



SEVEN TO SAVE

RAISING THE VISIBILITY OF LOCAL PRESERVATION CHALLENGES



Current Condition



Proposed New Construction



In 2009, the Preservation League of New York State is using its annual listing of endangered places, Seven to Save, to support and enhance the year-long commemoration of the voyages of Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton and Samuel de Champlain.

The 2009 Seven to Save List gives voice to seven disparate sites which illustrate the heroic saga of the exploration and settlement of the Hudson and Champlain valleys.

Historic South Street Seaport

LOCATION:

New York City

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Tin Building: 1907

New Market Building:
1939

LANDMARK STATUS:

Local, State and National Register Historic District, New Market Building just outside of district boundaries but National-Register eligible

THREAT:

Demolition; loss of context

HISTORY AND QUADRICENTENNIAL CONNECTION:

The South Street Seaport and Fulton Market is linked to Robert Fulton and his ferry to Brooklyn, and illustrates the theme of commerce along the Hudson River and associated waterways, including the East River. The Tin Building, which once housed the Fulton Fish Market, was built across the street from the Fulton Market building across the FDR expressway. These two buildings continue to speak to one another and one can still easily travel from one site to the other. The New Market Building has been determined eligible for the State and National Register.

HOW THE LEAGUE IS HELPING:

A developer had proposed an out-of-scale project which required demolition of the National Register-eligible New Market Building and the relocation of the Tin Building. While this proposal has been backburnered, it demonstrates the threat future development poses to this important historic district and the need for better, more cohesive waterfront planning in New York City.

Publicity surrounding the Seven to Save listing will assist local groups with their advocacy efforts. The League's involvement will also call attention to the statewide significance of the South Street Seaport and the need for careful planning within and stewardship of this historic district.

The Preservation League is a statewide not-for-profit organization based in Albany.
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