

**THE NEW YORK  
LANDMARKS  
CONSERVANCY**

July 23, 2018

Hon. Frederick Bland, Acting Chair  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building  
1 Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Inwood Upzoning

Dear Fred:

The Conservancy is very concerned about the future of Inwood. As you know, City Planning is proposing to rezone most of the neighborhood. We urge the Landmarks Commission to calendar the important historic resources in the neighborhood before the upcoming City Council vote. The proposed development will have a big impact on the neighborhood and its historic sites. They need to be protected. There is only one designated landmark in the entire neighborhood, the Dyckman Farmhouse, designated July 12, 1967.

We recently surveyed the entire neighborhood and found many buildings that we believe meet the requirements for individual landmark status as well as two city parks that should be scenic landmarks. There are also areas that could be historic districts. Many of these sites were included in the EIS though we have identified several additional buildings. We urge the Commission to consider these sites and determine their eligibility for landmark status.

Potential Individual Landmarks:

Good Shepherd Church, 4967 Broadway  
Rectory of Good Shepherd Church, 608 Isham Street  
97-105 Cooper Street  
680 W.204<sup>th</sup> Street  
60 Cooper Street  
Harlem Savings Bank (Now Apple Bank), 4948 Broadway  
270 Dyckman Street  
338 Dyckman Street  
Fire Engine 95/Ladder Co. 36, 29 Vermilyea Avenue  
5009-5021 Broadway  
Department of Sanitation Incinerator, 4035 Ninth Avenue  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 20 Cummings Street  
Mount Washington Presbyterian Church, 80-84 Vermilyea Avenue  
PS 52, 650 Academy Street  
PS 98, 512 West 212<sup>th</sup> Street

Potential Scenic Landmarks:

Inwood Hill Park  
Isham Park

In addition there are distinct areas that could be historic districts, including one north of Isham Park and one along Cooper Street.

Inwood is an historic neighborhood with a high degree of architectural cohesiveness and a strong sense of place. Any changes to the zoning must take into consideration the historic context of the area.

The LPC must weigh in and ensure that Inwood's distinct character is not lost and that there is an appropriate balance of preservation and growth. We would be happy to discuss with you and the LPC staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peg Brech', written in a cursive style.

Peg Brech  
President

Copy: Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer  
Council Members Ydanis Rodriguez, Adrienne Adams, and Rafael Salamanca  
Manhattan Community Board 12