## WEST-PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 165 WEST 86TH STREET BLOCK 1217, LOT 1 LPC DOCKET # LPC-22-09135

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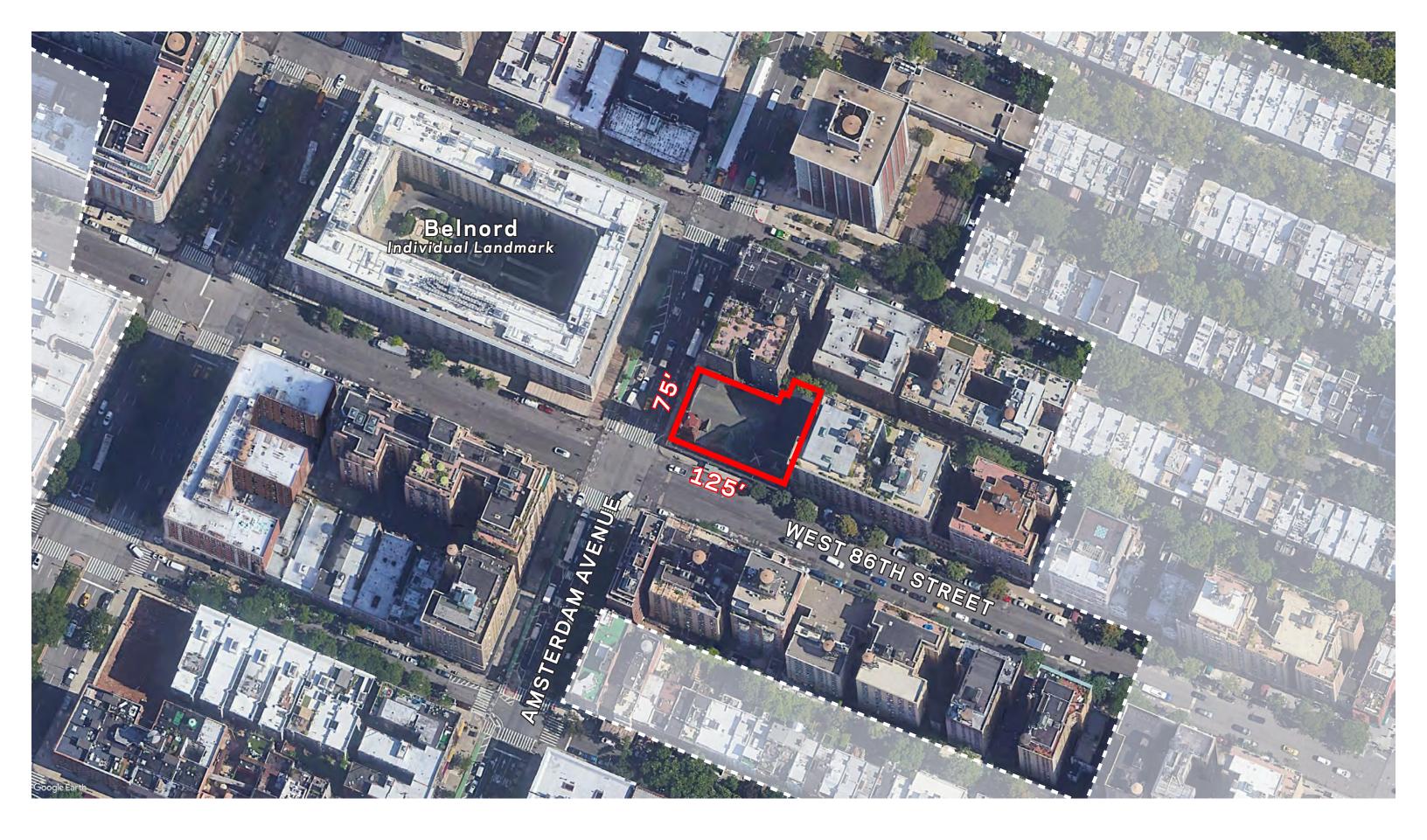
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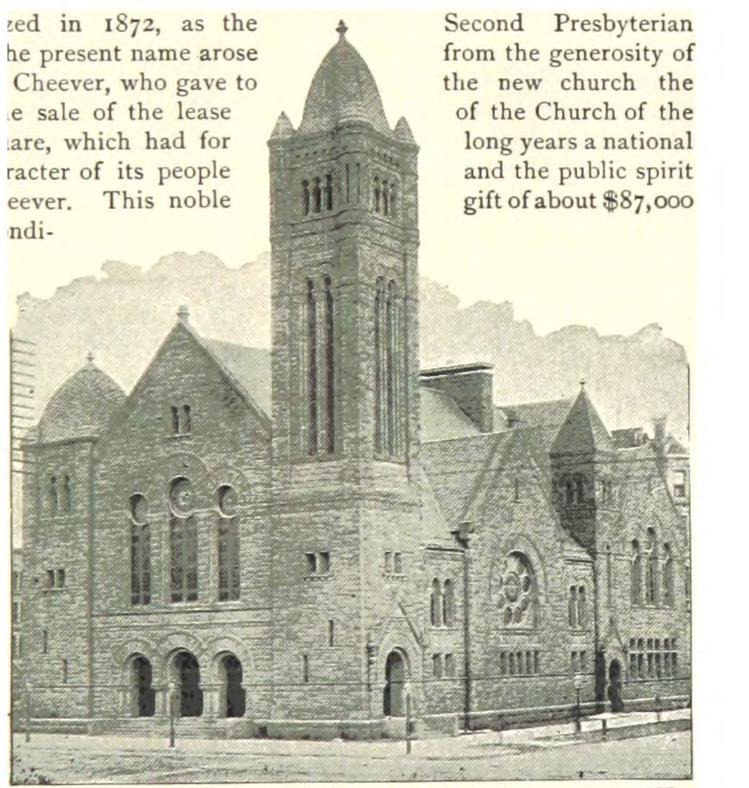
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## Application for a Notice to Proceed to allow for Demolition on the Grounds of Hardship

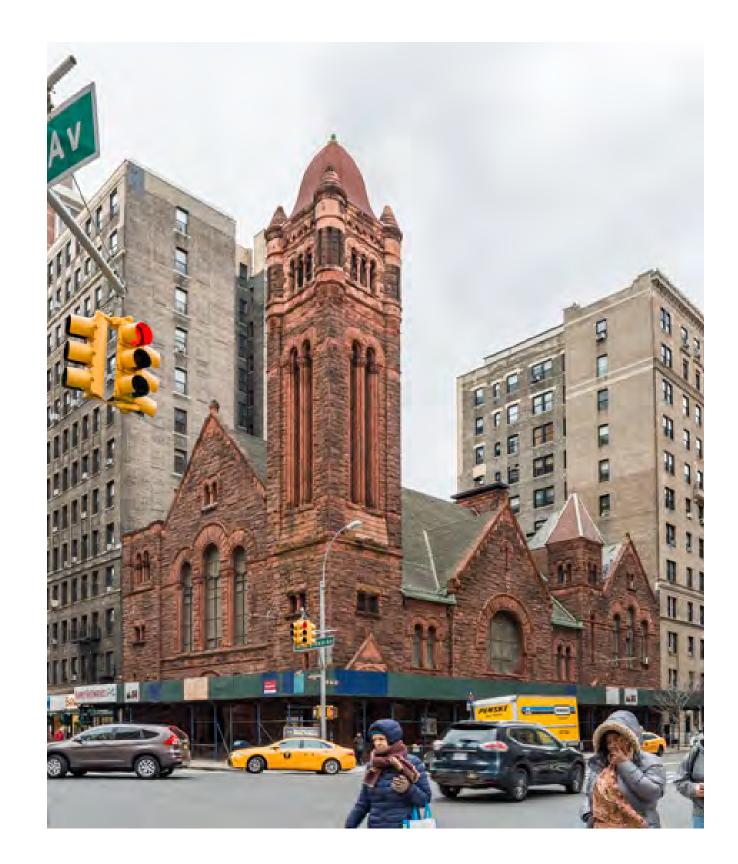
- Section 25-309(2) of the Landmarks Law sets forth the statutory standard for not profits.
- The applicable requirements are as follows:
  - The property is exempt from real property taxation.
  - The owner has entered into a bona-fide agreement to sell, which agreement is contingent on the issuance of a certificate of appropriateness or notice to proceed.
  - The improvement parcel which includes such improvement, as existing at the time of the filing of such request, would not, if it were not exempt in whole or in part from real property taxation, be capable of earning a reasonable return.
  - Such improvement has ceased to be adequate, suitable or appropriate for use for carrying out both (1) the purposes of such owner to which it is devoted and (2) those purposes to which it had been devoted when acquired unless such owner is no longer engaged in pursuing such purposes.
  - The prospective purchaser ... (1) In the case of an application for a permit to demolish seeks and intends, in good faith either to demolish such improvement immediately for the purpose of constructing on the site thereof with reasonable promptness a new building or other facility.

# Background





PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AMSTERDAM AVENUE AND WEST 86TH STREET.



## **ARCHITECTS**

Leopold Eidlitz : Original chapel built 1883-85 Henry Kilburn : Current church and facade built 1889-90

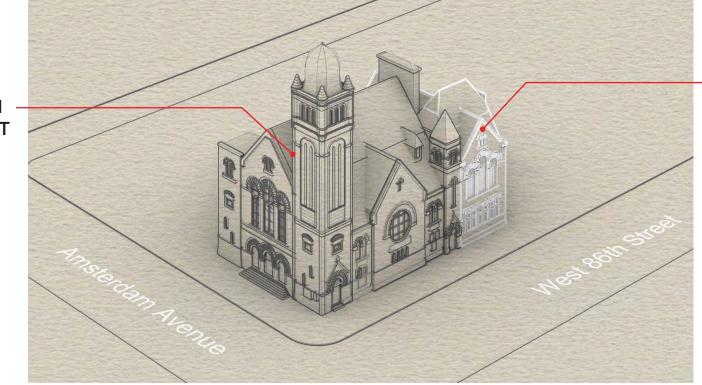
## ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

Original chapel designed as a small brick Victorian Gothic-style chapel on the eastern end of the site on 86th Street in 1883, and completed in 1885. In 1889, Henry Kilburn was commissioned to design a large new church and to re-design Eidlitz's

facade, creating a unified Romanesque Revival-style church complex.

Designated a Landmark January 12, 2010

> CURRENT CHURCH AND FACADE BUILT 1889-90



### WEST PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORIGINAL CHAPEL BUILT 1883-85

### The Church

- Once vibrant congregation has shrunk from over 200 members in the 1980's to approximately a dozen today.
- It has not had a full-time pastor since 2017.
- Since 2013, the Church spent over \$1 million to maintain the building, expending all of its financial resources. Most of the money came from the sale of the Church's manse. The Church has expended all of its financial resources to maintain the building, and is currently relying on the loans from the Presbytery of New York City to cover operating expenses and repair costs.
- So far in 2022, the Church has spent about \$70,000 to address urgent repairs mandated by DOB.
- No other house of worship has expressed interest in acquiring the building and taking on the responsibility for restoration and repair.

### The Building

- Shortly before landmarking, the building was closed, with no heat or running water. It only
  reopened after a capital campaign to raise funds for a new boiler.
- In 2011, a blue-ribbon panel of restoration experts estimated that it would cost \$14.6 million (\$18.2 million in 2022 dollars) to restore the building's façade.
- Since 1993 the Church has paid over \$45,000 in DOB building fines and penalties for elevator, boiler, and façade violations. There are currently 60 open DOB violations and five OATH/ECB violations on the building.
- Sidewalk shed, installed long before landmarking, is still in place, and will be for the foreseeable future.
- Church was closed from November 2021 to February 2022 for safety concerns. The sanctuary balcony has been closed by City inspectors.
- In the last four months, the Church has received three violations from DOB relating to the condition of the church façade, which will require millions of dollars to cure.

### The Center at West Park

- The Church explored a partnership with the Center because it was felt that an arts group would be more successful in raising space use income and the needed funds to restore the building.
- The Center was incorporated and began operating in the Church in 2017. It manages the building, rents space to arts groups, and leases out the sanctuary for performances and worship services.
- From 2017 to 2019, the Center paid only approximately \$2,400 per month in rent (\$1.66 per net square foot) so that it could focus on fundraising for repairs and restoration. During this time, it raised approximately \$150,000, mostly used to cover operating deficits and make minor repairs to the building.
- The funds raised by the Center have not begun to address the insurmountable funding challenges the Church faces. It has been unable to contribute any funds for repairs in 2022.

### The Presbytery of New York City

- The Presbytery of New York covers all five boroughs and includes 89 congregations and 14 worshiping communities.
- Churches under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery include three individually landmarked churches (including West Park) and twelve churches located within historic districts.
- All churches in the Presbytery are owned by their congregations, which are responsible for their upkeep.
- The Presbytery's annual budget for grants to churches for building repairs is about \$100,000, which must be allocated among all of the congregations. In 2021, the Presbytery allocated an additional \$50,000 for storm relief after Hurricane Ida.

### **Church Contract with Alchemy**

- The Church entered into a contract with Alchemy on March 3, 2022 for the Church property, contingent on the issuance of a demolition permit.
- Under the contract, Alchemy will provide the Church with a 10,000 sf space for worship, community activities and arts programs.



TWO FIFTY WEST 81ST



378 WESTEND AVENUE



303 EAST 77TH STREET



HUDSON HILL CONDO

Architects: **FXCollaborative Architects LLP** 

Facade Condition Specialists:

**FacadeMD** 

Structural Engineer: Severud Associates

Construction Manager:

## Leeding Builders Group

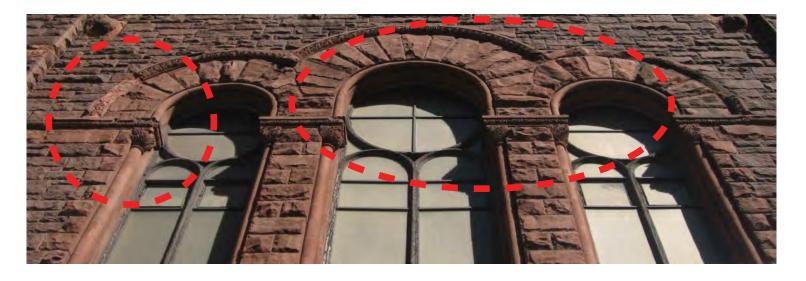
Accessibility & Life Safety: **CCI Code Consultants** 

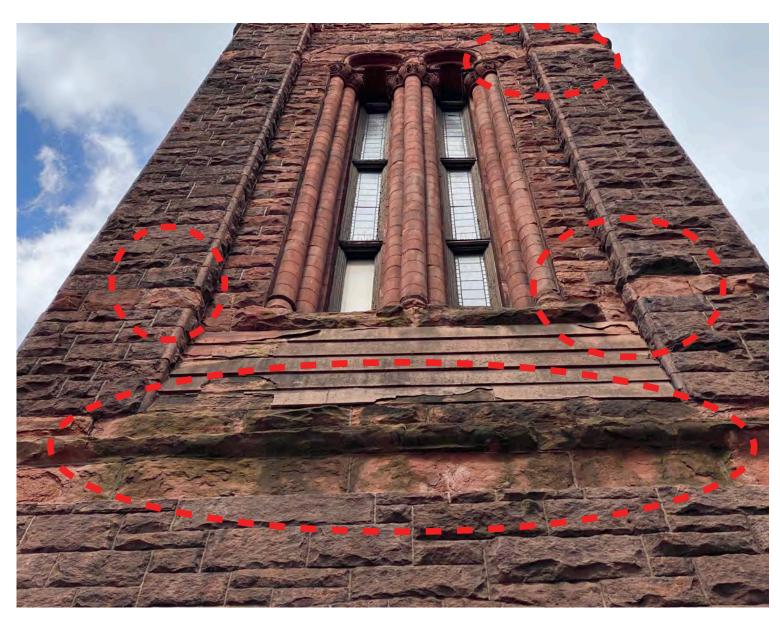
# **Existing Conditions**

### Facade \*

- Ornamental sandstone finial located at top of the West 86th Street Chapel façade at the end of the roof ridge beam is severely cracked and spalled.
- Extensive stone spalling, cracks, mortar deterioration and deteriorated windows noted throughout the building.
- Façade conditions are unsafe.
- Loose or unsafe material should be removed and the remaining masonry stabilized.

\* Façade MD Report to NYC Department of Buildings dated December 2,2021





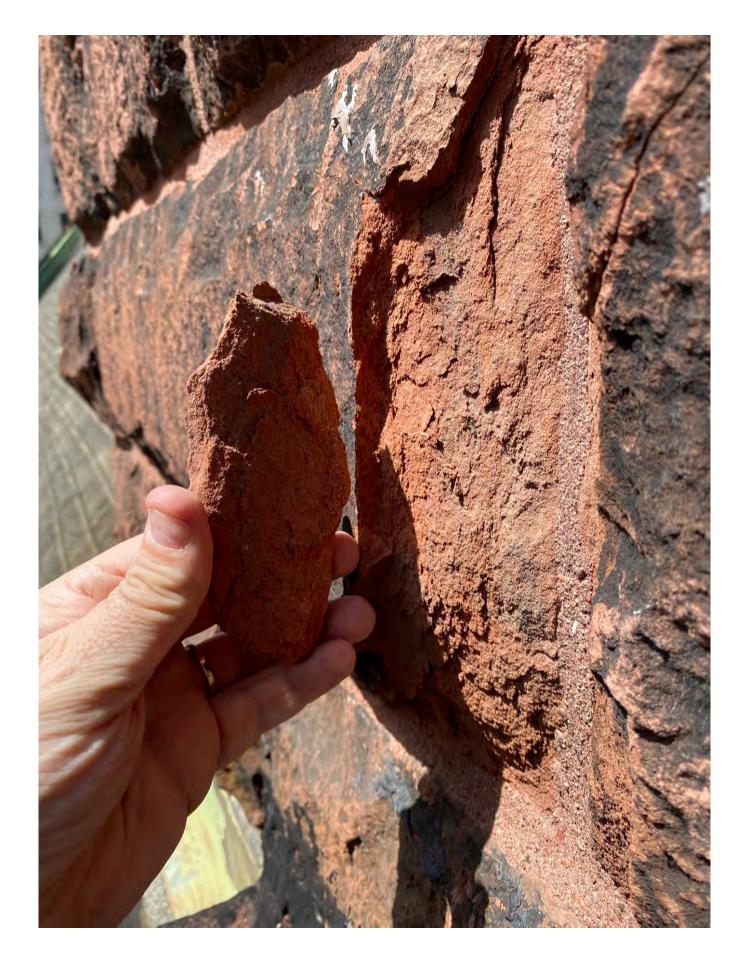


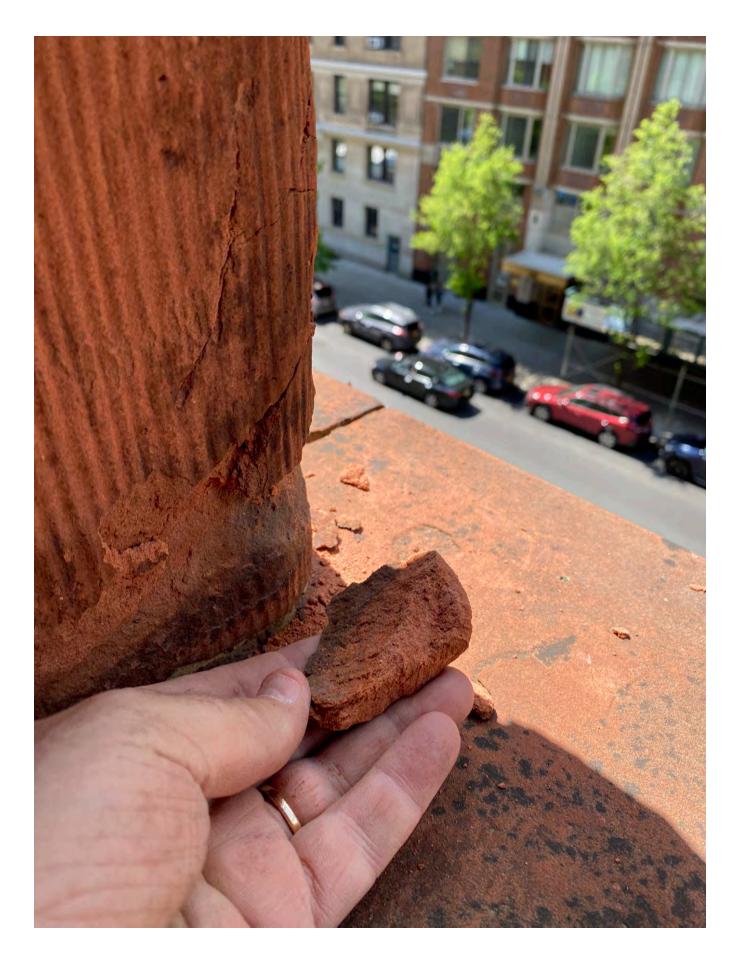






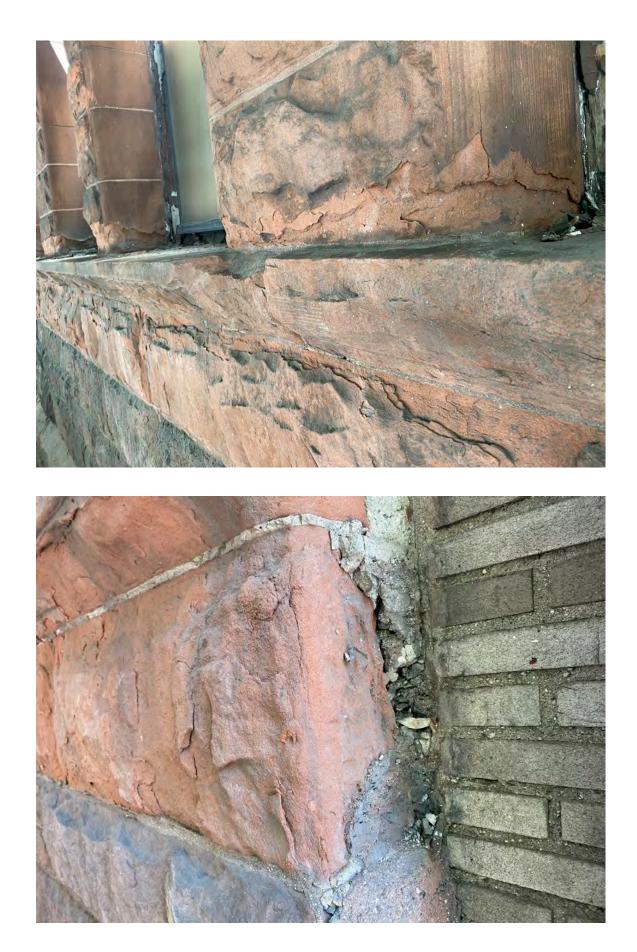






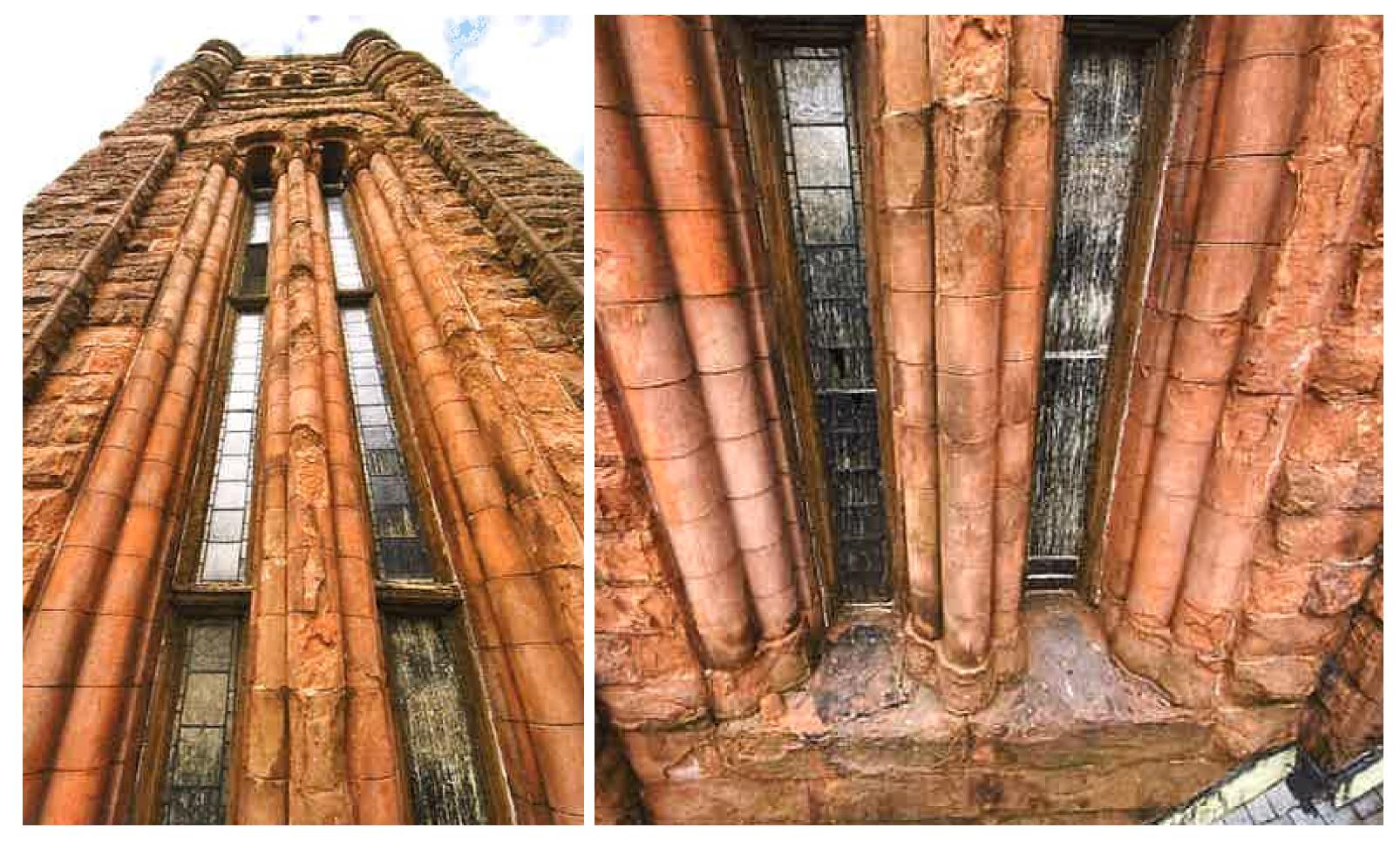












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### **Structural Conditions \***

- Section of façade adjacent to 86th St. separated from roof by up to 4". Wall is not adequately braced against wind loads and roof and sanctuary ceilings are not adequately supported.
- Sandstone façades exhibit deterioration in varying degrees from minor to severe. Areas of cracked, hollow sounding and delaminated surface observed, Large spalls, voids pits and cracks observed throughout.



\* Severud Associates Consulting Engineers, Structural Survey Report, Nov. 16, 2021



### Structural Conditions (Continued) \*

- 25% of brick on interior walls of bell tower which support the tower and serve as backup to the sandstone façade has cracked, deteriorated or missing mortar.
- Various through-cracks, areas of missing and deteriorated mortar or signs of trapped moisture observed at the exterior brick bearing walls at north and east faces. Interior signs of trapped moisture.



\* Severud Associates Consulting Engineers, Structural Survey Report, Nov. 16, 2021



### Structural Conditions (Continued) \*

- Various cracks and water discoloration at sanctuary walls and ceilings and near wood trusses indicating excessive deformation of wood truss and/or excessive lateral movement or settlement at the truss bearing points.
- 20 foot long wide vertical and stepped crack at east end of southernmost roof truss.
- Wood header and joist supporting a stair and portion of storage room east of 86th Entrance observed to be severely cracked and deformed.
- Cracks at underside of north-east egress stair at second floor indicate excessive deflection of floor.

\* Severud Associates Consulting Engineers, Structural Survey Report, Nov. 16, 2021



### Fire Protection & Life Safety \*

- The existing building is in significant disrepair and would require significant and intensive upgrades to comply with any of the currently adopted and enforced New York City Construction Codes.
- The building does not have an automatic sprinkler system and the automatic fire alarm system is antiquated and lack audible and visible notifications.
- The building has open stair halls.
- The building does not provide two means of egress for the office and assembly spaces located east of the sanctuary.
- There is no emergency lighting throughout the building.

Note: Change of dominate use and/or alteration costs in excess of 60% of the value of the building trigger a requirement for full building code compliance. If the change of use is limited to specific spaces and ranges from 30-60 % of value of the building, then compliance obligation may be limited to the work area.

\*CCI Code Consultants Inc. West Park Presbyterian Church Fire Protection & Life Safety Survey Memo 12.9.21.

FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY CONDITIONS SUMMARY





### Accessibility \*

- Amsterdam Avenue and West 86th Street entrances are not accessible.
- No accessible routes from sanctuary to any of the levels of the building including the balcony.
- No accessible restrooms.
- Interior doors, hardware and railings are non-compliant.

Note: Any new or altered element must be designed and constructed to meet 2010 ADA Standards. Change of dominate use and/or alteration costs in excess of 50% of the value of the building trigger a requirement for full ADA compliance.



\* CCI Code Consultants Inc. West Park Presbyterian Church Accessibility Survey Memo 12.9.21.

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### ACCESSIBILITY CONDITIONS SUMMARY



### **Violations & Emergency Repairs**

The Church has recently received three DOB violations due to the condition of the Building.

- DOB Violation #21-01507 (11/10/21) noted "sections of façade spalling severely" and "roof ridge ornamental masonry with large crack with a potential to detach and fall onto ... public roadway."
- DOB Violation # FEU10701XC (11/19/21) stated that "Exterior wall in state of disrepair, out of plumb and leaning" and that "the apex of the gable has displaced approximately 3".
- DOB Summons #35644126R (01/24/22) for failure to secure building walls or appurtenances, noting that façade is spalling.

Emergency repairs undertaken by the Church since January totaled \$70,000.

# **Repair & Restoration Costs**

### Restoration, Rehabilitation and Repair Costs \*

<ul> <li>Façade Restoration:</li> </ul>	\$17,994,055 **
<ul> <li>Structural Repairs:</li> </ul>	\$2,834,000
<ul> <li>Code Compliance:</li> </ul>	\$1,508,625
<ul> <li>Interior Repairs:</li> </ul>	\$9,675,635
<ul> <li>Emergency Repairs:</li> </ul>	\$70,000
<ul> <li>General Conditions Costs:</li> </ul>	\$4,164,799
Total:	¢26 217 1 1 1
Iotal:	\$36,247,114
Total w/Contingencies and Fees:	\$49,824,153

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Preliminary Budget Estimate by Leeding Builders Group, LLC issued 1/7/22 Note: In 2011 , Sciame Construction estimated that the facade restoration costs would be \$14,586,126 (\$18,152,000 in 2022 dollars) \*\*

# **Hardship Financial Analysis**

### **Overview of the Economic Analyses**

### **Purpose of the Report:**

Determine whether a Reasonable Return can be achieved following renovation and restoration of the property

### **Reasonable Return Definition:**

Defined as: "net annual return of six per centum of the valuation of an improvement parcel."<sup>1</sup>

For this analysis, the "valuation" applicable is the "current assessed valuation established by the city which is in effect at the time of the filing"<sup>2</sup> which is the Actual Assessment of \$3,463,350.

## **Guiding Statutes and Precedents:**

Landmark's Law and LPC analysis and determinations in the Stahl Matter.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Section 25-302(v)(1) of the Rules of the City of New York

<sup>2.</sup> Section 25-302(v)(2) of the Rules of the City of New York

<sup>3.</sup> LPC - 127519 | 429 East 64th Street and 430 East 56th Street City and Suburban Homes, First Avenue Estate

### **Basic Components of the Economic Analyses**

- Estimate a market rent for the subject property, as renovated and restored
- Estimate stabilized operating expenses for the subject property, as renovated and restored, <u>exclusive</u> of repairs and maintenance costs. Depreciated renovation and restoration costs are imputed as annual repairs and maintenance costs.

Annual costs are equal to 2% of the renovation costs, per LPC Statute and as accepted in the Stahl Matter.

 Determine stabilized Net Operating Income for the property, as renovated and restored

Note: Real Estate Taxes are not included as a stabilized operating expense and are built into the loaded capitalization rate

- Capitalize stabilized Net Operating Income into value using a loaded capitalization rate
- Determine if the Calculated Return achieves a 6% return above the Actual Assessment

## Scenarios Studied - <u>Base Scenario</u>, <u>Infill Scenario</u>, and <u>Multi-Family Scenario</u>

The Analysis is comprised of three (3) development scenarios:

a) Community Facility and Commercial Use Scenario ("Base Scenario") in which the deficiencies of the existing structure are cured and renovated for community facility use with a Net Usable Area of 18,353 sq. feet in a gross building area of 24,688 sq. feet.

b) Infill Community Facility and Commercial Use Scenario ("Infill Scenario") in which interior sq. footage is maximized through a 3,647± sq. foot infill of the auditorium, in order to create total gross building area of nearly 28,335± sq. feet and a net usable area of 22,014 ± square feet.

c) Residential Multi-Family Conversion Scenario ("Multi-Family Scenario") in which the interior sq. footage is maximized through infill construction and converted for residential use. Both structural and interior work is required to create a total of 34,517± sq. feet of gross building area and 20 apartments ranging from studios to 3-bedroom units with a total residential rentable area of 20,613± sq. feet.

**Conclusion**: Under all three (3) scenarios, no positive return is achieved

### **Base and Infill Scenarios Overview of Comparable Lease Data -Commercial and Community Facility Leases**

- Six (6) recent leases and two (2) active listings all located in Manhattan and one (1) lease located in Brooklyn Heights
- Uses include department of education, religious school, church, museum and nightclub
- Net effective taking rents range from \$32.52 per square foot to \$103 per square foot. Eight (8) of the nine (9) comparable rents range from \$32 to \$58 per square foot. The outlier rental comp is an entertainment venue in Times Square.
- Concluded market rent of \$50.00 per square foot net effective rent across the entire property for both the **Base Scenario** and the **Infill Scenario**

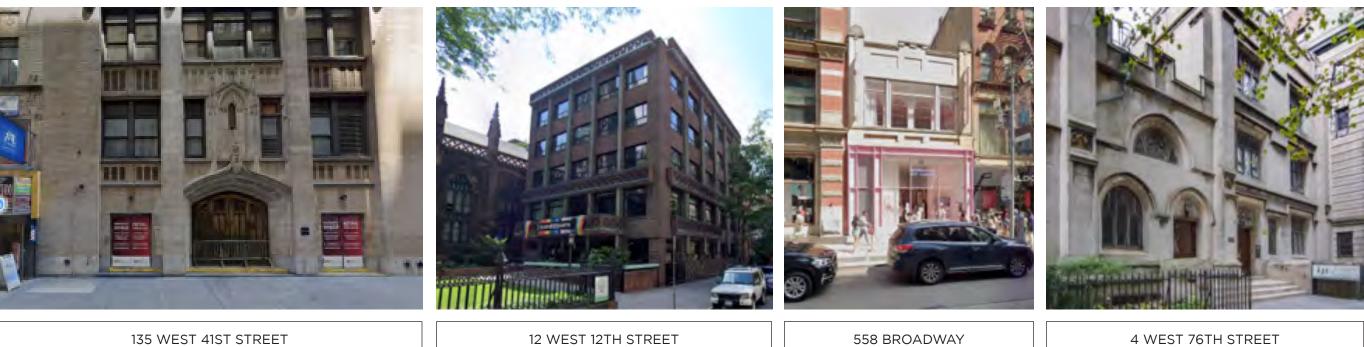
## **Base and Infill Scenarios** Comparable Community Facility and Commercial Leases



1157 LEXINGTON AVENUE

50 MONROE PLACE

417 WEST 57TH STREET



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### 215 EAST 94TH STREET

4 WEST 76TH STREET



15 WEST 86TH STREET

### **Base and Infill Scenarios**

### Income and Expenses - Exclusive of Real Estate Taxes

Potential Space Use		Base Scenario	Inf
Rentable Building Sq. Ft.		18,353	
Rent PSF		\$50.00	
PGI		\$917,650	
Less: Vacancy and Collection Loss @ %		5.0%	
Less: Vacancy and Collection Loss @ \$		(\$45,883)	
Effective Gross Income		\$871,768	
Expenses			
Insurance PSF @	\$1.00	\$18,353	
Professional Fees p/annum @	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Utilities		Tenant	
Payroll	None	\$0	
Repairs and Maintenance	Tenant	\$0	
Structural Repairs PSF @	\$0.50	\$9,177	
Management and Leasing % EGI @	6.00%	\$52,306	
Expenses BEFORE Amortized Dev Costs and	RE Taxes	\$84,836	
NOI BEFORE Amortized Dev Costs and RE Ta	ixes	\$786,932	
Less: Amortized Development Costs		(\$1,095,129)	
Net Operating Income (w/out Real Estate Taxe	s)	(\$308,197)	

### nfill Scenario

22,014 \$50.00 \$1,100,700 5.0% (\$55,035) **\$1,045,665** 

\$22,014 \$5,000 Tenant \$0 \$0 \$11,007 \$62,740 **\$100,761** 

**\$944,904** (\$1,142,114) (**\$197,210**) **Base and Infill Scenarios Depreciation Calculation Renovation Costs** 

### **Annual Depreciation Allowance for Renovation:**

2% of Total Costs, plus the valuation of the improvements

### **Total Costs:**

\$49,774,153 plus an estimated \$100 per sq foot for tenant fit-out for a total of \$51,609,453

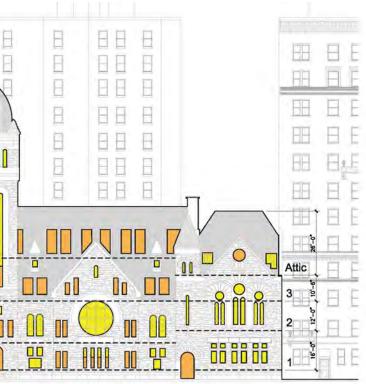
### Valuation of the Improvements:

Equivalent to the improvement assessment of \$3,147,000

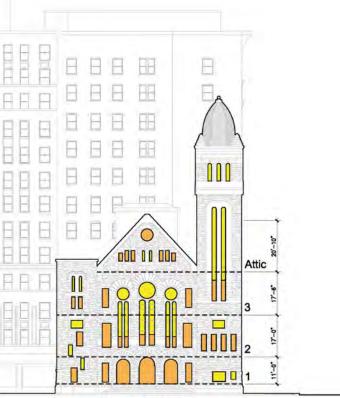
Depreciated Development Cost Calculation					
Scenario	Base	Infill			
Assessed Value of Subj Building Exclusive of Land (full market value)	\$3,147,000	\$3,146,996			
Projected Renovation Cost (full cost)	\$51,609,453	\$53,958,710			
Total	\$54,756,453	\$57,105,705			
Depreciation @ 2.0%	\$1,095,129	\$1,142,114			

# <u>Multi-Family Scenario</u> Overview of Comparable Data

- The Multi-Family conversion is proposed to be comprised of 20 units spread over the ground floor, second floor, third floor and attic
- The unit mix is comprised of Five (5) studio units Three (3) one-bedroom units Two (2) two-bedroom units Five (5) two-bedroom + den units Five (5) three-bedroom units
- This analysis references market studies prepared by Douglas Elliman and CoStar
- We researched comparable rentals for buildings deemed competitive for the proposed project in the Upper West Side relying on renovated elevator buildings



SOUTH ELEVATION



### WEST ELEVATION



Legal Windows with limited openings

Proposed New Wind

-- Floors

# <u>Multi-Family Scenario</u> Overview of Comparable Data

	Statistical Summary of Rent Projection			
Unit	<b># of</b>	Min	Max	
Туре	Units	Rent	Rent	Avg Rent
Studio	5	\$3,300	\$3,900	\$3,580
1	3	\$4,250	\$4,700	\$4,517
2	2	\$6,200	\$6,400	\$6,300
2+Den	5	\$6,500	\$7,400	\$7,060
3	5	\$7,500	\$12,000	\$9,280
Totals	20			\$6,288

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# Avg Rent PSF \$70.54 \$65.61 \$69.74 \$73.97 \$77.75 **\$73.21**

# **Multi-Family Scenario**

# Income and Expenses - Exclusive of Real Estate Taxes

Potential Space Use		Multi-Family
Rentable Residential Sq. Ft.		20,613
Total # Residential Units	p/ Mo.	20
Potential Gross Income - Apartments	\$6,288	\$1,509,000
Potential Gross Income - Amenity and misc income	\$200	\$48,000
Total Potential Gross Income	\$1,557,000	
Less: Vacancy and Collection Loss @ %	4.0%	
Less: Vacancy and Collection Loss @ \$		(\$60,360)
Effective Gross Income		\$1,496,640
Per Unit / Mo.		\$6,236
Per RSF - Annual		\$72.61
Expenses	p/unit	Annual
Insurance Per Unit @	\$1,000	\$20,000
Utilities Per Unit @	\$1,500	\$30,000
Payroll p/annum @	\$5,000	\$100,000
Turnover and Cleaning Per Unit @ \$1,000		\$20,000
Service Contracts (elevator, virtual doorman)	\$12,500	
Professional Fees p/annum @	\$7,500	
Misc. and amenity operating expenses	\$10,000	
Management and Leasing % EGI @ 5.00%		\$74,832
Expenses Before Amortized Dev Costs and RE Ta	xes	\$274,832
Expenses Per Unit/Month - Before Dev. Costs and	\$13,742	
OpEx Ratio - Before Dev. Costs and RET		18.36%
NOI BEFORE Amortized Dev Costs and RE Taxes		\$1,221,808
Less: Amortized Development Costs	(\$1,271,114)	
Net Operating Income (w/out Real Estate Taxes)		(\$49,306)



<u>Multi-Family Scenario</u> Depreciation Calculation Renovation Costs

Annual Depreciation Allowance for Renovation:
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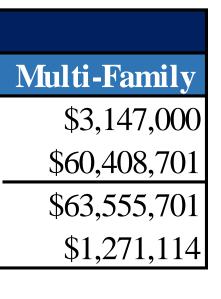
# Total Costs:

\$60,408,701 for residential conversion costs

## Valuation of the improvements:

Equivalent to the improvement assessment of \$3,147,000

Depreciated Development Cost Calculation		
Scenario		
Assessed Value of Subj Building Exclusive of Land (full mark	et value)	
Projected Renovation Cost (full cost)		
Total		
Annual Depreciation @	2.0%	



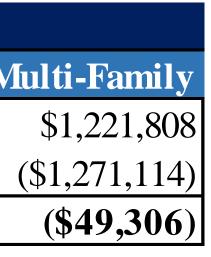
# Summary of Conclusions

Due to the lack of positive net incomes, the reasonable return analysis is unable to be completed. In all three (3) scenarios, there is no positive return, and do not meet the Reasonable Return threshold, as defined in N.Y.C. Admin. Code § 25-302.

A Reasonable Return, as defined, **can not be achieved** in any of the scenarios. A summary of the conclusions is presented below:

<b>INCOME APPROACH SUMMARY</b>				
Scenario	Base	Infill	N	
Net Operating Income - Subtotal	\$786,932	\$944,904		
Less: Depreciated Costs	(\$1,095,129)	(\$1,142,114)		
Net Operating Income	(\$308,197)	(\$197,210)		

\*We note that the above Net Operating Income does not include any real estate taxes as an expense.



# **Proposed Building**

	Block	1217	
	Lot	1	
	Zoning	C1-5	
	Lot Area 1	10,157	
35-21	Residential bulk set	by residentia	l equivalent
35-22	Residential Equivalents		
	C1-5 = R10A		
	Bulk regulations set	: by 23-66 but	modified by 35-65
		FAR	ZFA
23-153	Residential	10	101,570
33-123	Community Facility	10	101,570
33-121	Commercial	2	20,314
35-651	Street Wall Location	า	
(b)	Regs for wide street	ts	
(1)	Street wall located on the street line		
	Extend for the entir	e street line u	p to minimum base height
	Corner articulation	permitted wit	hin 15' from corner
(2)	Above 15' or First Story whichever is less, 30% of street wall no greater than 10' so long as it complies as an outer court		
35-652	Maximum Height of Buildings and Setback Regulations		
(a)	Height and setback set by 23-662		
23-662	Min Base Height	125'	
	Max Base Height	150'	
	Max Building Heigh	t 210'	
35-652	Wide Street Setback	k 10'	
74-711	Landmark preserva	tion in all distr	ricts



## **ZONING SUMMARY**



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PRELIMINARY MASSING STUDY

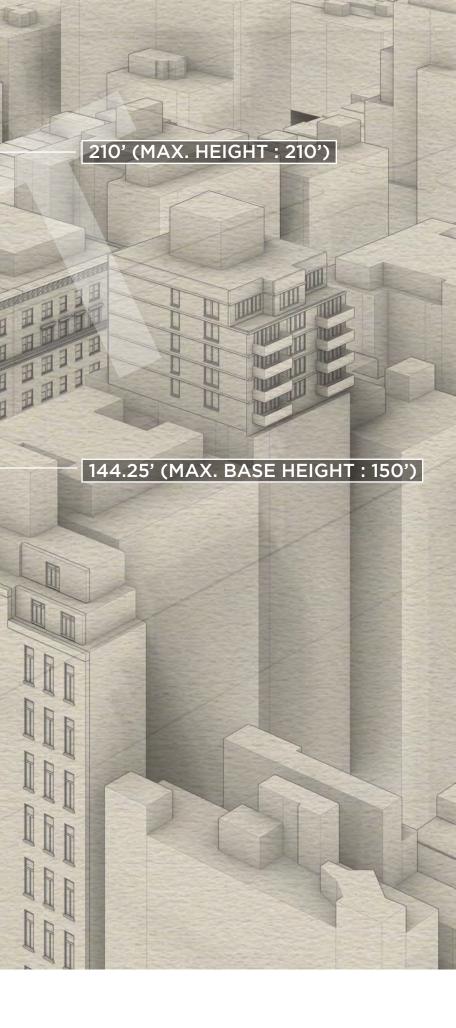
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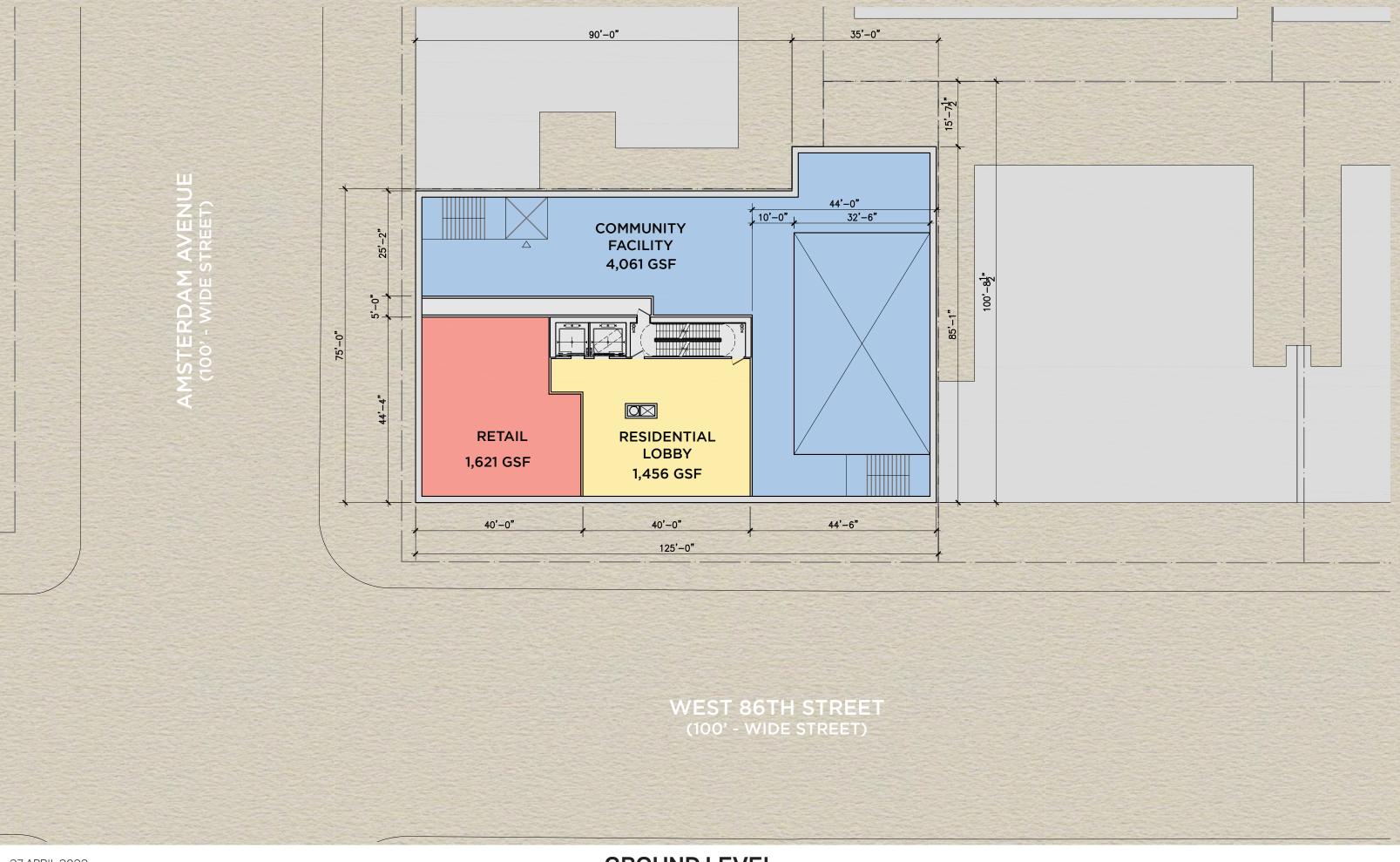
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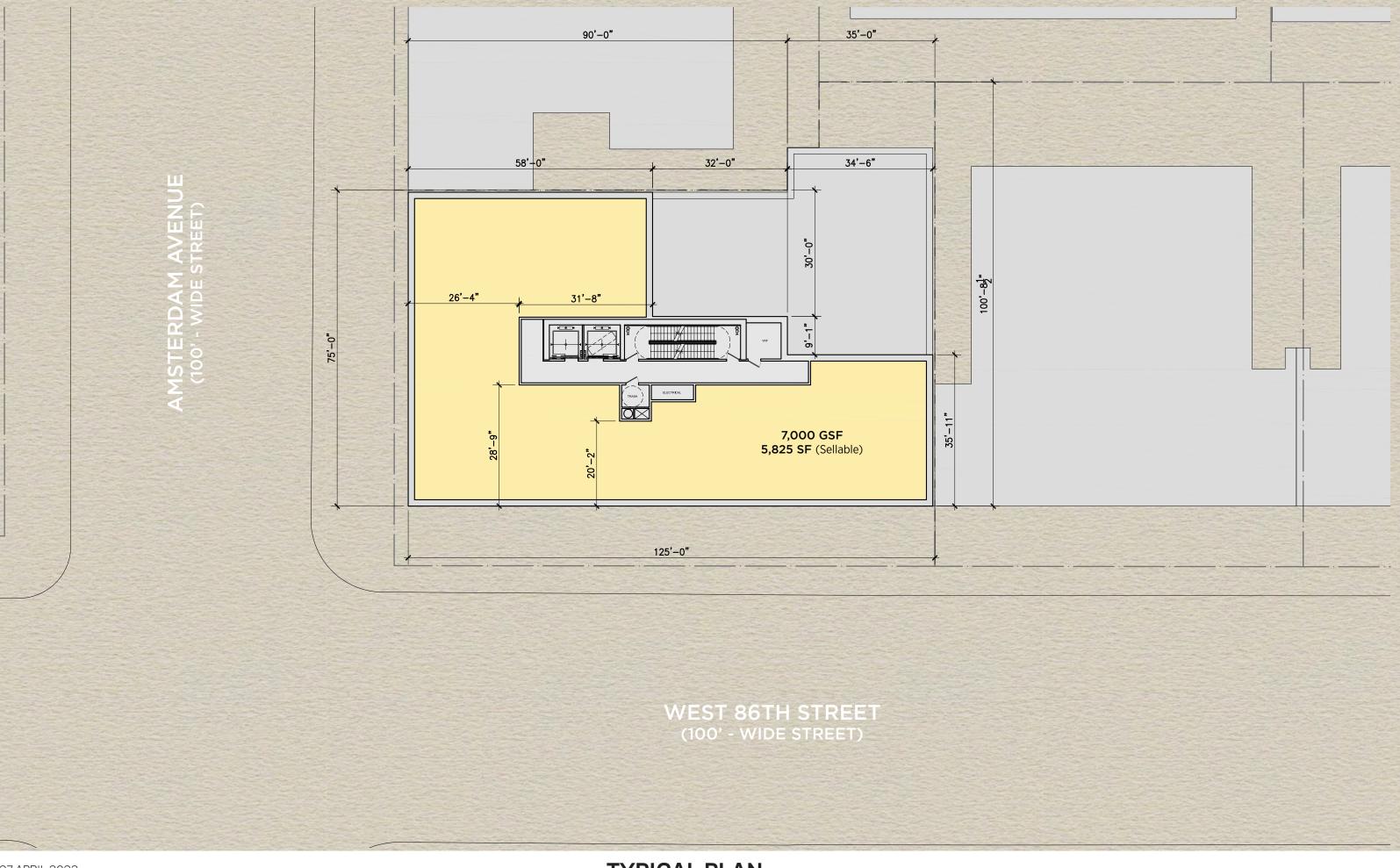
### PRELIMINARY MASSING STUDY VIEW LOOKING NORTH EAST



### PRELIMINARY MASSING STUDY WEST 86TH STREET



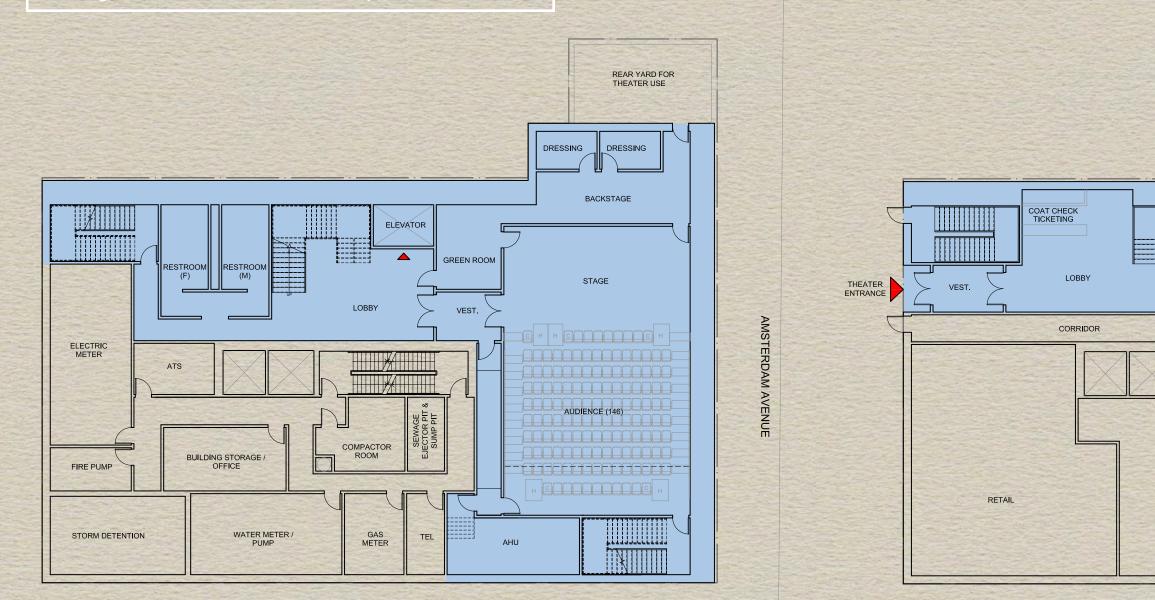
**GROUND LEVEL** 



## **TYPICAL PLAN**

## BLACK BOX THEATER (SEATING CAPACITY: 146)

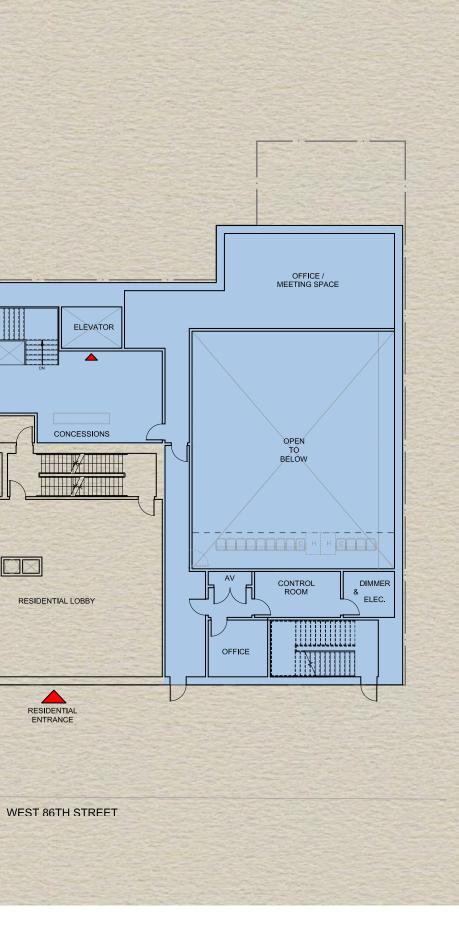
General Note: plans are preliminary and conceptual in nature and are subject to change. In addition, eventual structural elements, including columns are not shown on these plans.



**CELLAR: 6,099 SF** 

**GROUND FLOOR: 4,100 SF** 

WEST PARK CHURCH AUDITORIUM / THEATER



# WPPC COMMUNITY CENTER

## LOBBY VIEW



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## WEST PARK CHURCH AUDITORIUM / THEATER

Discussion & Questions

AppendixA. Building HistoryB. Prior Development & Fundraising C. Partial Demolition Alternatives

West Park Church History \*

- Park Presbyterian Church designed by Leopold Eidlitz was constructed at 84th St. 1853: & 11th Avenue. The wooden church was vacated in 1884 and subsequently demolished.
- The Church purchased five lots at the corner of 86th Street and 10th Avenue (now 1883: Amsterdam)
- 1884: The Church constructed a brick and stone Chapel on West 86th Street designed by Leopold Eidlitz
- 1889-90: The Church constructed the Sanctuary and renovated the Chapel to match. The Sanctuary and renovated Chapel were designed in the Romanesque Revival Style by Henry Kilborn at an estimated cost of \$100,000. The building was constructed out of red sandstone. The Sanctuary had 900 seats.

\* West Park Presbyterian Church Designation Report (LP-2338)

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- West Park Presbyterian Church was formed in 1911 when Park Presbyterian 1911: Church merged with West Presbyterian Church.
- 2001: A Sidewalk Shed was erected to protect pedestrians from the unsafe façade conditions.
- West Park Presbyterian Church was designated as an individual landmark. The 2010: congregation, numbering fewer than 100 members at the time, opposed designation.
- 2017: The Church is unable to pay for a Pastor and reduces its staff.
- The Center for West Park, a non-profit community performing arts center leased 2018: the Church for a performing arts center. The Church retained an office.
- 2020: Seeing no other options, the leadership of the Church votes to sell the Building.
- 2020: The Presbytery of New York establishes the West Park Administrative Commission to oversee the sale of the Church (12/1/20).

# **Pre-Designation (2010):**

- 2004: The Church entered in discussions with Related Companies to demolish the building and construct a new apartment building with Church space. This project was not pursued.
- Friends of West Park, a non-profit developed an alternative plan to develop new 2004: community facility within the Church's exterior walls. This plan required a complete removal of the existing roof. Funding for this plan never materialized.
- 2005-8: The Church entered into a development scheme with Richmond Housing Resources that would have preserved the Sanctuary but replaced the Chapel with a residential tower. The project was abandoned due to the financial market and the impending designation of the Church.

**Post-Designation (2011 to Present) :** 

- The Church raised funds for a new boiler that would 2011: enable the Church to be inhabited.
- 2011: Council member Gale Brewer raised \$35,000.
- 2011: The Church engaged Cushman and Wakefield to locate a long-term tenant or buyer for the building which proved unsuccessful
- 2011: The Landmarks Conservancy contributed \$15,000 in grants for roof repairs.
- The Church sold a manse (minister's residence) at 124 West 93rd Street 2013: \$1,355,00 and utilized proceeds for repairs.



- The Center at West Park was incorporated and began operating in the Church in 2016: 2017. From 2017-2019, the Center has paid the church about \$85,000 in rent and raised approximately \$150,000, which was used to cover operating deficits and make minor repairs to the building.
- 2018: The Center received a \$12,500 grant from the Landmarks Conservancy to prepare a master plan for the restoration of the church.
- 2021-22: The Church received \$100,000 in emergency loans from the Presbytery to cover 2022 operating and building repair costs.

# Residential Conversion and Partial Demolition Alternatives

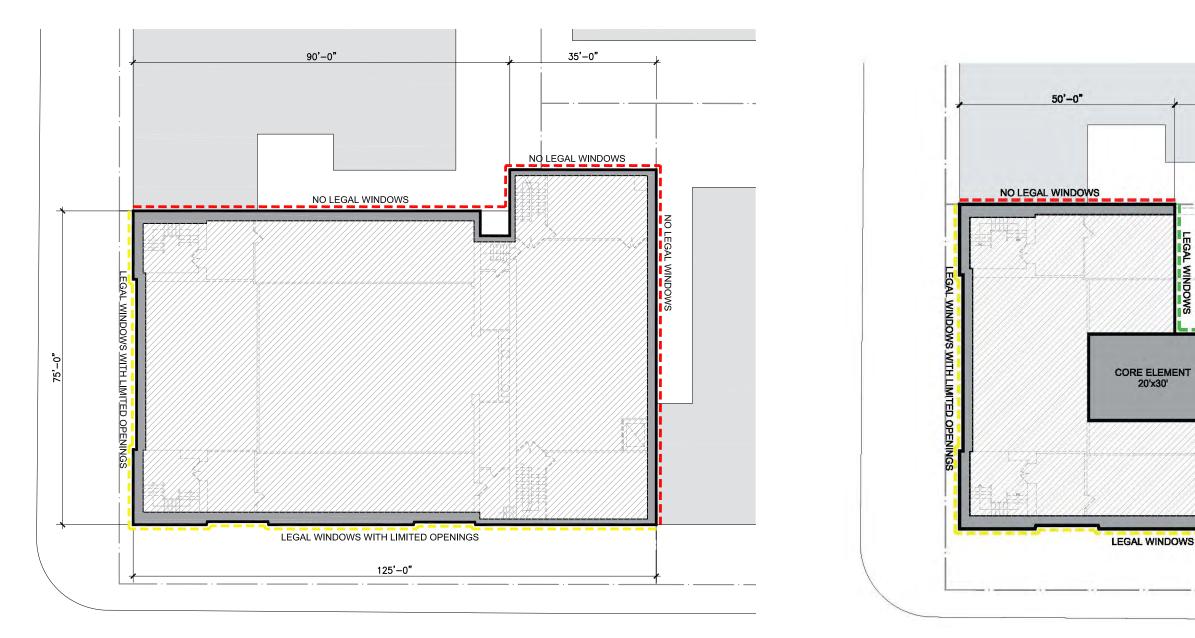
# Scenario 1

Convert existing buildings to residential use

# Scenario 2 **Demolition Parish House** Construct new residential building Renovate Sanctuary as community facility

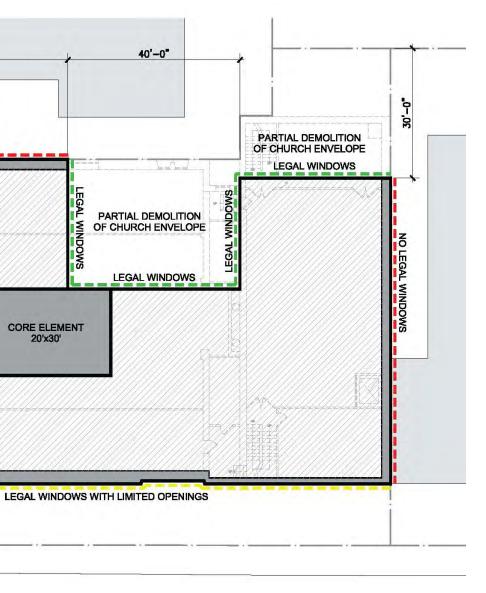
## Scenario 1

- The existing facade will most likely need to be completely replaced.
- Existing internal structure to be replaced with new fireproof concrete structure.
- Four new floors added to align with existing windows.
- Existing windows make up roughly 10% of building's facade and are irregularly spaced. Contemporary residential buildings are typically in the 40% range.
- It is unlikely that LPC would approve the addition of new windows.
- Existing stained glass to be replaced with clear.
- Sub-par resulting floor area with almost no existing fabric remaining.

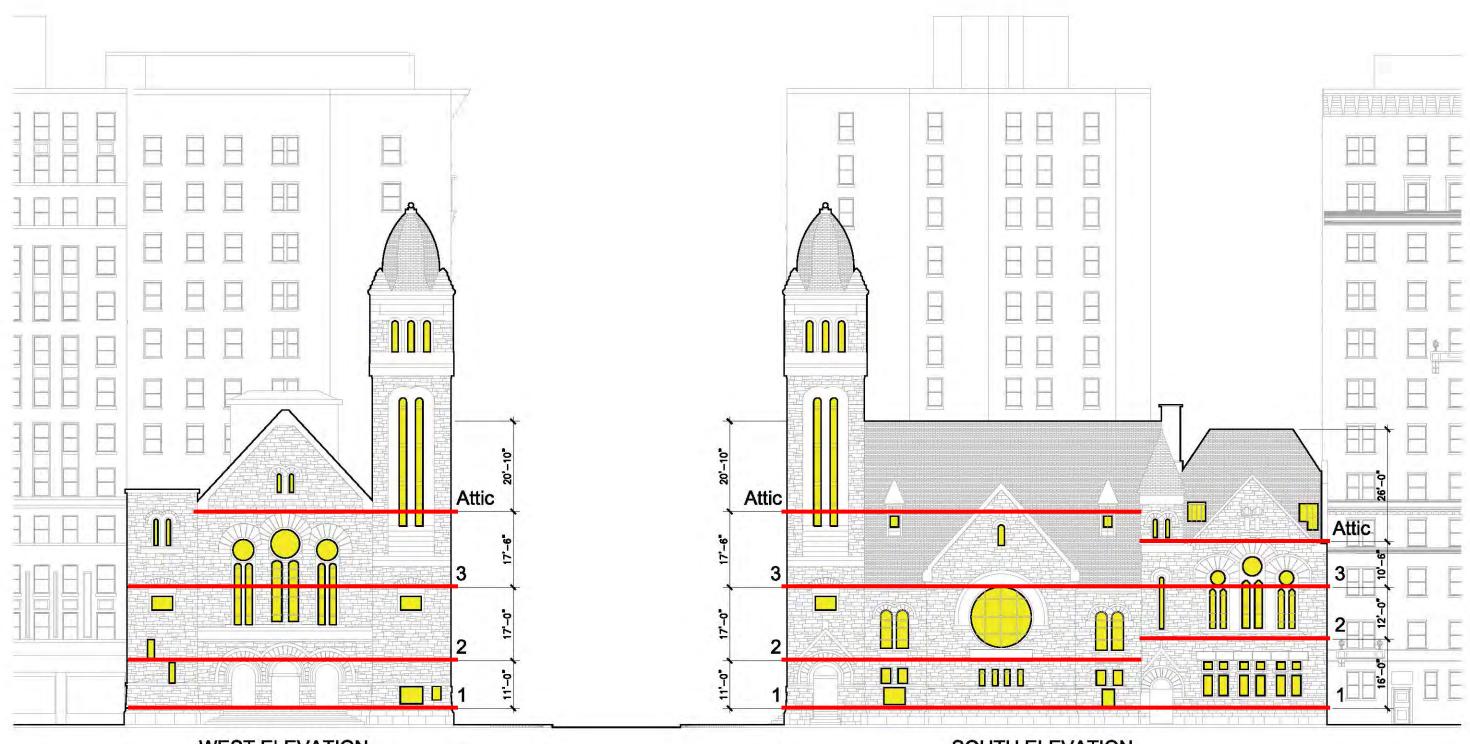


Plan showing extent of "Legal Windows"

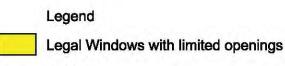
## Scenario 1 Legal Light & Air Considerations



Plan with Required Courts and Yards



### WEST ELEVATION



---- Floors

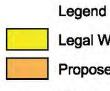
SOUTH ELEVATION

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Scenario 1 Existing Fenestration & Proposed New Floors



### WEST ELEVATION



Legal Windows with limited openings

**Proposed New Windows** 

---- Floors

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Scenario 1 Existing & Proposed New Fenestration & Proposed New Floors

## Scenario 2

- Parish House demolished.
- New residential building constructed in its place and cantilevers over sanctuary.
- Sanctuary renovated and used as a community facility.
- New residential building would be costly and complex to construct and would yield small, inefficient floor plans.
- The Existing facade will most likely need to be completely replaced.
- Utilizes only a quarter of the site's allowable area.





