## Restoration of the Mackay Estate Gate Lodge

- The Mackay Estate Gate Lodge is currently undergoing restoration by the Village of East Hills with the assistance of the Roslyn Landmark Society.
- The Mackay Estate Gate Lodge is architecturally significant as a representative example of a country estate building and of the country estate architecture of Stanford White of the firm of McKim, Mead & White, one of the most prestigious architects active in America at the turn of the century.
- Designed in 1899 and built in 1900-1902 as a component of Clarence Mackay's Harbor Hill Estate, the 2,000-square-foot gate lodge is an important survivor from the period when much of Long Island was developed with great estates.
- The Harbor Hill estate was one of the most extensive and most significant built on Long Island during the period, at the turn of the century, when large country estates were being established by some of America's wealthiest families. The country home of the estate was demolished in 1947 while the 512-acre Harbor Hill estate was sold in the late 1950s and became the Country Estates housing development.
- The gate lodge is especially interesting because it was designed as a miniature version of the main house, identifying the location and architectural grandeur of the private estate from the public road. Both the main house and the gate lodge were designed in French Baroque style with stone walls and steep roof slopes. Its style and sophisticated but understated design set the stage for the entire estate design and layout.
- On April 12, 1991, the Mackay Estate Gate Lodge was listed on the New York State and National Register of Historic Places. From approximately 1970 to 2008, the Mackay Estate Gate Lodge was used as the Country Estates Swim Club. The Mackay Estate Gate Lodge and surrounding 3.2-acre property was sold to a property developer in 2009. On September 3, 2017, the Village of East Hills acquired the Mackay Estate Gate Lodge.
- With the assistance of future funding grants, the vision is to return the gate lodge to the way it looked in 1902 including: repairing the slate roof, gutters and gates, cleaning the limestone walls, new landscaping and installing a roof clock.





