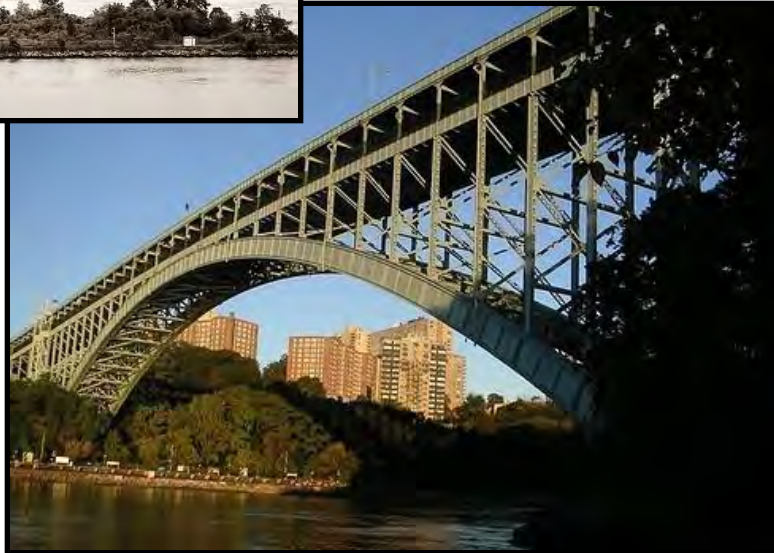
Currently used as gallery space, this house in Georgian Revival style, is the third to stand on this magnificent site overlooking the Palisades.

In 1926, the house was struck by lightning and severely damaged. Mrs. Perkins had it demolished. The present building, designed by New York architects Butler and Corse, rose on the site in a year's time. In 1960, the Perkins and Freeman families gave the Wave Hill estate to the City of New York.

### *Riverdale Nature Preservancy*



# Henry Hudson Bridge



## Community District 8

Built

c. 1936

Designed by David B. Steinman and named in honor of Henry Hudson, the explorer whose ship, the *Half Moon*, anchored near this site in 1609, this bridge connects northern Manhattan to the Bronx. It was built as part of the Henry Hudson Parkway by the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority. When it opened (lower level in 1936 and upper level in 1938), it was the longest plate girder arch and fixed arch bridge in the world.

*Metropolitan Transportation Authority,  
<http://www.mta.info/bandt/html/henry.htm>*



# Ladd Road Houses



## Community District 8

### Riverdale

(off of Palisade Avenue, north of 255<sup>th</sup> Street)

Ladd Road is a unique Modernist residential development designed almost entirely by architects of distinction on the grounds of the former Ladd Estate. The homes are clustered around a shared swimming pool which was part of the original estate.



# LeGras Hall



## Community District 8

College of Mount Saint Vincent

Block	5958
Lot	1
Built	1875

Originally St. Vincent's Free School, Le Gras Hall has a large mansard roof with several dormers. Bracketed eaves support the roof. In 1875, it was opened as a free school run by the Sisters of Charity. This was the only free school in Riverdale for many years and is considered the first public school in the area.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Sholem Aleichem Cooperative Houses

## Community District 8

3451 Giles Place

Block 3258  
Lot 222

Named after the Yiddish humorist and writer Sholem Aleichem, this was one of the first cooperatives erected in response to the New York State law of 1926 that first permitted them.



# Villa Charlotte Bronte



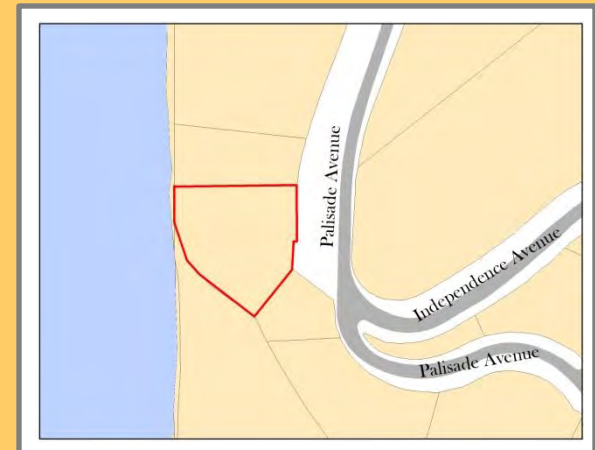
## Community District 8

2501 Palisade Avenue

Block	5745
Lot	290
Built	1926
Architect	Robert W. Gardner

Villa Charlotte Bronte, just north of Independence Avenue, offers unobstructed views up and down the Hudson and clings to a steep slope. A central courtyard separates 17 cooperative apartments designed in two sections, with individual units connected by walkways, freestanding stairs, stone arches and other details.

*New York Times,  
October 22, 2006*



# Wave Hill: Extension of Historic District



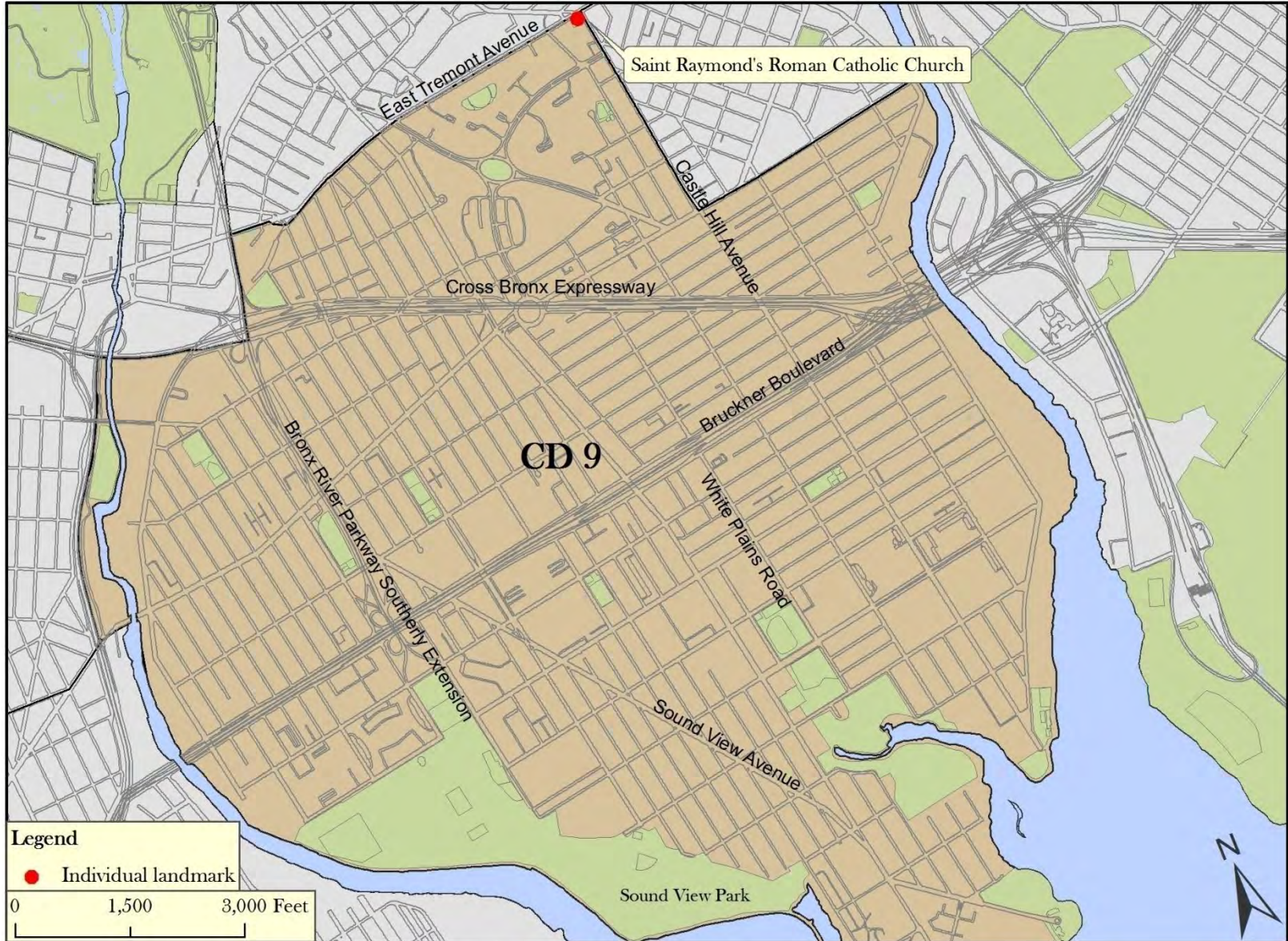
## Community District 8

Bounded by 247<sup>th</sup> Street, Palisade Avenue, Arlington Avenue, and 252<sup>nd</sup> Street

The Wave Hill Extension District consists partly of houses built by for the family of George W. Perkins, who purchased Wave Hill in 1903 and whose children donated the estate to New York City. Other early 20<sup>th</sup> century Riverdale residents built substantial mansions nearby. The outbuildings of the Campagna estate are especially significant, notably the carriage house, bowling building and pool house. Wave Hill is the core of this area, with the surrounding architectural fabric as a distinctive armature. The area includes significant 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century houses as well as the old campus of Riverdale Country School.



# Proposed Landmark Community District 9



# St. Raymond's Roman Catholic Church



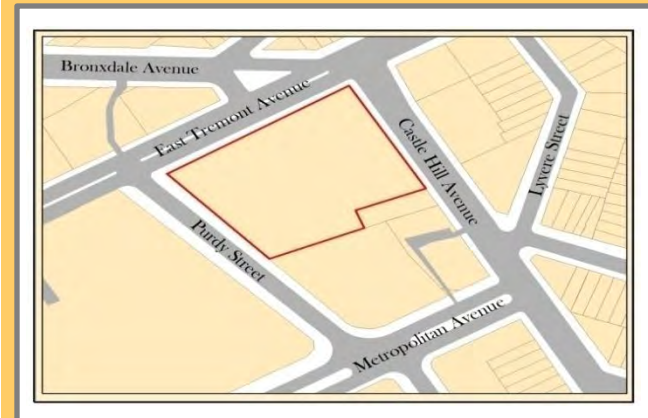
## Community District 9

2380 East Tremont Avenue

Block Number	3958
Lot Number	80
Built	1897

The façade of this Byzantine Revival style church consists of three sections. In the center section the church is entered by three doorways set in round arches, separated by columns and pilasters. Above the doorway is a large rose window set in a round arch supported by Corinthian columns. The sides of the façade include stained glass windows set in round arches topped by round towers surrounded by four small towers. Each tower has an open arcade with plain and twisted columns.

*Landmarks of The Bronx*



# Proposed Landmarks and Historic District Community District 10



# Bronx Whitestone Bridge

## Community District 10

Built 1937-1939

Designed by Othmar Ammann

Opened April 29, 1939

Main span: 2,300 feet. total length: 3,370 feet

Owned by New York City, operated by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority

Proposed by New York City Parks Commissioner Robert Moses, the Bronx Whitestone bridge was designed to a) to provide relief to the 1936 Triborough bridge whose eight lanes were already filled with traffic; b) to connect traffic from the North to the new airport in Queens (LaGuardia); and c) to carry motorists to the World's Fair in Flushing Meadow, Queens, which opened the day after the Bronx Whitestone Bridge. Today the bridge carries six lanes of I-678 over the East River between Ferry Point (Bronx) and Whitestone (Queens).



# City Island: Historic District



## Community District 10

An important part of New York City's 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century harbor defense, this historic marine community is known for shipbuilding, seafood, and historic buildings representing a variety of architectural styles. Distinguished vintage buildings line City Island Avenue, including 141 Pilot Street; Grace Episcopal Church & Rectory, 116 City Island Avenue; 586 City Island Avenue; 351 City Island Avenue, 295 City Island Avenue among others.



# City Island Museum (formerly Public School 17)



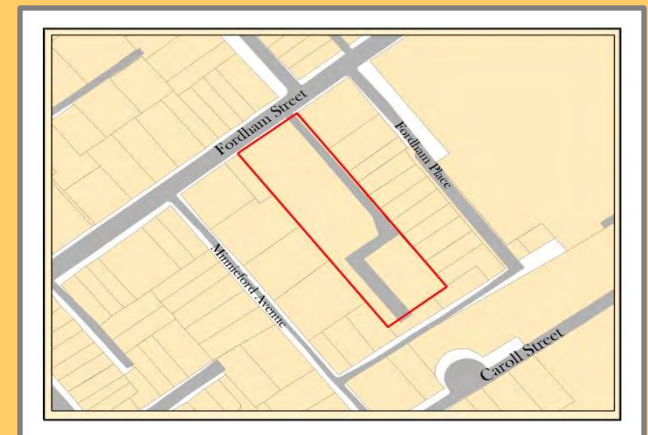
## Community District 10

190 Fordham Street

Block	5643
Lot	7501
Built	1898
Architect	C.B.J. Snyder

A four story masonry building undergoing renovation due to a 2007 fire. The building houses a community center on the bottom, City Island Museum on the main floor and condominiums on the top floor. The City Island Museum houses the world's largest collections of maritime-themed books and rooms devoted to City Island's rich history.

*Landmarks of The Bronx,  
[www.forgotten-ny.com](http://www.forgotten-ny.com)*



# Ferris Cemetery



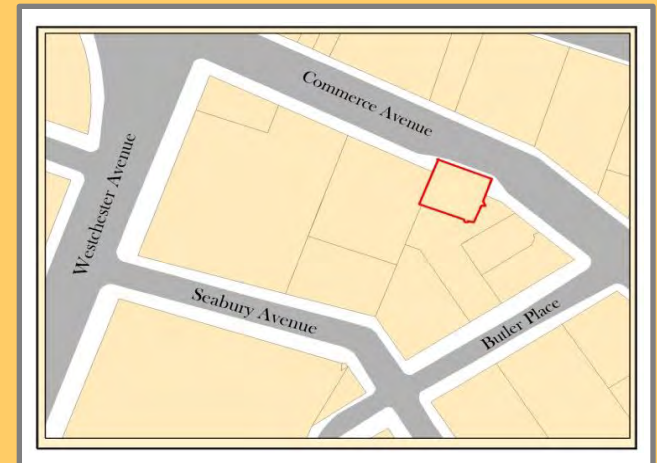
## Community District 10

1430 Commerce Avenue

Block	3858
Lot	21
Built	c. 18 <sup>th</sup> Century

This small cemetery lies in an industrial area on Commerce Avenue east of Westchester Square between Westchester Avenue and Butler Place. The cemetery originally belonged to the Ferris family, which had large holdings in this area beginning in 1667. John Ferris was an original patentee of the town of Westchester; Benjamin Ferris owned what is now Westchester Square around 1839. Captain Watson Ferris sailed for California to find gold in 1851.

*AIA Guide to New York City,  
Forgotten-ny.com*



# First Presbyterian Church of Throgs Neck



## Community District 10

3061 East Tremont Avenue

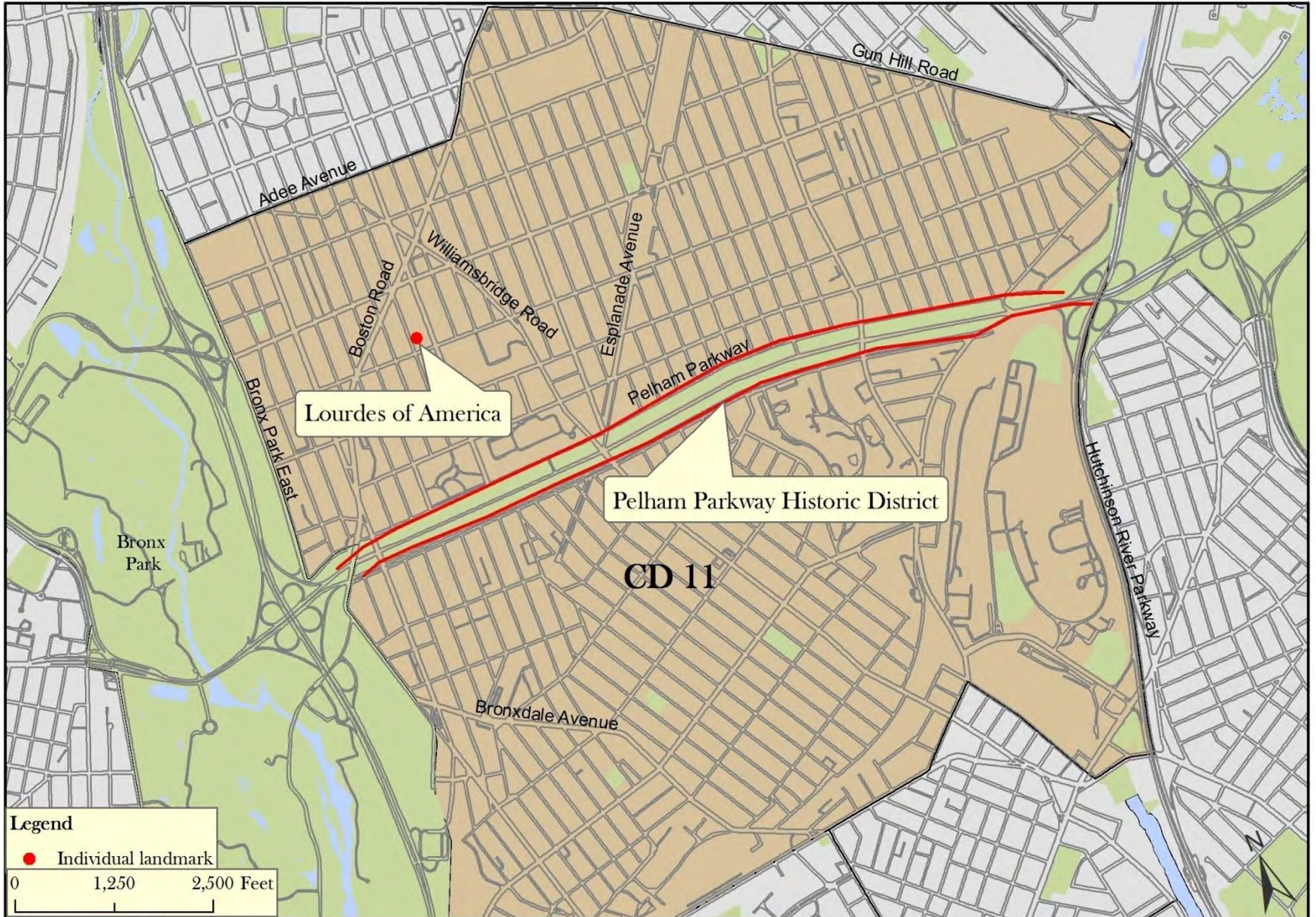
Block	5375
Lot	5
Built	1902
Architect	John Davidson

This Victorian Gothic style church situated on a hilltop is constructed of red brick with white stone trim and banded arches. The front façade has three long and narrow arches. The main entrance is set in the base of the steeple tower, which is set to the side of the church.

*AIA Guide to New York City*



# Proposed Landmarks and Historic District Community District 11



# Lourdes of America



## Community District 11

833 Mace Avenue  
St. Lucy's Roman Catholic Church

Block	4441
Lot	5
Built	1939

The shrine is a replica of the French grotto where Catholics believe the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. It was built in 1939 under the guidance of Msgr. Pasquale Lombardo, the founding pastor of St. Lucy's. He had visited the French shrine earlier in the decade and was inspired by the devotion of the thousands of pilgrims who flocked to the Pyrenées village of Lourdes.

*New York Times, May 27, 1992*



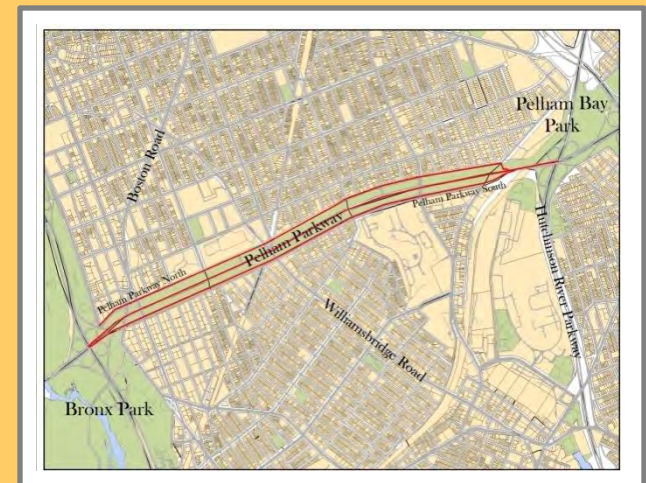
# Pelham Parkway



## Community District 11

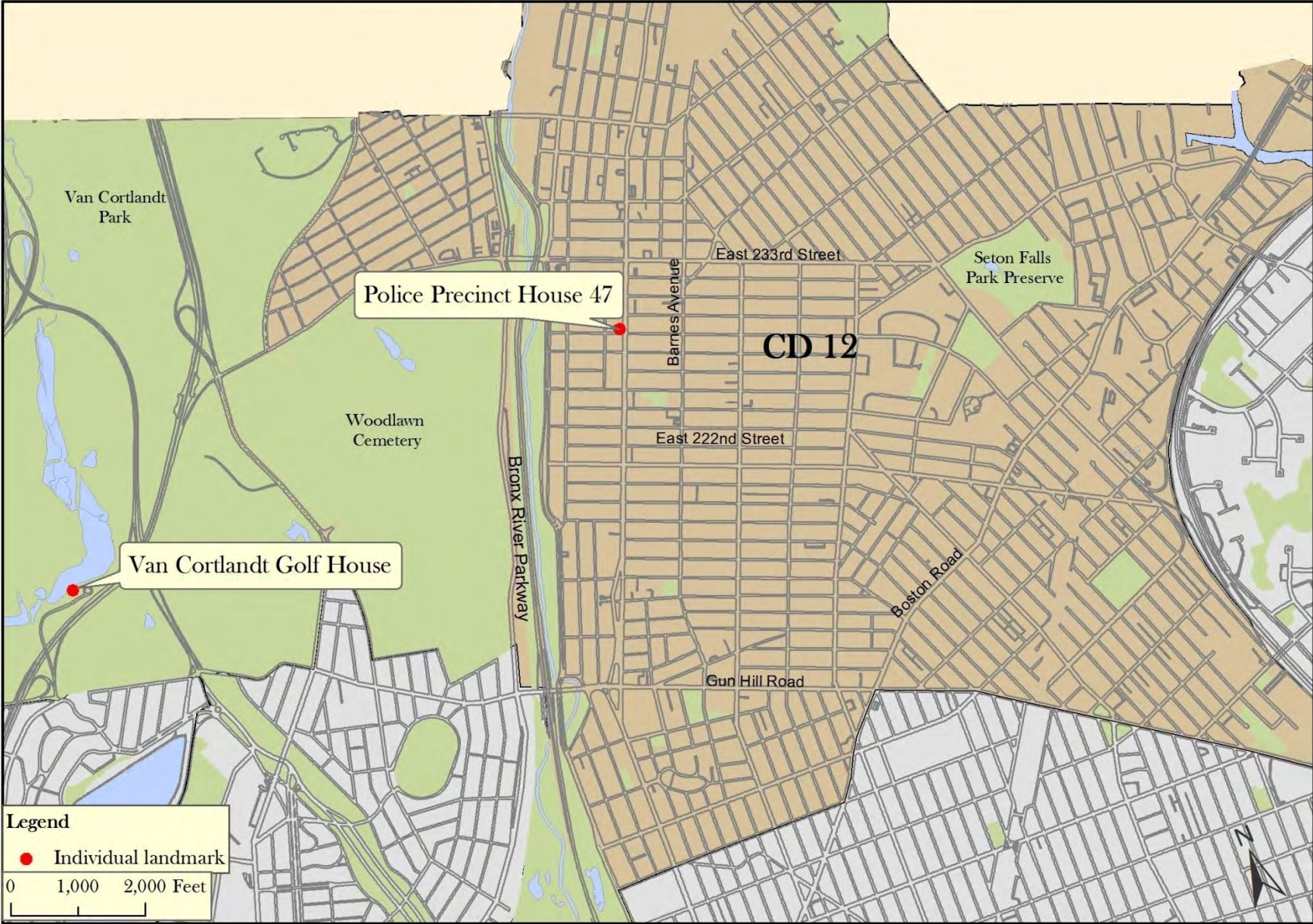
Residential area from White Plains Road to Eastchester Road

The land for the Pelham Parkway was acquired in 1888 along with Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx Park, Pelham Park, and other parks as well as Moshulu Parkway. The Parkway, established in 1911, was designed to connect Bronx Park to Pelham Bay Park via a single tree-lined protected path intended for pedestrians, bicycles, and eventually, motor vehicles.



# Proposed Landmarks

## Community District 12 and Van Cortlandt Park



# Police Precinct House 47



## Community District 12

4101 White Plains Road

Block	4832
Lot	9
Built	1903

This 16<sup>th</sup>-century Italianate structure has a one-story Carriage House at the rear which once housed the Precinct's horses. It now accommodates various City agencies and Community Board 12.

*DCAS*



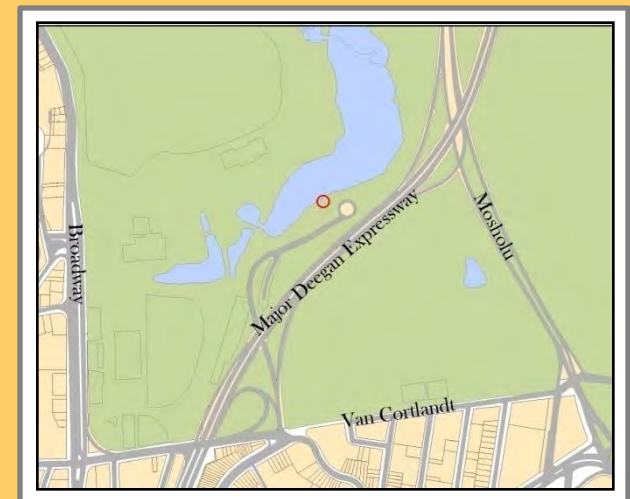
# Van Cortlandt Golf House



# Van Cortlandt Park

(not in a Community District)

Opened in July of 1895, the Van Cortlandt Golf Course was the first public golf course in the nation. The Tudor Revival style clubhouse, built in 1902, reflects the shingle cottage vernacular of the time and still retains its original wood lockers. It was once used as a boathouse for rowers on Van Cortlandt Lake as well as for golfers, and represents a unique example of public infrastructure.



## Sites Suggested for Plaques or Markers

(Structures no longer extant)

- Site of Biograph Studios - *807 East 173<sup>rd</sup> Street between Marion and Prospect Avenues*, now a Sanitation Department facility
- Site of the Edison Studios - *Decatur Avenue and Oliver Place*, now the site of the Edison Apartments
- Site of the Janes & Kirtland Iron Works - *149<sup>th</sup> Street, north side, between St. Ann's and Brook Avenues to Westchester Avenue*
- Site of the Lincoln School for Nurses - *Southern Boulevard and 141<sup>st</sup> Street, SW corner, near Bruckner Boulevard*
- Site of the Nation's Executive Mansion, *southwest corner of Boston Road and Connor Street*
- Site of Piccirilli Brothers Sculpture Studio - *467 East 142<sup>nd</sup> Street west of St. Ann's Avenue*

## Sites Suggested for Plaques or Markers: Revolutionary War Sites

- Fort Independence - Giles Place
- Fort No. 8 - Bronx Community College campus
- Negro Fort - at the height of today's St. George's Crescent just west of the Grand Concourse and south of Van Cortlandt Avenue East
- Site of landing of British fleet at Marina del Rey - Schurz Avenue
- Site of landing of British fleet at Pelham Bay Park - northern end of the cove west of Rodman's Neck

Each of the sites listed played a significant role during the Revolutionary War.