



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS  
City Clerk

August 4, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of 19 Kenton Road Jamaica Plain, MA.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on July 8, 2025 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on July 10, 2025.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (August 10, 2025), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully

Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk

cc Elizabeth Sherva, Director  
Boston Landmarks Commission

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE  
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**


**PROPERTY:** 19 Kenton Road, Jamaica Plain (Boston), MA

**STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:**

As described in the section titled "Standards and Criteria" included in the study report for the subject property.

**APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:**

Date approved: 7/8/2025

Signature:   
(Secretary to the Commission)

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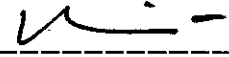
**PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:**

Date: JUL 09 2025

**DECISION OF THE MAYOR:**

☒ Approved    ☐ Disapproved

Date: 7/10/2025

Signature:   
(Mayor)

**(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY THE MAYOR:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City Clerk)

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**PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Date: AUG - 4 2025

**DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**

☐ Approved    ☐ Disapproved

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City Clerk)

**(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY CITY COUNCIL:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City Clerk)



City of Boston  
Historic Preservation



City of Boston  
Mayor Michelle Wu

The Honorable Michelle Wu  
Mayor of the City of Boston  
Boston City Hall  
Boston, MA 02201

July 9, 2025

**RE: Petition #292.24 – 19 Kenton Road, Jamaica Plain**

Dear Mayor Wu:

On July 8, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate 19 Kenton Road in Jamaica Plain as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

Kenton Road is a short, tree-lined street ending in a cul-de-sac that features a mix of mid-to late-nineteenth century architectural styles, including Italianate, Greek Revival, Second Empire, and Colonial Revival. The house at 19 Kenton Road is a historic anchor of this architecturally distinctive enclave which has seen little change or intrusion. 19 Kenton Road was built on land belonging to prominent Boston businessman and real estate developer Isaac Harris Cary, who was particularly influential in developing the Stony Brook area of Jamaica Plain.

The house at 19 Kenton Road was constructed on the cusp of a major period of transition for Jamaica Plain which was ushered in by the arrival of the omnibus, horse-drawn streetcars, and the expansion of the railroad. The house is significant as a surviving example of a detached two-family dwelling built for investment purposes from the early period of Jamaica Plain's transformation from farming and resort community to streetcar suburb. It is one of the earliest houses in the area.

19 Kenton Road is architecturally significant as an early example of the Italianate style in Boston, having been constructed sometime between 1843 and 1856. It has Italianate detailing featured on a front-gabled form that was popularized by the earlier Greek Revival style. The front-gable subtype comprises about 10 percent of surviving examples of Italianate architecture.

The intent of this designation is not to oppose infill on the site or increased density in the neighborhood, but to ensure that the historical and architectural character of this neighborhood is retained during the accommodation of any new housing construction. The proposed designation would still allow for interior renovation of the existing house and for new housing units to be built on the lot, which is unusually wide.



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The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of 19 Kenton Road in Jamaica Plain as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva  
Executive Director  
Boston Landmarks Commission

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BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**PROPERTY:** 19 Kenton Road, Jamaica Plain (Boston), MA

**VOTED:** That on July 8, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates 19 Kenton Road in Jamaica Plain as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

**VOTING IN FAVOR:**

John Amodeo  
David Berarducci  
John Freeman

Jeffrey Gonyeau  
Jeffrey Heyne  
Kirsten Hoffman

Felicia Jacques  
Senam Kumahia  
Brad Walker

**VOTING IN OPPOSITION:**

None.

**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:**

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According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor approves the designation, they sign and date the provided signature page. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they return the signature page to the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva  
Executive Director  
Boston Landmarks Commission

**GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:**

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 19 Kenton Road, Jamaica Plain, parcel number 1102859000.