



Litchfield Villa Restoration
Prospect Park
Brooklyn, NY 11233

NYC / Parks & Recreation
Owner

Paradise Construction
General Contractor



Built in 1857, this landmark building, which now houses the Brooklyn headquarters for City of New York/Parks & Recreation, was designed by Alexander Jackson Davis, the foremost American architect of his day, for Railway magnate Edwin Clark Litchfield. With its dramatic cylindrical turrets, columned porches and skylit cupola, it is a stunning example of mid-19th century romantic Italian architecture.

Paradise Construction completed an approximately \$1-million exterior restoration of Litchfield Villa, including replacement and new structural reinforcement for the severely deteriorated roof, restoration/replacement of balusters, cleaning and rehabilitation of brickwork and masonry, and restoration of the columned porches that encircle the south end of the villa.

Special care was taken to protect and preserve the rich history and character of Litchfield Villa's 19th-century brickwork, using only techniques approved for historic façade restoration, matching the color and texture of the original mortar.



*(top) Litchfield Villa in 1963;
(bottom) columns are an American order, featuring corn and wheat motifs.*



Paradise's craftsmen cleaned the façade carefully to avoid damaging the structure, using gentle water pressure and a minimum of chemical cleansers.