

## **Brief Guide to Map Resources**

**Atlases.** The Hagstrom *New York City 5 Borough Street Atlas*, published in 2001, provides current, detailed street maps of the five boroughs. *Manhattan Block by Block: a Street Atlas* by John Tauranac is dated 2000 and offers neighborhood maps along with information on points of interest. *Atlas of City Property*, from the Department of City Planning, includes individual maps by borough and Community District that pinpoint the location of city-owned facilities such as public schools, police stations, etc. Holdings cover 1990 to 2002, though the *Atlas* is published sporadically.

**Map files.** There is a collection of historical map files in the City Hall Library. These include maps of election and assembly districts, police precincts, streets and highways, etc. Please note that this collection is not comprehensive and many of these materials are fragile. Election, Assembly, Senate and other historic maps may be found on aperture cards. The range of dates is generally from 1872 to 1954 but varies by type of map and borough. Consult Library staff for further assistance.

**City agencies.** The Department of City Planning has published numerous maps over the years. *Block and Lot Maps* from the 1990 census are arranged by borough and community district. Earlier dates are not available. *New York City Census Tracts* maps from the 1980, 1990 and 2000 census are here, as well as *Council District Maps*. Publications from City Planning, Department of Health, Department of Buildings and other agencies often include

reproductions of maps related to the topic.

**Municipal Archives.** The Municipal Archives maintains a collection of Sanborn maps. These are fire insurance maps showing detailed information on building structures, street dimensions, property boundaries and more. Also located in the Archives collection are land maps that were produced by the City Register and City Collector. Contact the Municipal Archives or see [www.nyc.gov/records/html/collections/home.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/records/html/collections/home.shtml) to learn more.

**Websites.** The Department of City Planning website features land use, transportation and community district information, including some maps. This website can be accessed at [www.nyc.gov/planning](http://www.nyc.gov/planning). Check the Department of Records website at [www.nyc.gov/records/html/publications/home.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/records/html/publications/home.shtml) for current city agency publications in electronic format which may include relevant maps.