
WORLD TRADE CENTER PROJECTS

Lower Manhattan, New York City

The World Trade Center area of Lower Manhattan has a long and rich history. By 1700, landfilling along the Hudson River shore had begun, and docks and wharves were constructed to move the waterline further west. In time, the shoreline extended several blocks west, with city streets laid out as new land was created. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the World Trade Center area supported a vast expanse of houses, businesses, and a series of local markets, known over time as the Bear Market, the Buttermilk Market, and the Washington Market, which endured until the 1960s when the neighborhood was redeveloped with the iconic World Trade Center towers and surrounding twentieth century buildings.

Historical Perspectives, Inc. (HPI) has completed numerous archaeological and historical studies in the World Trade Center area, beginning in the 1980s at Battery Park City, and during the 1990s within what is now Hudson River Park, and for new police barriers and booths on streets surrounding the New York City Stock Exchange.



After the devastating terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, HPI assisted with the reconstruction effort at numerous sites within the World Trade Center blocks, including the 7 World Trade Center Project Site, the World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Project Site, and the new PATH terminal at the World Trade Center. HPI also evaluated the Deutsche Bank Site, identifying archaeological sensitivity in the streetbeds surrounding the block where the recently discovered eighteenth-century wooden ship remains were found under Washington Street. Clients have included the Port Authority of NY and NJ, the Battery Park City Authority, the Hudson River Park Conservancy, the Empire State Development Corporation, and the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation.

