
This thesis hopes to improve the enforcement procedures of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) and further the protection of the historic resources under its regulation. Using the evolution of enforcement at the LPC for context, this thesis will examine how enforcement functions today. This examination will be complemented by a selection of case studies to further an understanding of the system. This thesis will then look to the enforcement methods of a selection of federal environmental laws and local preservation ordinances to inform recommendations to the historic preservation community which hope to improve enforcement of the New York City Landmarks Law.