

# Executive Director's Report

Andrew Berman



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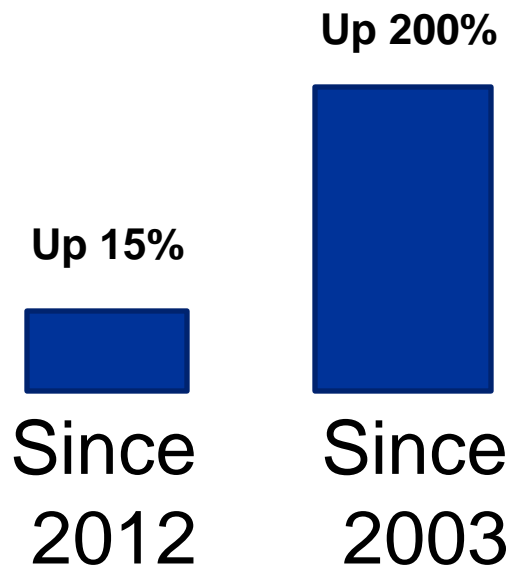




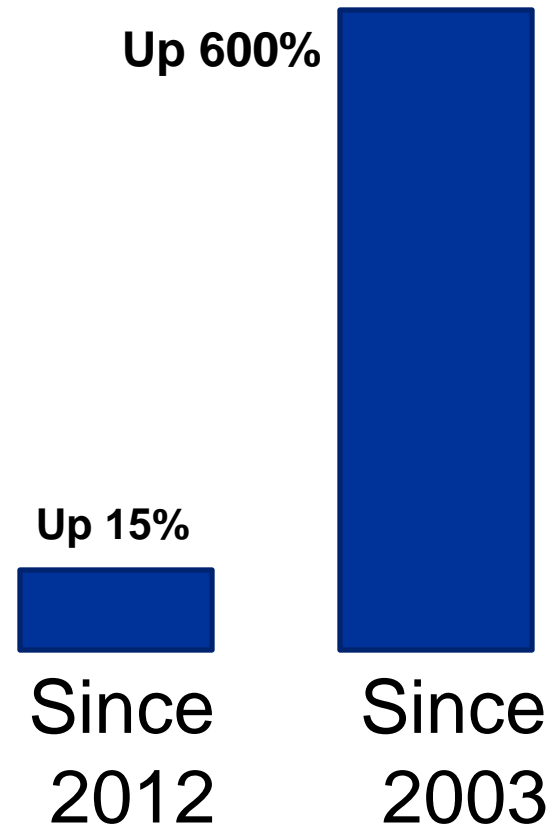


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# PUBLIC PROGRAMS 2012-2013

19 HISTORY

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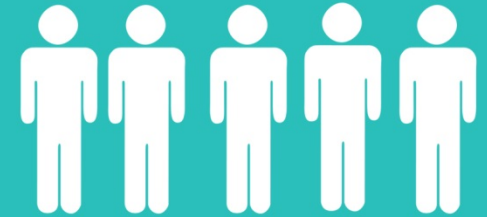
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ATTENDEES



Keith Haring



Jean-Michel Basquiat



East Village Culture & Cuisine Tour



Minetta Stream Walking Tour



**GREENWICH VILLAGE SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
22.5-HOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE SCHEDULE**

*The Architectural and Cultural Heritage of  
Greenwich Village, The East Village and Lower East Side:*

The Socio-Economic Forces that Shaped New York City's Urban Design,  
the Historic Preservation Movement, Zoning Regulatory Reforms and  
Fair Housing Anti-Discrimination Laws

**DAY 1**      **Wednesday, September 5**

Location: GVSHP, 232 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, New York

8:45            Coffee and Croissants

9:00-9:30    *Introduction to GVSHP: Historic Preservation in Greenwich Village*  
**Andrew Berman**, Executive Director, Greenwich Village Society for  
Historic Preservation

9:30-10:30   *The Landmarks Law: What it Means for Brokers and Buyers*  
**John Weiss**, Deputy Counsel, NYC Landmarks Preservation  
Commission (LPC)

10:30           Refreshment Break

10:45-12:00 *Reviving a Classic: The Architectural Vocabulary of Greenwich Village*  
**Gregory Dietrich**, Principal, Gregory Dietrich Preservation Consulting

12:00-12:45 Lunch Break

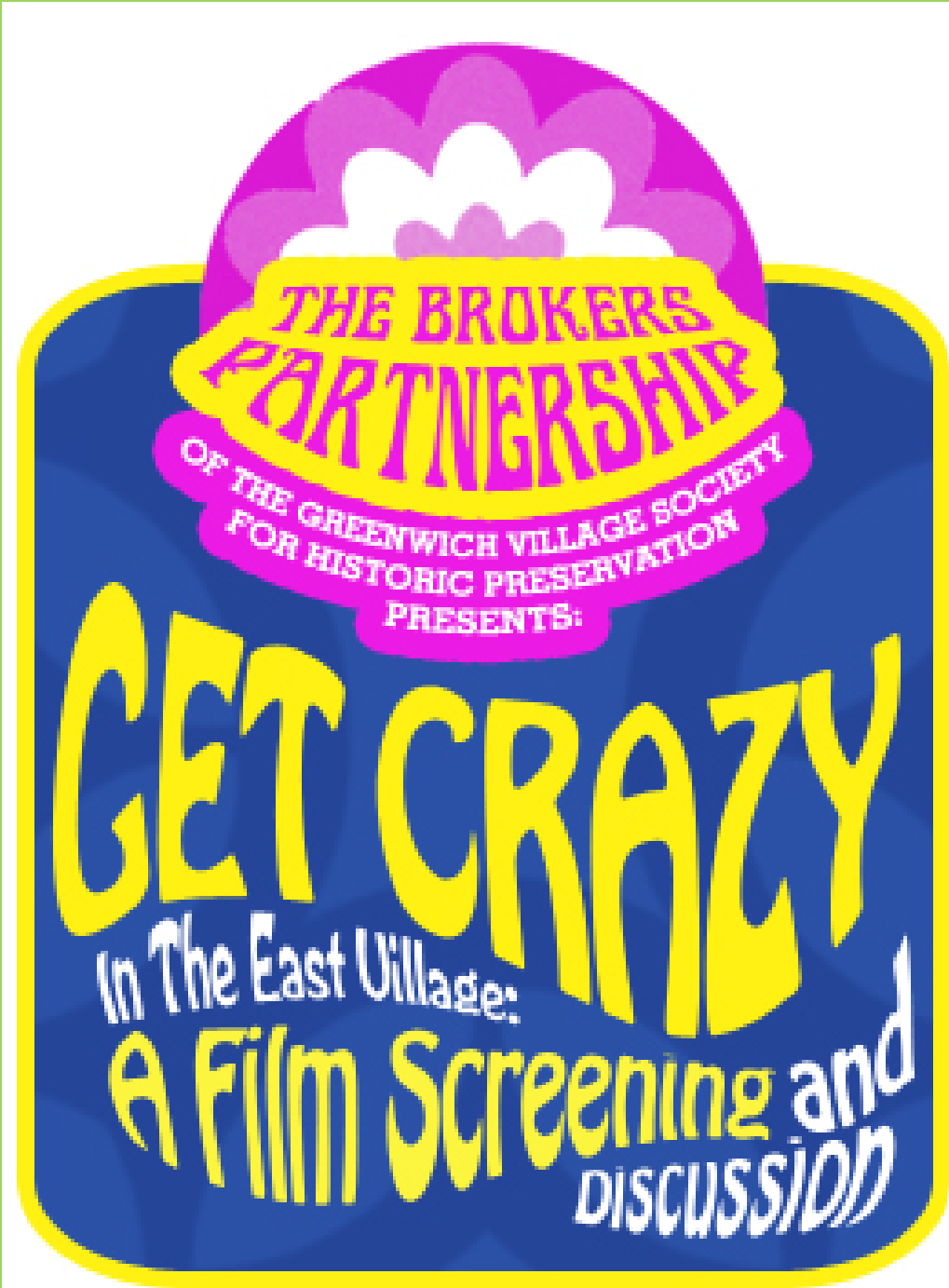
12:45-2:00   *From Georgian Gentility to Beaux-Arts Splendor:  
The Evolution of Townhouse Styles in Greenwich Village*  
**Francis Morrone**, Architectural Historian and Writer

2:00-4:00    *Architecture without – and Sometimes with – Architects: A Walking Tour of the  
Classical Vernacular in Greenwich Village*  
**Francis Morrone**

4:00-5:30    *Merchant's House Museum*  
*Investigating the Merchant's House: These Walls Can Talk*  
**Vincent Plescia**, Independent Museum and Art Consultant

*Small Group Tours of the Interiors*  
**Margaret Halsey Gardiner**, Executive Director  
**Vincent Plescia**





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In The East Village:

A Film Screening and  
DISCUSSION

# GVSHP Children's Education Program

*In Class*

*In the Field*



Figure 2.20. Model of a typical Lower East Side tenement block, built for the Tenement House Exhibition of 1900, sponsored by the Charity Organization Society.

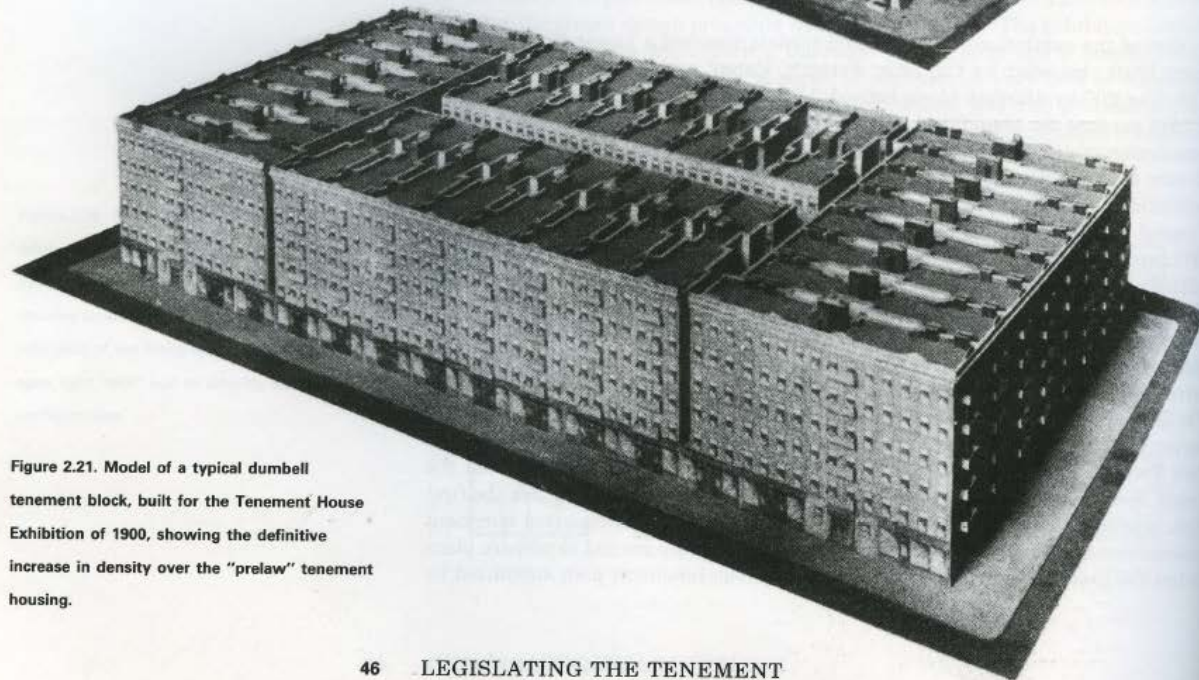


Figure 2.21. Model of a typical dumbbell tenement block, built for the Tenement House Exhibition of 1900, showing the definitive increase in density over the "prelaw" tenement housing.



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**New GVSHP Newsletter Available**  
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**GVSHP's Blog Surpasses 150,000 Visitors!**  
06/13/13



**Historic Plaque Unveiling Marking PFLAG Founding on June 23rd**  
06/13/13



**GVSHP 2013 Village Awards ceremony June 17 – RSVP today**  
06/07/13



**South Village Landmarking Hearing June 25th**  
06/05/13

## WELCOME!

2013 Village Awards **JUNE 17**



GVSHP's blog features news, research, viewpoints, and historic information about Greenwich Village, the East Village, and NoHo. Check it out, or post a comment.



Find out the status of all current applications for major changes to designated landmarks and historic districts in the Village, East Village,



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## Zoning Variance Hearing June 12th for 120-140 Sixth Avenue/72-78 Sullivan Street

An application has been filed for a zoning variance for a development on this site north of Broome Street, which formerly housed a gas station and a car wash. For many years, a developer has planned to build an 18-story hotel on this site, which the zoning for the site allows. He is now seeking a zoning variance to allow the development to be residential, rather than a hotel, which the zoning for this site currently does not allow. You can read more about the application and proposed development [HERE](#), [HERE](#), and [HERE](#).

**It is outrageous that an 18-story development is allowable on this site, regardless of the use. The site is located within the [South Village Historic District](#) [GVSHP proposed](#) in 2006 (and which the City has still not agreed to move upon), and within an area [GVSHP has long urged city officials to rezone](#), but which they have refused.**

That said, GVSHP does not object to a residential use at this location, which might in many ways be preferable to a hotel. However, while this site is zoned for hotel and other commercial (but not residential) development at 18 stories, nearly all the sites in the surrounding neighborhood which [are zoned](#) for residential development only allow new development at a much more limited scale – about 31% smaller than the proposed development. **Therefore we believe that if this development is to be allowed a variance for residential development at this location, it should be at the size and density which is allowed for residential development in the surrounding area.**

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GVSHP began its Greenwich Village Preservation Archive and Oral History Project in the mid-nineties to help preserve memories of preservation in Greenwich Village. If you are interested in access to the audio files in their entirety, please [contact us](#). Please consult our [Terms of Use](#).

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## Preservation Pioneers

The Preservation Pioneers collection was undertaken in the mid-1990s to document the women and men who led the nascent preservation movement for Greenwich Village.

- ▶ [Doris Diether](#)
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- ▶ Doris Diether  
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Doris Diether is a long-serving member of Manhattan's



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**Welcome To The South Village**



**Entrance, 140 West 4th Street**



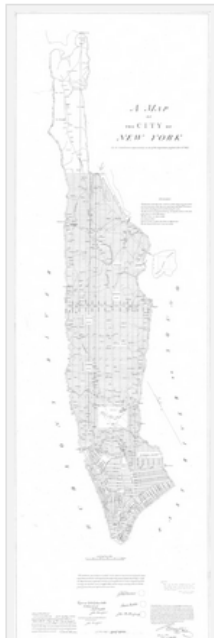


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## Welcome to Off the Grid!

BY ANDREW – FEBRUARY 25, 2011

POSTED IN: [EAST VILLAGE](#), [WEST VILLAGE](#)



The 1811  
Commissioner's  
Street Plan

Welcome to *Off the Grid*, GVSHP's blog.

*Off the Grid* will be a great way for GVSHP to share news, commentary, trivia and historic information about the Village, East Village, and NoHo, and to hear from you. We hope you'll become an avid reader, and share with friends, neighbors, and family.

Coincidental with our blog launch, next month is the 200th anniversary of [the adoption by the State of New York of Manhattan's street grid plan](#) (which, ironically, was devised in 1807 in a building at the decidedly [off-the-grid intersection of Bleeker and Christopher Streets](#)).

Of course the Village, NoHo, and East Village notoriously deviate from that plan, whether in preserving the Hudson River-based irregular street grid of the West Village, New Amsterdam-era streets like the Bowery and Stuyvesant Street, or streets based on Indian paths like Astor Place. Even those streets which do conform to the right-angled grid often do so with a twist — from the lettered streets of Alphabet City to the surnamed-streets extending south from Washington Square Park, from Little West 12th Street in the Meatpacking District to Great Jones Street in NoHo, from the East Village's iconoclastic St. Mark's Place, to its reverent Taras Shevchenko and Szold Places.

Whether or not their intersections are 90 degrees, the streets of the Village, East Village, and NoHo have long produced and nurtured great creativity, wit, and surprises, of the architectural,

artistic, and historic variety.

We hope *Off the Grid* will as well.



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## On Tompkins Square

BY DREW – MAY 10, 2012

POSTED IN: EAST VILLAGE



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## Seinfeld's Off the Grid Anniversary

BY ANDREW – APRIL 29, 2011  
POSTED IN: EAST VILLAGE



Jerry Seinfeld's birthday is today, Friday, April 29; the Brooklyn-born, Long Island-raised, Queens College-educated comedian turns fifty-seven. While no doubt many *Off the Grid* readers are Seinfeld fans, this Saturday is another Seinfeld anniversary which strikes even a little nearer and dearer to the heart of this blog.

The Seinfeld episode "The Maid" first ran on April 30th, 1998. In it, Kramer is struggling with the challenges of a "long-distance relationship" with his girlfriend, who has moved "downtown," far (about a 20 minute subway ride) from the Upper West Side setting of the show. Unable to bear the stress, Kramer breaks up with her, and finds himself lost on the unfamiliar and confusing streets of downtown Manhattan.

In a panicked pay-phone call for help, Kramer tells Jerry in amazement that he is on the corner of "1st and 1st — how can a street intersect itself? ***I must be at the nexus of the universe.***"





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## How Bohemians Got Their Name

BY ANDREW – APRIL 16, 2013

POSTED IN: EAST VILLAGE, NOHO, SOUTH VILLAGE, WEST VILLAGE

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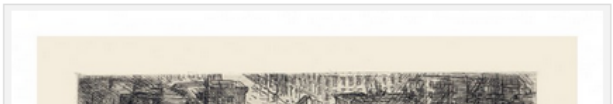
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## "On the Road" Published 55 Years Ago Today

BY ANDITO – SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

POSTED IN: EAST VILLAGE, SOUTH VILLAGE, WEST VILLAGE



Jack Kerouac in front of Kettle of Fish, 1958 Source: Jerry Yulsman/Associated Press

The seminal tome of the Beat generation, Jack Kerouac's novel, "On the Road," was published 55 years ago today. Though written in [1951 on a continuous 120 foot roll of paper](#) it took many years and many revisions to finally get published in 1957.

"On the Road," made Jack famous and came to be the novel that defined the Beat generation. You can read *The New York Times* review of the book [here](#). The novel is a fictionalized account of Kerouac's travels across the United States and includes references to many of his friends and other beat luminaries including Neal Cassaday, [Allen Ginsberg](#), and William S. Burroughs.





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## When was my building built? and other tricky research questions

BY SHERYL - NOVEMBER 14, 2011  
POSTED IN: UNCATEGORIZED



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## South Village Reminiscing

BY TED - MAY 9, 2013  
POSTED IN: SOUTH VILLAGE

I am not a native New Yorker, but as a long-time (now former) resident of the [South Village](#), I had the distinct privilege of getting to know many people who had actually spent their entire lives there. Some say that Greenwich Village, unlike most other New York City neighborhoods, really is like a little village in some ways. It seems that in the Village, it's just easier to get to know your neighbors or have a first-name relationship with the local merchants.



Village Gate, Bleecker Street (photo courtesy of Sharon d'Lugoff)

Let me take you back, way, way back, to the 1980's. The city was in a kind of crisis mode. It seemed that there was at least one homeless person living on every block. Crime was rampant. Most everyone I knew had a story about being mugged or burglarized or both. You could own a bicycle, but not for long. If you knew the right people, you could buy a stolen bicycle cheap. A subway token (a subway *what?*) cost 75¢. The Yankees weren't so good, but the Mets were gaining momentum. Rent for a one-bedroom apartment was listed in the \$700 - \$800

range. If you were looking for an apartment, your best bet was to get the Village Voice late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and scour the classified ads. After circling the possibilities, you would set out to the addresses for the open house, where there were already dozens of people waiting. Then you would enter single file, do a "once-through" and leave thinking, "What a dump."



My co-workers told me how lucky I was to find a one-bedroom in the Village for under \$500. I knew they were right, of course, because I also saw what was in the classifieds, but somehow I didn't feel so lucky because paying that rent gobbled up most of my disposable income. But I did like the neighborhood; I liked the variety of good, cheap, ethnic food; I liked the big windows that allowed for sunlight and fresh air and



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## Landmarks Applications Webpage

A running record of applications to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) for work on landmarked properties in Greenwich Village, NoHo, Gansevoort Market, the South Village, and the East Village that require a public hearing.

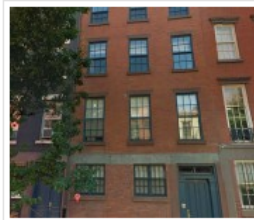
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The upcoming applications listed below are scheduled to be heard in the near future at the Community Board, the LPC, or both. Click on each for more information.



### 317 West 12th Street, aka 611 Hudson St

CB2 hearing: 06/10/2013  
LPC hearing: 06/18/2013



### 393 Bleecker Street

CB2 hearing: 06/10/2013  
LPC hearing: 06/18/2013



### 395 Bleecker Street

CB2 hearing: 06/10/2013  
LPC hearing: 06/18/2013



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### Greenwich Village Historic District

Between Greenwich and Hudson Streets



Image courtesy of Google Street View

#### --- APPLICATION INFORMATION ---

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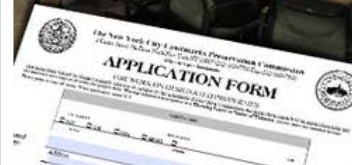


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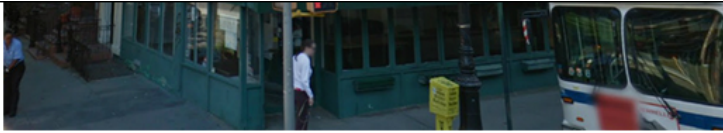


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**4) Receive updates by email:** Please [click here](#) if you would like GVSHP to email you when there are updates to the status of this application.

--- HEARING TIMES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ---

**1) Community Board 2 public hearing:**

Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6:30pm  
NYU Silver Building, 32 Waverly Place, Room 520

As this information is subject to change, please visit the [community board's website](#) for the latest available agenda. This application is scheduled to be shown publicly for the first time at CB2's Landmarks & Public Aesthetics Committee public hearing. Public attendance and comments are welcome (note: this will be the first opportunity for the public to comment on this application).

**2) Landmarks Preservation Commission public hearing:**

Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at time TBD  
The Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North, public hearing room

On the Friday afternoon before the hearing, please click the agenda link on the [LPC public calendar](#) for the approximate hearing time (we recommend that you arrive 30 minutes prior). Note that items can sometimes be postponed (laid over) to a future date. At this hearing, the Commission will officially vote to approve or deny the application, or ask that the applicant return at a later date with revisions. Public attendance and testimony are welcome (note: this will most likely be the last opportunity for public comment on this application).

**3) Email Community Board 2 or the Landmarks Preservation Commission**

If you cannot attend the public hearings but would still like to comment, please [click here](#) to contact the Community Board or the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Be sure to send them your comments before the hearing dates indicated above.

--- STATUS OF THIS APPLICATION ---

This section provides updates if there are changes to the hearing dates listed above, which includes instances when an application has been laid over (aka postponed). If applicable, LPC public meeting dates for this application will also be tracked here. Please note that public testimony is taken at public hearings, but not at public meetings.

**STAY UPDATED!** [Click here](#) for our e-alerts to be updated on this application as soon as we find out more.

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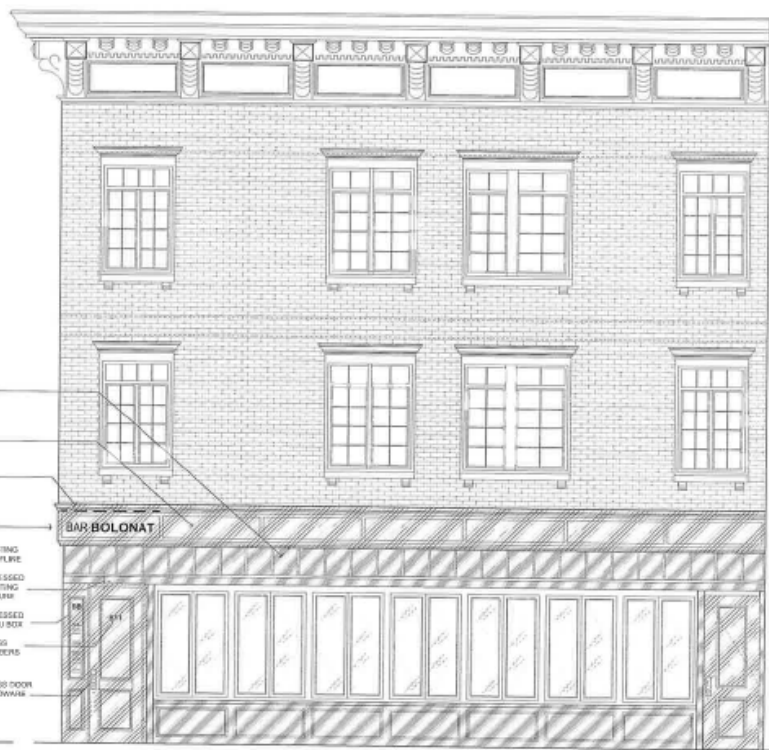
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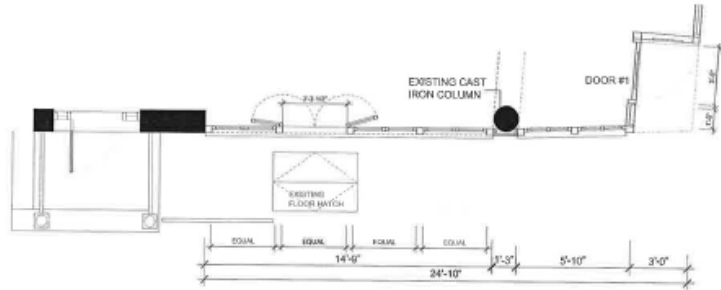
NEW STANDING SEAM METAL ROOFING (12")  
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 RECESSED OUTDOOR LED LIGHTING  
 NEW SIGN STAND OFF BRASS METAL LETTERS (2" HEIGHT)

WOOD PANELED BUILDING DOOR ENTRANCE APPROVED UNDER SEPARATED APPLICATION, NOT INCLUDED IN CURRENT SCOPE OF WORK.

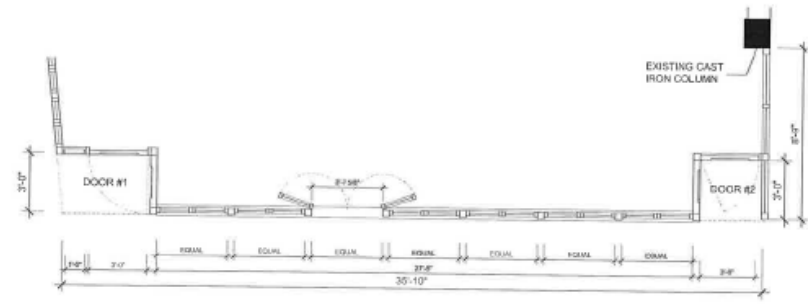
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4 PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN W12 TH STREET  
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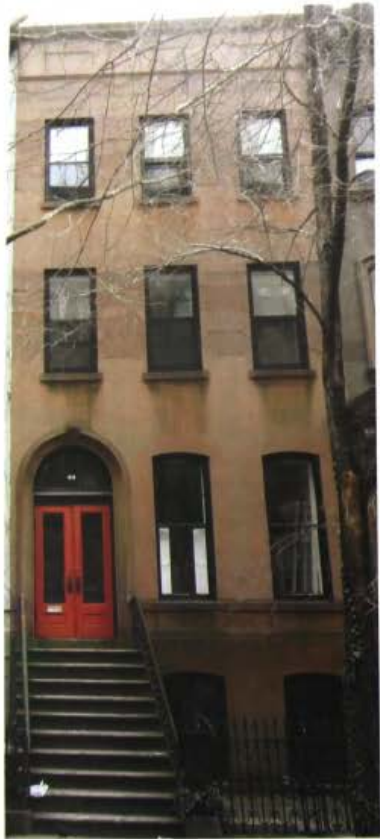
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# 27 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street



**Proposed for demolition**

# Proposed New Building

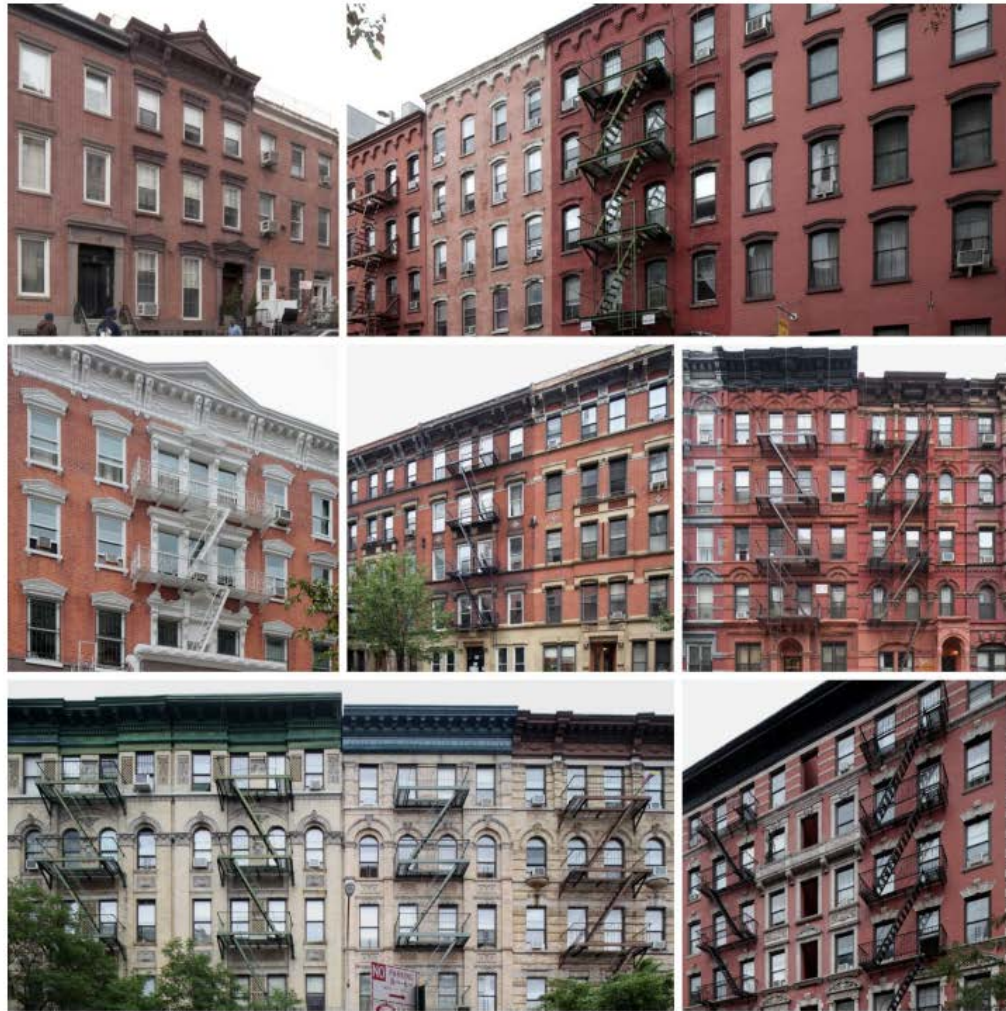


**8-12 Bond St, aka 358-364 Lafayette St**



# East Village/Lower East Side Historic District Designation Report

October 9, 2012



# Buildings Included Within the Boundaries of the LPC's Proposed East Village Historic District

GVSHP

The buildings shown in this set are included within the boundaries of the proposed East Village...

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22 Photos 1,542 Views

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**Photos**



# East 10<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District



**LANDMARKED**

**SOUTH VILLAGE**

**PROPOSED  
HUDSON  
SQUARE  
REZONING**

**UNPROTECTED  
(Not Yet Landmarked)**

**SAVE THE  
SOUTH VILLAGE**

**Don't "Midtown"  
Hudson Square!**



**NO REZONING**

*Hudson Square*

**WITHOUT**

*the South Village*

**LANDMARKING**

Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation | [www.gvshp.org](http://www.gvshp.org)

The City has just approved a rezoning of Hudson Square, which will greatly increase development pressure on the South village, accelerating its destruction.

Too many landmarks and low-rise buildings in the neighborhood have already been destroyed for new high-rise development.

## Now only one person can save the South Village- City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

She has immense leverage to get City Hall to approve landmarking the South Village, as they promised to do years ago.

And if they won't, she can **VOTE DOWN** the Hudson Square Rezoning and **PROTECT THE SOUTH VILLAGE!**

**City Council Hearing Feb. 12, 9:30 AM, 250 Broadway, 16th fl.**  
For more info and to confirm hearing, go to [www.gvshp.org/sv](http://www.gvshp.org/sv)



### Here's How **YOU CAN HELP:**



Sign and mail or fax the attached postcard to Speaker Quinn **RIGHT AWAY**



Call her office at (212) 564-7757 and say "I want speaker Quinn to use her leverage to get the City to landmark the South Village, **OR VOTE NO ON THE HUDSON SQUARE REZONING!**"



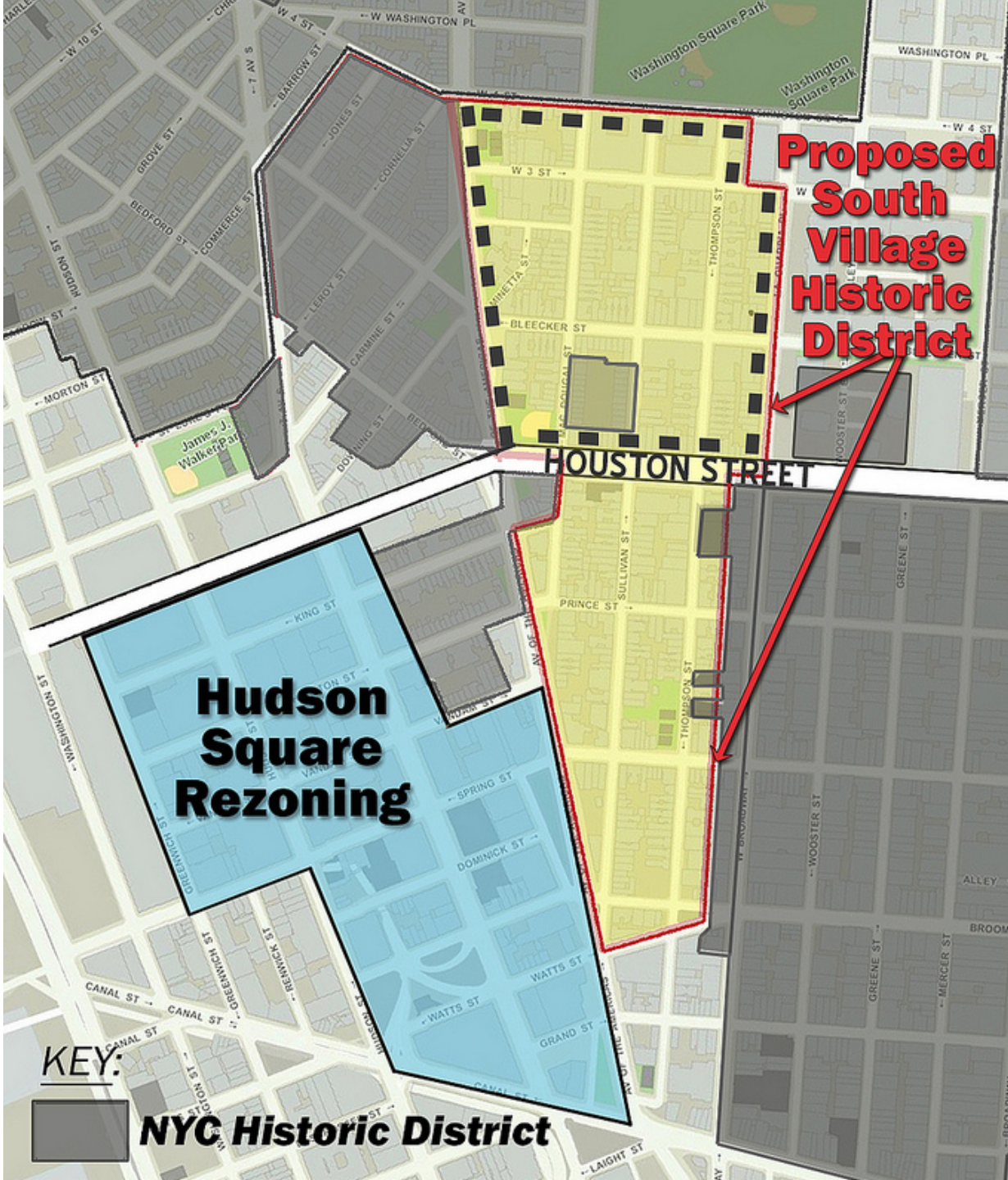
Send Speaker Quinn a letter by email at [gvshp.org/quinn](mailto:gvshp.org/quinn)

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City Council Speaker Christine Quinn  
224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206  
New York, NY 10001



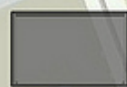
**The South Village CAN'T WAIT  
ANY LONGER FOR LANDMARKING!**



**Proposed  
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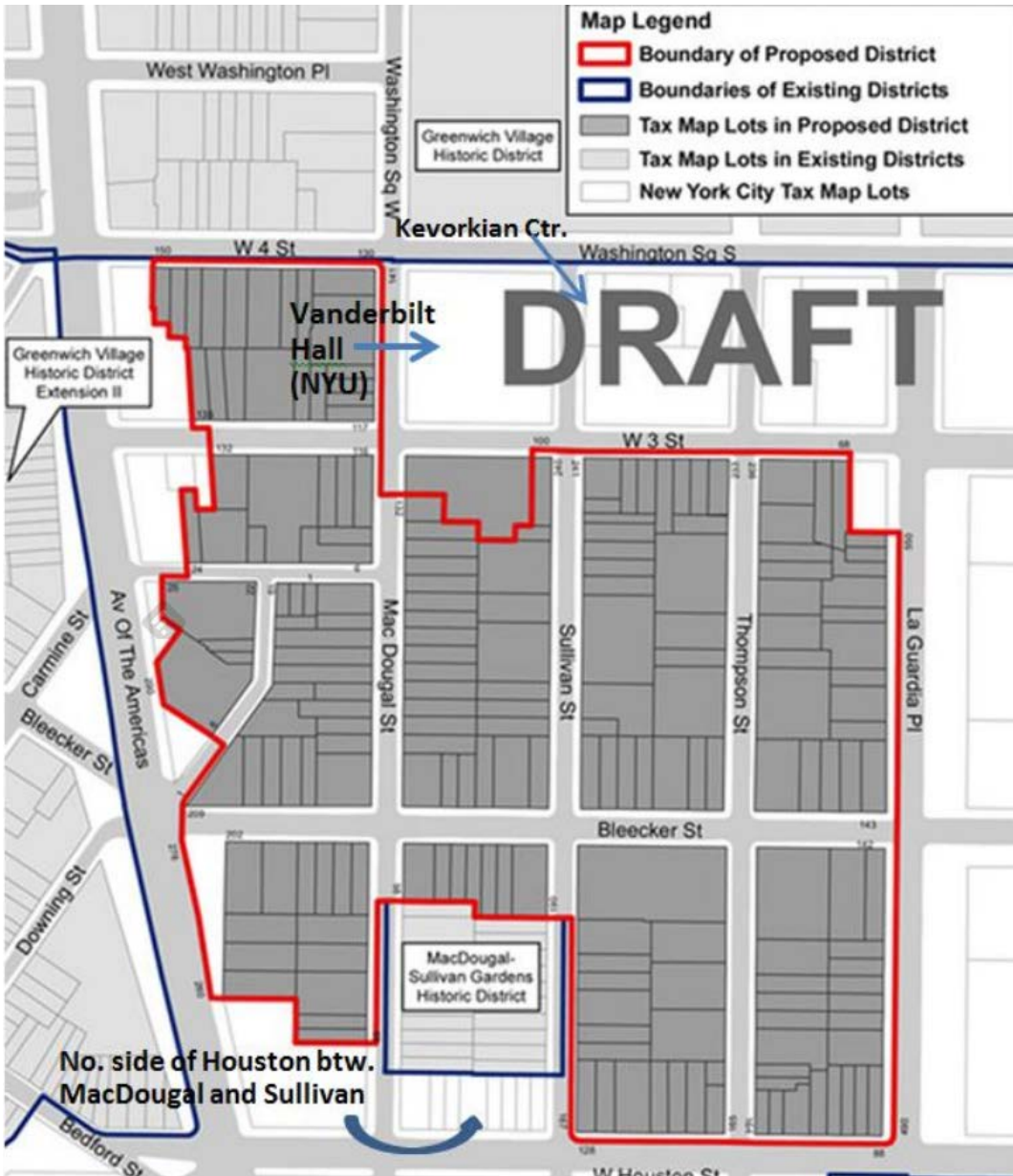
**Hudson  
Square  
Rezoning**

**KEY:**



**NYC Historic District**

# Original City Proposal for South Village Historic District Boundaries



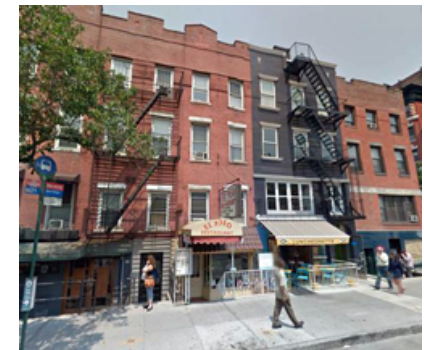
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NYU's Vanderbilt Hall



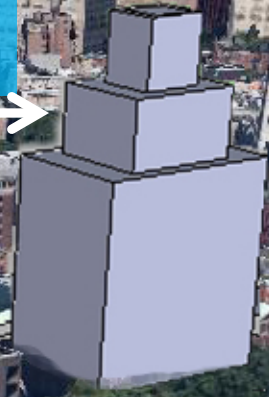
NYU's Kevorkian Center



130-148 West Houston Street



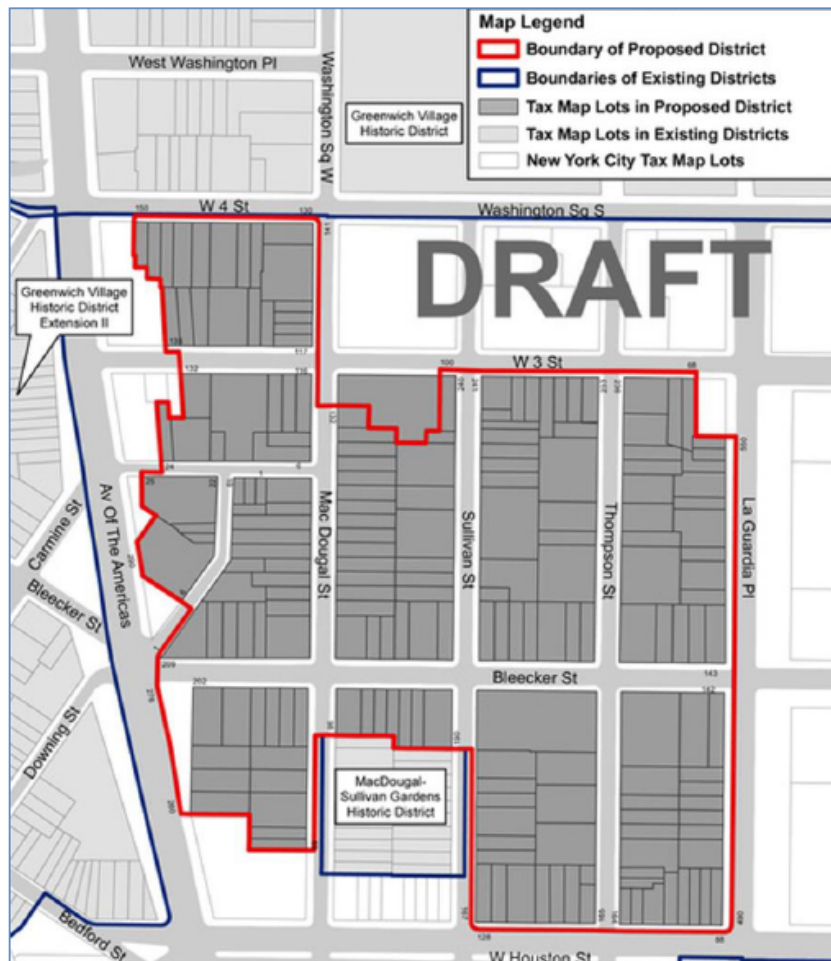
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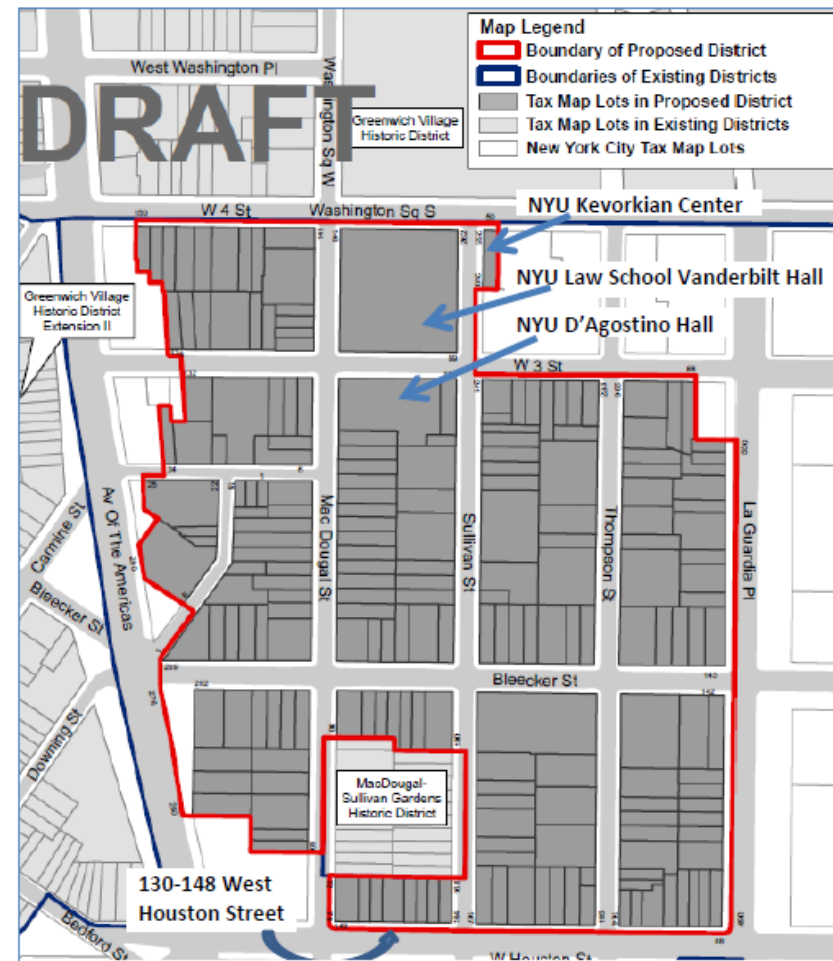
Washington Square Park



# Proposed South Village Historic District Progress



Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Draft Boundaries April 5, 2013



Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Boundaries Calendared, May 21, 2013

## **Buildings Added to Proposed District Boundaries:**



**130-148 West Houston Street**



**NYU Kevorkian Center**



**NYU Law School Vanderbilt Hall**



**NYU D'Agostino Hall**



## Help Us Get the South Village Landmarked! IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, JUNE 25



The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) will soon hold its public hearing on “Phase II” of our proposed South Village Historic District. We have fought to get as many buildings as possible included, including some very vulnerable potential development sites. We need to tell the Commission that we want them to landmark the area as soon as possible, include all the buildings proposed by GVSHP, and move ahead with “Phase III,” the area south of Houston Street, ASAP!



*These 13 buildings were originally excluded from the proposed historic district by the City, and were only added back in after considerable pressure. We have to fight to ensure they stay in the district – under current zoning, Vanderbilt Hall could be replaced by a 300 ft tall tower!*

### HOW TO HELP:

- **TESTIFY AT THE HEARING NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 25** at the LPC Hearing Room, 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Municipal Building, One Centre Street at Chambers Street. The hearing starts at 2:30 pm, and should last until after 4 pm, so you can arrive late. Sign up to speak when you arrive (we’ll be there to direct you); sample letter/testimony is on the back. You’ll have no more than 3 minutes to speak. If you can, bring 12 copies of your testimony; if you can’t stay to speak, you can submit it for the record.
- **WRITE TO THE COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF LANDMARKING THE SOUTH VILLAGE** -- use the sample letter/testimony on the back. An electronic version can be found at [gvshp.org/svlet](http://gvshp.org/svlet).

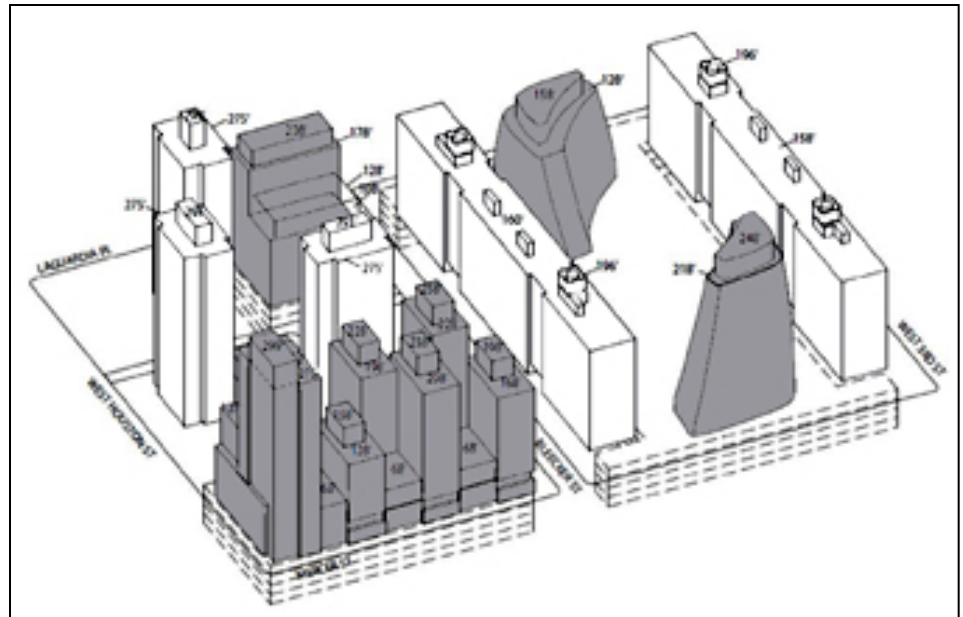
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# Planned NYU Developments

# Proposed New Buildings in Gray



The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation urges you to join us for a

# **RALLY AGAINST NYU'S PROPOSED 400 FT. TALL TOWER on BLEECKER ST. in SILVER TOWERS**

*NYU has filed a landmarks application for a 400 ft. tall hotel/residential tower on Bleecker Street in the Silver Towers complex – the TALLEST BUILDING EVER ERECTED IN GREENWICH VILLAGE!*

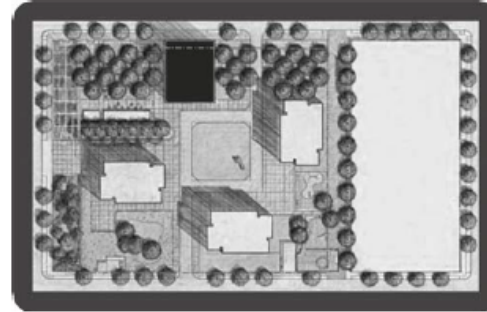
*NYU is threatening to build on the adjacent site of the Morton Williams supermarket, in front of the windows of the affordable housing at 505 LaGuardia Place, if they don't get approval to build on the landmarked site. They claim these are the only two options.*

*BUT NYU IS REFUSING TO CONSIDER SITING THIS AND OTHER ENORMOUS NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT OR OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE THEY WOULD BE WELCOMED.*

*SEND A MESSAGE TO NYU AND CITY OFFICIALS WHO MUST APPROVE THESE PLANS THAT NEITHER SILVER TOWERS LOCATION IS ACCEPTABLE, AND TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS INSTEAD!*

**Come to the Rally  
Sunday, November 7  
2 pm  
Bleecker Street  
east of LaGuardia Pl.**

**Bring friends! Bring signs!**



**JOIN THE  
FIGHT!**





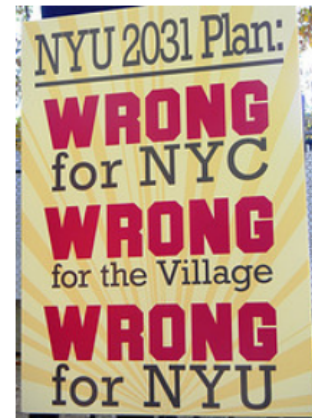
*GVSHP was founded in 1980 to preserve the architectural heritage and cultural history of the Village*



### **GVSHP and Allies File Suit to Overturn NYU Approvals**

As promised, GVSHP, NYU Faculty Against the Sexton Plan, the citywide Historic Districts Council, and tenant, neighborhood, and parks groups from the Village, East Village, NoHo, and SoHo have joined in filing a suit to overturn the approvals granted for NYU's massive Village expansion plan. The suit challenges the approvals made by the City and the State which would allow NYU to take public land, eliminate park space, violate the terms of the agreements under which NYU was given public land in the 1960's, and shoehorn 2 million square feet of space into an area already oversaturated with NYU facilities, transforming a residential neighborhood into a twenty-year construction zone.

In its thirty-two year existence, GVSHP has never before turned to the courts. However, in this case we felt the magnitude of the impact of the NYU plan was too great, the consequence of the approvals too far-reaching, the breaking of prior agreements too indefensible, the refusal to meaningfully consider public input or reasonable alternatives too cavalier, the failure to adhere to the appropriate process too glaring, and the bases for these decisions too problematic to leave the results unchallenged.



We are grateful to be joined in this suit by such a broad and expansive array of groups and individuals, and to be ably represented by the international law firm of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher. You can read more about the suit in [The New York Times](#), [ABC News](#), [NBC News](#), [Fox 5 News](#), [The Observer](#), [WNYC](#), and [Crains NY](#).

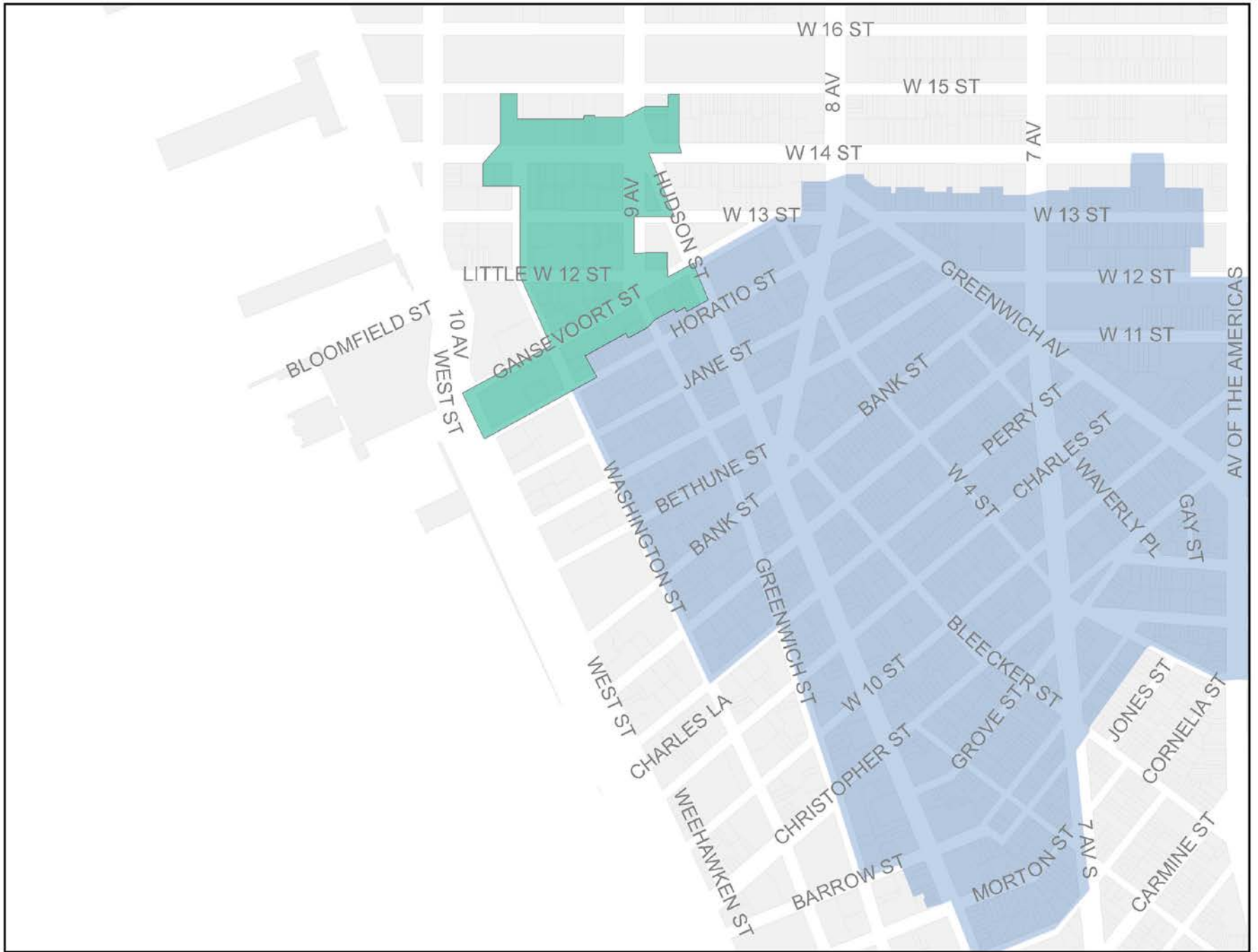
We will keep you posted as this process moves forward. I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work and support over the last several years in fighting this completely wrong-headed and damaging plan. If you'd like to find out more about the NYU plan and the efforts to stop it, click [HERE](#), and if you'd like to support this and other preservation efforts by GVSHP, click [HERE](#).

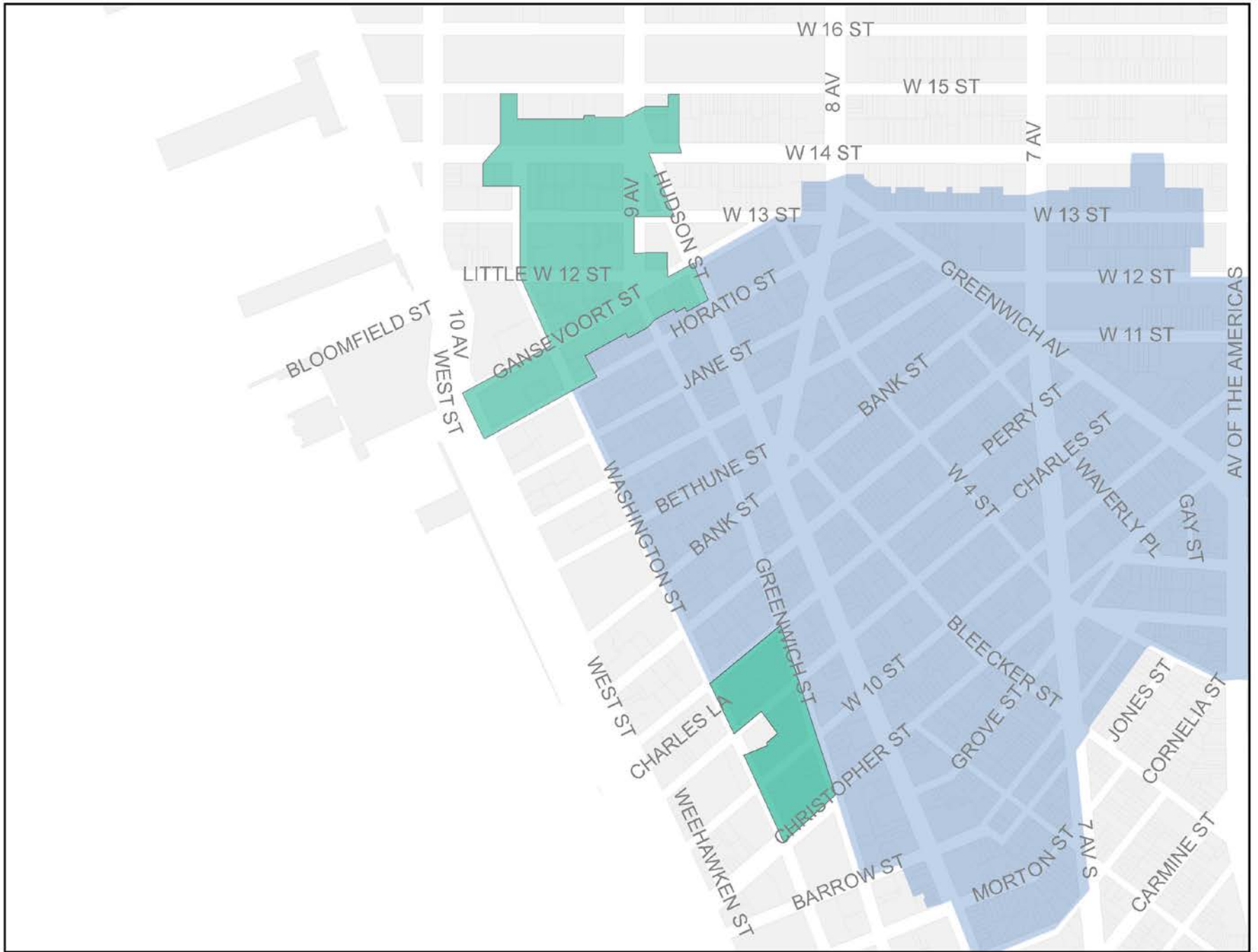
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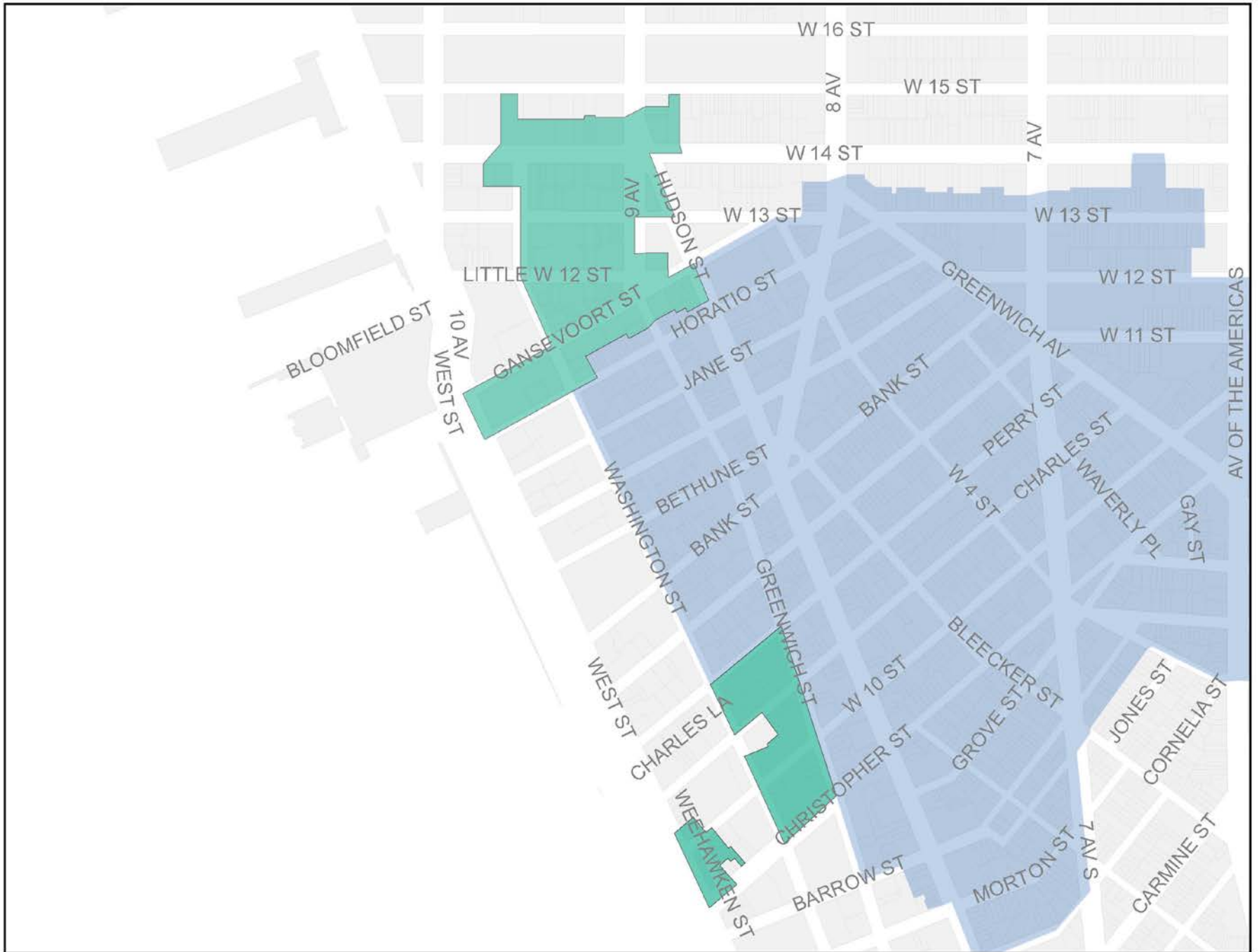


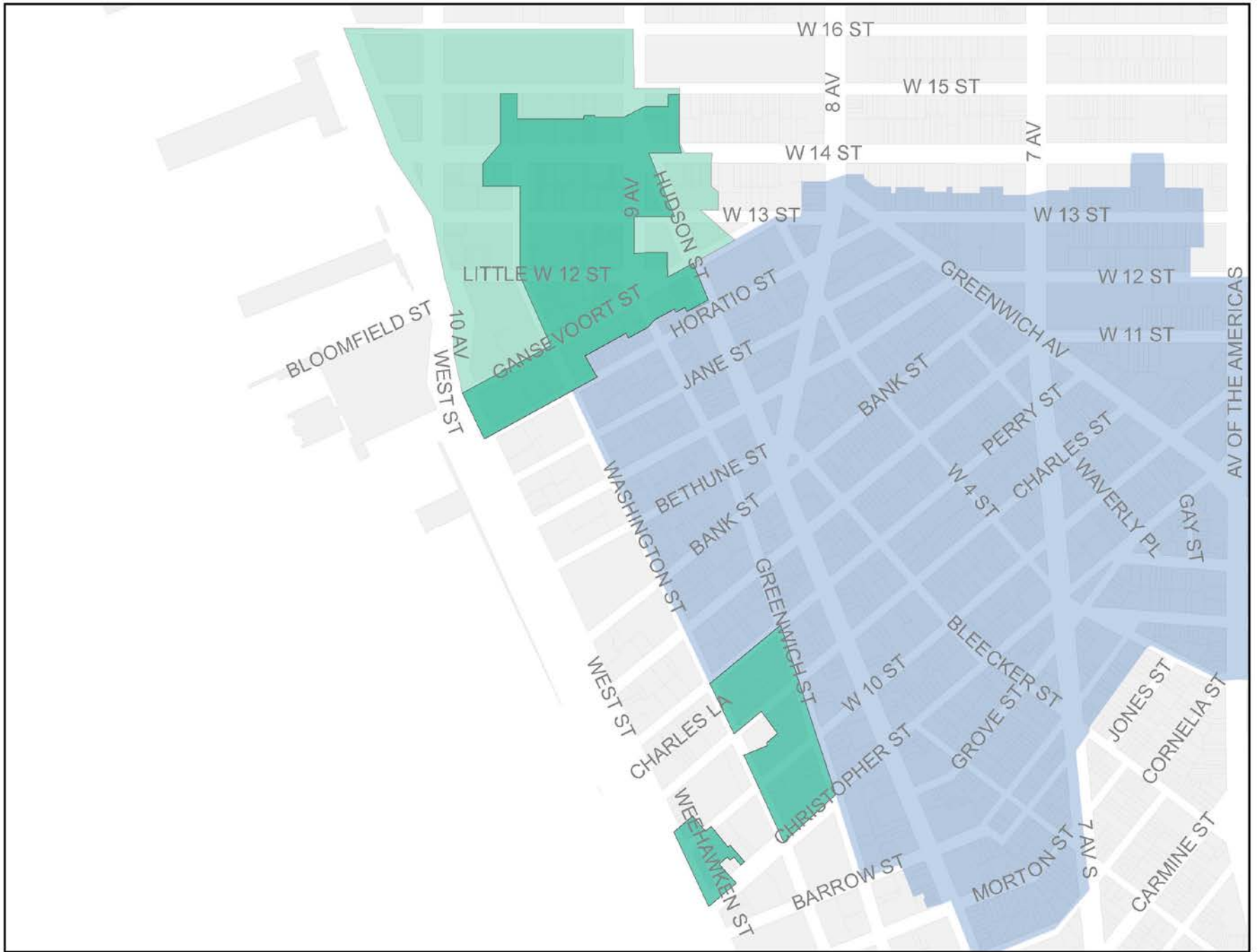


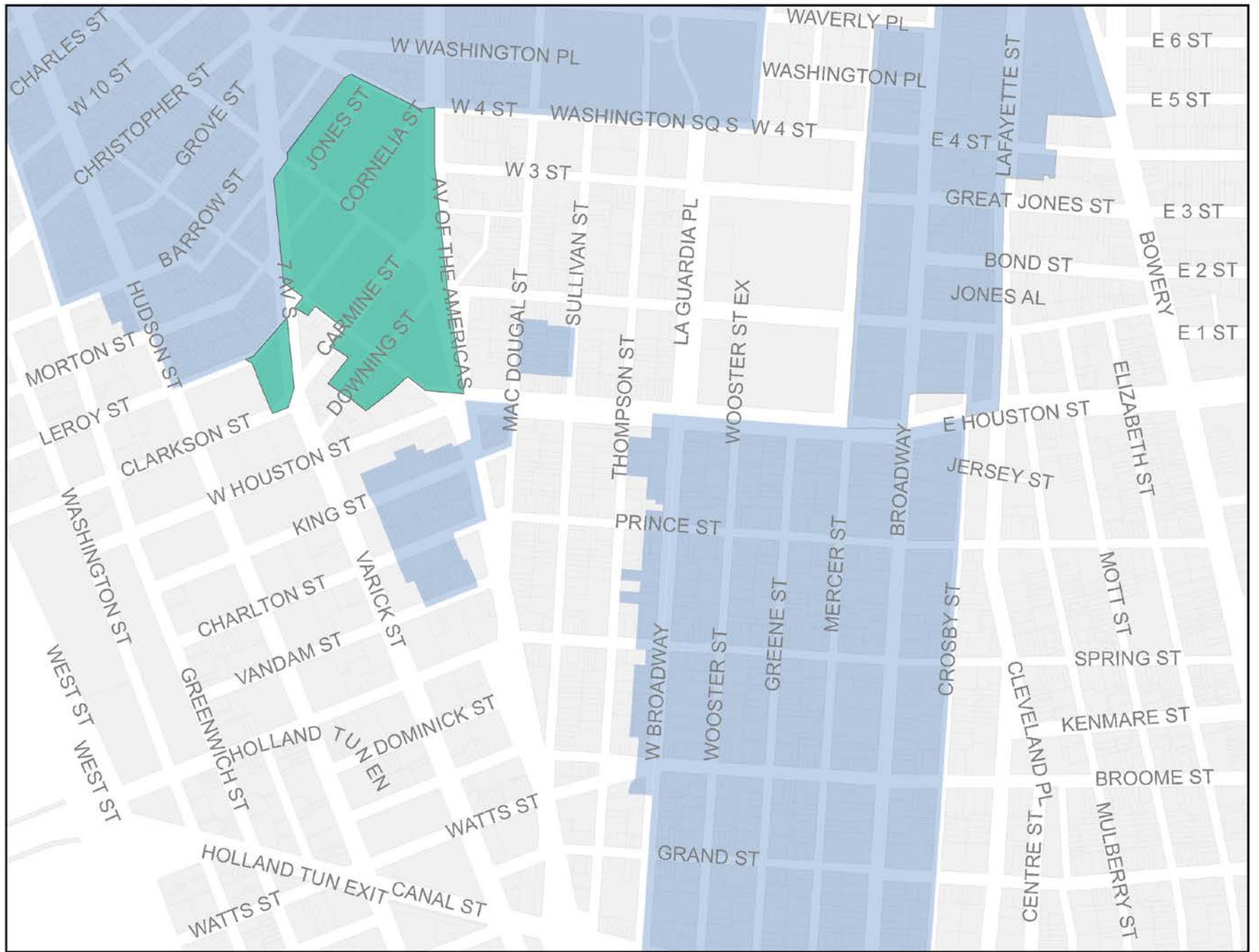
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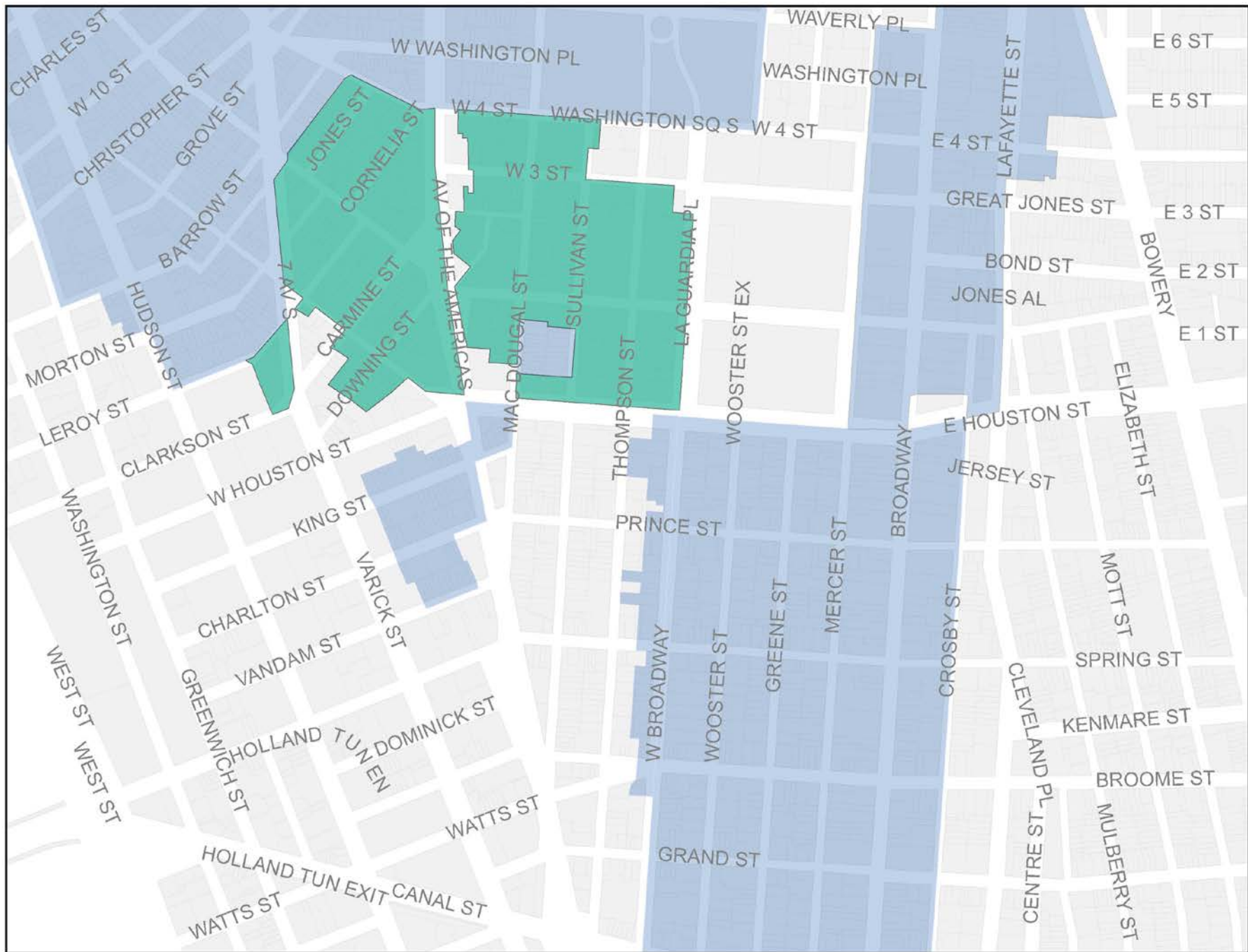


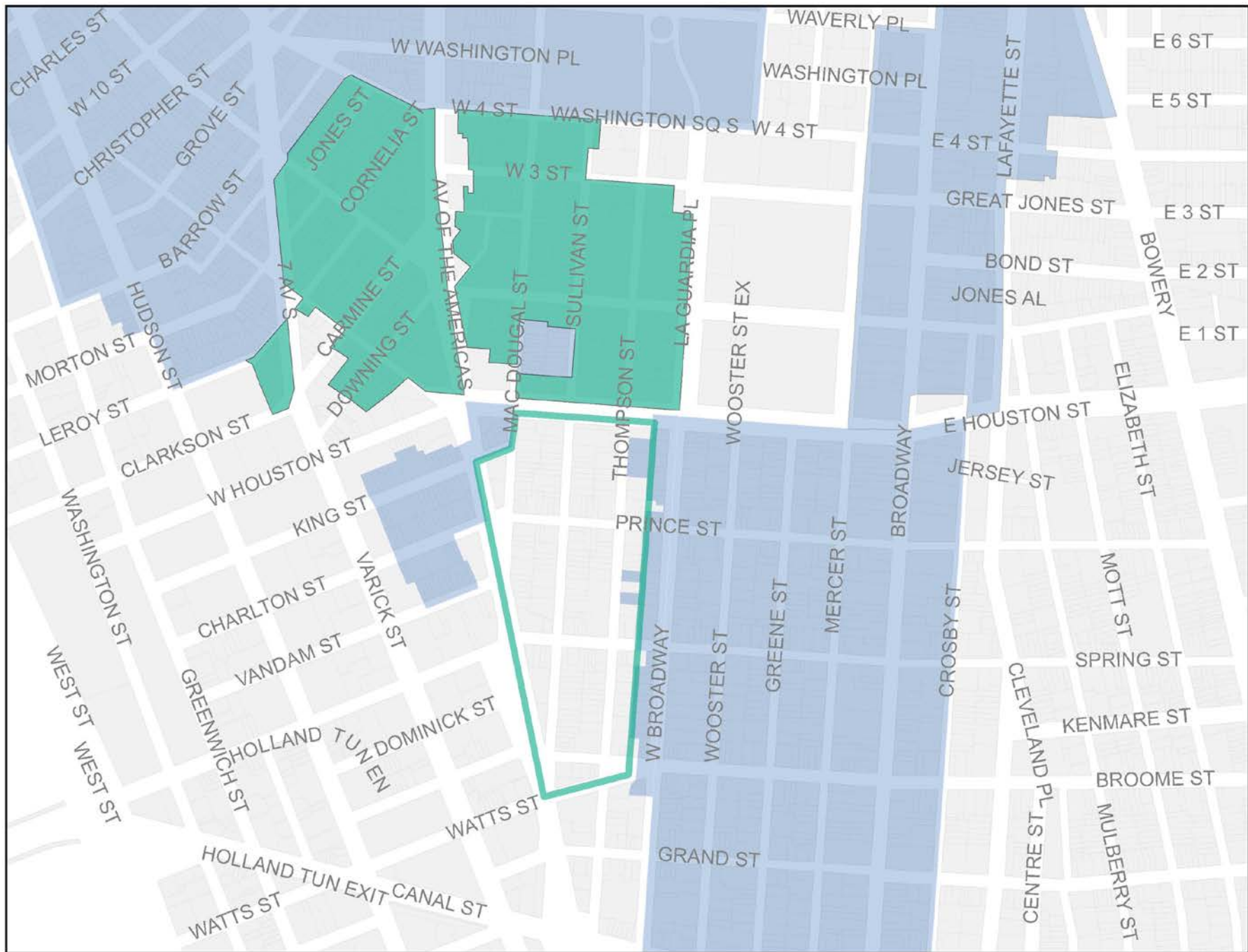




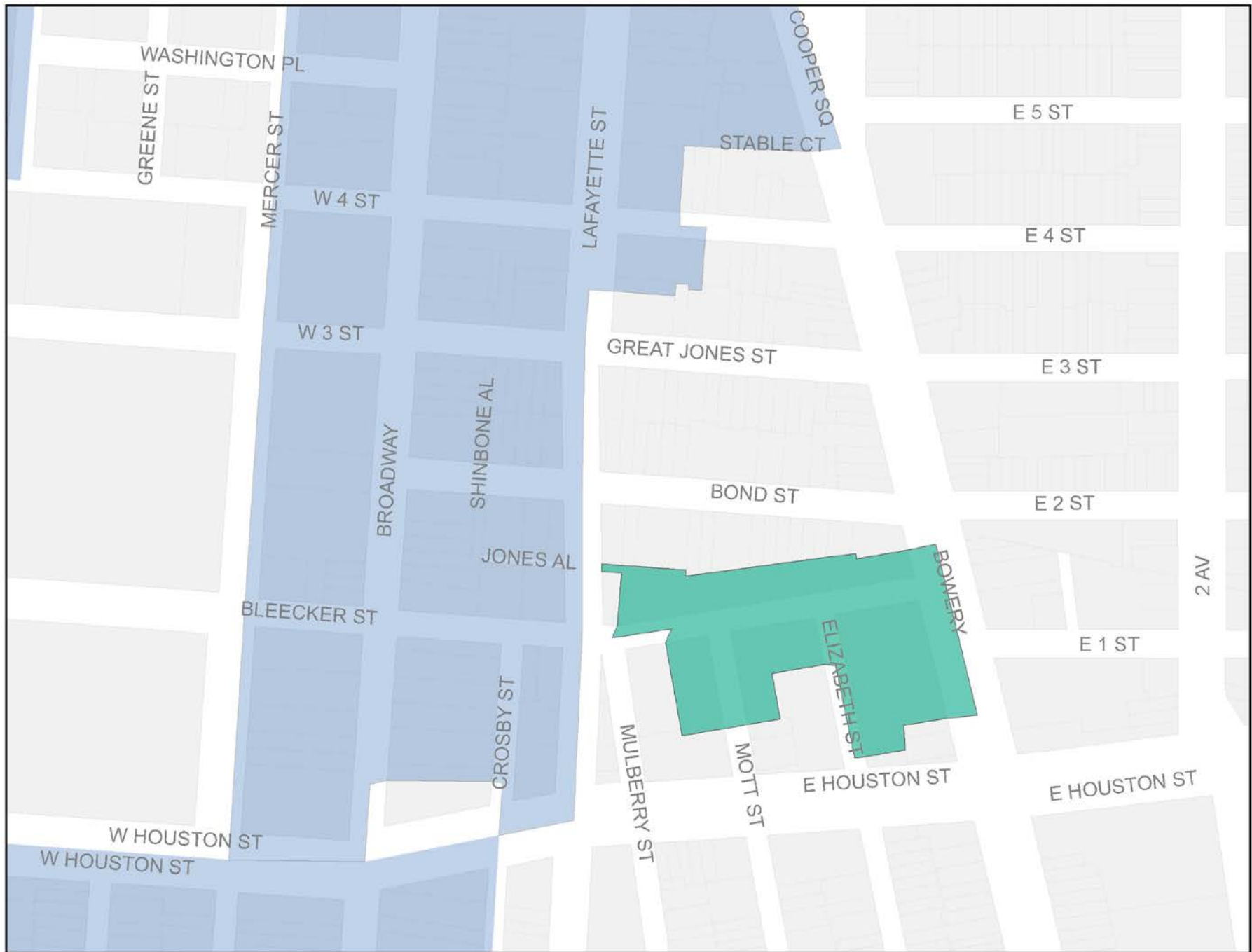












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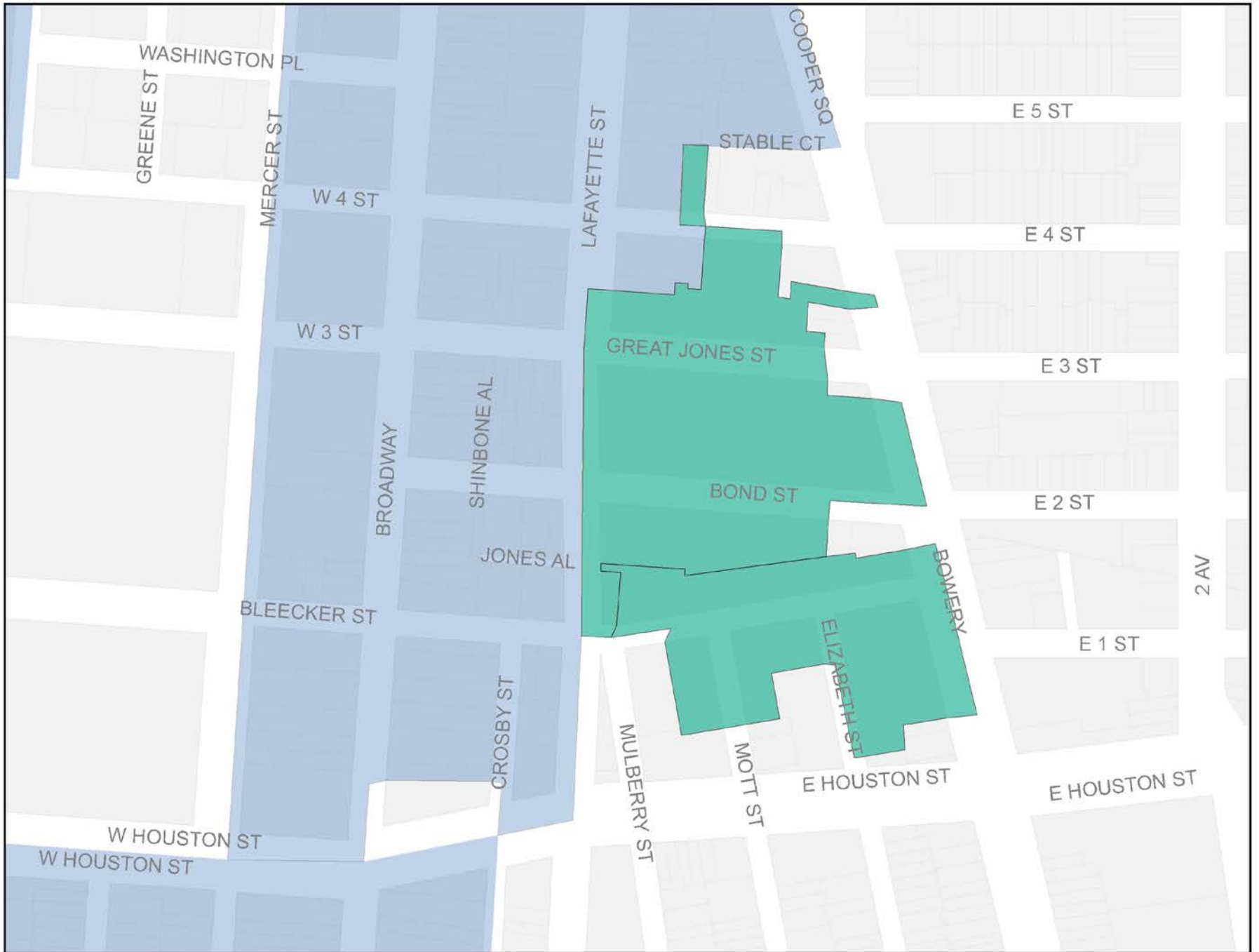
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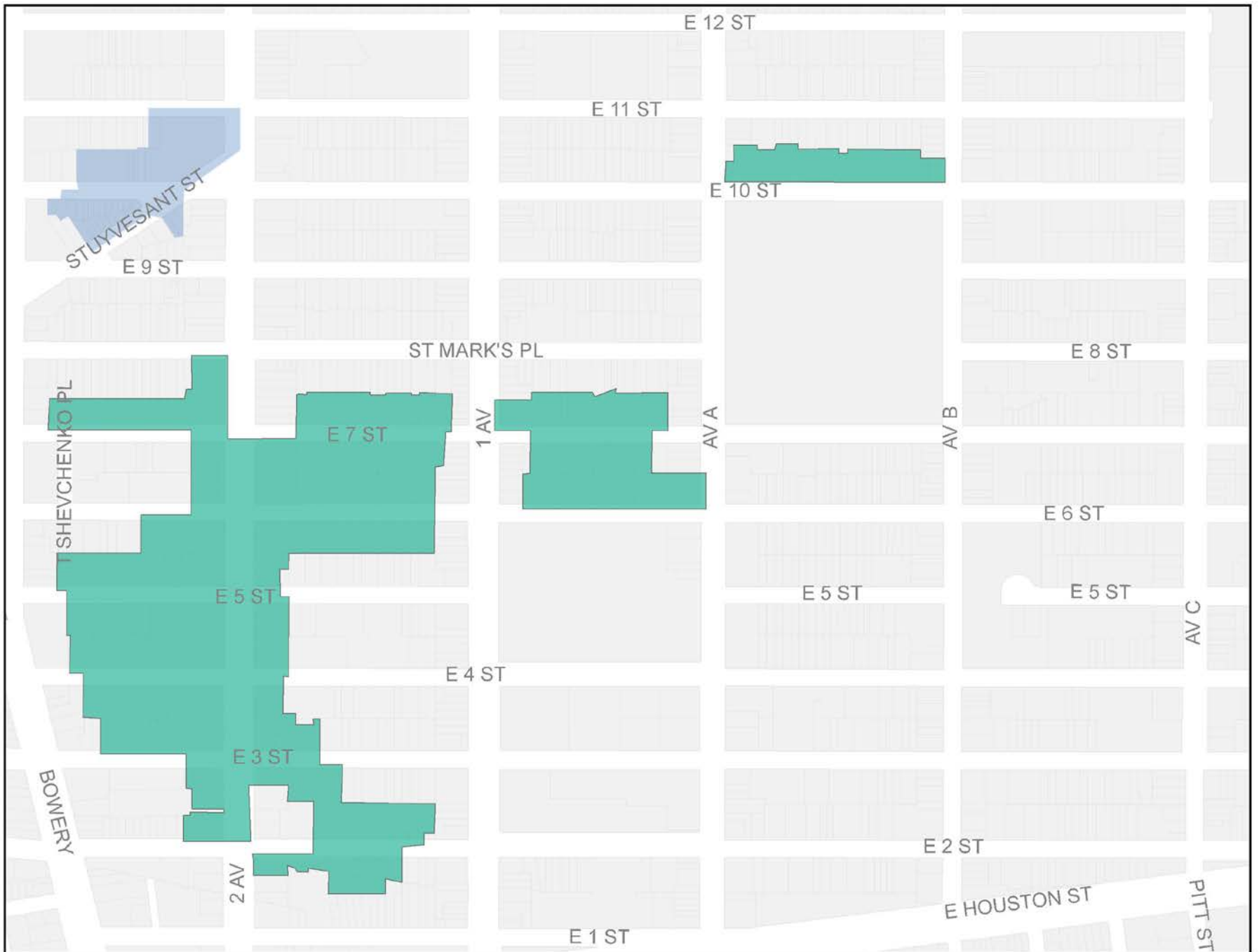
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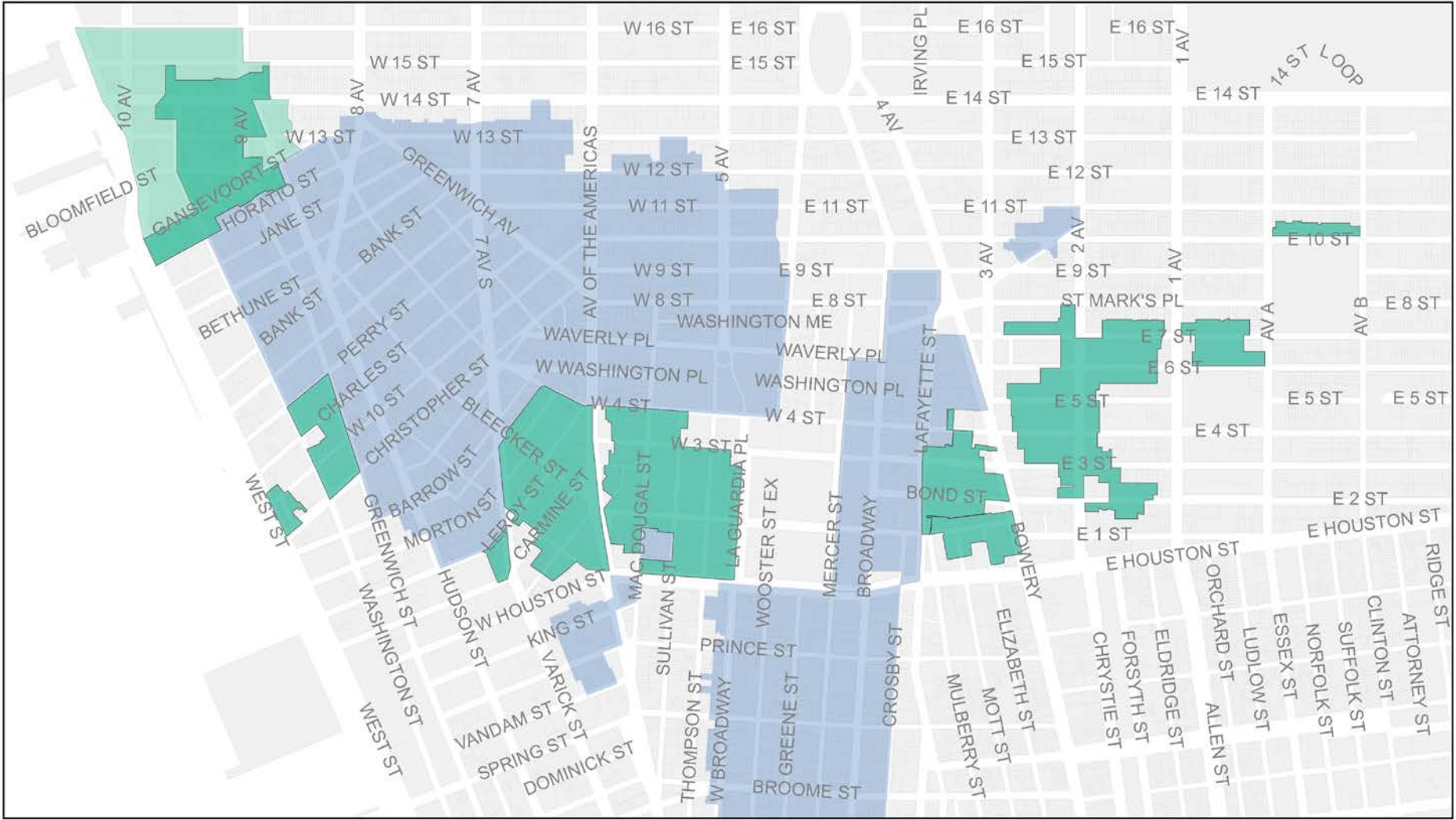
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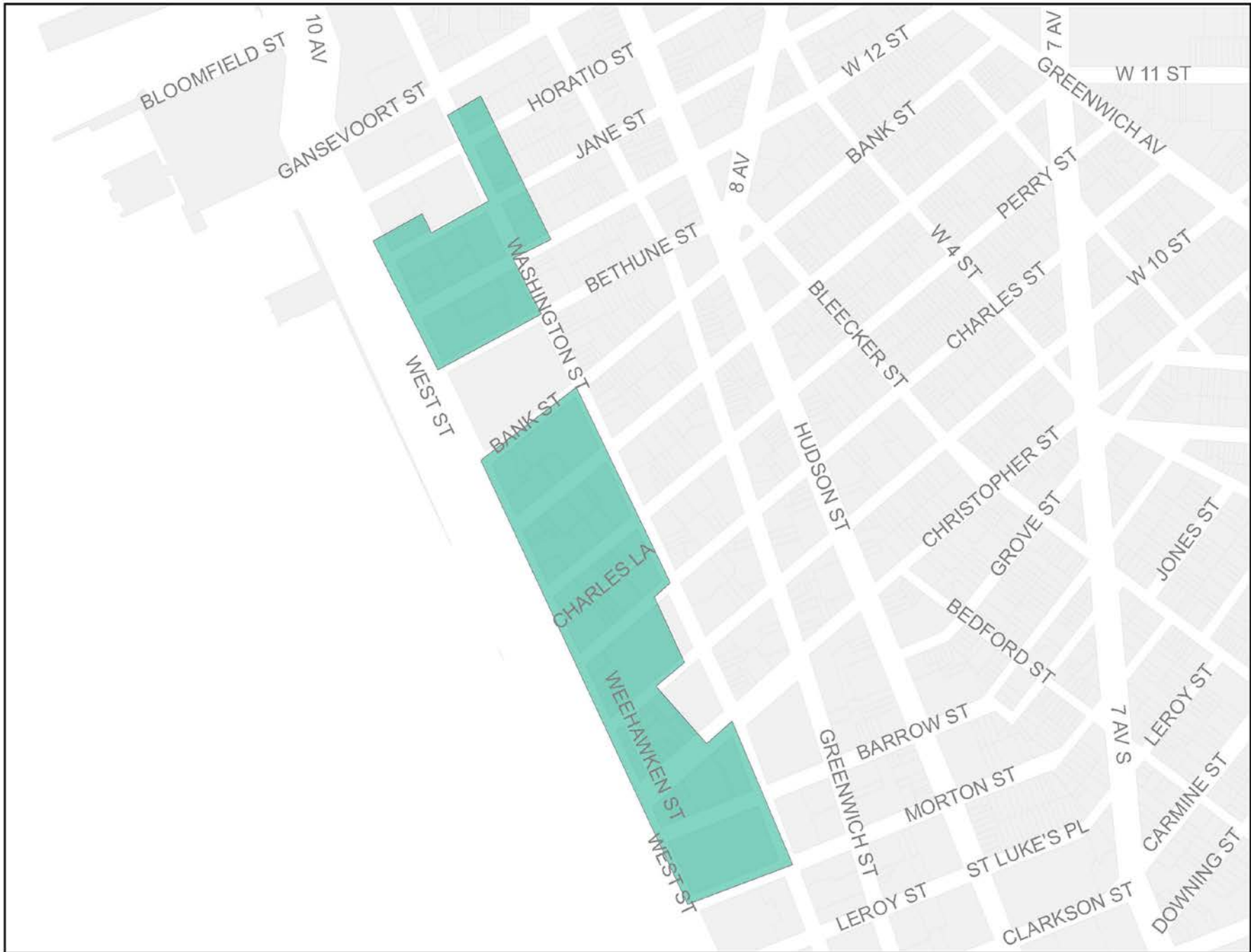
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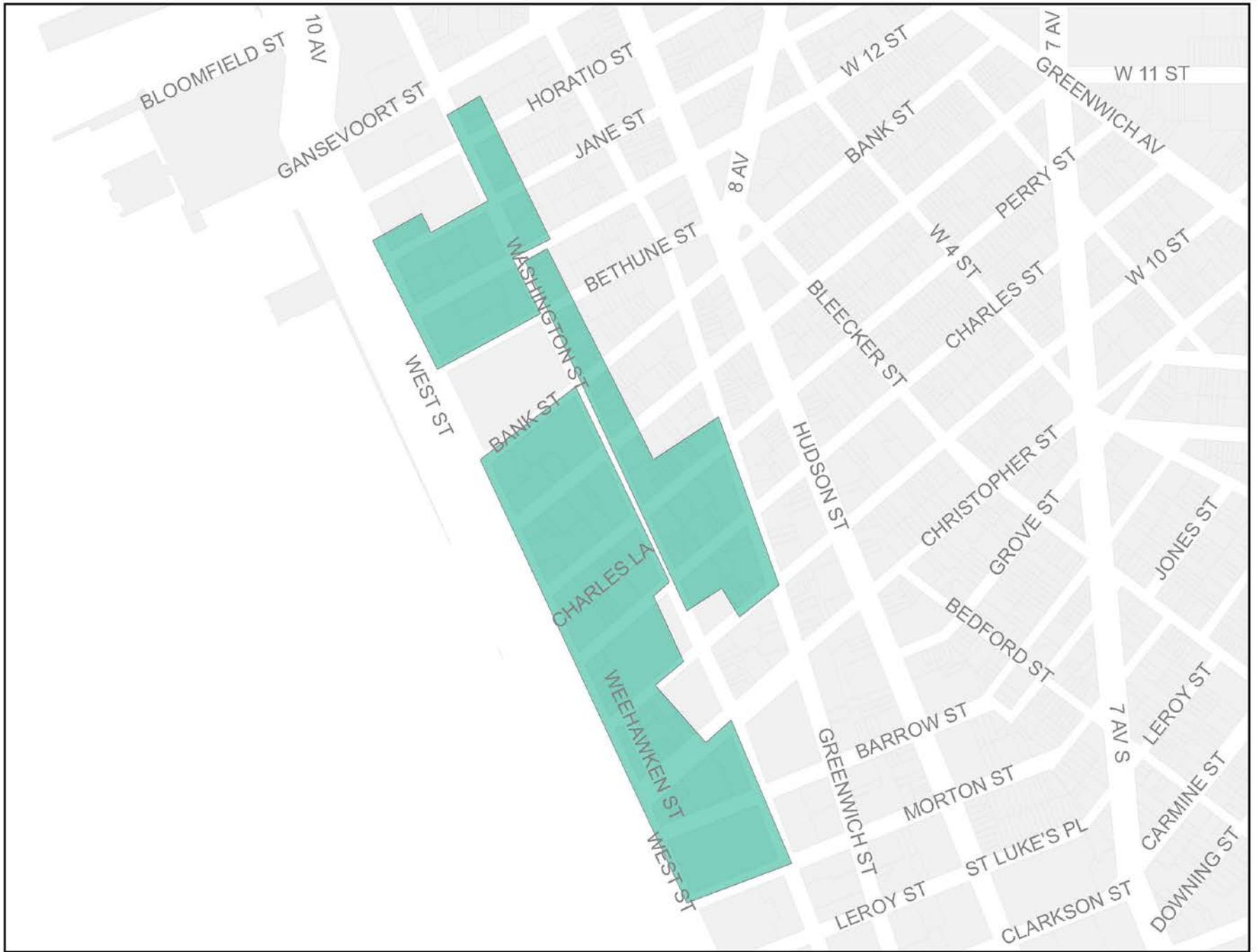












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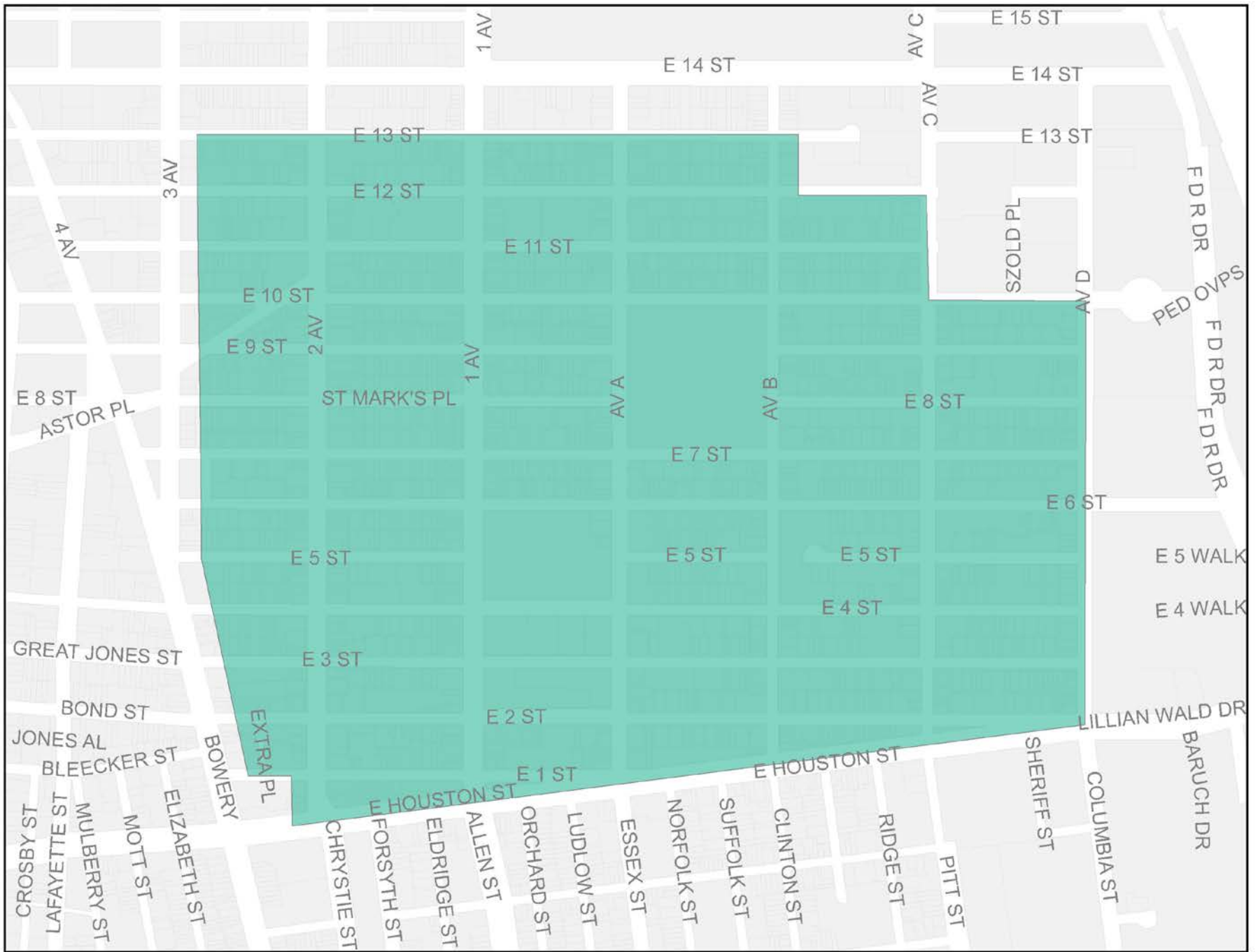
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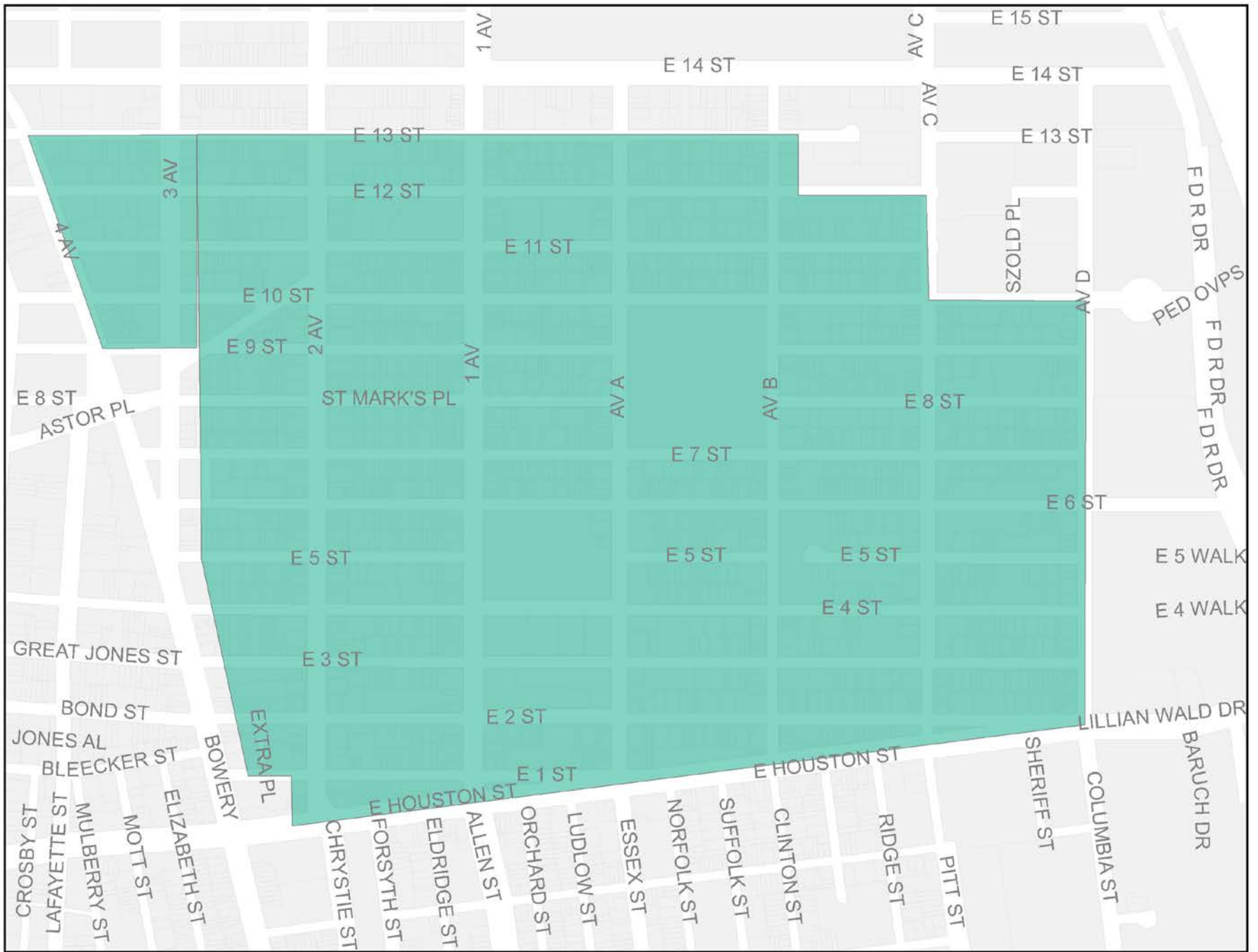
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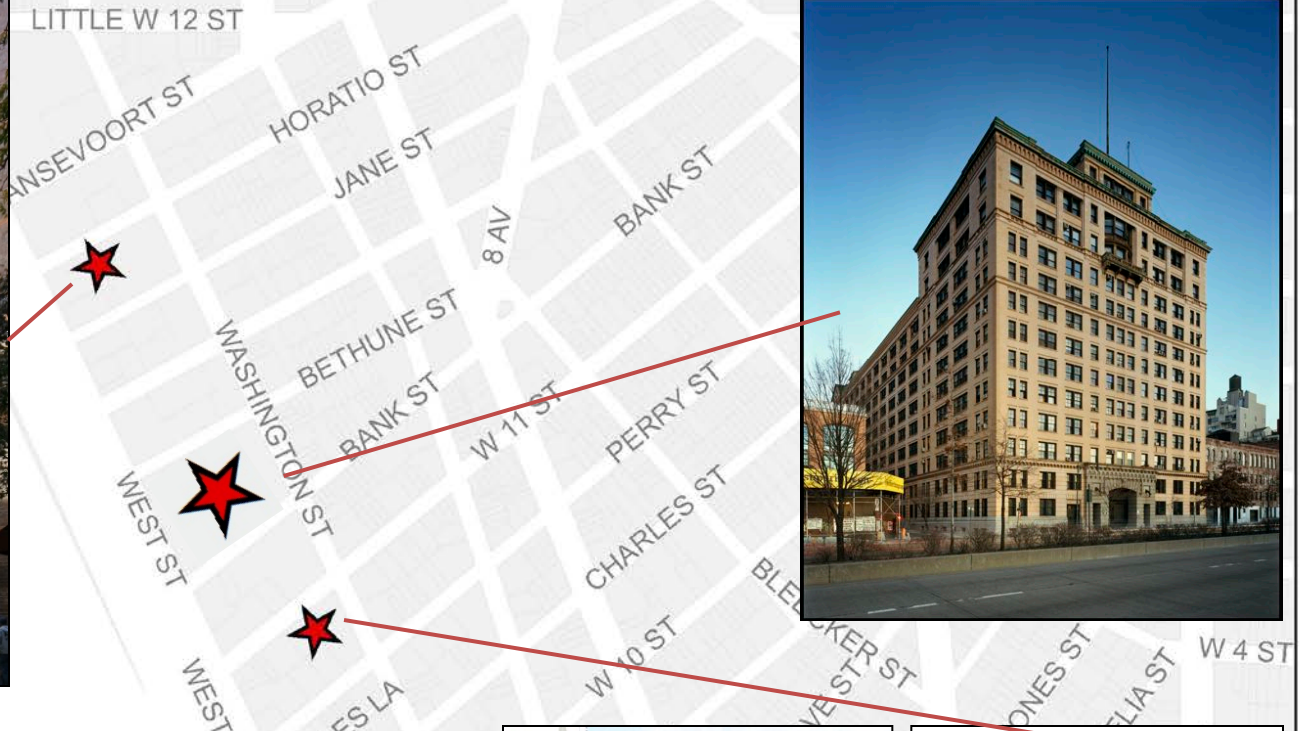
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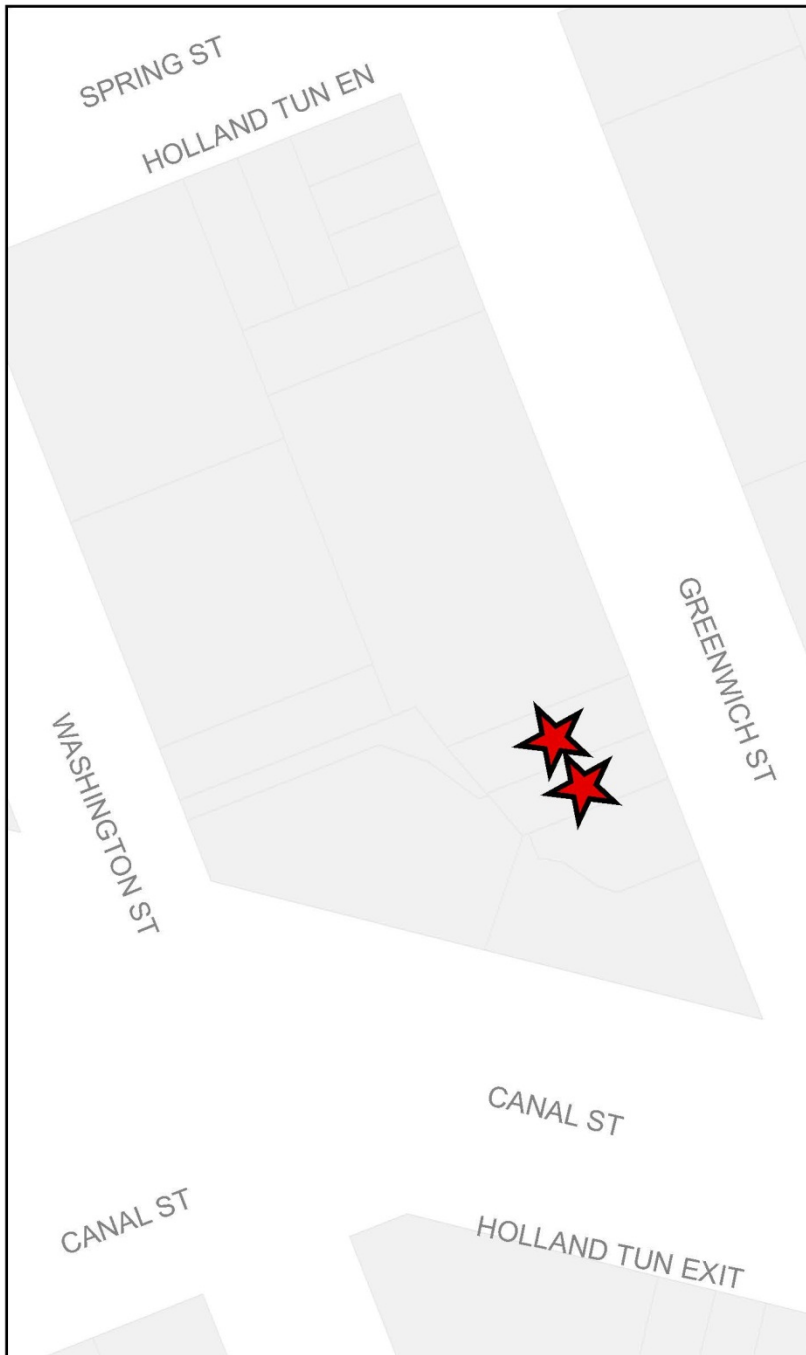
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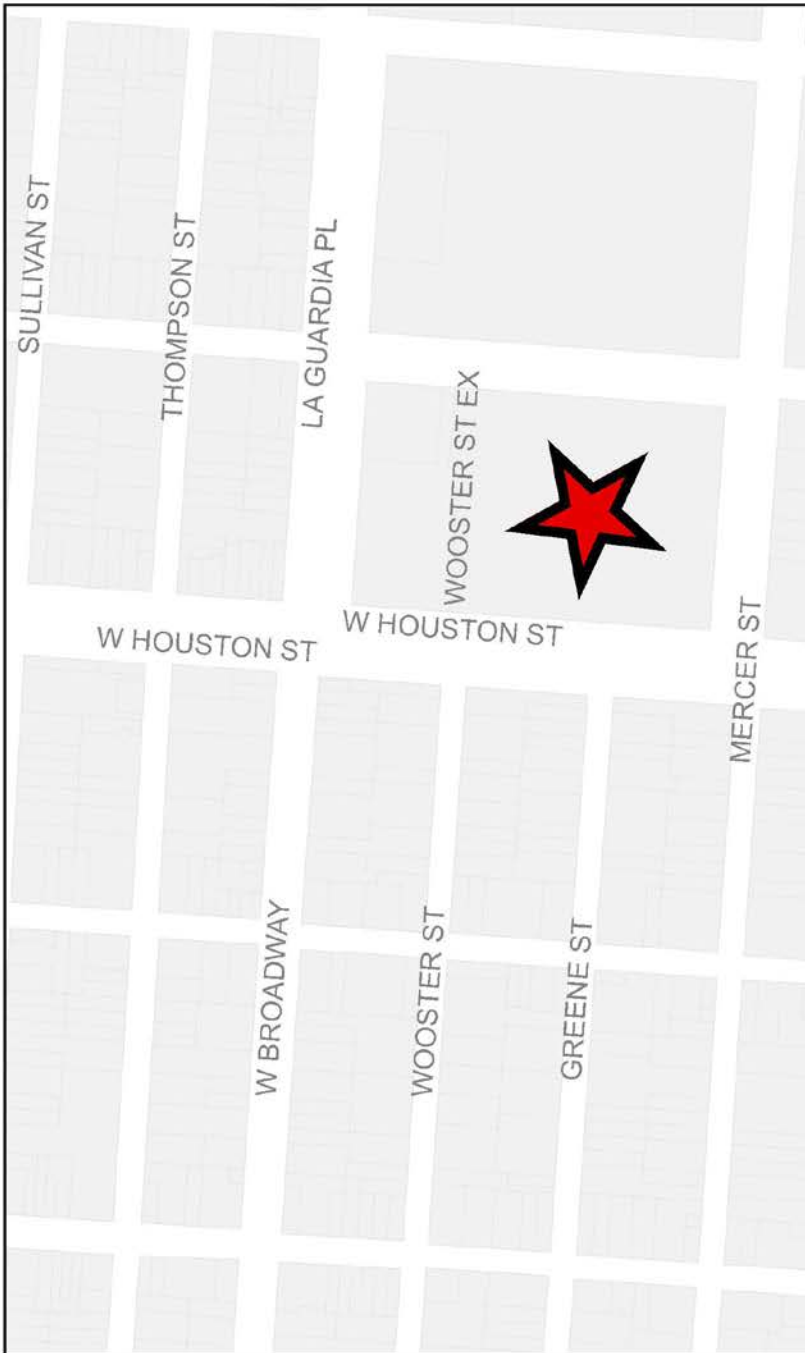


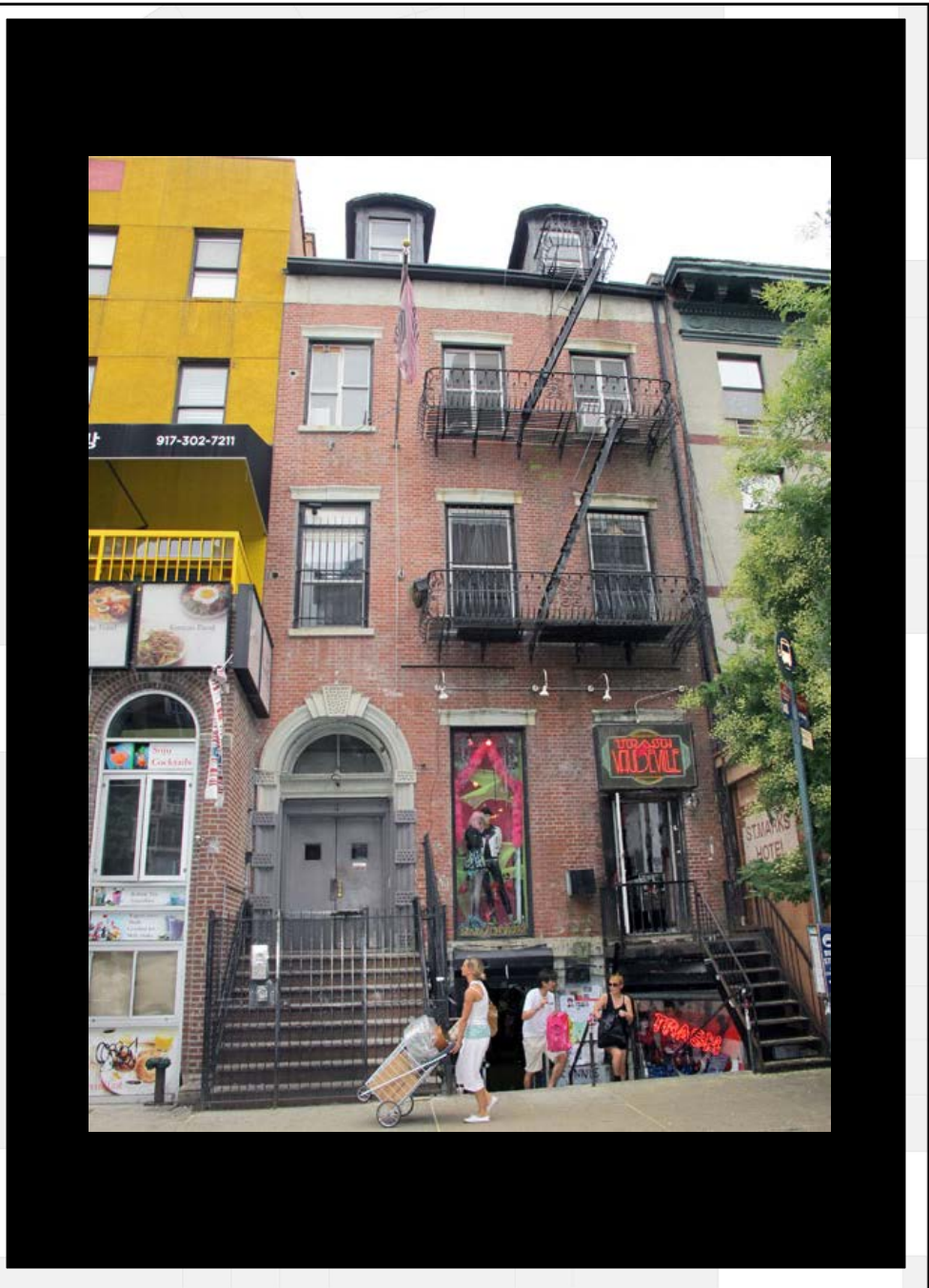
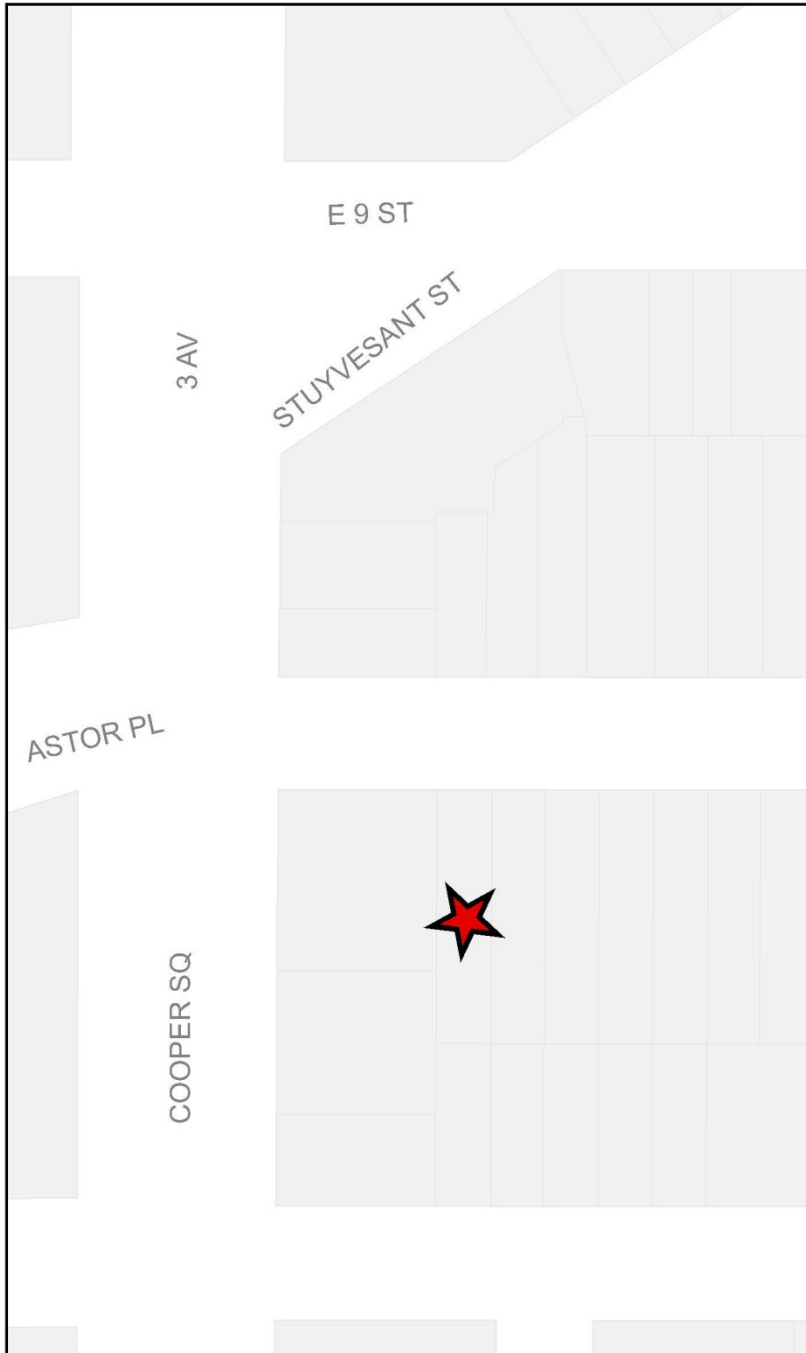












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A map of Greenwich Village, New York City, showing a grid of streets. Several blocks are highlighted in green, and a larger area is highlighted in blue. The text is overlaid on the map.

# Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

**10 Years:**

**1,000  
Buildings  
Landmarked**

**100  
Blocks  
Rezoned**



# Executive Director's Report

Andrew Berman



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