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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Justification for Extension

The Paulus Hook Historic District, a well-preserved 19th century urban neighborhood, is characterized by residential buildings and several fine institutional and commercial buildings. From the late 1830s through the mid-1890s, two to three-story brick rowhouses were the predominant building Between the 1880s and early 1900s the district expanded to include four to five-story tenements of a late Italianate design, and institutional buildings such as churches, schools, banks, offices and a Beaux Arts style post office. The northern boundary of the original Paulus Hook Historic District runs east-west along Montgomery Street from the southeast corner of Washington Street to Warren Street; along York Street between Warren and Van Vorst Street; and behind the properties on the north side of Grand Street between Van Vorst and Henderson Streets. This northern boundary was established because of the modern high-rises on Montgomery Street that clearly mark a later stage of residential development. However, the existing boundary unnecessarily omits the south side of York Street which is comprised of eight buildings consistent with the historical and architectural composition of the district. In fact, Our Lady of Czestochova Parochial School at the corner of Henderson and York Streets is part of a building complex with church and rectory facing Grand Street, situated within the existing district boundaries. While the north side of York Street between Van Vorst and Henderson Streets consists of a parking lot and modern high rise construction, inclusion of the south side would be a logical and appropriate extension to the Paulus Hook Historic District.

Description of Extension

The extension to the Paulus Hook Historic District proposes to move the northern boundary between Henderson and Van Vorst Streets northward one-half block, thereby also slightly readjusting the western boundaries at Henderson and at Van Vorst between York Street and the existing northern boundary.

By moving this boundary northward to York Street, it forms a continuous east-west line with the boundary between Warren and Van Vorst Streets and adds eight contributing buildings and one open lot to the inventory of the district.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture architecture art commerce communications		g landscape architectur law literature military music	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation
Specific dates	NA	Builder/Architect	Various	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The purpose of this nomination is to extend the northern boundary of the existing Paulus Hook National Register Historic District. The same developmental and architectural history presented in the original nomination applies to this one block extension. Excluding the single open lot, the eight properties along the south side of York Street between Henderson and Van Vorst represent the same building types, styles, and periods of the contiguous streetscapes. This south side block of residential, commercial, and institutional buildings more accurately marks the division between the Paulus Hook Historic District and the modern high rise apartments to the north.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See original Paulus Hook Historic District nomination.

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PROPERTY OWNERS LIST - EXTENSION, PAULUS HOOK HISTORIC DISTRICT

OWNER	BLOCK 167 PROPERTY (S)
177 York Street Corporation c/o C. and M. Torres 177 York Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07302	177 York Street Lot 14
Church of Our Lady of Czestochova 120 Sussex Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07302	240-246 Henderson Street Lot J1 175 York Street Lot 15 173 York Street Lot 17
Architectural Hardware Inc. 171 1/2 York Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07302	171 1/2 York Street Lot 17
N.J Grassoa and M.A. Carattini 186 Kensington Avenue Jersey City, New Jersey 07302	169-171 York Street Lot 18
Joseph and Irene Schasny 167 York Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07302	167 York Street Lot 20
E. and F. and G. Marchica 165 York Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07302	165 York Street Lot 21
Erika Hollstein 163 1/2 York Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07302	163 1/2 York Street Lot 22

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Property Owners List (Continued)

163 York Street Associates 77 State Highway 5 Edgewater, New Jersey 07302

163 York Street Lot 23

REAF Enterprises 50 Washington Avenue South Norwalk, Conn.

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239-245 Van Vorst Street Lot 24 A

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Description of Buildings

Where applicable buildings will be labeled type A, B, C as per the original nomination. Note: Building types are not limited to the time frame

Type A - Greek Revival Vernacular Rowhouses - late 1830s to 1850

Type B - Italianate Vernacular Rowhouses - 1850s to 1870s

Type C - Italianate Vernacular Tenement - 1880 - 1900

NORTHERN HALF OF BLOCK 167

LOT 24A

245 Van Vorst Street - 1911

Located at the corner of Van Vorst and York Streets is a five and one-half story iron pyrate yellow brick apartment house with an excavated basement. Jersey City architect George W. Von Arx designed the C-shaped, neo-classical style building in 1911. Neo-classical stylistic references are seen elsewhere in the district, namely in the post office (1913), 69 Montgomery, St. Peter's Junior Prep School (1913), 128 Grand Street, and Garden State National Bank (between 1909 and 1919), 75 Montgomery.

LOT 23

163 York Street - circa 1873

Type C. This four - story, three - register brick structure with a basement has stone belt courses at the stone lintels and sills of each window, striating the building with straight and jagged lines. The double-hung windows once had multi-sash upper lights.

LOT 22

163A York Street - circa 1890

Type B. This is a three-story, three-register brick building with a basement. The otherwise typical facade features beltcourses and a dentillated cornice.

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LOT 21

165 York Street - circa 1890

Type B. Built with its neighbor, number 167, this three-story, three-register brick rowhouse with basement has a parapet with corbelled brick detail that extends across both buildings.

LOT 20

167 York Street - circa 1890

Type B. Built with its neighbor, number 165, this three-story, three-register brick rowhouse with basement has a parapet with corbelled brick detail that extends across both buildings.

LOT 18

169-71 York Street - circa 1921

The upper floor of this two-story brick garage with parapet appears as it did in a 1937 photograph. First floor windows have since been filled in and doors altered.

LOTS 17, 16, 15

171 1/2 - 73 - 75 York Street - Vacant

LOT 14

177 York Street - circa 1880

Type C. The Italianate tenement also has a first floor commercial shopfront which in 1937 was occupied by Louis C. Hommel, Plumbing. Compared to the other buildings of this type in the district, this one is ornately articulated with double grooved belt courses, incised brownstone lintels, pressed brick frieze, and double bracketed cornice.

LOT J1

240-46 Henderson - built 1929

Our Lady of Czestochova Parochial School is attached to the church that fronts Grand Street and is already included in the district. The building is a typical academic style building of the 1920s with English Medieval stylistic references. Its main entrance is located along Henderson Street.

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Boundary Description

The northern boundary extension to the Paulus Hook Historic District begins at a point on the center line of Henderson Street 160 feet north of the intersection of the center line of Henderson and center line of Grand Street and proceeds in a northerly direction 140 feet to the center line of York Street. From there it proceeds in an easterly direction for a distance of 490 feet to the center line of Van Vorst Street where it meets the existing northern boundary between Van Vorst and Warren Street.