



# HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

THE ADVOCATE FOR NEW YORK CITY'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS

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THE SIX TO CELEBRATE program provides strategic assistance to groups across New York City's five boroughs in their efforts to protect their built environment and neighborhood character. These places make up the city's collective historic and architectural heritage, and their preservation begins with local engagement.



The program guides neighborhood groups and community activists to reach their preservation goals, using tools such as documentation,

research, zoning, landmarking, publicity, and public outreach to advance their campaigns. The selected groups receive HDC's hands-on help strategizing and implementing all aspects of their efforts over the course of one calendar year, as well as continued support in the years to come.

Since the program was founded in 2011, HDC has aided *Six to Celebrate* groups with survey projects, communication with elected officials and city agencies, increasing press coverage, fundraising, community outreach, event planning, and walking tours. These actions have led to the accomplishment of preservation goals, including local landmark designation, inclusion on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and increased public awareness.



HDC is the citywide advocate for New York's historic neighborhoods. We work to ensure the preservation of significant areas, buildings and public spaces throughout the city, to uphold the integrity of the New York City Landmarks Law, and to further the preservation ethic.

This mission is accomplished through ongoing programs of assistance to more than 500 community and neighborhood groups and through public-policy initiatives, publications, educational outreach, and sponsorship of community events.

Founded in 1970 as a coalition of community groups from New York City's designated historic districts, HDC has grown to become one of the foremost citywide voices for historic preservation. Following its mandate of community-based preservation advocacy, HDC works continuously to broaden and educate the preservation constituency, from producing zoning and architectural surveys of unprotected historic neighborhoods, to meeting with legislators and government officials, to creating education programs on the techniques and strategies of neighborhood preservation. HDC's core belief remains that preservation and enhancement of historic resources are central to the continued prosperity and livability of New York City.

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## ELIGIBILITY

- The nominated site/area must be located in New York City
- The nominated site/area must be architecturally, historically, and/or culturally significant
- There must be a goal that HDC's involvement can help reach
- Neighborhood associations, block associations, and local groups [whether 501(c)(3) or not] are invited to send nominations

## APPLY

please fill out the Application Form and send back to us at:

**Historic Districts Council**  
232 East 11th Street, New York, NY 10003

To apply online, please visit:  
[www.6tocelebrate.org/apply](http://www.6tocelebrate.org/apply)

## GOALS

- Spotlight architecturally and historically important neighborhoods in New York City to increase awareness
- Focus resources to protect these places
- Promote and celebrate Historic Districts and community involvement in preservation
- Demonstrate the community-building benefits of historic preservation



## BENEFITS

- Strategic advice on creating goals and plans to meet them
- Specialized educational programming and outreach
- Advocacy support to reach decision-makers and elected officials
- Guidance on fundraising strategies
- HDC-sponsored walking tours of each *Six to Celebrate* neighborhood
- Custom, self-guided walking tour brochures created to distribute to neighbors and partners
  - Increased press exposure
- Free or reduced-price admission to HDC events
- Webpage on the official *Six to Celebrate* website devoted to each group
  - Stipend to cover costs



## TO LEARN MORE

about the *Six to Celebrate* program please visit:

[www.6tocelebrate.org](http://www.6tocelebrate.org)