



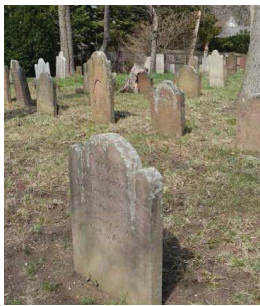
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▲ John L. Miller Residence

## Thank You

The Supervisor and members of the Town Board wish to thank all those who are concerned about the protection and care of historic sites in North Hempstead. A sense of the past is an important legacy to pass on to the future.

### Questions? Please contact:

**Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission**

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# What You Need to Know to Advance a Project



THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD  
**Designation and Preservation  
of Historic Landmarks**

### TWO HISTORIC DISTRICTS:

Port Washington Heights and Roslyn Heights

### Local Designated Landmarks

### ELEVEN HISTORIC BUILDINGS:

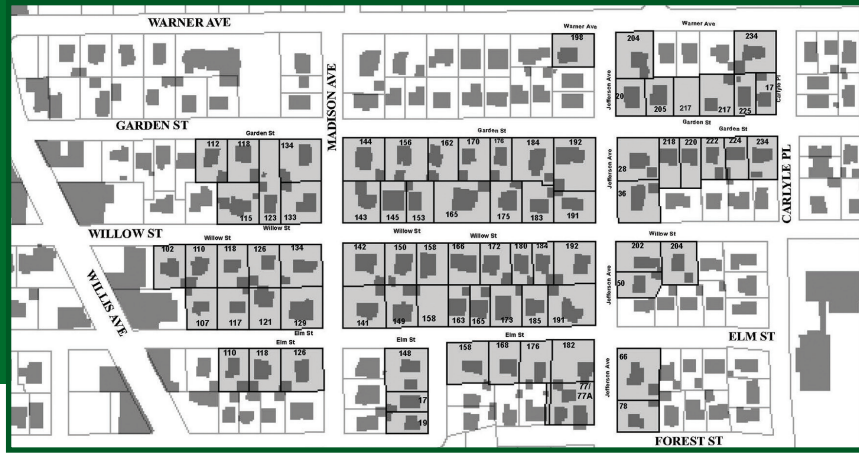
Dodge Homestead, Onderdonk House, Main Street School, East Gate Toll House, Denton House, Roslyn House, A.M.E. Zion Church and Cemetery, Dutch Homestead, John L. Miller Residence, Schumacher House and Searing House

### THREE HISTORIC CEMETERIES:

Monfort Cemetery, Roslyn Cemetery, and Benjamin Mott Cemetery

### TWO HISTORIC OBJECTS:

Shelter Rock and Old Courthouse Road Bridge



< Far left is the historic district map for Port Washington.

< Left is the historic district map for Roslyn Heights.

**T**he Town of North Hempstead, established in 1784, has a rich and storied past on Long Island dating back centuries. Whether enriched by the imprints of indigenous living, footprints of pre-Revolutionary settlers, opulence of Gatsby’s roaring Twenties, or a blueprint for cultural diversity in the new millennium, the Town has a scintillating history captured in a bounty of colorful traditions and remarkable landmarks that preserve its story and share it for generations to come.

## Benefits of Landmarking

Owners of historic district properties or locally designated standalone landmarked buildings may be eligible for listing on the State and National Register of Historic Places. There are clear benefits to the community at-large, since local landmark designation helps stabilize and enhance neighborhoods, maintains property values, protects against destructive development, and serves to keep tangible reminders of the Town’s past intact into the future.

## Questions & Answers

### How does the Town designate historic buildings, properties, and objects?

Any person, community group or the Landmarks Commission itself may request that a structure or property in the unincorporated areas of the Town be designated. An application for landmarking is filed with the Commission, which then considers

the following in its review:

- **Special Character**
- **Ambiance**
- **Historical Significance**
- **Aesthetic Value**
- **Uniqueness of Architectural Design**

If the Commission advances an application, a public hearing and vote is scheduled where the Commission either rejects or recommends landmark designation to the Town Board, which then makes a final decision.

### What makes a building historic?

To be considered, a building should be at least fifty years old or be of interest because it is unique by design, belonged to a historic personage, or represents the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the Town. A structure needn’t be grand; and as a matter of fact, the historic designation doesn’t need to be for a building—landscapes, objects, and cemeteries are eligible.

### How are designated properties protected?

Whenever a change is proposed to the exterior of a designated landmark or historic district property, the proposed work must be reviewed by the Commission. **Owners of landmarked buildings may do as they wish with their interiors if renovations do not alter the outside appearance.** Contact the Commission early in your planning stages to determine if your project requires review (scan the QR code herein for instructions). If it does, submit an online application, plan for a public hearing presentation, and do not endeavor to perform work without proper approvals.

### If my house is designated as a landmark, must it be open to the public?

The Town’s Landmarks Law (Chapter 27 of the Town Code, found by scanning this brochure’s QR code) contains all the Town’s historic landmarks regulations. It **does not require** allowing the public into private homes for tours. But the public may view homes from the outside without stepping onto your property. Once designated, your home will be included on the Town’s historic site map.

### My contemporary home is in a historic district. Does review also apply to me?

**Yes.** Subject to Commission review, alterations may often be approved. Designation does not freeze a property in time. However, in historic districts every property is subject to review of proposed exterior changes; this is to protect the overall character of the district and prevent alterations that would adversely affect historic integrity. All aspects of a property’s history are important, not just the earliest. (Interior work is exempt.)

### What additional protection and assistance for historic sites are available?

New York State’s Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) coordinates a variety of preservation programs—rehabilitation through the Federal Investment Tax Credit Program and technical advice to owners of historic buildings via SHPO’s Long Island Representative. Assistance is also available through the Preservation League of NYS and Preservation Long Island.