

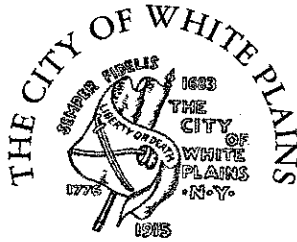
**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REVISED**  
**AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 18, 2017**  
**7:30 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Public Hearing in relation to the proposed establishment of a community residence facility at 22 New York Avenue South by the Institute of Applied Human Dynamics, Inc., pursuant to New York State Mental Hygiene Law Section 41.34.

**RESOLUTION:**

2. Communication from Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission, transmitting a superceding resolution of the Commission recommending The Jack Harrington Greenway, Application No. H-2016-4, as a Local Landmark by excluding portions of The Greenway north of Gedney Way and a portion adjacent to and south of Gedney Way.



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Mayor

Robert Hoch  
Chairman

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS  
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WHITE PLAINS

On December 5, 2016 the Historic Preservation Commission transmitted a Resolution dated November 7, 2016, to the Common Council recommending the designation of the Jack Harrington Greenway as a local landmark. After further review, the Commission passed a superceding Resolution, dated January 17, 2017. This Resolution recommends designating only a portion of the Greenway and excluding the portion north of Gedney Way and a portion south that is adjacent to Gedney Way.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that portions of the Jack Harrington Greenway as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit "A" be designated as an local landmark pursuant to the White Plains Municipal Code Section 9-6-3(b)(1) subsections a, b, c, and h.

Transmitted herewith is the Historic Preservation Commission's Resolution with application for designation, which shall serve as the Commission's report, recommending that the Jack Harrington Greenway be designated a landmark. The entire record is available at the Clerk's office for examination. Please be aware that the Commission's recommendation shall be deemed approved unless, by resolution, the Council disapproves the proposed action within 45 days after it first appears on the Council's January 18, 2017 agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hoch  
Chairperson

DATED: January 17, 2017  
(For the January 18, 2017 Common Council Meeting)

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**RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS SUPERCEDING A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE JACK HARRINGTON GREENWAY, APPLICATION NO. H-2016-4, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK BY EXCLUDING PORTIONS OF THE GREENWAY NORTH OF GEDNEY WAY AND A PORTION ADJACENT TO AND SOUTH OF GEDNEY WAY**

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting on September 14, 2016, the Commission initially discussed an application recommending property known as the Jack Harrington Greenway, White Plains, NY (the "Greenway") be considered for possible designation as a local landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held October 12, 2016 to discuss the proposed designation of the Greenway, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Greenway is dedicated parkland since 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenway is comprised of three separate lots designated on the Official Tax Assessment Map of the City of White Plains as: Section 131.13, Block 10, Lot 6.2; Section 131.09, Block 4, Lot 18.2; and Section 138.05, Block 20, Lot 10.2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenway is a linear parcel approximately 1.8 miles in length; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the October 12, 2016 meeting, members of the public were afforded the opportunity to speak in favor of, or against, the proposed designation of the Jack Harrington Greenway as a local landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, at the October 12, 2016 meeting, the Commission considered and reviewed all the information submitted regarding the Jack Harrington Greenway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Commission previously made the following findings of fact:

1. The Jack Harrington Greenway possesses special historic interest and value as part of the economic history of the City as the former railroad, which operated from New York City to White Plains from 1912 to 1937, was an important factor in the population and

economic growth and development to the City. The railroad brought fast, economical, and mass transportation to and from the City of White Plains, thereby adding to its desirability as a place to live and work.

2. The Jack Harrington Greenway possesses special historic value as part of the political history of the City in that on November 16, 2012, the Greenway was dedicated in honor of Jack Harrington, a long-time historical preservationist and environmental advocate who resides in White Plains.

3. The Jack Harrington Greenway is of primary historical significance as it is a remnant of the “Golden Age” of railroading which was comprised of railroad tracks, four passenger stations and supporting infrastructure formerly used by the New York, Westchester and Boston Railway Company.

4. The Jack Harrington Greenway identifies with persons significant in local and national history as it is documented that J. P. Morgan and William Rockefeller, the brother of John D. Rockefeller, Sr. and co-founder of Standard Oil, were prominent financiers of this railroad. In 1906 a committee headed by J.P. Morgan and William Rockefeller bought the controlling interest in the New York, Westchester and Boston Railway Company, which company planned and constructed the railroad that formerly operated along the Greenway.

5. The property has yielded or may likely yield information important to the study of the prehistory or history of the region, state, or nation because there are visible remnants of the property of its past use as a railway and possibly others that have yet to be discovered; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution dated November 7, 2016, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that Jack Harrington Greenway be designated a local landmark pursuant to Municipal Code Section 9-6-3(b)(1): subsection (a) as the property possesses special character, historic, aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the

City, region, state or nation; and subsection (b) Derives its primary significance from historical importance; and subsection (c) as the property identifies with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history; and subsection (h) as the property has yielded or may be likely to yield information important to the study of the prehistory of the region, state, or nation: and

**WHEREAS**, by a Communication from the Commissioner of Building dated November 30, 2016, forwarded the Historic Preservation Commission’s recommendation to designate the Greenway as a Historic landmark, hereinafter referred to as the “Commission’s Resolution”; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended designation appeared on the Common Council December 5, 2016 agenda :and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 9-6-3(c) (3) of the Municipal Code, the Common Council has forty- five (45) days to reject the recommendation of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2017 the Common Council received a Communication from Council President John Kirkpatrick to objecting the Commission’s Resolution to designate the parcel identified as section 131.09, Block 4, Lot 182;and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 3, 2017 meeting, Councilman Kirkpatrick’s Resolution was adjourned to discussion at the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Common Council: and

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2017, the Historic Preservation Commission held its monthly meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 11, 2017 meeting a map was presented to the Committee by Building Commissioner Amadio, which identifies a portion of the Greenway, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2017, Councilman Kirkpatrick's Resolution was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 11, 2017 meeting the Historic Preservation Commission clarified that it was the Commissions intention to limit the designation to the parcels identified in Exhibit "A," which exhibit excludes the portions of the Greenway north of Gedney Way and adjacent to the south side of Gedney Way; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commission agreed that the portions of the map or Exhibit "A" highlighted in green would be the area of the Greenway recommended as a historic landmark. The map does not highlight in green Section 131.09, Block 4, Lot 18.2, or the portion of the Greenway that is located north of Gedney Way, nor does it highlight in green the section of the Greenway that lies adjacent to and immediately south of Gedney Way which encompasses part of the City's parking lot; and it is hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the Commissions's Resolution dated November 7, 2016, recommending the designation of the Jack Harrington Greenway is hereby superceded by this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Historic Preservation Commission confirms the following findings of fact:

- 1 The Jack Harrington Greenway possesses special historic interest and value as part of the economic history of the City as the former railroad, which operated from New York City to White Plains from 1912 to 1937, was an important factor in the population and economic growth and development to the City. The railroad brought fast, economical, and mass transportation to and from the City of White Plains , thereby adding to its desirability as a place to live and work.
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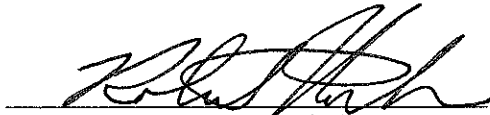
6. The Commission recommends designation of the parcels identified and depicted in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Historic Preservation Commission recommends that a portion of the Jack Harrington Greenway as depicted in Exhibit “A” be designated a local landmark pursuant to Municipal Code Section 9-6-3(b)(1): subsection (a) as the property possesses special character, historic, aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the City, region, state or nation; and subsection (b) Derives its primary significance from historical importance; and subsection (c) as the property identifies with persons

or events significant in local, state, or national history; and subsection (h) as the property has yielded or may be likely to yield information important to the study of the prehistory of the region, state, or nation.

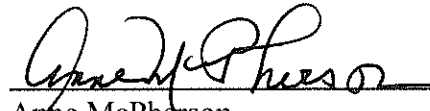
Dated: January 17, 2017

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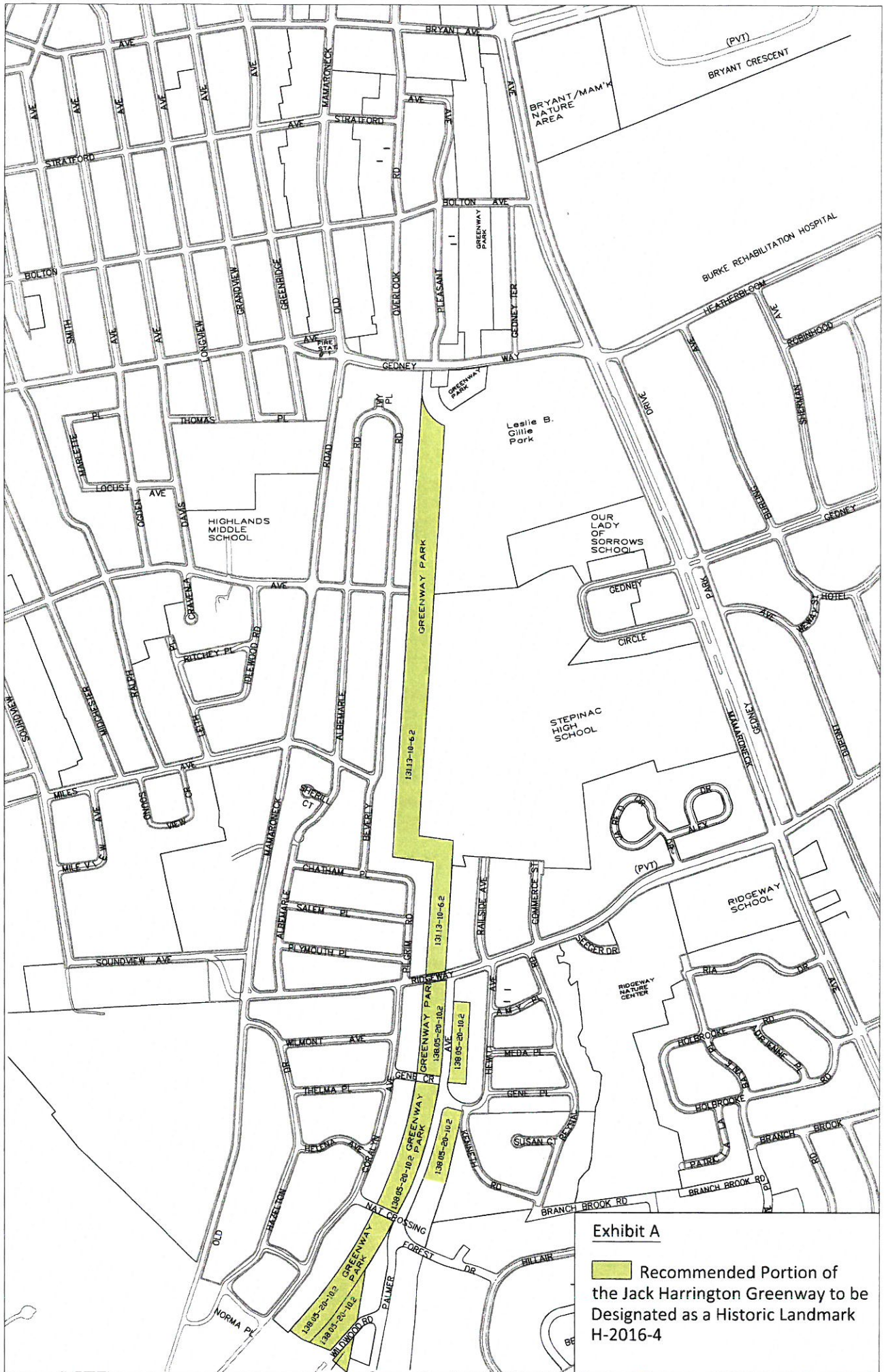
**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the above to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of White Plains on the date above mentioned, four (4) members of the Board being present and concurring; said resolution being filed in the office of the City Clerk.



Anne McPherson  
Secretary

Dated: January 17, 2017  
White Plains, New York





**Exhibit A**

Recommended Portion of  
 the Jack Harrington Greenway to be  
 Designated as a Historic Landmark  
 H-2016-4