



Far West Village Campaign Goes into High Gear

New Landmark and Zoning Push Follows Initial Victory

(LPC) cataloguing every historic building in the area west of the Greenwich Village Historic District between Horatio and Barrow Streets, the area of the Far West Village we had identified as most vulnerable as well as containing some of the Village's most significant historic structures. This proposal, including over 100 buildings and the streetbeds of two very important historic streets, can be found on our website at www.gvshp.org/protectingFWV.htm, including maps, photos, and historic data. Special thanks go to former GVSHP executive director Regina Kellerman, whose groundbreaking 1986 study, *The Architecture of the Greenwich Village Waterfront*, provided much of the data and grounding for this proposal. The area contains more than 20 early 19th century and 35 late 19th century structures; more than 20 houses and a dozen former stables; four former seamen's hotels and three monumental industrial structures; the last wood frame house built in Lower Manhattan and the site of the invention of the transistor, chain broadcasting, and the

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fragile and class of buildings. That study was continued and greatly expanded by former GVSHP staffer and scholar Susan DeVries. GVSHP members and supporters heeded our call and sent hundreds of letters and e-mails to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) in support of this "13" proposal.

The effort has borne fruit. On June 8th, the LPC voted to landmark three of these houses, 127-131 MacDougal Street, built in 1829. These houses, featured in the Fall 2003 issue of our newsletter (see www.gvshp.org/newscurrent.htm), were of particular concern to GVSHP due to their location, collective formation of a large potential development parcel, and speculation that NYU was seeking to purchase at least one of the houses (GVSHP urged the University not to take any actions which would endanger the houses). The victory was particularly sweet given that these three houses were first

In 2003, GVSHP joined the New York Landmarks Conservancy (NYLC) in identifying and calling for the landmarking of 13 unprotected federal-era (1790-1835) rowhouses in Lower Manhattan (see www.gvshp.org/federalrowhouses.htm). There are more than 100 such unprotected houses in Lower Manhattan, and GVSHP began a study in 1995 of these wonderful relics (funded in part by Preserve NY, a grant program of the Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts) to protect this invaluable but

57 Sullivan Street, one of 13 vulnerable federal houses proposed for landmarking



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