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### I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the City of New York's City Environmental Quality Review request for a formal documentary study of the proposed Roosevelt Island School Site PS/IS 217, CEQR 88-102M (revised), the archaeological firm of Historical Perspectives, Inc. submits the following report on the potential for archaeological resources to exist on the site. The parcel in question, hereinafter called the Site, is part of Lot 1, Block 1373, Roosevelt Island. (Figure 1) The Site consists of 66,000 square feet and is bounded on the east by Main Street and on the west by the East River promenade. (Figure 2) The parcel is currently a grassy sward which slopes gently down to the East River and contains a baseball diamond in the northeast portion. (Photos 1-4)

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During the CEQR process, the Site was flagged for its "potential to contain significant archaeological resources from Native American settlement and historic remains from four 1879 structures possibly associated with the Workhouse and the Almshouse." (See Appendix A.) The Workhouse and Almshouse, now demolished, were part of the institutional complex which dominated the island during the 19th century. Six buildings which remain from that period are New York City Landmarks. (See Appendix B.)

### II. METHODOLOGY

In order to fully satisfy the requirements of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission for assessing archaeological potential, Historical Perspectives, Inc. has completed six tasks. Each of these tasks, described in detail below, were necessary to address the two guiding concerns:

- What is the potential for the Board of Education Site to have hosted prehistoric and/or historical resources of significance; and,
- 2. What is the likelihood that such resources have survived the subsurface disturbances concomitant with urbanization.

### Task 1: Primary Source Material

Pertinent data on the project site were sought at the New York Public Library (Map Division), the New York Historical Society, and the Manhattan Department of Buildings (Block and Lot Files).

# Task 2: Secondary Source Material

In order to place the Board of Education Site in a historical perspective, local and regional histories were researched. Two were relied on heavily: the Reverend Fletcher Richmond's New York and Its Institutions 1609-1872, and a 1921 New York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin. Works by other authors such as John R. Brodhead, I.N. Phelps Stokes, and Robert Grumet were also consulted.

Of especial relevance to this project is Joan Geismar's 1985 report prepared for the Starrett Housing Development Corporation, An Archaeological Evaluation of the Northtown Phase II Project Area, Roosevelt Island, New York. The Board of Education school site was part of Dr. Geismar's study area, though not in the direct impact zone. (See Figure 3 which shows the Northtown Phase II project area.) The report was submitted to the New York State Historic Preservation Officer. According to the Environmental Impact Study for Northtown Phase II, "The State Historic Preservation Officer has stated that the project will have no effect upon archaeological resources included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (Julia S. Stokes letter, May 23, 1985)" (Roosevelt Island Northtown Phase II Development EIS, Vol. 1, February, 1986. Alee, King, Rosen, Fleming, Inc., New York). Some source materials - principally c.1971 boring logs for the school site -

were available to Dr. Geismas but are presently not available to the authors of this report. However, both she and Murray Smith of Starrett Housing have reiterated the validity of these data (which will be discussed in a later section) in regard to subsurface disturbance on the Board of Education Site (Personal communication to Betsy Kearns, July 1 and 13).

# Task 3: Archaeological Literature

Manhattan and Western Long Island have a long history of archaeological research. Antiquarians recorded 19th century interest in local Indian artifacts, and since the 1920s both professional and amateur archaeological archaeologists have published reports on their findings. Available site reports for Roosevelt Island were reviewed for data specific to the project area.

Inquiries on inventoried prehistoric and historical sites were directed to the New York State Museum and the New York State Historic Preservation Office and the replies are appended.

# Task 4: Subsurface Disturbance Record

Parallel to the research to determine the Board of Education Site's prehistoric and historical potential was research to determine the likelihood that any such cultural resources are extant, having survived the normal destructive forces of development. Since no building records were available, this research had to rely on atlases, insurance maps, borings and landfill information, as well as eyewitness descriptions and previous reports.

# Task 5: Informant Interviews

To augment the records research described above, interviews were sought with amateur and professional archaeologists and historians knowledgeable in Roosevelt Island's prehistory and history as well as professionals familiar with the construction history of the Site.

# Task 6: Field Visit and Photographic Record

No subsurface investigations were conducted. During a site visit (July 1989) a photographic record of current conditions was made (See Photographs 1-4).

### III. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Except for an outcrop in Long Island City, Roosevelt Island is the southernmost aboveground occurrence of Fordham gneiss, New York City's olders bedrock formation (Barlow 1971:123). Situated between layers of more easily weathered dolomite, the metamorphic gneiss outcrop has withstood the ravages of the East River, while the water has carved channels through the dolomite around it (Schuberth 1968:82, cited in Geismass 1985:16). With the retreat of the last ice sheets of the most recent glacial period, approximately 12,000 years ago, the island was covered with a layer of glacial till, sandy gravelly soil of variable depth, depending on the elevation of the gneiss beneath it. The cigar-shaped island's present length, about 1.97 miles and area of 147 acres is a result of extensive, but probably not systematic filling operations. In the late 18th century, the island's area was only 107 acres. From historical maps it is also clear that the shoreline of the project area has undergone changes. Perhaps the earliest cause of this was the seawall, constructed of the island's own gneiss during the 19th century and maintained until the present. Resulting increases in the island's area, be they from the seawall, grading activities, or from deliberate episodes of land creation, are visible in early maps of the project area. A comparison of the maps shows extension into the East River. Compare, for example, the maps shown on Figures 4, 5, and 1. However, it is difficult to measure the exact extent of this activity because the range of maps studied varied in both scale accuracy.

The present project site topography is a result of its usage in the historical period, during much of which it was roughly equidistant from two New York City charitable/ correctional institutions, of which a more detailed discussion will be presented in the Historical Era section of this report. Approximately 350 feet to the north of the Board of Education Site stood the Workhouse, and about 350 feet to the south stood the Almshouse, during whose construction and landscaping of the surrounding grounds in the 19th century, and eventual demolition in the 20th, the ground elevations in the vicinity have increased up to 10 feet (Geismar 1985:17). To examine the third dimension, Dr. Geismar had access to boring data which showed that the Site consists of a deep layer of construction fill (bricks, concrete, wood, cinders, etc.) over a layer of undisturbed glacial till, resting on a foundation of gneiss (Geismar 1985:17, 48 and 52 and see Figure 6). The site is presently a level, grassy baseball diamond, slightly elevated and sloping down toward the East River shore which lies to the west (See Photos 1-4).

#### IV. PREHISTORIC ERA

There is little doubt that at the time of the first European contacts with the Upper Delewaran Indians inhabiting what is now New York City, that Native Americans had visited Roosevelt Island. Requests for file searches at the New York State Museum and the New York State Historic Preservation Office have come up with several prehistoric sites along the Manhattan and Queens shores of the East River in the vicinity of Roosevelt Island (See Figure 7 and Appendix B). These include two shell middens along Hallets Cove (#A081-01-0099) in Queens facing the present north tip of Roosevelt Island) and further south the Sunswick Shell Midden Site (#A)81-01-0100), on the East River shore at Rainey Park, about 1000 feet north of the project area. In addition, at least two other sites, a village and burial, further south in Long Island City, about half mile from the modern shore of the East River are inventoried. Bolton describes the waters of the East River as offering good fishing, especially those between Queens and Roosevelt Island (Bolton There are also "traces of occupation" along the 1922:176). Manhattan Shore in the area of 59th Street, NYSM Site \$4061 (the project area faces 72nd Street). Although these sites are separated from Roosevelt Island by the East River, there is no reason to suppose that this cut off contact between the three islands. Locational models (Ceci 1980) and sensitivity reports (Gonzalez and Daniel 1978) show that such waterways were no barriers to Indian groups, and in fact, water sources and waterways appear to be the preferred areas of activity. fore, the New York State Museum has rated the project area as having a "higher than average probability of producing prehistoric archaeological data." This rating is based on a sensitivity model which relies on a comparison of geographical features of known site locations with the threatened locations of possible sites (Philip Lord, SHPO Office, personal communication to C. Kirkorian, 5/2/88), but does not account for recent disturbance/current topography.

Unfortunately, in this region, sites dating from the late Archaic (ca.2,700 years ago) and the Woodland (ca.2,700 - 300 years ago) periods are not deeply buried, and often revealed via erosion, plowing and house construction (Wyatt 1982:71 cited in Kearns 1988:9-10). Because of the fragile nature of these cultural deposits, and the building, demolition and alteration history of the project area, which includes a bridge approach, a road and several buildings, not to mention grading and filling activities, it is certain that any such prehistoric sites would have been destroyed.

### V. HISTORICAL ERA

# General Discussion

Earlier authorities have identified Roosevelt Island with the island called Minnahanonck by the Indians, which was purchased by Wouter van Twiller, Director General of New Netherland on July 16, 1637 (Brodhead 1853:267; NYHS Quarterly 1921:35). However, the original deed for this purchase names two neighboring islands, Minnahanonck and Tenkenas, for which Wards and Randalls Islands (then unconnected) fit the description supplied in the deed (Grumet 1981:34). According to this information, Twiller either never bought Roosevelt, called Varckens (varken=pig) Island by the Dutch, or at the very least his purchase was unrecorded. The theory that Twiller never owned the island seems to agree with the reference concerning Jan Claessen Alteras. In 1642 Alteras, who had already "farmed part of this island" by 1639 (Stokes 1928 II:207), presented a bill of 300 guilders to the Dutch West India Company for improvements he had made to Varckens Island. These included a house, garden and fences (NYHS Quarterly 1921:35). Note that he billed the Company rather than Twiller, who was no longer employed by them. Whichever islands Twiller did own were confiscated by Peter Stuyvesant in 1652. After determining Varckens Island's lack of defensive value to the Colony, it was leased to Francoys (Francis, Francois) Fyn the same year (NYHS Quarterly 1921:35-36).

With the English Conquest of New Netherland in 1664, "Verckens or Hogg Island" was confiscated and given by Governor Nicolls to Captain John Manning, then newly-appointed Sheriff of New York (1668). Manning was the officer in charge when New York was forced to surrender to a fleet of 23 Dutch ships in 1673, becoming New Netherland again for more than a year. For his hapless role in this affair, Manning was court martialed in 1675, and he retired or was banished to his island, now called Manning's Island. At his home on the southern end, called "the castle," he was noted for entertaining friends with bowls of rum punch (Barlow 1971:128-129).

With Manning's death the island passed to his stepdaughter, Mary Manningham and her husband Robert Blackwell, and the island remained in the Blackwell family until 1828, being known as Blackwell's Island until 1921. It was relatively undisturbed during the American Revolution, although after the Battle of Long Island (1776) British troops landed on Blackwell's Island, but were driven off by strong fire from Manhattan batteries (NYHS Quarterly 1921:39). Later, during the occupation of New York City (1782), Sir Guy Carleton, a British prison inspector,

suggested that American naval prisoners be allowed to go ashore there during the hot summer months, but it is not known whether his recommendation was actually implemented (Stokes 1928 V:1150). After the war, Robert Blackwell's grandson James attempted to sell the island, and the advertisement gives us an excellent description of the island, then four miles from New York City:

It is without exception one of the most healthy situations in this state. It is remarkable for the number of fish and fowl that is caught there in the different seasons. There is on the premises, two small Dwelling Houses, a Barn, Bake and Fowl House, Cyder Mill; a large Orchard, containing 450 of the best grafted fruit trees, such as Newton & golden pippins, spitsinburghs, peirmans, bow apples, pears, peaches, plumbs, cherries, &c. There is a number of the best stone quarries, ready cleared to begin breaking immediately; and the subscriber has a complete set of quarry tools, with all his farming utensils and stock to dispose of at the same time. The Island abounds with running springs of most excellent water. The above contains 107 acres, eight of which are salt meadow, and the whole has been considerable improved with manure, and in good fence (from London's New York Packet, March 8, 1784, quoted in NYHS Quarterly 1921:39-40).

Evidently Blackwell was in debt, but unfortunately no one was in the market for an island that year. In 1785 Blackwell's Island was to be sold at public venue, the southwestern part containing two small houses, "barn, bake house and cyder mill," an orchard, stock and farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture. No structures or improvements are mentioned for the northern half which contained the project area (NYHS Quarterly 1921:40). Existing maps from this period either show no buildings on the island, as on the 1776 seachart (Barres 1776), or as in the 1782 Stevens Map (see Figure 4), show a group of unlabelled structures on the east coast of the Island roughly 2,000 feet southeast of the project area, which must correspond to the buildings mentioned in the sale advertisements. restored Blackwell House Landmark c.1789 lies south of the Board of Education Site (see Figure 5). There is no evidence of any sort of structure in the vicinity of the project area during the 17th and 18th centuries and the first half of the 19th century.

Apparently in spite of himself, James Blackwell managed to sell his island to James L. Bell in 1823 for \$30,000. However, when Bell died in January of 1825, the property reverted to

Blackwell through foreclosure. James managed to sell the property to the City of New York for \$32,500 in 1828 after 43 years of advertising! James Bell's widow contested this transfer, and when the case was finally settled 16 years later, in 1844, she received \$20,000 for her stamina (NYHS Quarterly 1921:40-41).

The City purchased the island as the site for its new penitentiary, the cornerstone of which was laid July 10, 1828. The structure was completed in 1829 and the first prisoners were received on August 23, 1830. Situated at the southern tip of the island, the Penitentiary played host to such famous inmates as Boss Tweed and Mae West, before it was demolished in 1936 (Barlow 1971:38-39).

The new prison was just the beginning of the City's plan for Blackwell's Island, which was to become New York City's institutional center. (Figure 5) The supervising architect for the Commission of Charities and Correction, James Renwick, Jr., the architect who designed the Gothic Revival splendor of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Grace Church, both in Manhattan, is believed to have had a hand in the design of the Small-Pox Hospital (1854-6) at the southern end of the island, and the City or Charity Hospital (1858-70) just north of that. Lunatic asylum, north of site, was erected in 1839 (expanded 1847-8 and 1879), famous for its central "Octagon Tower," which is the only section that remains standing at present. At the north end of the island the Metropolitan Hospital was built in the 1890's and at the far northern tip a lighthouse was erected in 1870, supervised by Renwick, but believed to have been designed and built by an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum (LPC 1979:37-38). Blackwell's Island was naturally endowed for these developments, as Rev. Fletcher Richmond observed in 1872, since it "originally abounded in rich quarries, most of which have now been exhausted in the erection of the princely edifaces that crown its surface" (Richmond 1872:524). With the establishment of the Penitentiary there was also a pool of laborers to do the The strong currents in the East River isolated the island, also preventing escape. The only vessels permitted to land on the island without special permit, were the steamboats owned by the Commissioners, which visited the island several times daily "in the interest of mercy and justice" (Ibid. 1872:531).

Adjacent to the Board of Education Site to the south stood the grounds of the Almshouse (See Figure 8). This institution had its origins in the Publick Workhouse and House of Correction (1734) which originally stood on the present site of New York's City Hall. It was moved to Blackwell's Island in 1848. The warden resided in the old Blackwell house, while the residents lived in two almost identical buildings, separated by sex. building had a four story, 50 foot square central section with two wings,  $60 \times 90$  feet. Their floors were encircled by iron verandas and had iron stairways. They could accommodate 600 people. As noted above, the island's own gneiss was the building material, and convicts from the Penitentiary the labor force (See Figure 9). The Almshouse inmates, 15 years of age and older, were expected to contribute to their upkeep, and were therefore divided into four classes, ranging from able-bodied men to those exempt from toil by reasons of disease and age. Imbeciles and lunatics were to be assigned to the Lunatic Asylum, and vagrants to the Workhouse (Ibid., 537-539). When in 1869 two "blind asylums" were added, the name of the institution was changed to the New York City Home for the Aged and Infirm. The "City Home" was continually being expanded, yet could never keep up with the numbers of poor, sick, criminal and insane, whose numbers increased as the weather grew colder. In 1896, with a capacity of 1,800, the Home housed approximately 3,000 (Welfare Island 1969:37-40). In spite of overcrowding, the Almshouse presented an "exquisite neatness, and the perfect discipline and regularity that reign everywhere through the buildings and grounds." Much work went into making the grounds regular and parklike, as the "walks have all been neatly covered with flagstones or gravel; the flower and vegetable gardens, and the lawns with their thrifty trees, exhibit much taste and cultivation" (Richmond 1872:537-538). Living conditions at the City Home were gradually improved. For example, china dishes replaced tin cups and plates in 1929. The City Home Administration, apparently not always honest, was reformed in 1934. S.S. Goldwater, the new Hospital's Commissioner under Mayor LaGuardia issued a set of rules for the "guests," setting the following standards, "cleanliness, conduct becoming ladies and gentlemen and regard for one another's property." Under previous administrations of this property, the proceeds from the sale of brooms and baskets was embezzled by the wardens. Goldwater also began modernization of the Home's facilities. When the City Home was closed in 1952, the healthy inmates were sent to the Staten Island farm colony, and the infirm were transferred to the Goldwater Hospital (on the site of the earlier Penitentiary) and Bird S. Coler Hospital, newly built at the north end of the island (Barlow 1971:137-139).

Directly north of the Board of Education Site, the Workhouse was erected in 1850. Except when otherwise noted, the following discussion of the Workhouse is based on the thorough account in Joan Geismar's 1985 report, pages 25, 28-45, 60-64. Designed by C.F. Anderson, the Workhouse was planned to have four wings radiating from a central core of kitchens,

sculleries, storerooms, matrons apartments and chapel. Rooms for doing laundry were to be located in the two wings reserved for females. The original designs were never realized, with only two T-shaped wings being constructed, the northern one for women and the southern for men. Although sources disagree on the final size of the structure, they range between 600 and 700 feet long. (See Figure 10) The interior of the building followed the original design as closely as was possible in the truncated structure. Flanking an open central hall were three tiers of narrow corridors with low railings (See Figure 11). The grounds, like those of the Almshouse, were extremely level, with trees and manicured lawns. The property had undergone a virtual transformation, "the surface around it, now so smooth, was originally exceedingly broken, and more than a thousand cubic yards of rock were removed in preparing the site for the southern wing" (Richmond 1872:542).

The Workhouse was to be a new kind of prison, in which all inmates would work, not only to support themselves, but also to earn a profit for the City. Work as an integral component of any system of rehabilitation is a theme that runs through all the correctional institutions on the island. As one observer put it, "Toil is one of the most salutary forms of discipline that can be administered to criminals of any age, grade, or nationality. Without this there can scarcely by any reformation, and the neglect of it has plunged most criminals into the sea of infamy in which they are engulfed" (Richmond 1872:532). Thirteen annual reports from the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, published between 1860 and 1879, give an inventory of the goods produced by the inmates. They made clothing for themselves and the "residents" of the other institutions on Blackwell's and Randall's Island, all the utensils used, and grew their own vegetables. The 1860 report lists: shoes, boots, slippers, pants, overcoats, dresses, shirts, caps, petticoats, chemises, stockings, mittens, vests, belts, and shrouds among the clothing; utensils such as trays, kettles, pails, saucepans and wash basins; vegetables: 15,000 cabbages, and lesser amounts of celery, potatoes, beets, carrots among others. Between 1860 and 1879 outside contracts were filled for caps, stockings, "segars" (cigars), and hoop skirts.

Labor was generally divided by gender. Men did the outdoor work, gardening, building and quarrying, as well as carpentry, metal and leather work, and general repairs. The women, on the other hand, were almost always confined to the building, occupied mostly with sewing and cleaning. They were locked in their cells immediately after dinner (at about 4:30 PM), and not let out until breakfast the next morning. The only chore that enabled the women to sample the fresh air had a major drawback.

It was the "bucket brigade," the emptying of the Workhouse's chamberpots. This brigade was still active in the 1920's, and an important question that remains unanswered is the ultimate destination of all the waste. Privies as well as water cisterns provide much valuable information to the archaeologist, for once they are no longer in use they quickly fill with refuse, and due to their often fragrant nature, remain undisturbed as "time capsule[s]," with distinctly stratified layers, awaiting discovery by the archaeologist. Unfortunately, there is no evidence for privy facilities on the grounds of the Workhouse, or in the project area. Although the East River is a likely candidate for the destination of the bucket brigade, after 1881 this activity would have been in violation of a health ordinance. It is suggested that the Department of Health or some other agency provided boats to remove such waste. were privies, they were most likely to be found at the rear of the building, but since pictoral documentation of this side of the building is nonexistent, it can not be said with certainty.

There is also no indication of the existence of water cisterns. By 1860, the island was supplied with water from the Croton Aqueduct via two pipes running beneath the East River from 70th and 79th Streets in Manhattan. During his tenure as Workhouse Superintendent between 1860 and 1866, John Fitch was constantly noting repairs and cleanings of these pipes, which neem to have made the water supply rather unreliable. Although there is no mention of collecting water in cisterns, the 1879 Bromley map of the island does depict a reservoir and a pond on the southern half of the island, below the Blackwell House. What makes the presence of cisterns less likely is the fact that the water supply was secure enough to install steam heat in all the cells in 1860, and water closets in the Workhouse hospital ward in 1879. After Fitch's departure from the Workhouse, the problem of the water supply and its solution are no longer mentioned.

Despite the high hopes for the Workhouse as a rehabilitation center, over the years it became less a reformatory and more a prison. The emphasis on reform through hard work was replaced by an environment of punishment. By the 1920s the institution had become infamous, and its inmates were removed to newer facilities on Rikers Island, in the same fashion as the convicts of the Penitentiary. In 1934 the Workhouse was being used as the medical center for the Department of Correction, and aptly renamed Correction Hospital, but its days were numbered, and WPA workers demolished the building 1936.

With the removal of the correctional institutions from the island in the 1920s, the City changed the name of Blackwell's

Island, which because of it's long association with the Penitentiary and Workhouse and the rather grim feudal architecture had taken on sinister undertones, and substituted Welfare Island in 1921, as more in keeping with its coalescing medical and continuing charitable functions. The grounds of the Workhouse became a Health Department camp for children recovering from infantile paralysis, suffering from diabetes or certain forms of heart ailments. In 1962, this area was taken over by the New York City Fire Department, which converted it into a Fire Department Training College. Using renovations plans it had begun preparing as early as 1960, the College added buildings to the north and eat of the old Workhouse site, further away from the project area. According to a 1969 map (See Figire 12), the Fire Department was using buildings in the old City Home or Almshouse area as well, thus surrounding the project area. Fire Department moved its training college to Randall's Island in 1977, and since then all the buildings on the campus have been

# Site Specific Discussion

The May 1989 letter from CEQR noted concern about "historic remains from four 1879 structures possibly associated with the Workhouse and the Almshouse" (Appendix A). No buildings on the project site are shown on maps of Blackwell's Island until 1865-1874 (Figure 13). These structures appear to be outbuildings of the Workhouse, and the annual reports discuss many (work) shops, for the carpenters, blacksmiths, tinsmiths and painters, etc, without locating them on the grounds. A new house of reception is also mentioned, which is the possible identity for one of these structures, since later maps indicate a boat landing there (CPCCAR 1860:182).

The building configuration is completely changed on the 1879 Bromley and Robinson Atlas with the possible exception of one tiny structure which is circled on the 1865-74 map (Figure 13). Also, it may be that another of the small buildings (note arrow) was a storehouse because the 1879 Atlas, which shows the project area in detail, depicts a large (110 foot long), new T-shaped stone "storehouse," as well as a wooden structure on the boat landing. (Figure 14) (The New York Public Library's 1879 Atlas is being rebound and is thus unavailable for copying at this writing. The authors viewed the New York Historical Society's volume and made a tracing, copymachine duplications not being allowed. Therefore, it was necessary to copy the reproduction in Geismar's report. This is not an ideal solution since many details are dim. In particular, the roads which cut through the Site cannot be seen.) Of the other three buildings, the northernmost one may be the same

as shown on the 1865-74 map and again in 1885 (Figure 15) but has been removed by 1887 (Figure 16). The boat landing, which is drawn the same on both the 1879 and 1885, is changed by 1887 and changed yet again on the 1909 depiction (Figure 8). The fourth building flagged in the CEQR letter lies directly south of the Workhouse and east of the storehouse on the 1879 Atlas. A definitive statement about how long it survived is impossible to make, but it does not appear on maps post 1909. Neither is it possible to ascertain its usage despite research into eyewitness accounts and annual reports of the charitable institutions.

The one building about which information could be found was the storehouse. On April 8, 1867 The Workhouse's storehouse burned with the loss of \$30,000 worth of goods. A new stone building was then constructed, which cost \$29,000, and was said to be very neat and attractive, with masonry "unsurpassed by any building in the city" (CPCCAR 1867:455). Not only is the storehouse in the project area of sufficient size to have been this structure, but it is the only stone building in the area, aside from the Workhouse itself. There is no documentation of new buildings added to the project area during the life of the Work-The City Home, whose grounds and Male Almshouse building abut the site very clearly on the 1909 US Coastguard and Geodetic Survey Map, may have also been connected with the outbuildings on and around the Site. Aside from the storehouse, there is no reason to ascribe the property exclusively to either institution (See Figure 8). The storehouse was the only building to survive the demolition of the Workhouse complex, not being removed until after 1969. At that time the stone structure was a garage for the Fire Department. It had been enlarged, then 150 feet long and L-shaped, but it is labelled as having been erected in 1867, so its identity is not in doubt (Welfare Island 1969: Figure A-5). (See Figure 12.)

Further construction episodes on the Site, also shown on the 1969 map, are the approaches to the Welfare Island Bridge and the West Road, which ran north-south immediately west of the storehouse/garage. The road and bridge were in place in 1956, when they appear on the USGS Topographic map of the area. Today, the road is no longer extant on this section of the island, and the bridge approach is no longer on the Site. The Board of Education Site is presently a play area as shown in Photos 1-4.

# VI. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The project site has been subject to extensive land manipulation since the mid-19th century.

The most dramatic disturbance in the vicinity was undoubtedly the construction of the south wing of the Workhouse, which necessitated the blasting of "more than a thousand cubic yards of rock." However, the erection of various buildings and a roadway across the project site was similarly effective, even if not as efficient. Ground disturbance has not only been limited to construction. As reported in the historical discussion of the City Home and Workhouse, a great deal of "landscaping" was done, resulting in flat expanses of lawn around each building. The appearance of the area between the institutions and the shore (which includes the project site) was also altered, as the "labor of docking, building sea wall and the admirable grading by which the island is made to slope gradually on either side to the water brink, has all been performed by inmates of the Penitentiary and Workhouse" (Richmond 1872:525). In addition, Geismar (1985) reports that the project site is covered with an "extensive deposit of debris-laden fill . . . located in what appears to be a deep natural depression since levels of glacial till remain intact beneath the fill." She hypothesizes that this apparent building debris was dumped after the demolition of the Almshouse or Norkhouse, or later demolition elsewhere on the island (Geismar 1985:48-52), perhaps accounting for the apparent elevation and slope of the present baseball diamond (See Photos 1-4 and Figure 17). As discussed in the Environmental Setting section of this report, these alterations are also documented in the changing shape of the coastline. Indeed, it is not clear how much of the shoreline of the project area is actually manmade.

The construction, demolition and alteration of the project site would have had a massive impact on prehistoric and historical deposits there. There is no evidence of a prehistoric occupation, and what might have existed could not have survived the intensive use the area has undergone in the 19th and 20th centuries. Although the Workhouse's storehouse outlived the main building through the 1960s, it underwent enlargement for use as a garage before its demolition, and West Road would have been a major disturbance. Furthermore, it is of questionable historical and archaeological value. Life in the Workhouse is extremely well-documented. The wardens' annual reports catalogue what the inmates made, sold, used, wore and ate, which includes those items likely to have been placed in the storehouse, and incidentally, the same sort of data one would collect from an archaeological excavation. Finding the

foundations of the altered building would not seem to offer a significant contribution to the archaeological record. Similarly, searching for the remains of the other three much smaller buildings shown on the 1879 map, whose usage is unknown and whose original location would be impossible to determine on today's landscape, would not seem to be a valid undertaking.

Furthermore, there is also no evidence for the existence of old privies or cisterns on the site. That the Site was at least 300 hundred feet from any dwelling does not suggest their existence, even if the hypothetical privy could have survived the apparently thorough site destruction. Therefore, in conclusion, the evidence indicates that the Board of Education Site is not archaeologically sensitive, requiring no further archaeological investigation, testing or monitoring.

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Photo 1: Looking southwest from circular ramp.



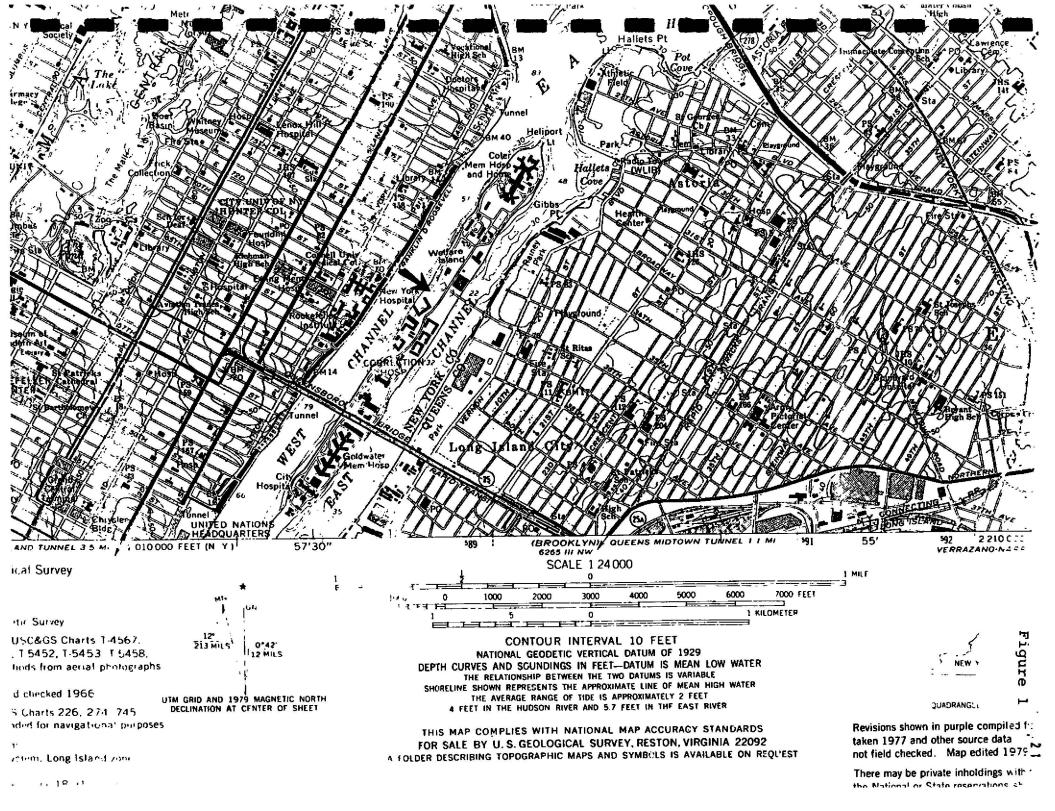
Photo 2: Looking west across the project site from Main Street, the eastern boundary.

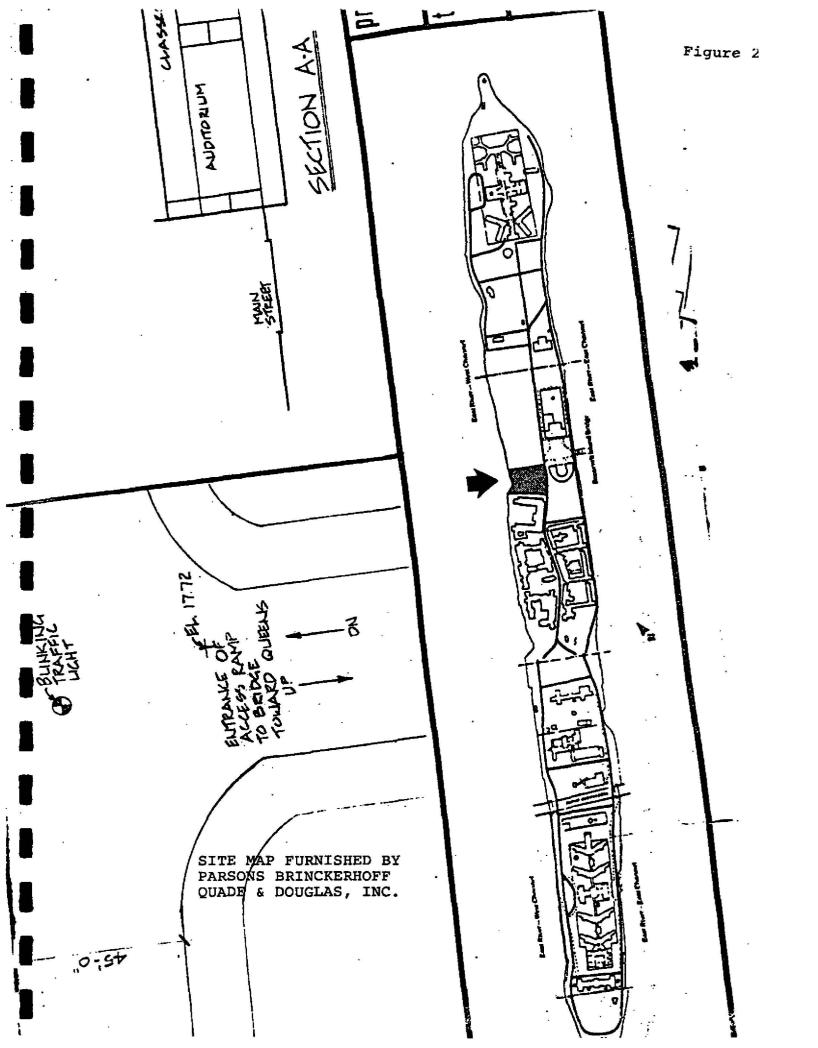


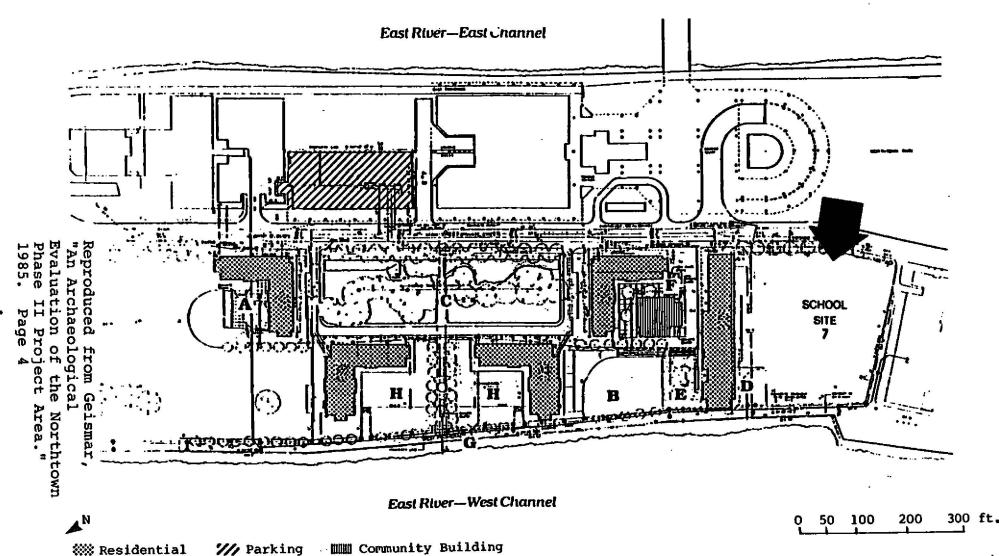
Photo 3: Looking southeast from the East River Promenade.



Photo 4: Looking south from the East River Promenade.
Note the slope evident in both photographs.

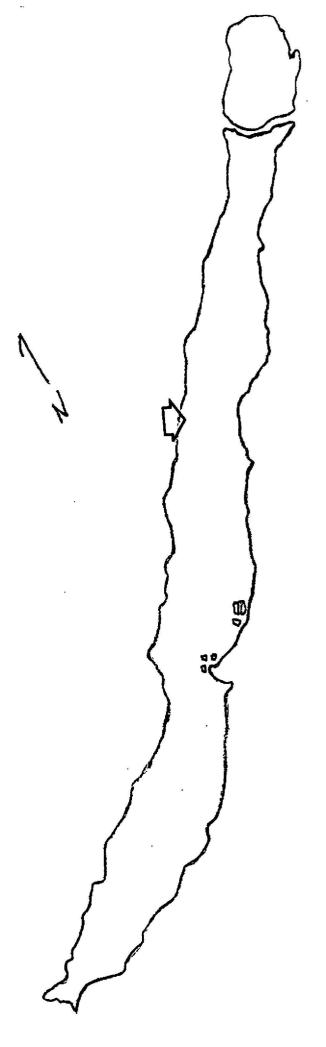






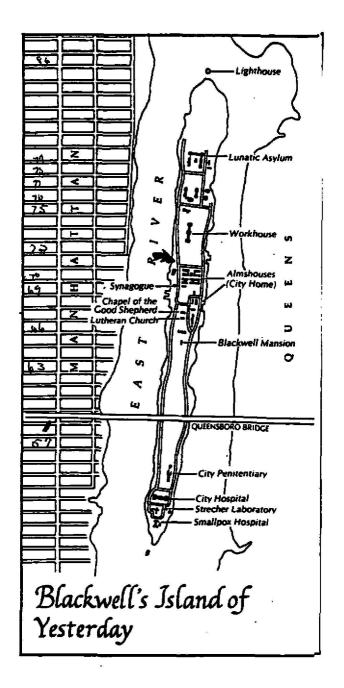
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Figure 2. NORTHTOWN PHASE II: Proposed Development (AKRF, Inc. 1985:Figure 7--modified)

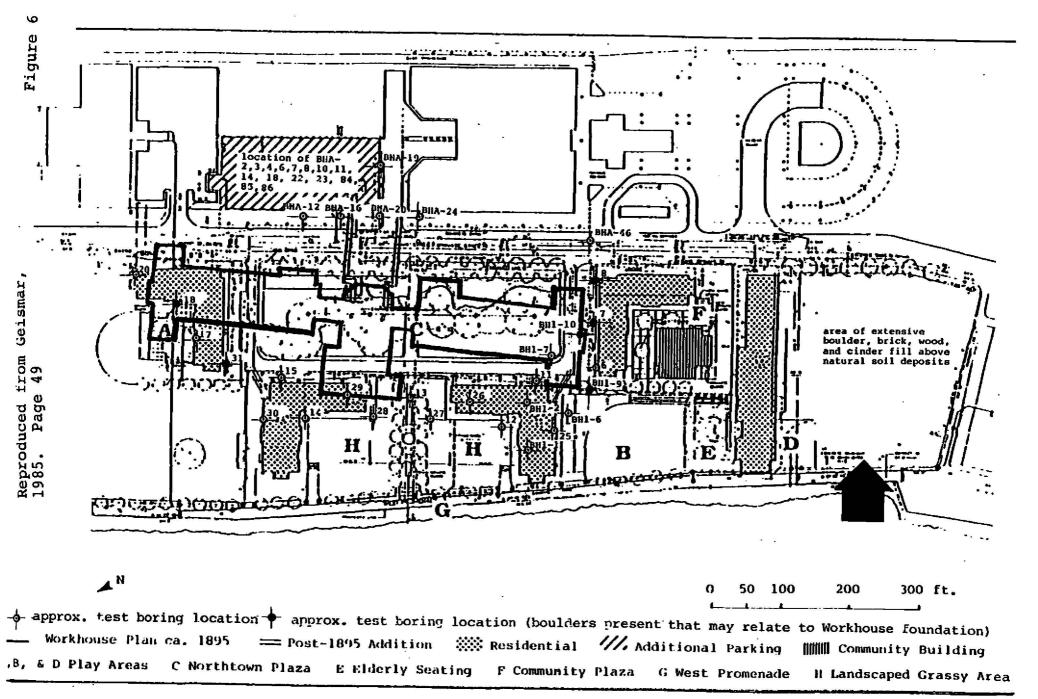


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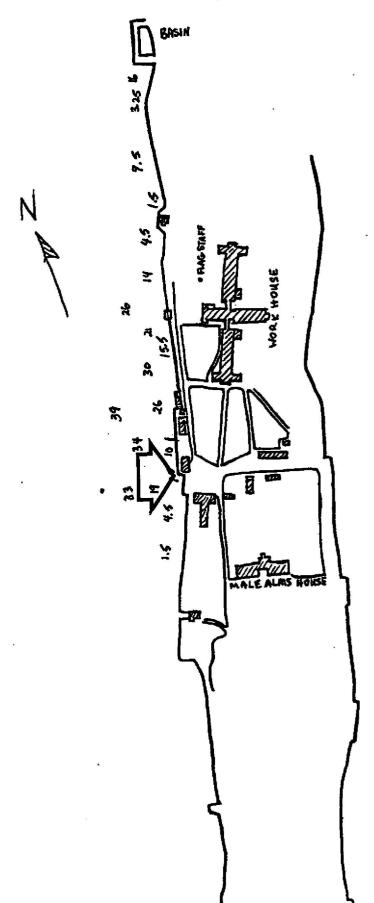
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Jure 7. NORTHTOWN PHASE II: Location of Test Borings Kalevant to the Site of the Workhouse Foundation (based on Figures 2 and 6, this report, and Test Boring Data provided by the Starrett Housing Development Corp. re Northtown Phase II: Maps A.26, A.27. B2, A.30 B5, A.28 B3, and A.29 B4.) Note: test boring 25\* contained boulders but in a non-fill context



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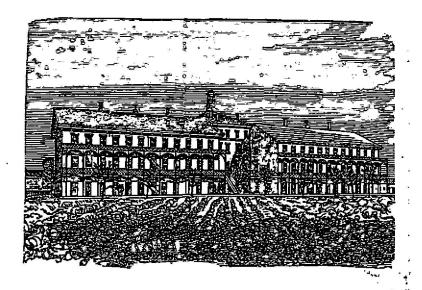
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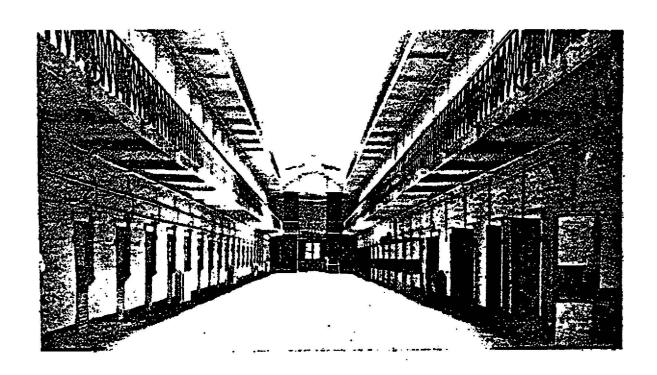
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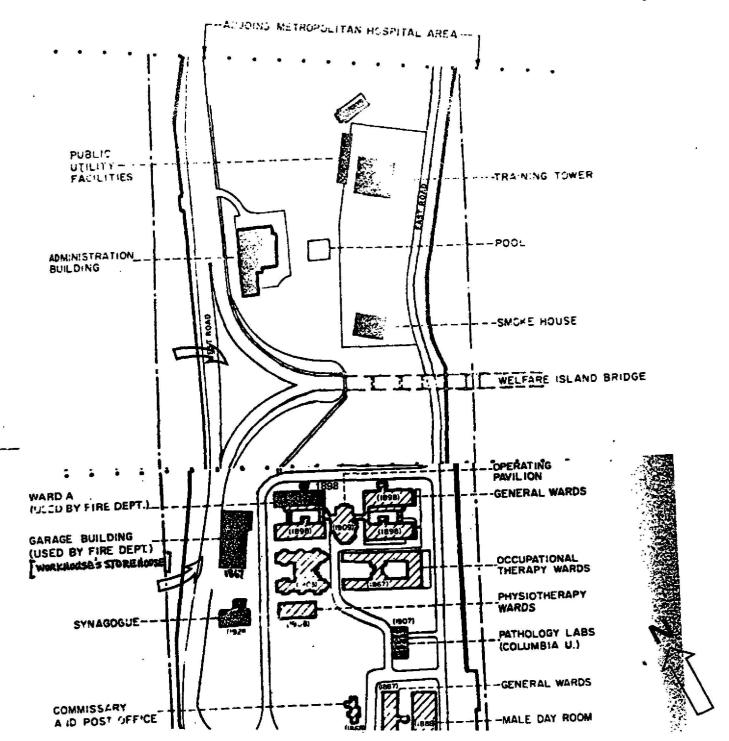
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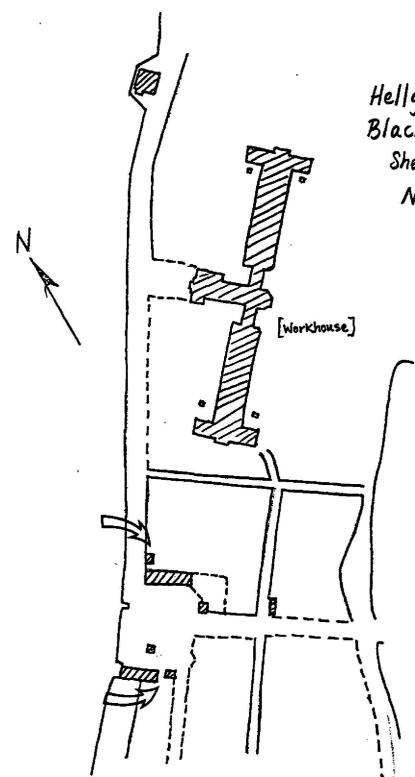
1871 engraving of the north wing of the Workhouse and part of the central building (compare with much higher central building in Plate 9). Note guardhouse near the crosswing and neat but barren appearance of the grounds (Richmond 1871:opp. p. 535)

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Photocopy of a photograph from I KNEW THEM IN PRISON by Mary Harris, 1936. Opposite page 48.





Hellgate & Part of
Blackwell's Island
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New York Harbor Set
1865 - 1874
1" = 200'

Hydrographic Charts Showing Pier & Bulkhead Lines.

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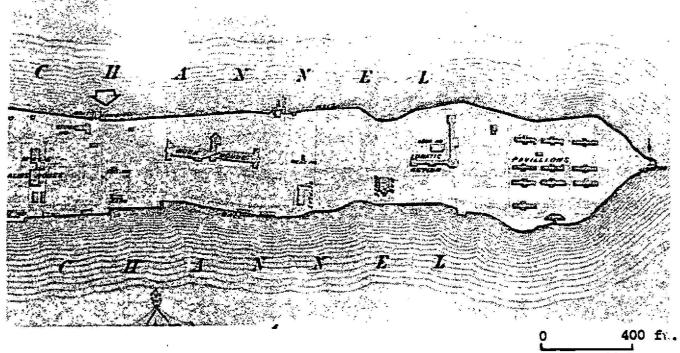
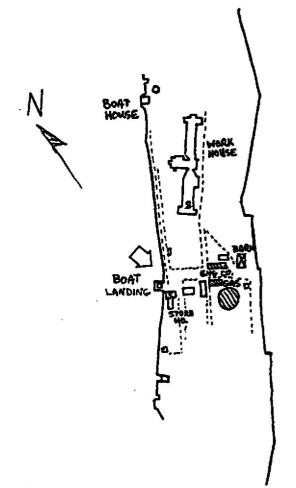


Plate 16. Detail of the north end of Blackwell's Island in 1879. Note lighthouse (arrow) at end of the island. The Workhouse is seen in relation to the Male Almshouse to the south and the Lunatic Asylum to the north (Bromley and Robinson 1879:Plate 41, Map Division of the NYPL)

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Robinson's Atlas 1885

Plate 28 Blackwell's Island.

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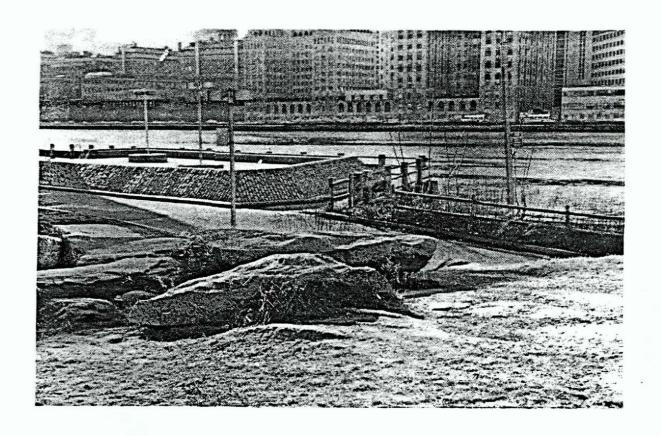


Plate 10. View to southwest from near field and baseball diamond. What appear to be boulders is mainly trashed concrete. New York Hospital in Manhattan is to rear of picture (photo: March, 1985)

Reproduction of a photograph from Geismar's 1985 report





# CITY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

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# CONDITIONAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Proposal	No	88-102M	 	Date	Sent:	May	10,	1989	
IIIIRP No.	. 880	352PSM							

Name, Description and Location of Proposal:

Proposed site selection and acquisition of property consisting of approximately 66,000 square feet in order to construct a new elementary/intermediate school for approximately 770 students grades K-8 on Main Street, Roosevelt Island, Manhattan (Block 1373, P/O Lot 1).

#### STATEMENT OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON MODIFICATION

The Departments of City Planning and Environmental Protection, as CEQR Lead Agencies, have determined that the proposed action will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment once modified in the following areas:

- 1. The school's exhaust stack must be located at least 192 feet north of the southern lot bounday of the site or the exhaust stack must be at least 138 feet high.
- 2. The applicant shall provide a closed window condition and alternate means of ventilation to activate a minimum of 25 dBA window wall attenuation. Alternate means of ventilation includes but is not limited to a. air conditioning b. provision for a/c sleeves for use with an air conditioner or HUD approved fan.
- 3. The applicant shall undertake an archaeological survey consisting of documentary research and submit the study to NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission for evaluation and approval, and conduct field research and archaeological excavation if required (see attachment A: NYC LPC Guidelines for Archaeology).

### SUPPORTING STATEMENTS:

The above determination is based on an environmental assessment which finds that:

- The above condition #l is based on an analysis by the Department of Environmental Protection Office of Technical Analysis which found that limitation on stack location would be required, since the school is proposed to use #4 fuel oil. These limitations would allow the school to operate without causing significant adverse air quality impacts.
- 2. The above condition #2 is required to ensure that interior noise levels in the school do not exceed 45 dBA. The above measures are necessary to attenuate high exterior noise levels, caused primarily by helicopter noise.
- 3. The above condition #3 is required because the project site has the potential to contain significant archaeological resources from Native American settlement and historic remains from four 1879 structures possibly associated with the Workhouse and the Almshouse.
- 4. No other impacts which would require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable.

It is fully agreed and understood that if the foregoing conditions, modifications and alterations are not fully incorporated into the proposed action that this Conditional Negative Declaration shall become null and void. In such event, the applicant shall be required to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement before proceeding further with said proposal.

I, the undersigned, as the applicant or authorized representative for this proposal, hereby affix my signature in acceptance of the above conditions, modification and alterations to the proposed action.

(Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative)

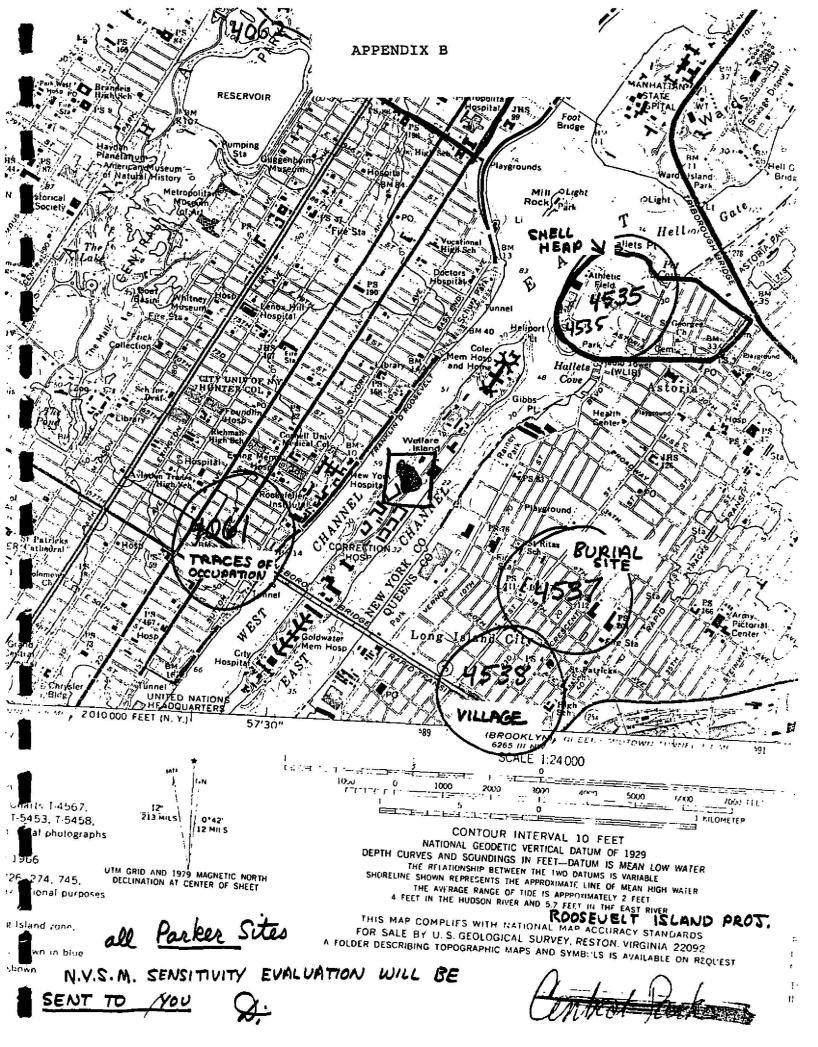
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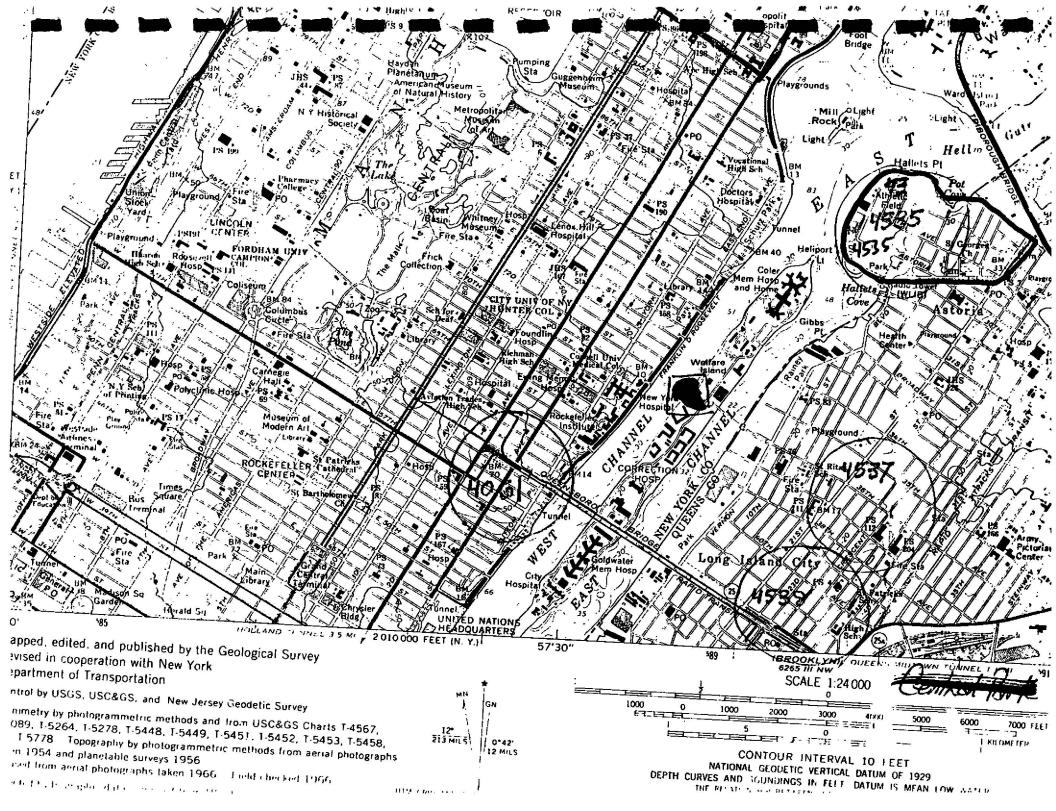
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(Submit plan of units with form\*)

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