

Synopsis of Landscape Architects Design Objectives

Competitors are asked to note:

The Hanover Square designs shall be reviewed by the NYC Parks Dept., NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission, the local Community Board, and other agencies and organizations deemed necessary.

Design a garden that reflects all the best elements of British gardens and landscape design. *A truly British garden, drawing from the many wonderful elements of the historic gardens and stately homes of Britain, with perhaps the integration of planters, benches, and native plants and flowers, that could thrive in New York, to add to the British flavor and authenticity.*

Consider that on various occasions (such as Remembrance Day), large gatherings must be accommodated in the square.

The plan should incorporate the sidewalks in front of India House and to the east across Pearl Street, and north across Hanover Street. These sidewalks are not part of the city park, but shall be incorporated in the design.

Consider circulation throughout the square.

Provide for the comfort of the people using the square from the local area -- include benches (approximately 30), lighting, a drinking fountain, and telephones.

Provide space for a proposed monument, which is to be by a British artist and selected by competition. It is also proposed that the De Peyster monument will be moved to the north end of the square or another suitable location.

A water feature should be a component of the design.

Repaving the entire square is part of the program. The selection of material and pattern should be part of the scheme presented, including the curbing.

Flagpoles to display UK & USA flags should be considered in the design.

Iron railings should be considered in the design to separate the planting from the traffic, and to provide a British ambience. An element of the design should pay homage to British 9/11 victims.