

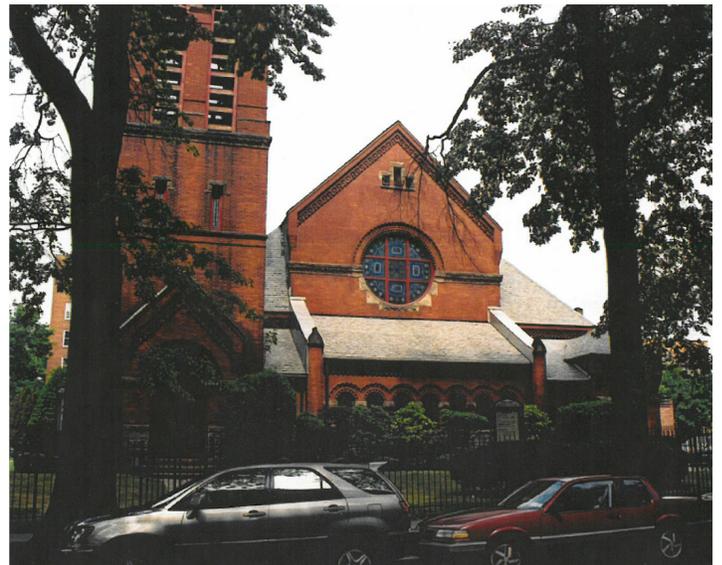
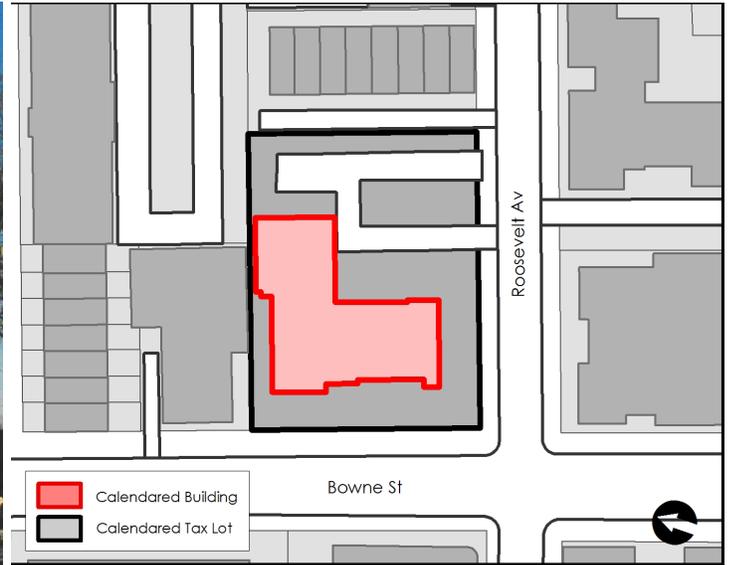
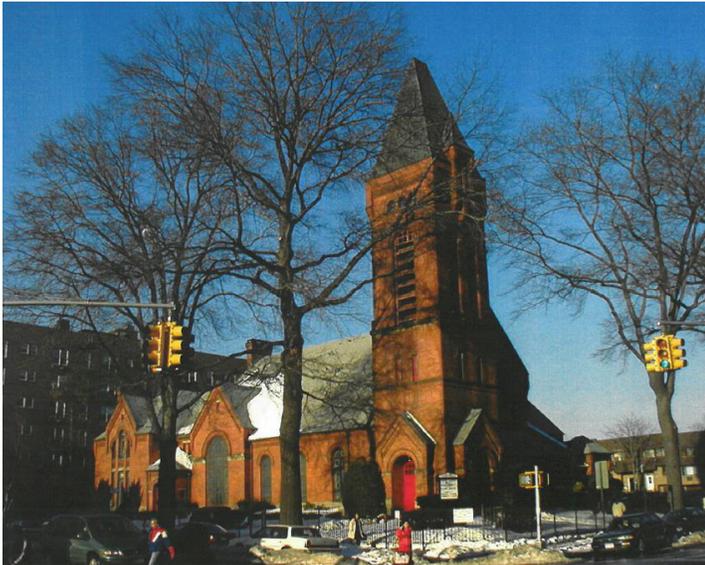


Landmarks Preservation
Commission

Bowne Street Community Church

38-01 Bowne Street, Queens
Queens Block: 05022; Lot: 0001

Queens Community Board 7
Public Hearing Date(s): no public hearing,
calendared 9/23/2003



Research file photos undated

Special Public Hearings

The Landmarks Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the backlog of buildings in the Borough of Queens on **October 8, 2015** and encourages interested parties to submit written testimony in advance of that hearing. Each speaker will be given three minutes total to speak, and in that time may address all of the items within the Borough, just particular items, or add comments to support written testimony. In order to conduct efficient hearings, we ask speakers to register in advance, and submit their written statements and materials that will be read at the hearing by **October 1, 2015** to backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov.

If you have any questions about this property or the hearing process, please contact backlog95@lpc.nyc.gov or call (212) 669-7817. If you would like more information about this property, please see the research file summary (over) and go to our website (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/lpc/html/backlog95>) and click on the link for this building's research file.



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Backlog Initiative: Addressing 95 Properties
Queens Items

Bowne Street Community Church Description

Landmark Type: Individual

Built: 1891-1892

Architect: Edward Richardson

Style: Romanesque Revival

Research Staff Calendar Statement (2003)

Bowne Street Community Church

The Bowne Street Community Church occupies an L-shaped, tree-shaded lot at the northeast corner of Roosevelt Avenue and Bowne Street in the Flushing section of north-central Queens. Built as the Reformed Dutch Church of Flushing, this Protestant denomination was established in the early 17th century and can trace its roots to the founding of New Amsterdam. The Flushing congregation was founded in 1842 and a stone church was built at Prince and Washington Streets. As Flushing expanded, so did the congregation and in 1873 a site was acquired for a significantly larger building. Construction began in October 1891 and was completed in November 1892. The new church was financed with donations from the congregation, as well as a loan from the Collegiate Church of New York. Edward Richardson, of Flushing, is likely to have served as both the architect and builder. He adopted the Romanesque Revival style, embellishing the massive facades with arched windows, decorative brickwork and terra cotta details. Of particular significance is the striking corner tower and the large stained glass windows. At least three of the windows were designed by a member of the congregation, Agnes Fairchild Northrup, who for many years worked closely with the famed designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. The church was enlarged by the addition of an annex to the east in 1925. This two-story structure incorporates similar materials and ornament. During the early 1970s, the church merged with the First Congregational Church of Flushing, and in 1988 with the Zion Christian Church. Along with the Friends Meeting House and St. George's Episcopal Church, both designated New York City Landmarks, this impressive house of worship exemplifies Flushing's historic position as a center of religious faith and tolerance.