

## SULLIVAN-THOMPSON HISTORIC DISTRICT

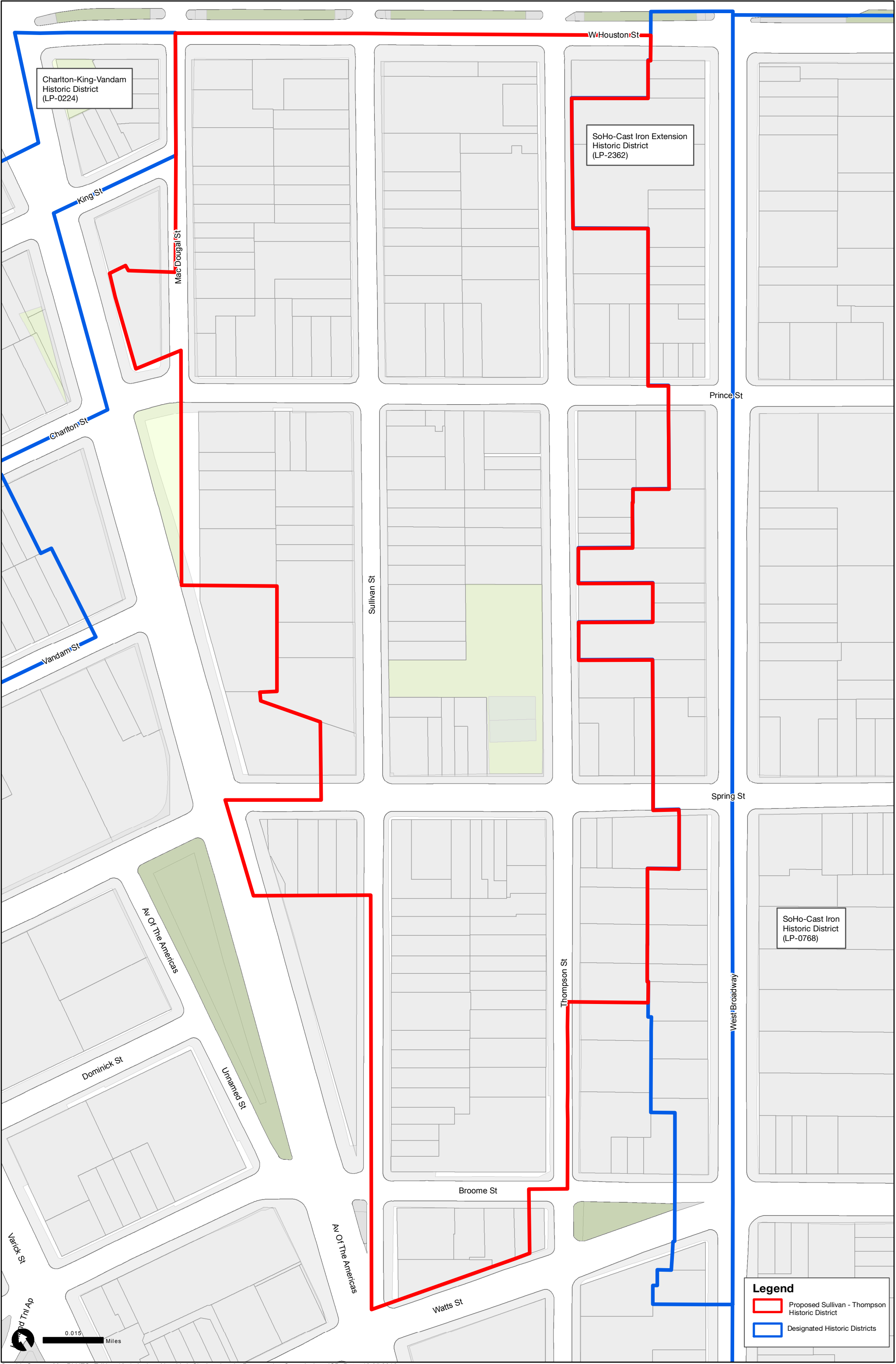
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The proposed Sullivan-Thompson Historic District includes row houses, tenements, commercial structures, and institutions, with streetscapes that illustrate the growth of the neighborhood from its origins as a residential row house neighborhood in the early 19th century to a vibrant mixed-use working-class neighborhood in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.



There are two major waves of construction that shaped the proposed district. The first phase occurred in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century when most of the neighborhood's row houses were constructed. The second phase occurred after the Civil War until 1917, when most of the neighborhood's tenements, lofts, and institutional buildings were built. From the 1810s through the 1830s most of the proposed district's row houses were constructed, when the area developed as a residential row house neighborhood. Beginning in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the neighborhood was transformed by immigration and an enormous increase in population. Many of the neighborhood's row houses were enlarged to accommodate several families and storefronts were frequently added to their lower stories. Other row houses were demolished and replaced with tenement buildings, which typically featured commercial ground floors. The early tenements were typically designed in the Italianate and neo-Grec styles. Tenement construction continued into the 1910s. Successive laws, designed to improve the living conditions of immigrants, led to substantial changes in tenement construction. Many of these later tenements were designed in the Queen Anne and Renaissance Revival styles. The proposed district also contains several 19<sup>th</sup> century institutional buildings, including the Church of St Anthony of Padua shown on the left and St. Anthony's School.

Today, the Federal and Greek Revival row houses, pre-law, old-law, and new-law tenement buildings, and rich collection of historic storefronts represent the special history of this neighborhood, from its origins as an early row house neighborhood to a dynamic working-class neighborhood in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Nestled between a number of major thoroughfares and designated historic districts, the proposed Sullivan-Thompson Historic District is a distinctive enclave that retains its unique sense of place.



Charlton-King-Vandam  
Historic District  
(LP-0224)

SoHo-Cast Iron Extension  
Historic District  
(LP-2362)

SoHo-Cast Iron  
Historic District  
(LP-0768)

**Legend**

- Proposed Sullivan - Thompson Historic District
- Designated Historic Districts