



This inappropriate porch was added where none existed. The same effect could have been achieved for less expense with awnings and street furniture.



Porches are very rare in Troy's historic districts. So preserving their original features is especially important.

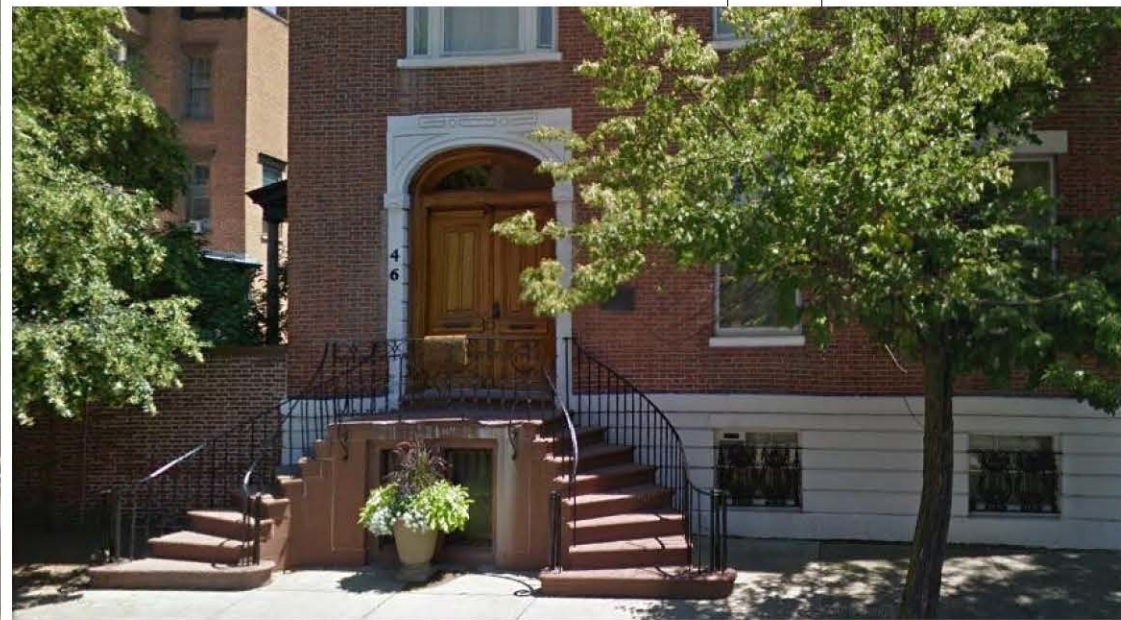
Porches and Stoops

Porches are less common than stoops because wood structures are less common than masonry in Troy's downtown districts.

Because porch and stoops suffer a lot of weather and traffic they tend to require maintenance more often than other building components. This makes them vulnerable to inappropriate alterations. So it is rare to see an original porch that is well preserved.

Troy is lucky to have several wood porch that are still true to their architectural origins.

Masonry stoops are much more common in Troy. But stoops are anything but routine. Every one has unique qualities that celebrate the architectural style and technology of their time, and the skill of their builders.

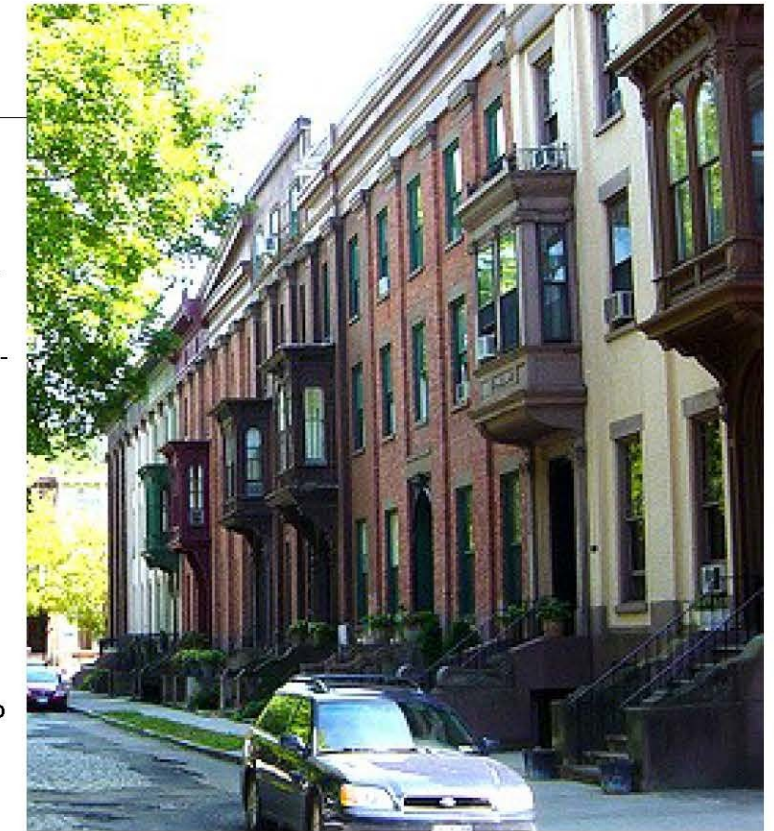


Brownstone stoops can be simple or elaborate. Most have unique cast or wrought iron railings and balusters.

APPROPRIATE TREATMENT GUIDE

All repairs and replacement are subject to HRC review. Submit photos of your property with you application review. Reviewers can help you in determining whether repair or replacement is appropriate.

- Porches should be repaired or replaced using like materials.
- Retain or restore existing wood porch trim
- The use of pressure-treated wood is not appropriate except in ground contact applications
- Rear porch and decks are not subject to review if they are out of public view
- See the sections on Sandstone Masonry for repairs to sandstone stoops
- See the section on Cast and Wrought Iron for repairs to original iron railings



The rhythm of these brownstone stoops is an important feature of the historic streetscape.



Porches are more commonly a feature of wood structures than of masonry ones. And not many wood structures remain in Troy's historic districts.