

URBAN D.C. Inc.

Building Restoration ~ Contractors & Engineers

Project

**Sheffield Farms Milk Co.
Manhattanville, NY**

Scope of Work

Terra cotta restoration

Brickwork

Concrete

Professionals

**NYC Department of
Design & Construction**

**Wiss Janney Elstner
Associates, Inc.**

**York Hunter
City Services, Inc.**



Photos, clockwise from top left: Completed installation of the former architectural elements from the Sheffield Farms Milk Company. Detail of terra cotta cow head being restored by an Urban D.C. technician. Historical photograph depicting early mode of transport of freshly bottled milk. Urban D.C.'s in-house crew prepares the garden wall for the installation.

Many New Yorkers never had opportunity to pass the 1906 milky-white glazed terra cotta Sheffield Farms Milk Company. If they had they would have remembered the whimsical terra cotta cow head brackets that supported the cornice. There were also the milk bottle motifs on the headers of the arched entryways that were built for the passage of the "milk buggies." These horse drawn carriages received their morning supply of freshly bottled milk, for delivery to neighboring towns.

When the NYC Department of Design and Construction (in collaboration with the former York Hunter) demolished the plant to make way for the construction of a half-way house for young women, they salvaged these thematic terra cotta ornaments. Specialty contractor Urban D.C.'s in-house crew was asked to restore these enchanting icons of dairy history. Urban D.C. mounted the newly restored architectural elements to the new facilities' rear garden wall. The wall was erected for the purpose of paying homage to the bygone era of milk bottling and the building that once stood there.