

## **East Harlem Neighborhood Study**

### **East Harlem's history and context**

The East Harlem Neighborhood is north of the Upper East Side and generally bounded by East 96th Street to the south, Fifth Avenue to the west, East 142nd Street to the north and the Harlem River to the east. The major commercial corridors in the area are along 125<sup>th</sup> Street, 116<sup>th</sup> Street, Third and Second avenues.

There are a number of institutions located within East Harlem, such as La Marqueta, El Museo del Barrio, Museum of the City of New York, Mount Sinai Center and the New York Academy of Medicine. In addition to Randall's Island Park, East Harlem is in proximity to Central Park and the esplanade along the East River waterfront.

East Harlem is a diverse community with a large foreign-born population, mainly of Latino descent. However, in addition to the number of Latino restaurants, along Pleasant Avenue between 114<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup> streets, there are several Italian restaurants, reflective of the small but remaining Italian enclave. East River Plaza, along the FDR between 116<sup>th</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> streets, is a major commercial center in the area with a national chain stores such as Target and Costco.

The area is well served by local transit with subway stops along Lexington at East 103rd Street, East 110<sup>th</sup> Street, East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, East 125<sup>th</sup> Street. There is also a Metro North Railroad station at 125<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue. There is access to the Bronx and Queens via the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge (formerly the Tri-borough Bridge) and the Third Avenue Bridge.