



**Landmarks Preservation
Commission**

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COMMISSION APPROVES LANDMARK STATUS FOR HAWTHORNE COURT APARTMENTS



The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission today voted unanimously to designate the Hawthorne Court Apartments, located at the corner of 216th Street and 43rd Avenue in Bayside, Queens, as a New York City Landmark.

Built between 1930 and 1931, these Tudor Revival style apartments are an example of low-rise suburban garden apartments from the 1920s and 1930s, which contained substantial green space, and incorporated ideas from the British garden city movement and the New York modern tenement movement.

The respected architect Benjamin Braunstein arranged the units in two groups of varying size around a courtyard with meandering paths and set back from the streets. Braunstein created a highly picturesque environment through a complex massing of roof lines, dormers and entrances, as well as through the proportion of façade materials. In 1931, the Hawthorne Court Apartments received an award from the Queens Chamber of Commerce for “excellence in design and civic value.”

“This charming and ornate complex is a fine example of the Tudor Revival style, and provides a critical narrative of Bayside’s transformation to a commuter suburb after the completion of the railroad tunnel to Manhattan in 1910,” said Commission Chair Meenakshi Srinivasan. “The Commission is pleased to grant this remarkable collection of buildings Individual Landmark status.”

The Landmarks Preservation Commission is the mayoral agency responsible for protecting and preserving New York City’s architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings and sites. Since its creation in 1965, LPC has granted landmark status to approximately 31,729 buildings and sites, including 1339 individual landmarks, 117 interior landmarks, 10 scenic landmarks, 111 historic districts and 20 historic district extensions in all five boroughs. Under the City’s landmarks law, considered among the most powerful in the nation, the Commission must comprise at least three architects, a historian, a realtor, a planner or landscape architect, as well as a representative of each borough.

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