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Working at the Landmarks Preservation Commission

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The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) is the largest municipal preservation agency in the nation. It is responsible for protecting New York City's architecturally, historically, and culturally significant buildings and sites by granting them landmark or historic district status and regulating them after designation. The agency is comprised of a panel of 11 commissioners who are appointed by the Mayor and supported by a staff of approximately 80 preservationists, researchers, architects, historians, attorneys, archaeologists, and administrative employees. There are more than 37,500 designated buildings and sites in New York City, most of which are located in 152 historic districts across in all five boroughs.

Working at the Landmarks Preservation Commission provides a great opportunity to cultivate intellectual inspiration and professional development.

The Team

Preservation Department

The Preservation Department is responsible for reviewing permit applications from property owners, issuing permits for certain kinds of work at designated buildings and sites, and guiding applicants in preparing presentations for review by the full Commission. Landmarks Preservationists in the Preservation Department work in small teams with other preservationists, supervised by a Deputy Director, who meet regularly to discuss and review these applications.

Landmarks Preservationists in the Preservation Department have the unique opportunity to work closely with owners and their consultants, including architects, engineers, and preservation specialists, in reviewing applications to restore, adapt or appropriately alter landmark buildings of all types throughout New York City. In doing so, Landmarks Preservationists share knowledge and provide guidance to applicants in meetings, site visits and outreach events, and these efforts build positive relationships in these communities and yield tangible results in protecting and preserving landmark buildings and historic districts.

Research Department

The Research Department is responsible for the identification, evaluation, documentation and designation of landmarks, interior landmarks, scenic landmarks, and historic districts throughout New York City. Landmarks Preservationists in the Research Department work independently and/or collaboratively in small teams under the supervision and guidance of the Director and Deputy Director of Research.

Landmarks Preservationists in the Research Department have the unique opportunity to work throughout the city exploring and analyzing its historic sites and neighborhoods, conducting architectural surveys and historical research, and producing rigorously documented designation reports that recognize the city's architecturally, culturally, and historically significant buildings and sites and enable their protection. In doing

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so, Landmarks Preservationists add to scholarship on New York City's history and architecture, provide useful information about historic buildings to property owners and architects, participate in LPC's Equity and Inclusion Goals, expanding public recognition and equitable representation of New York City's diverse history, and have the opportunity to yield tangible results in preserving landmark buildings and historic districts throughout the city.

Enforcement Department

The Enforcement Department and legal staff are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Landmarks Law. Violations of the Landmarks Law occur when work is done on a Landmark without a permit, work does not comply with a permit, or a landmark is not kept in good repair.

Under the supervision of the Commission's Deputy Counsel, Director of Enforcement, the Landmarks Preservationist in the Enforcement Department will work with property owners responding to landmark violations and support the department with surveys, research and analyses and communication with property owners.

Diversity and Inclusion

The City of New York is an inclusive equal opportunity employer committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and providing a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment based upon any legally protected status or protected characteristic, including but not limited to an individual's sex, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, gender identity, or pregnancy.