

## **Appendix C**

### ***Nassau County Historic and Cultural Assets***

### **Local Historic Districts**

Nassau County has four locally designated historic districts:

- Highland Road Historic District, City of Glen Cove
- Red Brick Streets Historic District, City of Long Beach
- Port Washington Heights Historic District, Town of North Hempstead
- Roslyn Heights Historic District, Town of North Hempstead

### **National Register Historic Districts**

Nassau County has eight National Register historic districts:

- Bellerose Village Municipal Complex, Bellerose: Contains 9 acres and 3 buildings. Listed on National Register in 2006.
- Cedarmere Clayton Estates, Roslyn Harbor: Contains 1,720 acres, 6 buildings and 14 structures. Listed on National Register in 1986.
- Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Historic District, Laurel Hollow: Contains 1,000 acres, 31 buildings and 2 structures. Listed on National Register in 1994.
- East Williston Village Historic District, East Williston: Contains 70 acres and 26 buildings. Listed on the National Register in 1985.
- Gould--Guggenheim Estate, Port Washington: Listed on the National Register in 2006.
- Jones Beach State Park, Causeway and Parkway System, Wantagh: Contains 100,340 acres, 22 buildings and 33 structures. Listed on the National Register in 2005.
- Main Street Historic District, Roslyn: Contains 400 acres and 50 buildings. Listed on the National Register in 1974.
- Roslyn Village Historic District, Roslyn: Contains 650 acres, 43 buildings, and 5 structures. Listed on the National Register in 1987.
- Stewart, A.T., Era Buildings, Garden City: Contains 530 acres and 50 buildings. Listed on the National Register in 1978.

### **Historic Sites**

Nassau County has an exceptionally strong record of historic preservation. In addition to the local and national historic districts discussed above, it has a significant number of designated historic sites, including, but not limited to:

Cedarmere, the historic property of prominent 19th-century poet, newspaper editor and civic leader William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878), includes the Bryant home and several other structures on a beautiful 7-acre property overlooking Roslyn Harbor.

The Roslyn Grist Mill was built sometime before the mid-18th century and is one of the few surviving Dutch colonial commercial frame buildings in the United States. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986, it is currently being restored for use as a museum.

Saddle Rock Grist Mill is one of the few remaining tidal mills left in the country. Constructed around 1700 and restored to its mid-19th century appearance, the mill, which was used to grind grain and corn, overlooks Little Neck Bay and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sagamore Hill was the home of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, from 1885 until his death in 1919. Guided tours are offered.

Sands Point Preserve is a 216 acre preservation area with nature trails and landscaped areas. It has six marked trails, forests, meadows, cliffs, gardens, a freshwater pond and a beach on the Long Island Sound. Hempstead House, a historic home built by Howard Gould and later home to Daniel and Florence Guggenheim, is located on the preserve.

Sands-Willets House in Port Washington is a farmhouse that was built in 1735 by John Sands and was later enlarged by Edmund Willets in 1845. Colonel John Sands IV and his six brothers served in the Revolutionary War.

### **Museums**

*African-American Museum of Nassau County* celebrates the history of African Americans on Long Island and the African-American contribution to the social and cultural development of American society. This 6,000-square-foot facility, centrally located in Hempstead, offers a rotating series of exhibits showcasing local and national African American artists.

*The American Merchant Marine Museum*, located on the former Walter P. Chrysler estate in Kings Point, serves as a repository for the United States Merchant Marine Academy's extensive and valuable collection of marine art, ship models and nautical artifacts.

*Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium* operated for nearly a century as a New York State Trout Hatchery before opening as a non-profit educational center dedicated to educating its visitors about the freshwater ecosystems of New York. Public programs are presented throughout the year and education programs are provided for students of all levels. The Hatchery holds the largest living collection of New York State freshwater reptiles, fish and amphibians.

*The Cradle of Aviation Museum*, located in Garden City, is an aerospace museum commemorating Long Island's participation in the development and growth of aviation and aerospace from the early days of kites and ballooning to the race to the moon.

*The Francis X. Pendl Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center* is a nearly 10,000-square-foot interactive facility where visitors can experience the firefighting tradition in Long Island via hands-on exhibits that feature antique and contemporary fire apparatus and gear. Located on Museum Row in Garden City, the Museum and Education Center also educates and informs the public about fire safety and prevention.

*Earle Wightman House*, located at 20 Summit Street in Oyster Bay, is operated by the Oyster Bay Historical Society as its headquarters, research library and museum. Exhibits include the 18<sup>th</sup>-century one-room house and garden, furnished 1830s parlor, and exhibition rooms interpreted to the periods 1740 and 1830. The research library contains comprehensive materials about the history of the Town of Oyster Bay.

*East Rockaway Grist Mill Museum* is housed in a 300-year old building located on the Mill River. Originally built by Joseph Haviland in 1688, it is currently a museum in Memorial Park showcasing artifacts from Native Americans to the 19th century.

*Garvies Point Museum and Preserve* is a center for research on Long Island geology and the study of the Island's Native American archaeology. Located in Glen Cove, the museum maintains reference collections of original archaeological artifacts and geological phenomena.

*Hicksville Gregory Museum*, housed in the historic Heitz Place Courthouse, showcases massive collections of butterflies, rocks, minerals and local historical artifacts.

*Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center*, located within the Welwyn Preserve in Glen Cove, is dedicated solely to the teaching of the Holocaust. The Louis Posner Memorial Library offers the largest collection of Holocaust and tolerance related materials on Long Island, and provides resources for students, educators, and scholars including memoirs, diaries, professional journals, maps, artwork, and audio/video collections.

*Long Island Children's Museum*, part of the Museum Row complex in Garden City and housed inside a historic Mitchel Field airplane hangar, is a learning laboratory where hands-on exhibits invite visitors to experiment, examine and play. The museum is designed for infants through 12.

*Long Island Studies Institute* is a major center for the study of Long Island local and regional history. A cooperative endeavor of Hofstra University and Nassau County, the Institute sponsors meetings, exhibits, conferences, and publications pertaining to Long Island and its heritage.

*The Nassau County Museum of Art*, located on the former estate of Childs Frick, son of U.S. Steel founder Henry Clay Frick, has become the largest suburban fine arts museum in the United States in terms of attendance, volunteer participation and budget. Its permanent collection holds over 600 works primarily featuring 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-century American and European artists. The 145-acre property is part of the Cedarmerse Clayton Estates, a National Historic District.

*Nassau County Police George F. Maher Museum* is dedicated to the Nassau County police force. Located inside Police Headquarters in Mineola, it showcases police uniforms and equipment dating to the 1920s.

*Old Bethpage Village Restoration* provides visitors with an opportunity to experience life in a recreated mid-19th-century American village. The 209-acre village includes an assortment of homes, farms and businesses. Each fall, the village hosts the Long Island Fair, a traditional county agricultural fair that draws tens of thousands of visitors, and through most of the year the village supports a steady series of family-friendly events and exhibits, including old-time "base ball" tournaments.

*Pagan-Fletcher Restoration* is operated by the Valley Stream Historical Society. Built around 1840, the re-modeled Colonial Revival farmhouse has three floors of furnished rooms including a sewing room with treadle machine, costumes and trunks, Victorian bedroom, living room and kitchen.

*Polish American Museum*, located in Port Washington, is designed to communicate to visitors the culture and folk heritage of the Polish people. It contains documents, artifacts, paintings, displays and exhibits illustrating the important achievements by people of Polish heritage, and examples of their contributions to humanity.

*Raynham Hall Museum* is housed inside the former home of the Townsend family, one of the founding families of Oyster Bay. Here, a collection of archives and artifacts provide an in-depth look at the lives and times of the Townsend family and their neighbors from 1740 to 1880. Constructed in the mid-eighteenth century, Raynham Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*Rock Hall Museum* is housed inside a pre-Revolutionary War, Georgian-style building that once belonged to the Martin and Hewlett families. The museum is affiliated with the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities and offers a guided tour, programs of historic interest, special lectures and educational programs for students.

*Science Museum of Long Island* is a not-for-profit science activity center located on the Leeds Pond Preserve in the Village of Plandome. The Science Museum offers enrichment workshops for children.

*Tackapausha Museum and Preserve* is operated by the Nassau County Department of Recreation and Parks, and showcases wildlife and their habitats. Accompanying the museum is a large preserve for nature walks.

*Veterans Memorial Plaza & 9/11 Memorial* is located in Eisenhower Memorial Park serves as a tribute to the Nassau County Veterans of all wars and county firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. An area set aside in the park includes a Wall of Honor listing Nassau County veterans, living and deceased. The new 9/11 Memorial honors the victims of the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

*Wantagh Railroad Museum* resides in three structures: the Station, the "Jamaica" Railroad Car and the original Wantagh Post Office. Together, these structures offer visitors an opportunity to see important parts of everyday life from an era 100 years ago, including a collection of turn-of-the-century photographs

that depict life in early Wantagh. Several display cases feature memorabilia from Wantagh's past and exhibits of historical themes.

### **Theaters**

*The Capital One Bank Theatre at Westbury*, formerly the Westbury Music Fair, is a 3,200-seat performance space located minutes from the Village's downtown district. The theater is one of the nation's few theatres in the round—a venue in which the audience surrounds the stage on all sides, an architectural style reminiscent of the ancient theaters of Greece and Rome.

*Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre* is an outdoor theatre located in vast Eisenhower Park. Formerly the Lakeside Theatre, it was renamed in recognition of the popular folk singer, humanitarian and Long Island resident Harry Chapin.

*Jeanne Rimsky Theater* is located inside the Landmark on Main, a converted school building that now serves as a community center. The building, constructed in 1908, is a national, state and local landmark that provides 425 seats, a state-of-the-art sound system, and a magnificent Steinway Concert Grand D piano.

*Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum*, commonly known as Nassau Coliseum, is an 18,000-plus-capacity indoor arena in Uniondale. Home to the New York Islanders NHL hockey team and New York Dragons arena football team, the venue also hosts performances by major recording artists, as well as large exhibitions and shows of various kinds. The coliseum's 60,000 square-foot exhibition hall hosts business and trade shows throughout the year.

*Nikon at Jones Beach Theater* is one of only two open-air theaters in the New York Metropolitan Region. Located on Zach's Bay in Jones Beach State Park in Wantagh, the 15,200-seat amphitheater hosts world-famous musicians during its popular Summer Concert Series. The seaside venue was constructed in 1952 under the supervision of Robert Moses.

*Old Westbury Gardens* is the former estate of John Shaffer Phipps (1874-1958), heir to a U.S. Steel fortune. Classical music concerts are offered inside the Red Ballroom of the Westbury House, a Charles II-style mansion surrounded by 200 acres of formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes.

*Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park* is situated between Oyster Bay and Locust Valley on Long Island's North Shore. During the summer, the public arboretum hosts a wide variety of outdoor performances including concert series and music festivals. During the fall, winter and spring, chamber concerts are held inside the Planting Fields Tudor-style manor house.

*Tilles Center for the Performing Arts* is Long Island's premier concert hall, hosting more than 100 performances by world-renowned artists each season. The concert hall seats 2,242 and features orchestral performances, fully-staged operas, ballets and modern dance, along with Broadway shows, and all forms

of music, dance and theater from around the world. Chamber music, cabaret, solo recitals, and theater productions for children and adults are presented in the more intimate 490-seat Hillwood Recital Hall.

