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HISTORIC HOUSE TRUST AND MORRIS-JUMEL MANSION CELEBRATE FUNDING FOR RESTORATION PROJECT AT MANHATTAN'S OLDEST SURVIVING HOUSE

New York, NY: The Historic House Trust of New York City ("HHT") announced today a new design and construction project at the Morris-Jumel Mansion Museum, located in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan. The goal of this \$2.7M project is to address areas of deterioration on the building's exterior, complete a roof restoration, and provide universal access to the first floor of the museum with an ADA-compliant entry and restroom facilities. Consultants Page Ayres Cowley Architecture, LLC and the HHT Capital team are overseeing the project through the design phase.

The project coincides with some major initiatives already underway by Morris-Jumel Mansion, Inc., the non-profit partner that manages the museum. "As a community cultural anchor, the completion of this project will complement our work to showcase the architecture of the building and the museum's collection of fine and decorative arts, and will provide a platform for the delivery of more inclusive content and programming to our ever-expanding audiences." said Shiloh Holley, Executive Director of Morris-Jumel Mansion.

"This project will bring Manhattan's oldest surviving house into the 21st century by renovating the landmarked building's exterior and improving accessibility," said NYC Parks Commissioner Gabrielle Fialkoff. "We are happy to partner with the Historic House Trust to improve Morris-Jumel Mansion, thanks to funding from Mayor Bill de Blasio, Borough President Gale Brewer, and Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, and we're grateful to HHT and Morris-Jumel Mansion for their advocacy and ongoing work to recenter the site's historical narrative."

The Morris-Jumel Mansion (1765) is a historic site that has witnessed the evolution of Uptown from rural countryside to a dynamic multicultural community. The Morris-Jumel Mansion preserves, collects, and interprets history, culture, and the arts to explore inclusive narratives that engage and inspire diverse audiences. The museum empowers audiences to create relevant contemporary connections to the histories of the Mansion, its collections, the land, and its people, past and present.

In partnership with the NYC Parks, the <u>Historic House Trust of New York City</u>, advocates for, promotes, and provides expertise to preserve 23 publicly owned historic sites located throughout New York City's five boroughs.