



## CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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**IN THE MATTER OF** a communication dated November 8, 2007, from the Executive Director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding the landmark designation of the Gillett-Tyler House, 103 Circle Road (Block 866, Lot 377), by the Landmarks Preservation Commission on April 10, 2007 (Designation List No. 397/LP-2231), Borough of Staten Island, Community District 2.

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Pursuant to Section 3020.8(b) of the New York City Charter, the City Planning Commission shall submit to the City Council a report with respect to the relation of any designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, whether a historic district or a landmark to the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements and any plans for the development, growth, improvement, or renewal of the area involved.

On April 10, 2007, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) designated the Gillett-Tyler House located at 103 Circle Road (Block 866 Lot 377) an individual landmark and landmark site. The property is located in a R1-1 zoning district, with a lot area of approximately 25,000 square feet, 85 feet of frontage on Circle Road.

The Gillett-Tyler House is an early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Greek Revival style two-story frame house located at 103 Circle Road in the Todt Hill section of Staten Island. The house was built in 1846 and originally located in Enfield, Massachusetts. Enfield was located along the Swift River and designated to be completely flooded for the Quabbin Reservoir, a man-made water supply to serve the City of Boston. All structures in Enfield had to be moved, razed or destroyed. Builder Charles Wade, who had a business moving historic homes, was commissioned to move and rebuild the house on Staten Island in 1931.

Although the architect of the original house is unknown, Staten Island architect James Whitford,

Sr., designed the one and one-half story subordinate addition in 1932. This addition matches the style of the original section of the house. An enclosed sun porch was added to the back of the house between 1986 and 1993. Notable design features include a slate-shingled, low-pitched, hipped roof, a historic ell, and a recessed entry porch flanked by sidelights and two fluted Ionic columns.

The landmark site is located in the R1-1 zoning district. Transfer of development rights is not permitted for landmark sites located in R1-1 zoning districts.

The subject landmark designation does not conflict with the Zoning Resolution, projected public improvements or any plans for development, growth, improvement, or renewal in the vicinity of the landmark.

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