This map includes over 150 postwar buildings, landscapes, and infrastructures built in Manhattan between 1930 and 1980. Some of them are already designated as New York City Landmarks. The majority, recognized by local and national preservation organizations as significant, have not been yet been singled out for protection in a formal designation process.

Twelve buildings, marked by letters A through L and not yet landmarked, deserve special attention for their aesthetic or historical interest as exemplars of twentieth-century design.

The sites on the map are numbered and indexed from north to south, and within that system, from west to east.