

WHY LANDMARK?

Towns that succeed in preserving their natural beauty and historic structures tend to become the most desirable places to live and do business. Although green spaces abound in Yorktown, many wonderful early houses, barns and commercial buildings have been lost to development. Our hope is to foster appreciation for the large number of structures that remain and the lives of the people who built them.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in either program, please contact Nancy Milanese at nmilanese@yorktownny.org or write to:

Town of Yorktown
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Planning Department
Yorktown Community & Cultural Center
1974 Commerce Street
Room 222
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

LEARN MORE

YLPC:

<http://www.yorktownny.org/planning/landmarks-preservation-commission>

YORKTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

<http://yorktownhistory.org/>

LIST OF LANDMARKS:

<http://yorktownhistory.org/history/preservation/>

Town of Yorktown
363 Underhill Avenue
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

The LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

"Progress with Preservation"



HISTORIC YORKTOWN

Yorktown is one of the oldest towns in Westchester County. Its deep roots are reflected in a large number of historic structures and sites that have survived the passage of time. The Yorktown Landmarks Preservation Commission (YLPC) is composed of local volunteers appointed by the Town Board to assist property owners in preserving this valuable legacy for future generations and to promote Yorktown's profile as a community with a rich heritage. Numerous recent studies have indicated that historic preservation fosters local pride, creates jobs and increases property values.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Yorktown encompasses several distinct neighborhoods -- Crompond Corners, Croton Heights, Hallock's Mill, Huntersville, Jefferson Valley, Kitchawan, Mohegan Lake, Shrub Oak, Teatown and Yorktown Heights. While each of these communities is rich in history, the absence of a single town center has complicated efforts to preserve Yorktown's past in a coordinated way. Much local character was lost to modern development during the second half of the 20th century and even today historic sites are neglected and early structures continue to be demolished.

HISTORIC STRUCTURES



Official Yorktown Landmarks: 1. Davenport House - 648 Croton Heights Road 2. Lane's Tavern - 620 Underhill Avenue 3. Hallock Farmhouse - 133 Dorchester Drive (Hanover Street) 4. Chadeayne Homestead - 797 Pines Bridge Road 5. The Forge - 645 Croton Heights Road 6. Congregational Parsonage - 728 Granite Springs Road 7. Amawalk Friends Meeting House - 2467 Quaker Church Road 8. First Presbyterian Church - 2880 Crompond Road 9. Community Church - 1645 Baptist Church Road 10. Shipman House - 3438 Old Yorktown Road 11. Old Croton Dam - Croton Reservoir 12. Yorktown Heights Railroad Station - Commerce Street 13. Croton Heights Entrance Pillars and Walls - Route 118 and Croton Heights Road 14. Hyatt House - 760 Route 6

PROGRAMS

The YLPC seeks to ensure that Yorktown lives up to its motto "Progress with Preservation" with two programs:

Homes of Historic Distinction:

A recent survey conducted by the historic architectural firm, Larsen Fisher, identified over 200 houses of notable interest in Yorktown. In this new initiative, the YLPC hopes to mark many of these structures with exterior plaques similar to those found in other historic towns that will allow the residents and visitors to appreciate our past. Interested owners are urged to contact the YLPC by email or letter and share whatever information they may have regarding their property. At the same time, the YLPC will reach out to owners of eligible properties and conduct research when needed.

Local Landmark Designation:

Formal designation is the "gold standard" of historic preservation as it ensures that an historic property or site can never be destroyed except in cases of financial hardship. At the present time, Yorktown has 14 designated structures although many more are eligible for this distinction. Landmarking does not restrict an owner's right to make appropriate alterations and the YLPC will assist owners to ensure that their plans preserve the historic character and value of their home. Designated structures receive a large and attractive marker for their property.