## Washington Square Arch New York City

**Size** NA

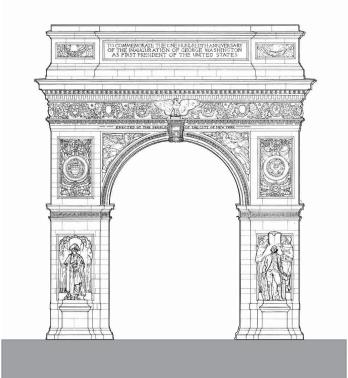
**Major Programmatic Elements** Restoration and Exterior Lighting of Historic Structure

**Cost** 1,500,000

Nature of Firm's Responsibilities Architectural /Engineering Design Historic Restoration Contract Documents Lighting Construction supervision

**Owner** New York City Department of Parks and Recreation

Date of Completion 2004





Washington Square Arch Detail



George Washington Commander Sculpture

Elevation of the Washington Square Arch

Washington Square arch, in New York's Washington Square Park was first erected in wood in 1889 for the centennial celebration of George Washington's inauguration. Designed by Stanford White of McKim Mead & White, permanent construction was completed in 1895. After over a century, deterioration of the Arch and its sculptural elements has mandated a comprehensive reconstruction and stabilization effort to insure its continued survival.

Our task includes the complete conservation and restoration of marble, stone and brick masonry, accompanied by a comprehensive structural analysis of the entire Arch. Of major importance is the restoration of the interior Guastavino stairs that provide access to all spaces within the Arch. In addition, we have provided an overall lighting scheme for the Arch, and site improvements that include drainage, paving and fencing.

Square Arch is of major historic and architectural significance and is one of New York's most treasured Landmarks.