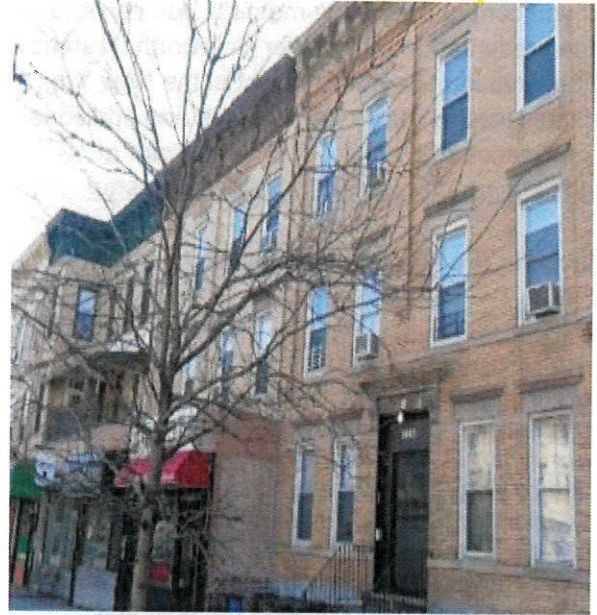


The Proposed Fresh Pond Road-Myrtle Avenue Historic District

What's Next?

The Fresh Pond Road-Myrtle Avenue nominated Historic District project is sponsored by the Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corporation, with funds awarded by the NYS Preservation League. The nomination is integral to Greater Ridgewood's mission to recognize and preserve Ridgewood's valuable housing stock, and add to its' inventory of designated buildings which began in 1983. Awareness of the historical significance of Ridgewood buildings is important to community pride and cohesiveness. The nominated Fresh Pond Road-Myrtle Avenue Historic District encompasses approximately 435 contributing buildings, 1 contributing site (the Ridgewood Veterans Triangle), and 9 non-contributing buildings. The nominated district was developed rapidly in the first decades of the 20th century, and therefore contains a collection of buildings of relatively uniform type and architecture. The predominant building type is the three-story store-and-flats building with commercial storefronts in the ground floor and residential apartments in the upper stories. The most common architectural style is the Renaissance Revival, which was used all of the earliest buildings, comprising nearly half of the total number in the district; other buildings were designed in the Colonial Revival, Arts and Crafts, and Mediterranean Revival styles that were also popular in the early 20th century. The period of significance begins 1905, when the first buildings in the district were completed. The period of significance extends to 1950 the point by which all of the architecturally significant buildings in the district were complete.



The Fresh Pond Road-Myrtle Avenue Historic District is a linear, L-shaped area comprising the buildings lining Fresh Pond Road and Myrtle Avenue. It stretches approximately from Grove Street in the northwest, thence southerly along Fresh Pond Road to its intersection with Myrtle Avenue, then southwest along Myrtle Avenue to its terminus approximately at Madison St.

Both Fresh Pond Road and Myrtle Avenue predate the Ridgewood street grid—the former being a pre-contact Native American trail and the latter a mid-19th century plank road.

ON LINE/VIRTUAL INFORMATION MEETING

Have your questions answered concerning the proposed Fresh Pond Road-Myrtle Avenue Historic District

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AT 6 PM

Link to meeting will be posted on October 26, 2021 on our website home page under Latest News at: www.ridgewoodrestoration.org, and at the [Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corporation Facebook Page](#)

Presented by Jennifer Betsworth Historic Preservation Analyst at the New York State Historic Preservation Office

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can find the presentation by Jennifer Betsworth, Historic Preservation Program Analyst at the New York State Historic Preservation Office and additional information about the National Register at: <https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register/>

What is the National Register?

Established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of historic properties that have been recognized as significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture. The Division for Historic Preservation of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (also known as the State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) coordinates the National Register program in New York State as well as the parallel State Register program.

What is a historic district?

Properties can be listed in the National Register as individual buildings/structures or as historic districts. Districts are groupings of properties such as residential neighborhoods, commercial downtowns, and industrial complexes. District boundaries are drawn based on a number of factors, most importantly the history neighborhood and the "historic integrity" (how intact the historic appearance is) of the buildings within the proposed boundaries.

What are the benefits of a historic district?

The Fresh Pond Road-Myrtle Avenue District will add to the rich history of the already designated Ridgewood Multiple Resource Area on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Properties in the historic district would be eligible for Federal and State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Programs. Owners of income-producing properties (e.g., commercial and apartment buildings) can take advantage of both the 20% State and 20% Federal Tax Credit Programs. The state tax credit is used in conjunction with the federal tax credit.



The NYS Historic Homeowner Tax Credit Program provides tax credits on NYS income tax worth 20% of qualified expenditures on repairs up to \$50,000.

Does this mean I won't be able to make changes to my home or building?

In a word, NO. The National Register does not restrict what private property owners can do with their properties. In fact, as long as no state or federal funds or permits are being used, a property owner can demolish a building listed on the Register. National Register designation primarily helps protect a historic property from the government, not from its owner. Within the original historic district, local permit actions currently are reviewed for compliance with preservation design guidelines by the village planning board. The village has no immediate plans to add the areas within this amendment to the local historic district. National Register listing does not trigger local designation. If the village decides to pursue adding the amendment to the local district, this would occur as a result of a separate local process with public involvement.

For questions pertaining specifically to the Fresh Pond Road-Myrtle Avenue Historic District, please contact: ridgewoodrestoration@gmail.com