
STREETS AND STREETSCAPES

New York City



Throughout New York City, as urban street corridors are updated with modern infrastructure and new development, cultural resources studies often are required by City and State agencies. These investigations focus on both potential archaeological resources capped by roadbeds and sidewalks, and historic architectural resources that line the blocks of a given street corridor. Historical Perspectives, Inc. (HPI) has completed numerous street and streetscape studies throughout the five boroughs for the New York City Department of Design and Construction, the New York City Economic Development Corporation, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the New York City and New York State Departments of Transportation, and the New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority.



Some of HPI's recent street and streetscape projects have included the Worth Street corridor in Manhattan, which traverses the historic Five Points neighborhood; the West Street corridor in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, the location of an early shipbuilding hub; the Wyckoff Avenue corridor in Brooklyn and Queens, where early farmsteads gave way to a boom in iconic brick houses and apartments of the German builders of Ridgewood and Bushwick; and the Queens Plaza Streetscape Improvement Project that required a preservation plan for two historic millstones embedded in the city sidewalk.