

**TOPIC: RESILIENCY :: SUB-TOPIC: FLOODING**

## **Flood Shields, Barriers and Other Resiliency Measures**

**Thinking about flood shields and other resiliency measures for a locally-designated\* historic property? We are.**

If you are an owner, tenant or design professional considering resiliency measures to address past and future flooding events, the Landmarks Preservation Commission would like to work with you to better understand your goals and guide you through the LPC regulatory process on a path towards an appropriate and effective solution.

**Do you need a LPC permit to install flood shield or barrier hardware? Yes, you do.**

Please be aware that the installation of permanently attached hardware designed for temporary flood shields and barriers does require review and approval by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Such hardware includes posts and post plates, channels and brackets, and all other attachments to the façade, windows or doors, and the ground. The Commission is currently studying the physical and visual effects of these installations on historic properties, and reviews such proposals on a case by case basis. Stacking sandbags or installing channel-free shields or plywood at openings in advance of an imminent flooding event does not require a LPC permit or review. You should also check with the Department of Buildings regarding the applicability of building codes for all of these installation types.

**What about other resiliency measures? You probably still need a permit.**

Other related work, such as preventative façade maintenance, relocating equipment to higher floors or rooftops, and miscellaneous interior alterations, typically requires LPC review and is usually reviewed and approved by staff under current Rules and regulatory policy. Alterations such as raising window and door openings, interior floors or entire buildings always requires LPC review, possibly at a Public Hearing. Applicants should identify such proposals as part of the initial application filing, or notify the Commission staff in advance particularly when proposing to undertake extensive measures.

\*Locally-designated refers to buildings under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. A locally-designated building may or may not be also listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.