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COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2023 VIA WEBEX

PUBLIC HEARING

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested a roll call. The roll was called at 6:09 PM there were 31 Members present sufficient to call the hearing to order.

AGENDA:

- 1. PRESENTATION: CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy Inform both the Board and community members about the opportunity to participate in one of their upcoming focus groups. As a reminder, this project is funded by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a response to their racial equity initiatives and interest in segregation that occurs in healthcare settings. We are in the process of coordinating focus group meetings in the coming weeks for everyday New Yorkers that will help us develop the best plan going forward for improving healthcare access. We are currently scheduling focus group meetings 7 days a week with morning, afternoon, and evening availability to accommodate New Yorkers'schedules. Upon completion, participants will receive \$40 as a token of our appreciation for their time. Presenters: Samantha L. Weckesser, Ph.D. Student, Community Health and Health Policy Project Coordinator Health Equity and Access to Care Project (HEAC) and Diana Romero, Community Health and Health (HEAC).
- 2. <u>PRESENTATION: NYC Department Sanitation (DSNY)</u>— Update and Summarize the DSNY published final rules that change waste set out time for residential and commercial properties beginning April 1st. Presenter: Teresa Cunnigham, Executive Officer Bureau of



Community Affairs, NYC Department of Sanitation.

- 3. <u>PRESENTATION: 136 Franklin Street Brooklyn, New York 11222</u> The scope of work includes Propose Enlargement (Rear Addition) of the Existing 1st Floor Commercial Space (UG 6 Mercantile store). The Change of use/ Occupancy of the 1st Floor is Approved Under DOB#B0078604-I1 and LPC-23-01907. We have also filed our LPC application for the Enlargement under current LPC Docket # 23-04875. Presenter: Christian Moran Kushner Studios, Architecture + Design, P.C.
- 4. <u>PRESENTATION: Newtown Creek Superfund Project Update</u> -Environmental Protection Agency to update the board and the community on the status of the Newtown Creek Superfund site during a combined board hearing and meeting. Presenters: Caroline Kwan, Remedial Project Manager, U.S Environmental Protection Agency Superfund, and Emergency Management Division Special Projects Branch. Referred by Mr. Stephen Chesler, Chair of the Environmental Protection Committee.
- 5. <u>PRESENTATION: Elsewhere LLC, dba Elsewhere, 599 Johnson Avenue-</u> Alteration Application, liquor, wine, beer, cider, cabaret. The Applicant came to the SLA meeting, the SLA Review & DCA committee recommended presenting to the full board due to the large capacity of 1600 people and the change of hours of their outdoor space from 2 am to 4 am. Referred by Mr. Arthur Dybanowski, SLA Review & DCA Committee Chair. Presenter: Mr. Dhruv Chopra, Pesetsky & Bookman.
- 6. <u>PRESENTATION: Av Marceau LLC, DBA TBD, 110 Kent Avenue</u>- New Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest. The restaurant is planning on 236 seats over two floors, 160 on the ground floor and 77 in the basement. Referred by Mr. Arthur Dybanowski, SLA Review & DCA Committee Chair. Presenter: Mr. Dirk McCall de Paloma.
- 7. <u>LIQUOR LICENSES:</u> Chairperson Ms. Fuller asked all to review the listing and provide comments. There were no comments at this time, and the items were referred to the SLA Review & DCA Committee for review.

NEW

- 1. 23 Meadow Street LLC, dba The monarch, 23 Meadow Street, (Alteration, liquor, wine, beer, cider, cabaret, Musical or other Entertainment with 600 or more patron capacity)
- 2. 96 Wythe Food Co LLC & (an entity to be formed at a later date as co-licensee), dba TBD, 96 Wythe Avenue, (New Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest, Hotel)
- 3. 292 Grand Inc., dba M Shanghai, 292 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest, rest)
- 4. 292 N8 Owner LLC and Penny Hotel Manager North 8th Street LLC, dba TBD, 292 North 8th Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 5. 549 Noodle Inc., dba M Noodle Shop, 549 Metropolitan Avenue, (New Application,

- liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 6. 759 Richard's Corp, 759 Grand Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider)
- 7. Ammazza Corp. dba AmmazzaCaffe, 702 Grand Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8. Ako Bedford Inc., dba Enso Sushi, 117 Berry Street, (Liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 9. Aura Cocina & Bar Inc., Dba Aura, 315 Meserole Street, (Corporate Change liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Grand Morelos Corp, 727 Grand Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider) Previously approved for Full liquor license. The applicant wants to downgrade to a "Beer and Wine, License.
- 11. Koureli Brooklyn LLC, dba TBD, 35 Commercial Street Unit 2, (New Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 12. Lora Sports Bar Corp, 163 Marcy Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 13. Mayu Restaurant Inc, dba Warique Garden, 181 Graham Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 14. Omakase Shota LLC, 50 South 3rd Street, (New, Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 15. Orbenval LLC, dba TBD, 364 Bedford Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 16. Taqueria La Nortena Corp, 668 Manhattan Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider)
- 17. Zero Ichi Inc, dba Okozushi, 376 R Graham Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider, bar, and tavern

RENEWAL

- 1. 74 Wythe Ave Tenant LLC, 74 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest) 160 Havemeyer Street Corp, dba Blue Collar, 160 Havemeyer Street-Store 2, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 2. Brooklyn Bowl, 61-77 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, beer, cider, cabaret)
- 3. BKLN Garden LLC, dba Freehold, 41, 43, 45 South 3rd Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 4. Brooklyn Flea LLC, 90 Kent Avenue, #1210 East River State Park, (Renewal Liquor, wine, beer, cider)
- 5. Brooklyn Lantern Inc. and Box House Events, Inc, dba The Box House, Brooklyn Lantern, 77 Box Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, Hotel)
- 6. Bklyn Slovak American Citizen Club Inc., 619 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor wine, beer, cider, social club)
- 7. Casper JR Corp, dba Fornino -The Art & Science of Pizza, 849 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8. Cyclops Forever LLC, dba Achilles Heel, 180 West Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)

- 9. Crow and Chick LLC, dba Lighthouse, 145 Borinquen Pl, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Facility Concession Services Inc., dba Spectrum Catering and Concessions, 319 Frost Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 11. Fette Sau LLC, 354 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, restaurant)
- 12. Frost Restaurant Inc, 193 Frost Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 13. Graham Avenue Restaurant Co Inc., dba Tom & Joan's Whisky Bar, 437 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 14. Gertie Restaurant LLC, dba Gertie, 58 Marcy Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 15. Great Lakes Public LLC, dba Lake Street, 706 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 16. Golden Monkey Magic Inc., 145 Borinquen Place, Suite B, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 17. Green Bottle LLC, dba Broken Land, 105 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 18. Greenpoint Hospitality Management Group Inc., dba The Henry Norman Hotel, 233 Norman Street aka 251 North Henry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, hotel)
- 19. Idle Hour Tavern, 623 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 20. Madre Hospitality Inc., dba Franklin Guesthouse Madre,214 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, Hotel)
- 21. Migdalia Gomez, dba La Guira Restaurant, 580 Broadway, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 22. Momo Sushi Inc., 43 Bogart Street Unit B, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 23. MP Syndicate 1 LLC, dba Maison Premiere, 298 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 24. Mr. Jimbo Corporation, dba El Santo Taqueria, 1053 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 25. New Noorms Corp, dba Blinky's, 609 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 26. Pizzette LLC, 191 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 27. Saint Anselm Inc., 355 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 28. South of Heaven LLC, dba Diamond Lil, 179 Nassau Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 29. St Vidas Inc., dba St Vidas, 1120 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 30. Zuppanyc LLC, dba Reunion Café, 544 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

BOARD MEETING

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairperson Ms. Fuller called for a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL - Chairperson Fuller requested a roll call, Ms. Sonia Iglesias called the roll 34 members and answered the call. Sufficient quorum to conduct the Board meeting.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u> – Mr. Stephen Chesler made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sonia Iglesias the motion was carried unanimously.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u> -Rabbi David Niederman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023, the motion was seconded by Mr. William Vega. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

(Reserved for the Public's expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) NOTE --- All persons who wish to speak during this portion of the meeting must: Register (by 2 P.M.) using the link: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/brooklyncb1/meetings/speaker-request-form.page. Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes [time permitting.] (No questions will be entertained. Speakers are requested to submit their testimony in writing)

- 1. Ms. Konstancja Malezynska-North Brooklyn Park Alliance information DOT's BQE outreach and upcoming Meetings.
- 2. Ms. Lauren Comito- Branch Manager- Update Public Library -Leonard Branch

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>VETERAN AFFAIRS</u>- Mr. Giovanni D'Amato, Chair gave a quick update. The committee met in middle of June it was their 1st meeting after a couple of years. They had a quorum. Mr. D'Amato is working with Mr. Caponegro and his committee. They are planning to do some work with the parks department to identify some of the memorials in the markers that need some help. They will try to get volunteers to help with the cleanup along with Mary from Parks Department. Ms. Joanna from the office reached out to the Veterans Affairs department for the city and working on getting someone to come to the next meeting so that the committee could get some information out to the different vet groups that are in the community. The next meeting will be on Webex, on Monday February 27th.

<u>PARKS & WATERFRONT – Mr. Phil Caponegro, Chair the</u> meeting was held 24th of January. They did not have a Quorum, but the committee did make 3 recommendations:

1. To rename the basketball courts at Cooper Park in honor of Taurean Spears; he was a local community resident who did a lot of volunteer work with young people in the community. There was 8 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

Mr. Caponegro requested a motion to approve the committee's recommendation. Ms. Trina McKeever made a motion to approve it was seconded by Steve Chesler. Ms. Trina McKeever clarified it was the Frost Playground.

The vote was as follows: 31 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" The Motion carried.

2. Mr. Phil Caponegro requested a motion to send a letter to Parks Department regarding the Frost playground and it's neglected state. The recommendation is for the Parks Department to find Capital Funds to improve the Frost Playground.

Ms. Julia Amanda Foster made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Vega

The vote was as follows: 31 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" The Motion carried.

3. Last item Mr. Caponegro requested a motion to ask Parks Department to find a working design and to purchase wheelchair accessible swings to be placed in all CB1 and all NYC playgrounds.

The vote was as follows: 31 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" The Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE – Mr.Stephen Chesler, Committee Chair (see the attached) 1st item was State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Modification for Construction Dewatering to be completed at 470 Kent Avenue. Developer presentation, Mr. Chesler explained that the Wallabout Channel waterfront site is a mixed-use development project that will include a large volume of residential units. It is currently working through a Volunteer Brownfield Cleanup Program, #C224053, which NYSDEC presented to the committee last year. This SPDES modification permit application is requesting an increase in wastewater discharge into the channel, from 576,000 gallons/day to 2.0M gallons/day, and an increase in the radius of influence from 35 feet to 50 feet. The wastewater will continue to be treated onsite by passing through a settling tank and a granulated carbon filter before release into the channel. Prime pollutants in the water are petroleum derived volatile organic compounds including BTEX chemicals. In addition to continuing to discharge wastewater into existing CSO outfall #NC-013, the applicant will create a new outfall that will support an onsite site stormwater management system after construction. Both outfalls will relieve pressure from the DEP municipal sewer system.

State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Modification for Temporary Construction Dewatering Activities to be completed at 11 West Street. Developer presentation, Q&A. Letter & draft permit attached.

The presenter was Ariel Czemerinski, Engineer at AMC Engineering, and on hand was Linda Alexander, liaison for site developers M & H Realty. The applicant is in the process of developing on a large scale, four residential buildings on this site bordered by Quay Street, West Street, Oak Street and the East River. Two buildings are completed. The dewatering that is taking place is in preparation for construction of buildings A and D. Their current SPDES permit is expiring. They are looking to renew this permit, but modified to reflect a much lower volume of wastewater discharge, from approximately 576K gallons/day to approximately 63K

gallons/day to adjust to site conditions. Wastewater will continue to be treated on site before being discharged into the East River through an existing manhole. Katie D. Horowitz brought up past and current site issues with overwhelming truck traffic and sanitation, strewn garbage, and debris in the street in front of the construction fence. Leslie Alexander responded that the developers are very willing to improve upon the movement of trucks during the next phases of construction and will work with contractors and subcontractors regarding this, but suggested the board reach out to DSNY regarding sanitation issues as the source is not necessarily from their site.

Mr. Chesler requested a motion to approve the committee's recommendation to approve SPDES Permit Modification for 470 Kent Ave and 11 West Street.

Mr. Vega made a motion to approve it, the motion was seconded by Mr. Eric Bruzaitis.

The vote was as follows: 30"YES" 0"NO" 0 "ABSTENTIONS" Motion carried.

The second item was The U. S. Army Corps of engineers. Farmers management draft plan. Mr. Chesler stated that on November, 29th of last year, the army corps presented their plan to try to protect our neighborhood from future storm surge. They predicted it will get much worse over the coming years, decades, and the rest of the century. There was a follow up hearing to get input from

Board members, committee members and the general public, and from that, we drafted plan. Their plan calls for Installing a 400-foot-wide storm surge gate across Newtown creek near battery park will eventually be and there'll be what's called infrastructure from that point C, walls, flood walls and levies. Some of those walls that correct the council member respectively, 17 feet tall um, all along the shoreline cutting through down barge park and putting a levy through transmitter park. And then sending a flood wall up pinpoint avenue to West Street. Um, so. There was a written response submitted this it's 15 pages, Mr. Chesler stated that he wasn't going to read it but that everyone should take a look at it. He summarized by stating that the response provided a history of Newtown creek. The industrial legacy, the pollution legacy, and its current state, Super 1 site, and the situation with CSOs. And then do the same thing for the green point waterfront, just the history, the rezoning of the neighborhood and the progress, waterfront parks and waterfront public access areas. But not, there's potentially supposed to connect with a critical community benefit that was negotiated in that rezoning. So, it's very important baseline. And because essentially that people embrace idea that we've got to protect the neighborhood. From neutron creek flooding during future storm searches for the most polluted waterway in the United States and so we welcome the plan. Eradicating that flooding as much as possible, but we have a lot of issues with the design and the gate will permanently close off 2 thirds of the creek. The gate itself will only be 130 feet wide. We're worried about title flow being inhibited that title flow helps clean out the creek, especially during rainstorms when the 13 CSOs jump incredible amounts of raw sewage into the waterways.

Mr. Chesler was worried about induced flooding. An induced flooding the gate close, if there's enormous amount of rain it will cause flooding behind the wall and worry about that along the, the short the flood wall along great point, for a long green point as well. And downstream in the areas that are not protected. And that's a key part of the for our response is noting what. The areas that won't have any infrastructure mainly push to get into the park and

while about channel those areas flooded extensively during Hurricane Sandy, and it predicted to be worse. Environmental justice areas, so we're really point out that those areas really need to be addressed as well. The key thing is that we want a better design. It's really kind of a brute force approach in implementing a wall of this type. He Believes that a lot of these waterfront spaces have already been designed with elevation built into them and the parks are elevated.

The Army Corps was encouraging the communities to provide those types of details. The main key things going forward is that a task force, or a community advisor group be formed to work out the details, the planning, and the construction over time to really work out those details and get them right. The document goes into detail in that history, analysis, and concern. Mr. Chesler gave a shout out to committee members, board members and the public who came and offered their input and their energy. And a special shout out to Mr. Willis Elkins, the executive director of new tech clients who provided some important insight about create an CSOs and what to think about.

He noted that this response will go to the Army Corps of engineer project managers and the Nonfederal partners, Department of Environmental Conservation, the state level in the city's mayor's office climate, environmental justice, and then it's going to go to all our elected officials state senators, Congress, women, state, reps, city reps.

Ms. Trina McKeever commented that everyone should read the amazing document that Mr. Steve Chesler put together and thank him for all the work he has done.

Mr. Chesler added a keynote that Ms. McKeever made is that if we look at it as an opportunity, we know we must deal with this problem, with climate and sea level rise in these increasing the storm surge.

Also, to note is the flooding that happens, in addition to storm surge. The regular crazy rain events, you know, there's flooding. I know we noted that in the document. There are parts of the district that floods during just somewhat major rainstorm and then, you know, ground water, the ground water at sea level rises river, the groundwater and that's causing flooding. It's coming into people's basements. And so that's really urged them to take that into account. To help the city and the state, solve those problems as well.

Mr. Chesler requested a motion to approve the report as written to send a response to Army Corp and others regarding the Storm Risk Management Plan for Newtown Creek.

Mr. Bruzaitis made a motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega.

The vote was as follows: 30 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" Motion carried.

The Third item was the committee's recommendation: submitting a letter to the BSA reporting FDNY's acknowledgement that the department lacks experience in extinguishing fires from

large scale battery storage units containing a very high volume of lithium battery cells, and based on this,

the board reiterates its strong opposition to the proposed installation of BSS on the roof the residential building located at 315 Berry Street in Brooklyn.

Ms. Julia Amanda Foster made a motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega.

The vote was as follows: 29 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" Motion carried.

Land Use, ULURP & LANDMARKS (SUBCOMMITTEE) COMMITTEE – Ms. Del Teague Chair, (See the attached report) Ms. Del Teague wanted to let everyone know that city planning got some funding to do a couple of studies that affect CB1. They can explore storm, water, flooding, climate, change resiliency in the public realm and it doesn't involve any kind of construction. They haven't even really laid out the specific geographical area. But it will be studying Flushing Avenue Carter appears that there was a body of water under there originally and so there's still a lot of flooding. They also assured us that they are going to be involved in the Army Corps of engineers, Stonewall plans, and they seem to indicate that they were going to align with us and saying that those huge storm walls that the Army Corps. Is suggesting is not in line with our vision for how we want our water to be. In addition, that we had decided to study the Bush development plan, which was a very comprehensive, great plan. It was not accepted by the city, but there was a lot in it really that was in line with the kinds of conditions and policies we've been pushing for. Councilmembers Gutierrez suggested that we compile our conditions and put them in a list and try talking about possibly adding the conditions. To our rezoning questionnaires, it's time for those questionnaires to be updated anyway so, this is a good time; we're going to be doing that: we're going to be compiling. Some of the committee members are going to have informal discussions with the housing nonprofits just to get a sense. Unofficially of how they think we're doing with respect to the affordability and the open space and community facilities that we're supposed to have. And then down the road we're going to meet with the nonprofits and with the elected officials explore what we've gotten. What we were promised and

<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>- Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Chair had a few items to vote on First, a street naming request for the corner of Driggs Avenue and Sutton Street in Honor of Platoon Sergeant John E. Hojnacki. he was a casualty of the invasion of Okinawa during World War 2. There's a group in Staten Island that works with school kids to keep the heroes that we've lost alive in the memories of our kids, and this is part of that project. Mr. Hojnacki grew up on certain street. He still has some distant family in the neighborhood.

strategy for effectively pushing the city and the state to make good on those promises.

Mr. Bruzaitis requested a motion to approve the committee's recommendation for the conaming of the corner of Driggs Avenue and Sutton in honor of Platoon Sergeant John E. Hojnacki. Mr. Caponegro made a motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega.

The vote was as follows: 29 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" Motion carried.

The second item was a discussion on the district needs statement it got a little muddled. Because all last year the committee talked about updating the district needs for transportation. They tried to put it on the agenda for the regular meeting, but because of all the chaos on the agenda items, it didn't happen. So, Mr. Bruzaitis suggested that they asked the chair to form a subcommittee for transportation, to address the district needs, that would meet between now, and let's say June before the regular board adjourns for the summer, um, it was the sense that the committee, um, that that was a good idea. There were, 2 committee members that did not agree with that that proposal. But it did pass. However, all committees are at the discretion of the chair and so it was strictly a sense of the committee that we thought it was important impanel a sub-committee. He mentioned that he listens in the Executive committee and heard some misrepresentations. Mr. Bruzaitis wanted to clarify that the committee knows the importance, and there is a lot of capital improvements they need to happen with transportation. Mr. Bruzaitis mentioned that he Heard when Chairperson Fuller suggested they have a working group to look at the Capital needs assessment. Furthermore. If they wanted to do a working group, they need to do it separate from the transportation committee to get into the weeds on these issues. He did emphasize that the Transportation committee also voted on asking to create the Subcommittee.

Ms. Del Teague explained to Mr. Bruzaitis that the Executive Committee is supportive of the idea of a working group.

The third item for Transportation was a recommendation to Community Board 1 to send its standard inquiry letter to NYPD Highway Patrol, 90th Precinct XO Vasquez District Attorney Gonzales, with copies to Borough President Reynoso; Council Member Gutierrez and NYC DOT Borough Commissioner Bray, as to the state of the investigation for the traffic fatality involving a moped and a truck at the intersection of Grand St. and Graham Ave on December 28th, 2022.

Mr. Bruzaitis requested a motion.

Ms. McKeever made a motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vega.

The vote was as follows: 27 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" motion carried.

Last item was a recommendation to Community Board 1 to send a letter to NYC DOT Commissioner asking for a detailed explanation of the process that resulted in the removal of the Avenue of Puerto Rico along the Graham Avenue corridor.

Ms. Iris Cabrera made a motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Iglesias.

The vote was as follows: 25 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" motion carried.

HOUSING & PUBLIC HOUSING -Ms. Viera, Co-Chair, Housing and Public Housing Committee met on January 29, 2023, to discuss the outrageous rent increase. Ms. Viera requested a motion to pass a resolution opposing Kraus Increase.

Ms. Foster made a motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cabrera.

The vote was as follows: 27"YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS" motion carried.

<u>WOMEN'S ISSUES-</u> Ms. Jane Pool the Women Committee meeting was held Last month (January) Julia Salazar came to speak with the committee about the women's pavilion at Woodhull hospital. She got 3.5Million dollars to help women with essential services, prenatal general gynecological. Std testing treatments, genetic, so she's done a lot to help, and they thought it would be good to get the conversation going about what she needs there and how to support women who need those services, and it just seems like there needs to be more connection between people who need the services and further support and a lot of education.

Women swim, hours have been cut. So, the committee is trying to get a meeting among the elected officials and with the human rights commission, Councilmember Resler has been helpful. The Committee was told that the reasons for the Women swim hours changes was due to the Human rights Commission. However, the human rights commission stated it was not the case. As a result, the Women committee is trying hopefully to resolve this issue.

Another Item was neighborhood women an organization founded by Jan Peterson in the 1970's. The committee is reinvigorating the organization and is looking at what might be a good service to the community for a programming. Integrating the community, and the rise in street harassment around the community, and a lot of division in a lot of people not getting along well, and online harassment, various types of harassment and there's an organization called right to be which formerly hall aback. They teach people various types of the escalation of aggressive harassment, and many of their trainings, some are general, just street harassment by some standard intervention training, but some are customized for teenagers, and all different types of people in work bars. They train bartenders. So, the committee is looking to train a lot of different types of people throughout the community. And connect with organizations in the community, and anyone who's interested, please reach out to Ms. Jane Pool.

They are looking to do kind of a campaign in the community.

The Fourth item was a project Ms. Pool has been working on with Ms. Jane Lee. Ms. Jan Peterson has done a lot to bring women's history to the community. There's very little representation of women in history in America, Brooklyn and North Brooklyn, and so they thought about starting a pilot project to bring women's history. Everything is named after men (Bridges, Highways etc.) and look at what the committee can do in mitigating some of this lopsided representation.

Ms. Jane Lee gave a presentation, to honor women who have been there all along and working for our communities. The project proposes is an easy system of markers that can be installed in existing New York City green infrastructure without taking away the fact that they are in fact, screening infrastructure. It's more finding ways to honor people into existing green spaces.

They did a lot of research, and found that in all our public spaces, only 6% of stations nationwide include a female figure, but if you remove those, i.e., the fictional figures, like Alice

and Wonderland or lady liberty lady victory, it's only point .3% of all statues in the United States are women. it's astounding because a lot of them were the same women over. The Committee is seeking to integrate women, women's history, and women's accomplishments into sort of everyday infrastructure around us. To show the impact Different women have had In New York, 1.9% of parks, playgrounds and monuments are dedicated to women and only 7 statues directly represent women who are not fictional. Women are only just slightly over animals, which is exciting, but not significantly. Women's that should be honored for example, civil rights, civic organizer, community organizer, somebody who has a very big community impact. They started an annual award dedicated to sister Francis Crest, but those of you who don't know, she was a nun who in 1970 s really made the connection between the contaminants in the Newtown creek and the cancer clusters and she was making a lot of noise to try to do something about this, and she was shut down, she got herself hazmat suit, jumped the fences collecting samples and eventually got the attention of the Mayor and Co-founded the Department of environmental protection and later won the Congressional Medal of honor because her work was so integral to the To the Clean Water act. Francis Crest lived and died in Greenpoint just a few years ago. The community could have honored her, gotten her stories, but she is being honored now. The Women's committee welcome suggestions and ideas from the community on Site suggestions, or even, like a completely different mode of thinking about it, but they have started to come up with, different ideas of how these things could look and it could just be signs inserted in a garden scan the signed with your phone for, like, a QR code or something. That would give you a history of that person. And then ultimately, it would all be on, sort of a digital map.

People can navigate the city looking at all these different locations. And you could also kind of get an idea of things that happened in different. Neighborhoods at different times, and they could all be linked together through an app and through, like an online map. It is the committee's initiative is, but they also think this could be a model for other communities to honor people that they think are worthy of honoring, it could be veterans.

There was also the idea finding a place on the South side, finding a place near Cooper Park houses, finding a place in Greenpoint, finding a place, you know, just finding a few different places where they could have these interventions. That would really tell stories of women.

<u>PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE</u> – Ms. Salig-Husain submitted a written report that was distributed. (Attached).

<u>ELECTED OFFICIALS</u> – Shared updates on upcoming events. Called in the order of signup.

- Councilmember Lincoln Restler gave an update.
- Bruno Daniels Borough Presidents office came in to discuss the Proposal Rules. He indicated that we had a good enough time to discuss the proposal. He indicated that we could set up another time to come back. Suggestion made that we would have him back and put him on the Public Session.

- Daniel Wiley (Rep Congressmember Velazquez)
- Senator Gonzalez

OLD BUSINESS-

Ms. Mary Odomirok- wanted to Honor two women who have served our community: Irene who passed away in January and Congress Woman Maloney left office in January.

Mr. Chesler for an update on the DM position.

NEW BUSINESS- No New Business.

ADJOURNMENT- Ms. Viera made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Iglesias

Recording Secretary



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January 30, 2023

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COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING NOTICE

TO: Community Board Members and Residents

FROM: Dealice Fuller, Chairperson

RE: Scheduled Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting

(25 Members Constitute a Quorum for the Board)

Please be advised that a Combined Public Hearing and Board Meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 will be held as follows:

WHEN: TUESDAY --- FEBRUARY 7, 2023

TIME: * 6:00 PM * WHERE: VIA WEBEX

(While we cannot meet in person, we will be meeting virtually. Below are options for you to connect)

Event Address for Attendees:

https://nyccb.webex.com/nyccb/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4df56d3ce38edc1b5bdb39c37ad64e4d

Event Number: 2330 039 7734 Event Password: MkuY5k8xgw6

Audio conference: +1-646-992-2010 [New York City]

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NOTE --- All persons who wish to speak during Public Session, please see the form

(submission deadline - 2:00 PM):

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NOTE --- Elected Officials who wish to speak, please send an email to: Bk01@cb.nyc.gov

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA

- 1. PRESENTATION: CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy Inform both the Board and community members about the opportunity to participate in one of our upcoming focus groups. As a reminder, this project is funded by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a response to their racial equity initiatives and interest in segregation that occurs in healthcare settings. We are in the process of coordinating focus group meetings in the coming weeks for everyday New Yorkers that will help us develop the best plan going forward for improving healthcare access. We are currently scheduling focus group meetings 7 days a week with morning, afternoon, and evening availability to accommodate New Yorkers' schedules. Upon completion, participants will receive \$40 as a token of our appreciation for their time. Presenters: Samantha L. Weckesser, Ph.D. Student, Community Health and Health Policy Project Coordinator Health Equity and Access to Care Project (HEAC) and Diana Romero, Community Health and Health (HEAC).
- 2. **PRESENTATION: NYC Department Sanitation (DSNY)** Update and Summarize the DSNY published final rules that change waste set out time for residential and commercial properties beginning April 1st. Presenter: Teresa Cunnigham, Executive Officer Bureau of Community Affairs, NYC Department of Sanitation.
- 3. PRESENTATION: 136 Franklin Street Brooklyn, New York 11222 The scope of work includes Propose Enlargement (Rear Addition) of the Existing 1st Floor Commercial Space (UG 6 Mercantile store). The Change of use/ Occupancy of the 1st Floor is Approved Under DOB#B0078604-I1 and LPC-23-01907. We have also filed our LPC application for the Enlargement under current LPC Docket # 23-04875. Presenter: Christian Moran Kushner Studios, Architecture + Design, P.C.
- 4. <u>PRESENTATION: Newtown Creek Superfund Project Update</u> -Environmental Protection Agency to update the board and the community on the status of the Newtown Creek Superfund site during a combined board hearing and meeting. Presenters: Caroline Kwan, Remedial Project Manager, U.S Environmental Protection Agency Superfund and Emergency Management Division Special Projects Branch. Referred by Mr. Stephen Chesler, Chair of the Environmental Protection Committee.
- 5. <u>PRESENTATION: Elsewhere LLC, dba Elsewhere, 599 Johnson Avenue</u>- Alteration Application, liquor, wine, beer, cider, cabaret. The Applicant came to the SLA meeting, the SLA Review & DCA committee recommended presenting to the full board due to the large capacity of 1600 people and the change of hours of their outdoor space from 2 am to 4 am. Referred by Mr. Arthur Dybanowski, SLA Review & DCA Committee Chair. Presenter: Mr. Dhruv Chopra, Pesetsky & Bookman.
- 6. <u>PRESENTATION: Av Marceau LLC, DBA TBD, 110 Kent Avenue-</u> New Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest. The restaurant is planning on 236 seats over two floors, 160 on the ground floor and 77 in the basement. Referred by Mr. Arthur Dybanowski, SLA Review & DCA Committee Chair. Presenter: Mr. Dirk McCall de Paloma.

LIQUOR LICENSES

NEW

- 1. 23 Meadow Street LLC, dba The monarch, 23 Meadow Street, (Alteration, liquor, wine, beer, cider, cabaret, Musical or other Entertainment with 600 or more patron capacity)
- 2. 96 Wythe Food Co LLC & (an entity to be formed at a later date as co-licensee), dba TBD, 96 Wythe Avenue, (New Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest, Hotel)
- 3. 292 Grand Inc., dba M Shanghai, 292 Grand Street, (New, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest, rest)
- 4. 292 N8 Owner LLC and Penny Hotel Manager North 8th Street LLC, dba TBD, 292 North 8th Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 5. 549 Noodle Inc., dba M Noodle Shop, 549 Metropolitan Avenue, (New Application, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 6. 759 Richard's Corp, 759 Grand Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider)
- 7. Ammazza Corp. dba AmmazzaCaffe, 702 Grand Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8. Ako Bedford Inc., dba Enso Sushi, 117 Berry Street, (Liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 9. Aura Cocina & Bar Inc., Dba Aura, 315 Meserole Street, (Corporate Change liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Grand Morelos Corp, 727 Grand Street, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider) Previously approved for Full liquor license. The applicant wants to downgrade to a "Beer and Wine, License.
- 11. Koureli Brooklyn LLC, dba TBD, 35 Commercial Street Unit 2, (New Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 12. Lora Sports Bar Corp, 163 Marcy Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 13. Mayu Restaurant Inc, dba Warique Garden, 181 Graham Avenue, (Class Change, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 14. Omakase Shota LLC, 50 South 3rd Street, (New, Application, and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 15. Orbenval LLC, dba TBD, 364 Bedford Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 16. Taqueria La Nortena Corp, 668 Manhattan Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider)
- 17. Zero Ichi Inc, dba Okozushi, 376 R Graham Avenue, (New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, wine, beer, cider, bar, and tavern)

RENEWAL

- 1. 74 Wythe Ave Tenant LLC, 74 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest) 160 Havemeyer Street Corp, dba Blue Collar, 160 Havemeyer Street-Store 2, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 2. Brooklyn Bowl, 61-77 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, beer, cider, cabaret)
- 3. BKLN Garden LLC, dba Freehold, 41, 43, 45 South 3rd Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 4. Brooklyn Flea LLC, 90 Kent Avenue, #1210 East River State Park, (Renewal Liquor, wine, beer, cider)
- 5. Brooklyn Lantern Inc. and Box House Events, Inc, dba The Box House, Brooklyn Lantern, 77 Box Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, Hotel)
- 6. Bklyn Slovak American Citizen Club Inc., 619 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor wine, beer, cider, social club)
- 7. Casper JR Corp, dba Fornino -The Art & Science of Pizza, 849 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 8. Cyclops Forever LLC, dba Achilles Heel, 180 West Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 9. Crow and Chick LLC, dba Lighthouse, 145 Borinquen Pl, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Facility Concession Services Inc., dba Spectrum Catering and Concessions, 319 Frost Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 11. Fette Sau LLC, 354 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, restaurant)
- 12. Frost Restaurant Inc, 193 Frost Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 13. Graham Avenue Restaurant Co Inc., dba Tom & Joan's Whisky Bar, 437 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 14. Gertie Restaurant LLC, dba Gertie, 58 Marcy Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 15. Great Lakes Public LLC, dba Lake Street, 706 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 16. Golden Monkey Magic Inc., 145 Borinquen Place, Suite B, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 17. Green Bottle LLC, dba Broken Land, 105 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 18. Greenpoint Hospitality Management Group Inc., dba The Henry Norman Hotel, 233 Norman Street aka 251 North Henry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, hotel)
- 19. Idle Hour Tavern, 623 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 20. Madre Hospitality Inc., dba Franklin Guesthouse Madre,214 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, Hotel)
- 21. Migdalia Gomez, dba La Guira Restaurant, 580 Broadway, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 22. Momo Sushi Inc., 43 Bogart Street Unit B, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 23. MP Syndicate 1 LLC, dba Maison Premiere, 298 Bedford Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 24. Mr. Jimbo Corporation, dba El Santo Taqueria, 1053 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

- 25. New Noorms Corp, dba Blinky's, 609 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 26. Pizzette LLC, 191 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 27. Saint Anselm Inc., 355 Metropolitan Avenue, (Renewal, wine, beer, cider, rest)
- 28. South of Heaven LLC, dba Diamond Lil, 179 Nassau Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 29. St Vidas Inc., dba St Vidas, 1120 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor wine, beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 30. Zuppanyc LLC, dba Reunion Café, 544 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine, beer, cider, rest)

BOARD MEETING

- 1. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u> Combined Public Hearing & Board Meeting of January 10, 2023.
- 5. <u>PUBLIC SESSION</u> (Reserved for the Public's expression. Board Members will not be allowed to speak.) NOTE --- All persons who wish to speak during this portion of the meeting must: <u>Register</u> (by 2 P.M.) using the link: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/brooklyncb1/meetings/speaker-request-form.page
 Each scheduled participant for this session will have an allowance of two (2) minutes [time permitting.] (No questions will be entertained. Speakers are requested to submit their
- 6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

testimony in writing)

- 7. **PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE** As written.
- 8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS** Called in the order of signup.
- 9. OLD BUSINESS
- 10.NEW BUSINESS
- 11.**ADJOURNMENT**

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Parks and Waterfront Commitee: Motion to rename the				
Basketball courts in Cooper Park in honor of Taurean				
Spears				

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Parks and Wate	erfront Commitee: Motion to send a letter.
to Parks Dept.	& All local Officials to find Capital Funds fo

the renovation of Frost playground

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Parks and Waterfront Commitee: Motion to ask Parks Dept.

to find a working design and to purchase Wheelchair accessible

Swings to be placed in all CB 1 & NYC Playgrounds

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Environmental Protection Commitee: Motion to approve

SPDES Permit Modification for 470 Kent Ave &

11 West Street,

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Environmental Protection: Motion to approve report as written

to send respond to Army Corp and others regarding the Storm Risk Management plan

Management Plan for Newtown Creek

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Environmental Protection Committee: To recommend submitting a letter to the BSA reporting FDNY's acknowledgement that the department lacks experience in extinguishing fires from large scale battery storage units containing a very high volume of lithium battery cells, and based on this, the board reiterates its strong opposition to the proposed installation of BSS on the roof the residential building located at 315 Berry Street in Brooklyn

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Transportation Commitee : Motion to Recommend to Community Board 1 the approval of the co-naming of the corner of Sutton Street and Driggs Avenue in honor of Platoon Sargent John E. Hojnacki.

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Transportation Commitee:

MOTION: to send its standard inquiry letter to NYPD Highway Patrol, 90th Precinct XO Vasquesz, District Attorney Gonzales, with copies to Borough President Reynoso; Council Member Gutierrez and NYC DOT Borough Commissioner Bray, as to the state of the investigation for the traffic fatality involving a moped and a truck at the intersection of Grand St. and Graham Ave on December 28th, 2022.

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Transportation Commitee : Motion to send letter to NYC

DOT Commissioner asking for a detailed explanation of

the process that resulted in the removal of the Avenue of Puerto Rico signs along the Graham Avenue corridor.

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Housing &	Public Commitee	e : Motion to approve				
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Join a FOCUS GROUP project on...

Health Equity and Access to Care (HEAC) in NYC



You are eligible if you:

- Live in New York City
- Accessed, or *tried* to access, healthcare in the past year at a hospital *for yourself or someone close to you*
- Are African-American/Black, Asian, Latino/Latinx/Hispanic, and/or White
- Are 18 years or older
- Are able to speak English (focus groups in other languages will be held during the next study phase)
- To participate: Complete this short screener survey

 (https://cunysph.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRUnKMfa3fQfb5s) or scan the QR code (below)
- If eligible: You will be invited to join a 2-hour online (Zoom) focus group to discuss experiences accessing healthcare services in NYC for yourself or someone close to you. (Weekday/weekend/evening options; participants without video conferencing can be accommodated on-site.)
- For your time: Participants receive of \$40 for their participation
- Questions: Email <u>HEAC@sph.cuny.edu</u>
- Approval: City University of New York (CUNY) Institutional Review Board (protocol #2022-0401-PHHP).





Health Equity and Access to Care (HEAC) Focus Group Project at the CUNY School of Public Health







Background

- NYC Dept of Health conducted an analysis last year that revealed significant differences in New Yorker's use of hospital services
- When examining discharge data from private and public/safety-net hospitals:
 - People of color and those with no or public health insurance were more likely to use public/safety-net hospitals
 - People who identified as white and/or with private health insurance were more likely to use private hospitals

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Differences in health care (hospital) access in NYC

These findings were from hospital administrative data (NYS SPARCS)

What we know and what we don't

- SPARCS data are limited to what hospitals collect/report, which is of a quantitative nature
 - e.g., patient characteristics, diagnoses/treatments, services, charges for inpatient/outpatient visits
- These data can shed light on the "what?"
 - e.g., are their differences across patient groups?
- These data <u>cannot</u> explain the "why?"
 - e.g., what might be the reason for why people of color and uninsured/Medicaid insured are less likely to use private hospital services?
- NYC Dept of Health wanted to qualitatively explore the "why?" across NYC
- CUNY School of Public Health partnering with NYC DOH to do so

Project details

- <u>Focus Group</u> (FG) study across NYC to hear about people's healthcare experiences and recommendations for improvement
- Multiple phases from 6/2022 to 6/2024

■ Phase I:	Race/Ethnicity AA/B; Hisp/L; W; API US-born	Private Insurance	Medicaid	No insurance
■ Phase II:	Not US-born Non-English speakers	Private Insurance	Medicaid	No insurance
■ Phase III:	Indigenous; Unstably housed; formerly incarcerated	Private insurance	Medicaid	No insurance

■ Phase IV: Medicare insured – mixed categories, including non-English speakers

Outreach and recruitment

We are employing a wide range of outreach modalities

- Diverse community-based organizations across the city
- NYC DOH partner organizations/grantees
- All community boards across the 5 boroughs
- All Borough President's offices
- Social media from the CUNY School of Public Health (SPH)
- In-person city-wide events
 - DOH Public Health Corps, Lower Eastside Community Roundtable; Community Health Action of SI; Boriken Neighborhood Health Center Feria de Salud Comunitaria; etc)
- And more being added... All suggestions welcome!

- Recruitment Flyer/Link
- Questions?
- Suggestions/Ideas for Outreach to the community?





If you have any additional questions/suggestions, please e-mail: Diana.Romero@sph.cuny.edu

Thank You!





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APPLICANT:		
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COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LAND USE ITEMS

(Please complete this questionnaire and return to CB #1's Headquarters, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11211. Feel Free to contact the Board's Office at (718) 389-0009 if you have any questions or require additional information

PROPOSED ACTION: What is the proposed ULURP, or BSA action (i.e. an amendment to the zoning map, a siting of a city facility, a zoning variance, etc.)? 1. For Ownership: a) Who are the owners? b) If a corporation, who are the principles? c) What kind of a corporation? 2. For Developers: a) Who is the developer if it is different than the owner? b) What is their experience with this type of development? c) Is there a sponsor(s) of the project (i.e. a CBO, NYC Housing Partnership, NYCHA?) 3. Financing: a) What is the cost of the project?_____ b) How is it financed? c) Will there be tax abatements? Subsidies?

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a)	What information can be provided about the land? Who owns the land?
b)	What is the condition, status and uses on the property and the zoning? Use groups?
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	Has there been an environmental assessment or scope of an impact statement prepared for the proposed action?
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d) When was the	Will the land be purchased? What is the cost of the land? e property purchased? What was the cost?
	Will demolition be needed to clear the land?
	s the project in a special district? Historic District? Is it in an Urban Renewal Area?
	Vill unused development rights be utilized or sold (i.e. air rights)?
5. Construct	lov:
	What type of construction will be used (i.e. rehab/new) and methods (i.e. pre-form cast oncrete, brick)?
b) W	hat is the time frame of the work (i.e. begin/end, etc.)?
c) V	Who will be doing the work (i.e. firm, sweat equity, student interns)?
5. <u>Project In</u>	formation:
	pescribe the project in terms of the proposed use(s) such as retail, office, commercial, loft, ommunity facility, etc.)?
	

0)	If the project is residential, how many dwelling units are proposed and what is the number of bedrooms mix? What are the unit sizes?
c)	What are the projected costs of the rentals? If the units are to be condominium or one-to-three family house, what is the projected purchase price?
d)	Will there be financing for the units? What are the terms?
e)	Who is the lender?
<u>Marketi</u>	ng:
a)	How will the project be marketed? Advertised?
b)	If newspaper, which ones?
c)	When will the projects be marketed (before, during or after construction)?
d)	What will be the outreach?
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Project (Characteristics:
a)	Will the project be consistent with the surrounding buildings (i.e. height, FAR/Floor Area Ratio, conforming)?
b)	Will the project be handicap accessible? Explain specifics
c)	Special populations for the project (i.e. homeless, low-income, SRO, etc.)

	Space/Parking Amenities:
	a) Will there be open space provided with the project? What type (i.e. rear yard, park, waterfront)? Will there be public access?
	b) Will there be landscaping? Fencing? Street tree planting?
	c) Will parking be provided for (indoor, outdoor, on-street)? Will a waiver be requested?
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d) List any proposed remediations:	
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Community Board #1 Supplemental Land Use Application Information

Special permit actions - on a separate sheet, list all waivers, etc. requested

A. Project size			8
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Residential (sq ft)			
Total (sq ft)			
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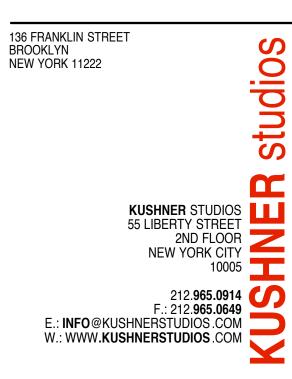
F. Additional information

For all projects, please provide the following information:

- · Draft or final EAS/EIS (pdf and one hard copy)
- 15 copies of power point presentation (11 x 17) to meeting
- · Copies of power point presentation, architectural plans and renderings (pdf)
- NYS DEP signoff or status letter (waterfront sites only, pdf)
- List of project team (architect, engineer, landscape architect, code consultant, counsel, et al)
- · List of all partners, corporation members, shareholders on ownership/development team
- · Contact information (name, telephone, fax and email)

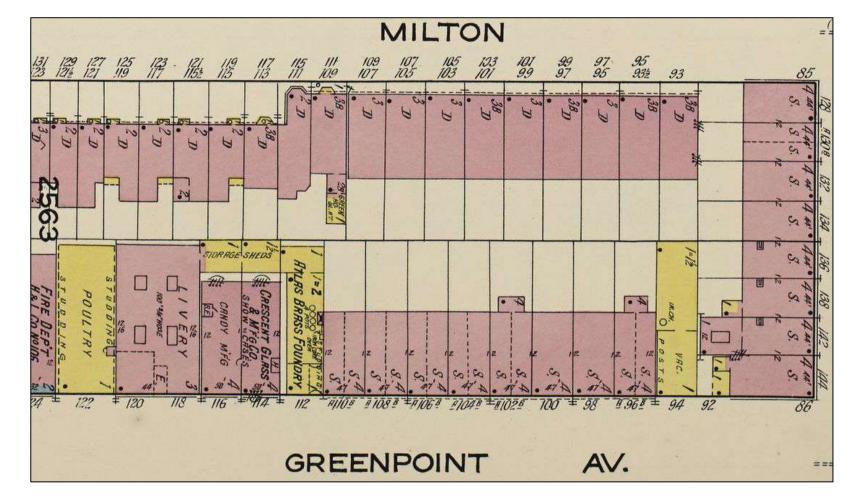
136 FRANKLIN STREET (LPC REAR EXTENSION APPLICATION)

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ZONING INFORMATION

LOT #: BLOCK # 2563 MAP #: FLOOR/SUITE #/APT#: 1ST FLOOR **ZONING DISTRICT** R6A, C2-4 OVERLAY **CONSTRUCTION CLASS:** 3- NONFIRE PROOF OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION: RES- RESID. BLDG- OLD CODE **USE GROUP:** GROSS S.F.: 1639 SF NUMBER OF STORIES: **HEIGHT**: COMMUNITY BD.#: PLATE HEIGHT: LANDMARKS: 3064808



SANBORN MAP

SCOPE OF WORK

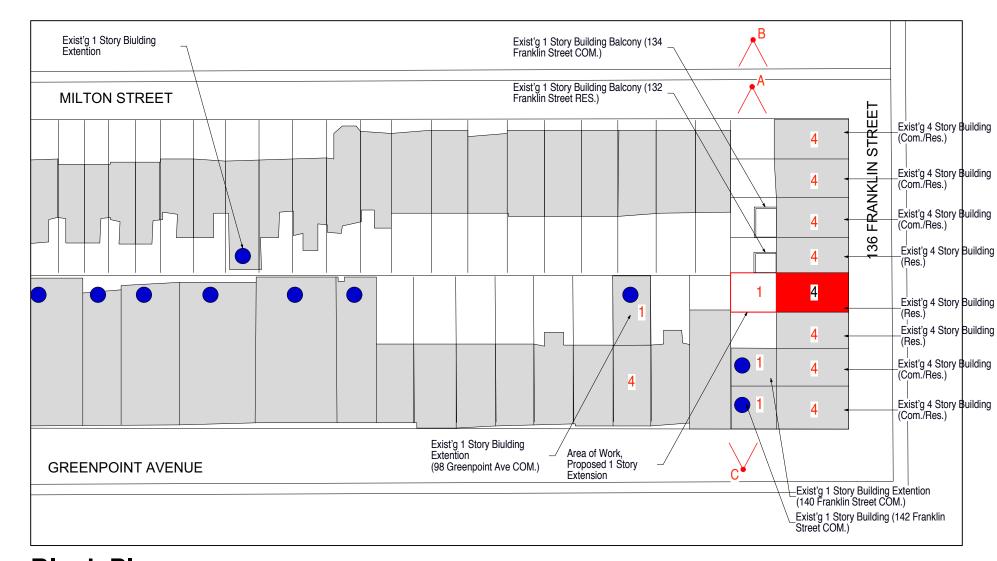
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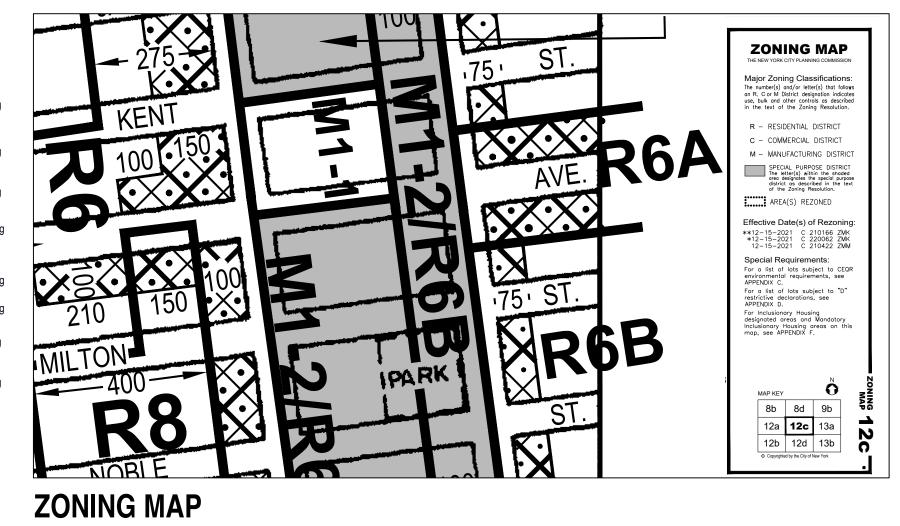
 13. EXISTING/PROPOSED SECTIONS



Block Plan



136 Franklin Street (Existing Condition)



136 FRANKLIN STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11222

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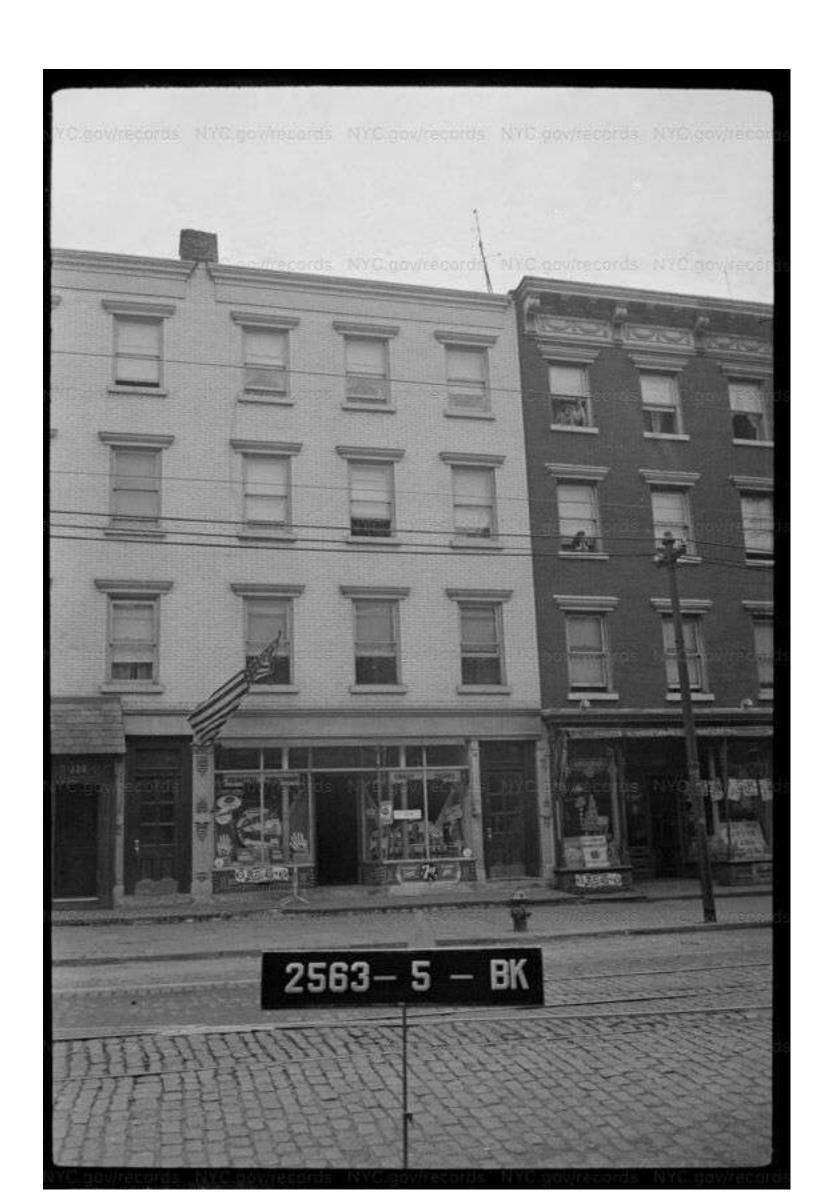
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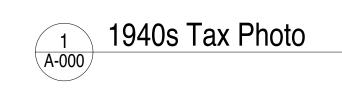


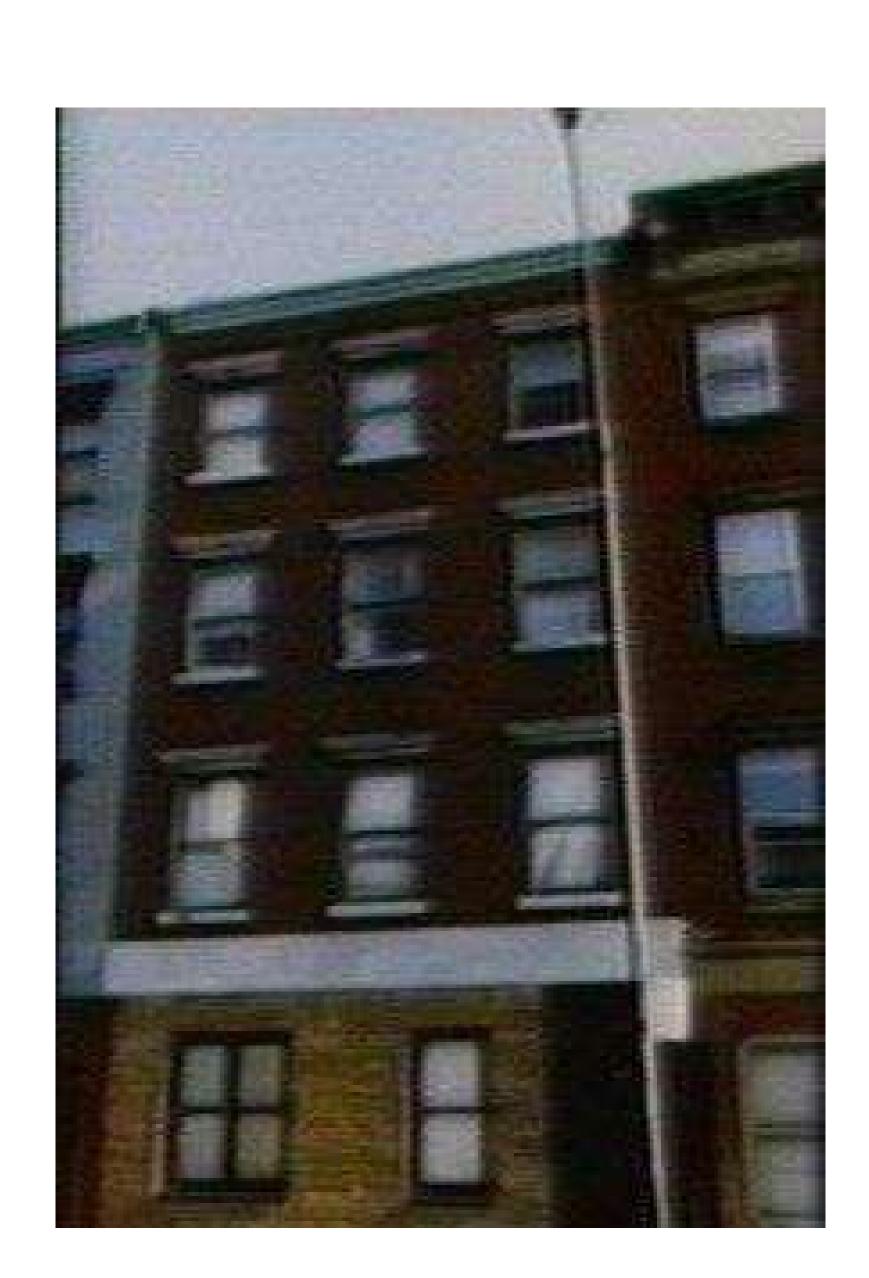
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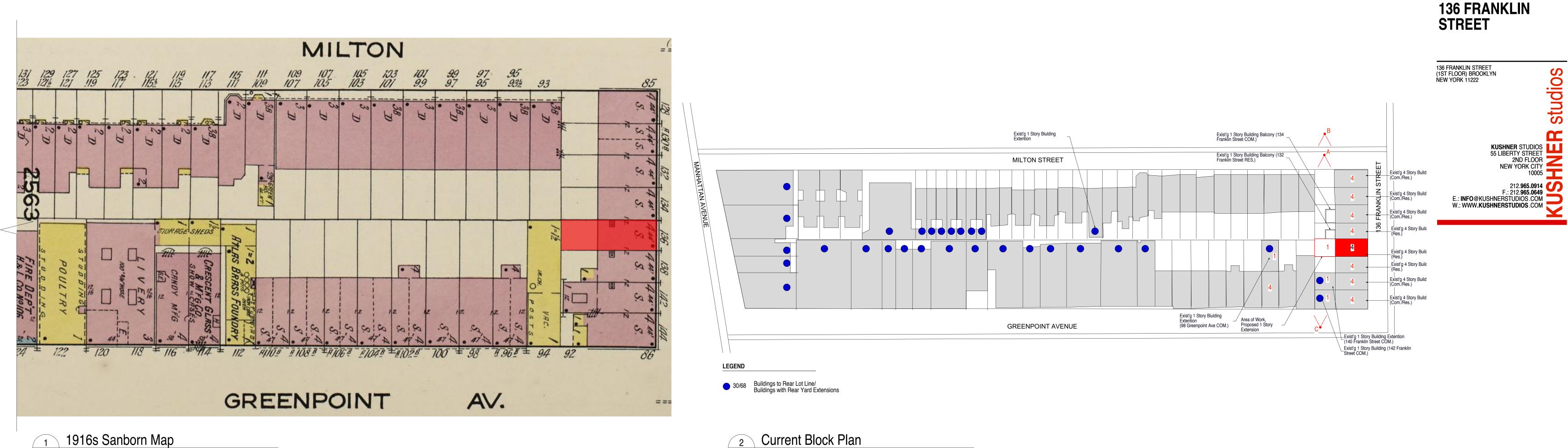




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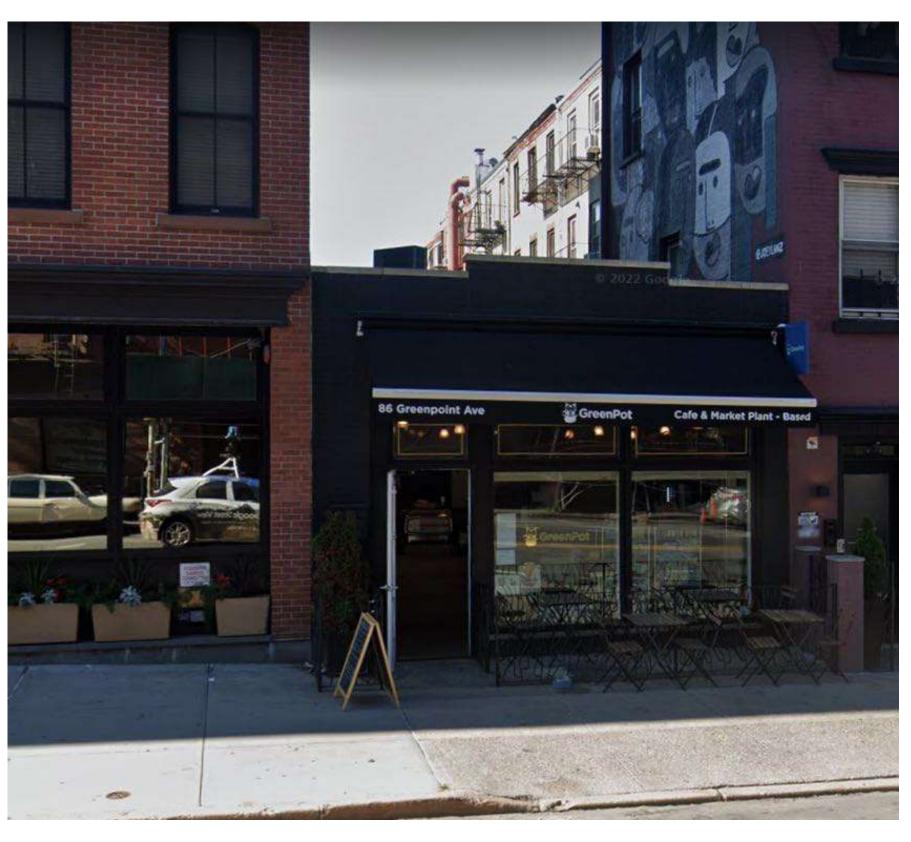


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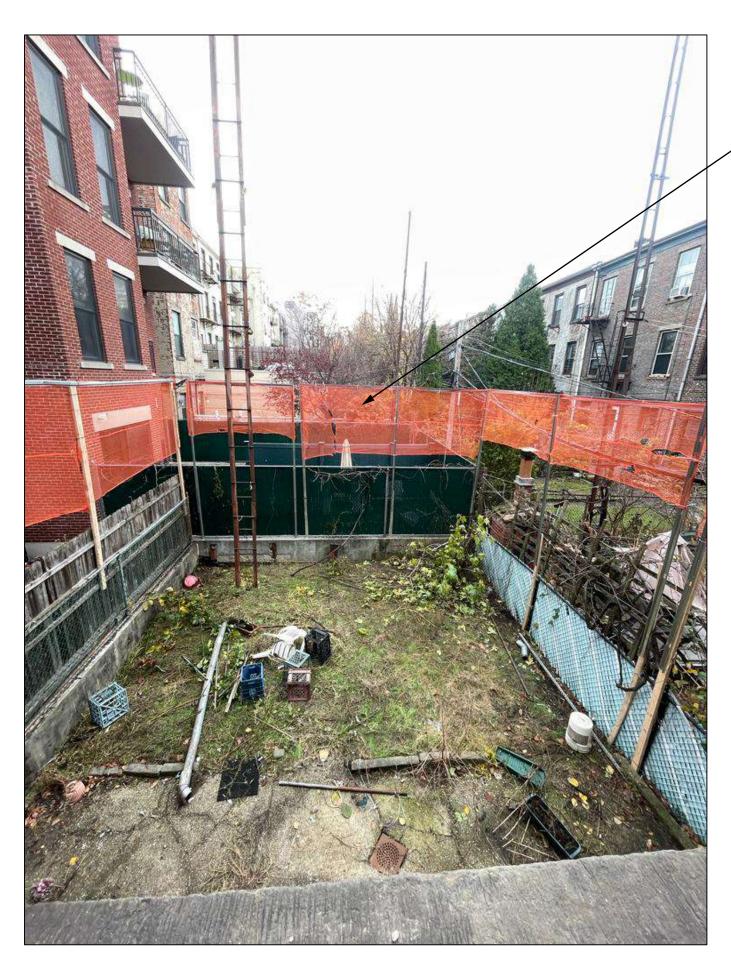






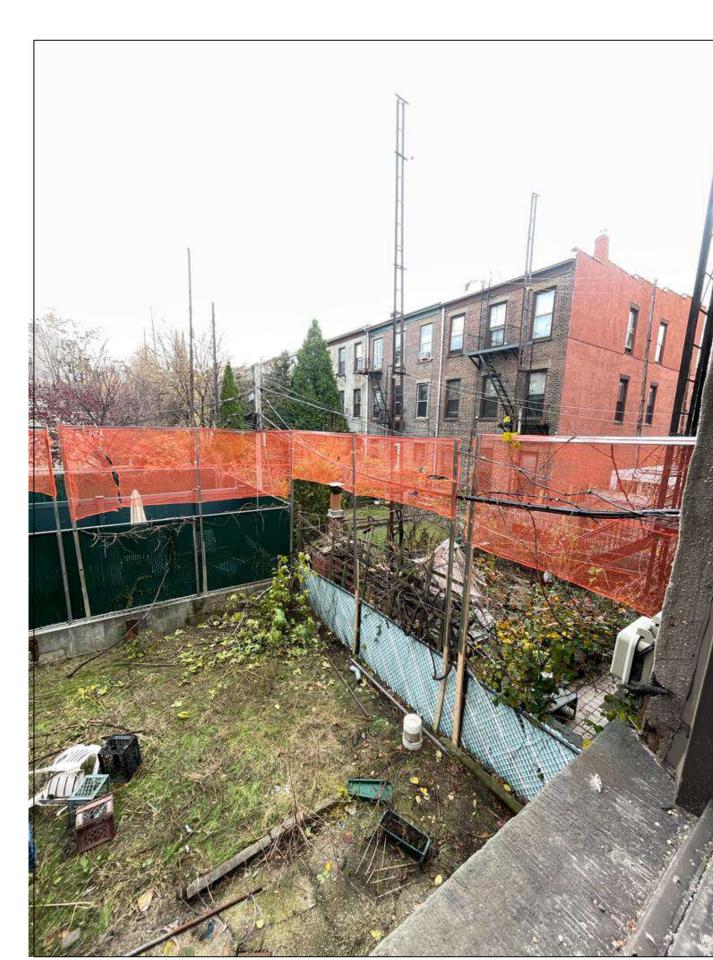
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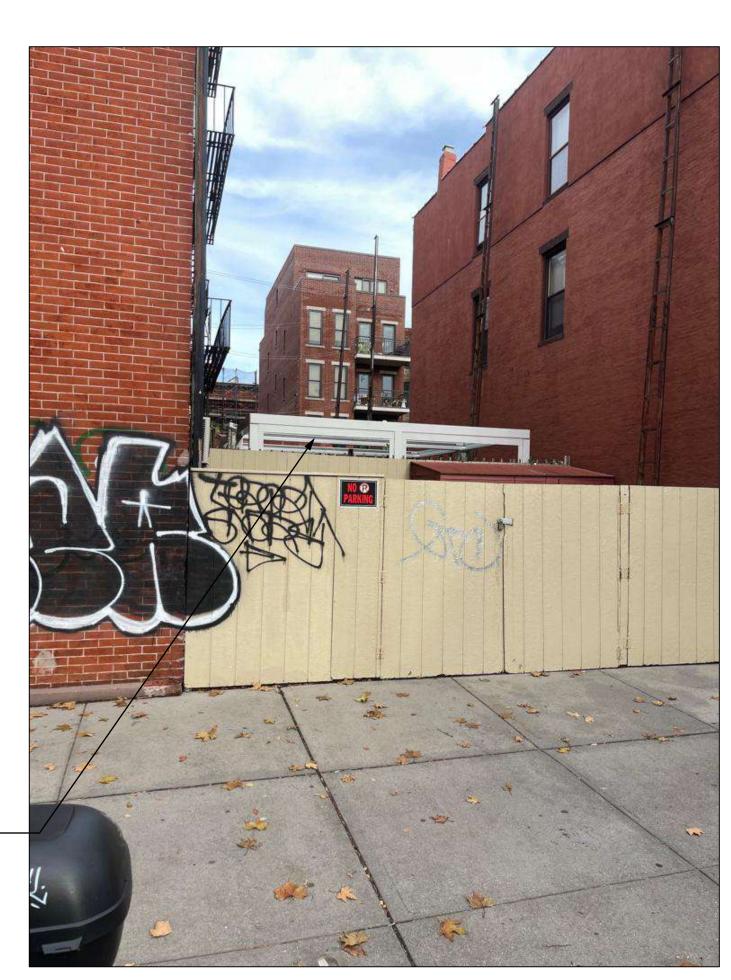


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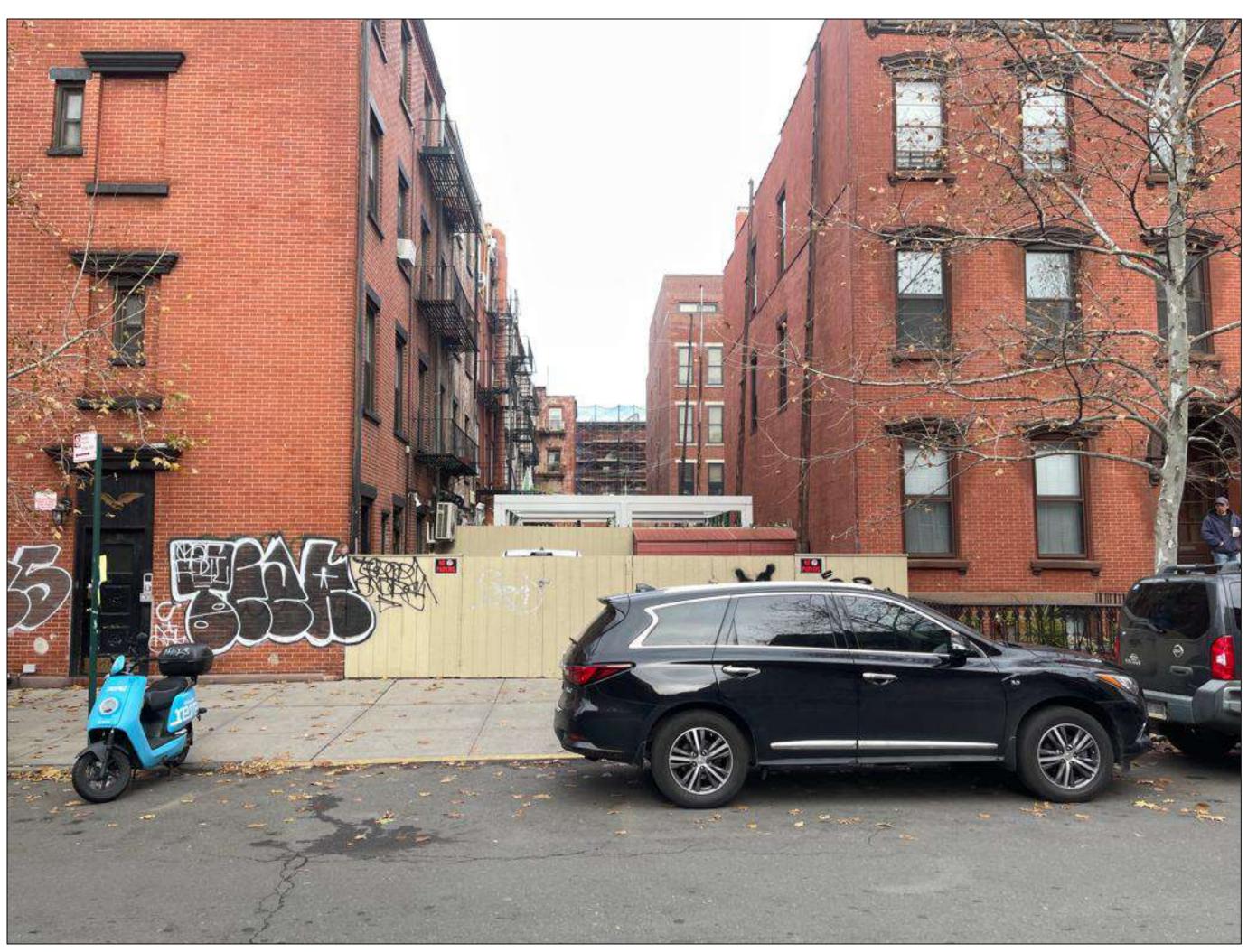
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Rear Yard Mock Up (View 2) 12/8/22



Rear Yard Mock Up (View #3 At Milton Street) 12/8/22



Rear Yard Mock Up (View #4 At Milton Street) 12/8/22

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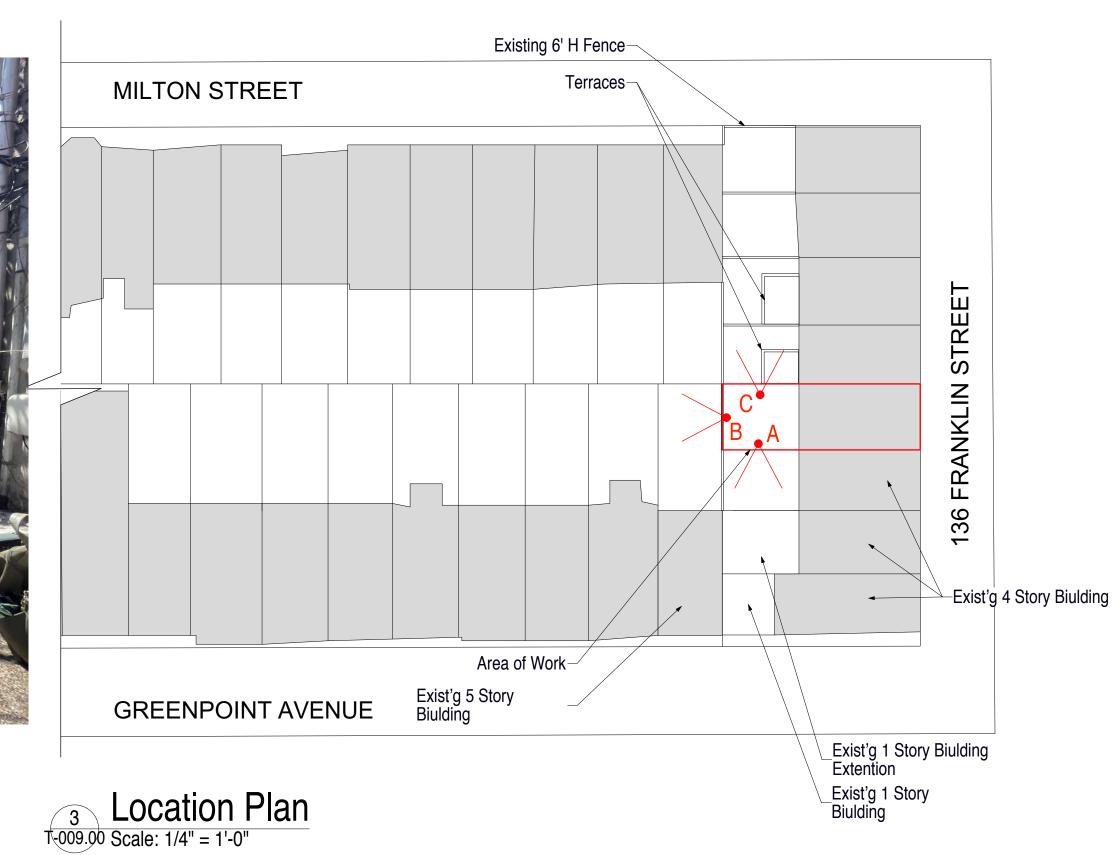
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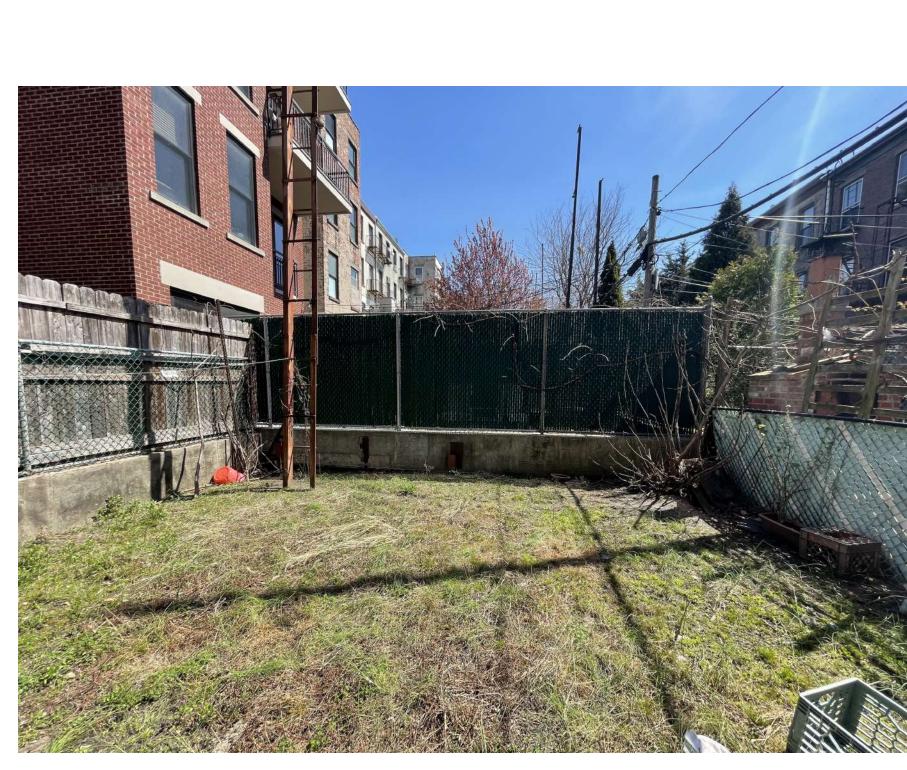




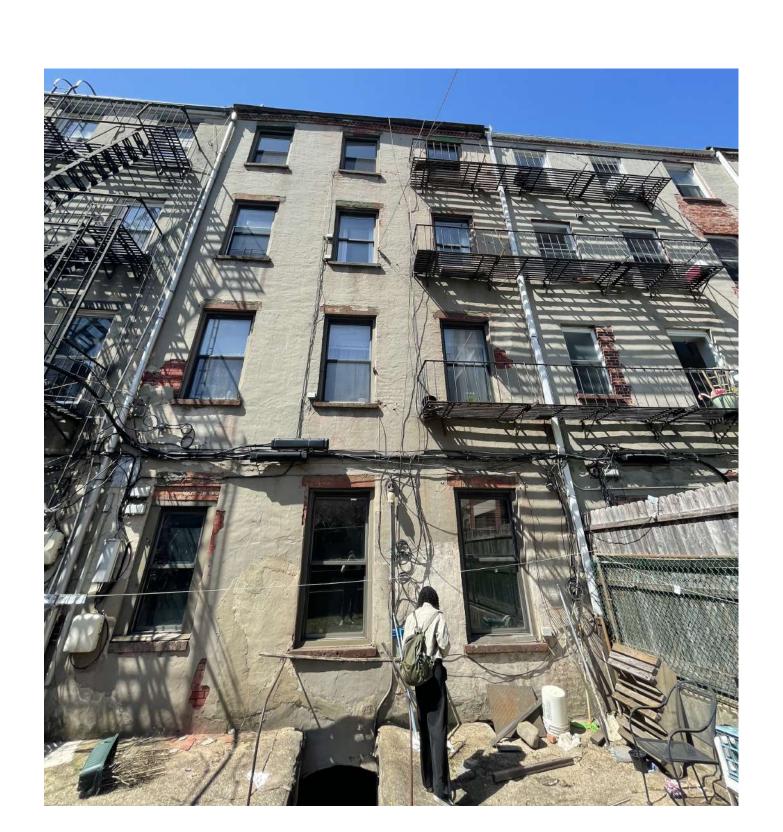


Current Rear Yard (View C)





Current Rear Yard (View B)



Current Rear Yard Elevation



Demo/Existing Rear Elevation

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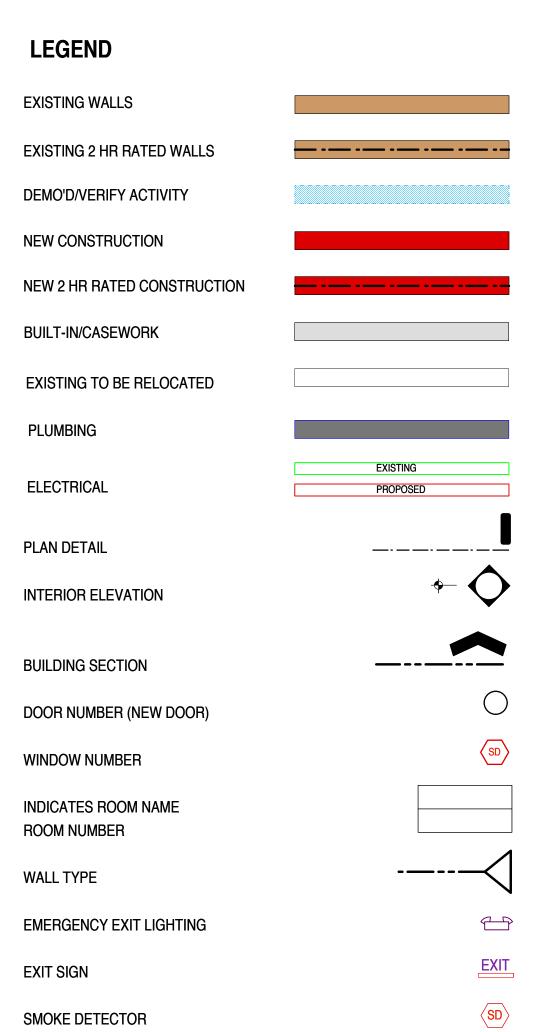
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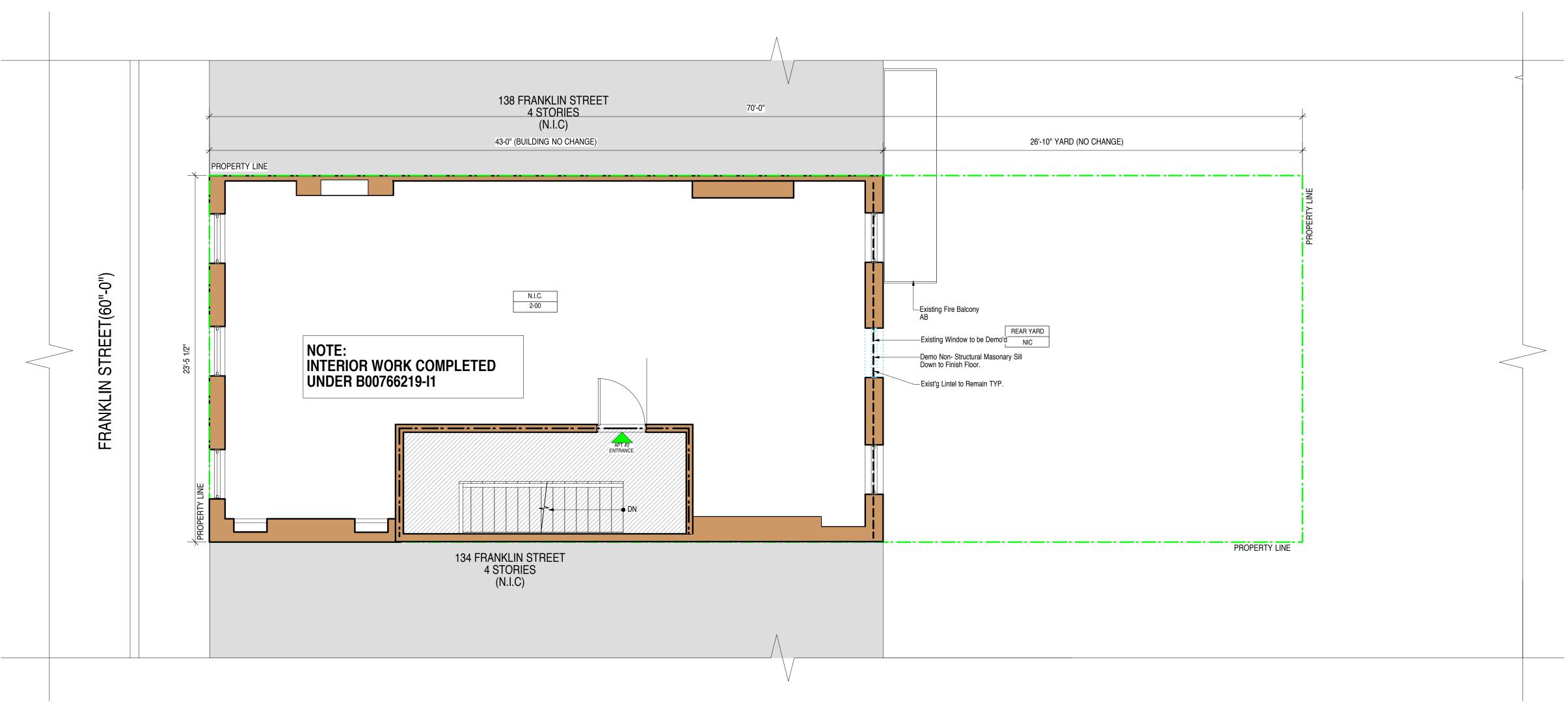
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SMOKE DETECTOR



Existing Conditions/Demo Second Floor Plan

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1. ALL NEW OPENINGS IN EXISTING WALLS TO BE DEMOLISHED TO THE MINIMUM DISTANCE AS SET FORTH IN THE FLOOR PLANS. 2. WHERE PARTITIONS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, PATCH AND REPAIR EXISTING FLOORING TO MATCH EXISTING ADJACENT FLOORING. (EXCEPTION: WHERE NEW FLOORING OVER EXISTING IS SPECIFIED, BLOCK FLOORING TO PROVIDE LEVEL WORKABLE SURFACE.) 3. WHERE WALLS HAVE BEEN REMOVED THAT HAVE BUTTED INTO EXISTING WALLS/SURFACES, PATCH AND REPAIR EXISTING WALLS TO MATCH EXISTING ADJACENT SURFACE.

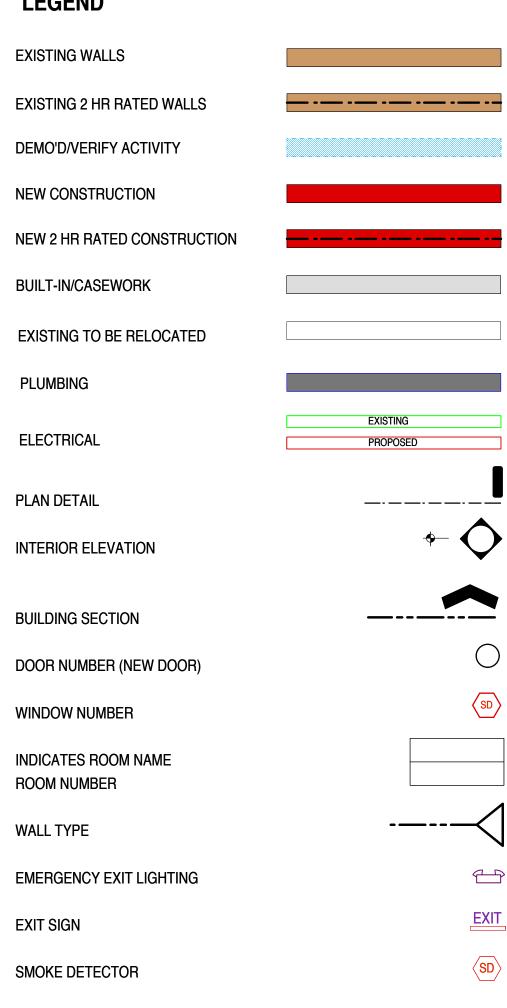
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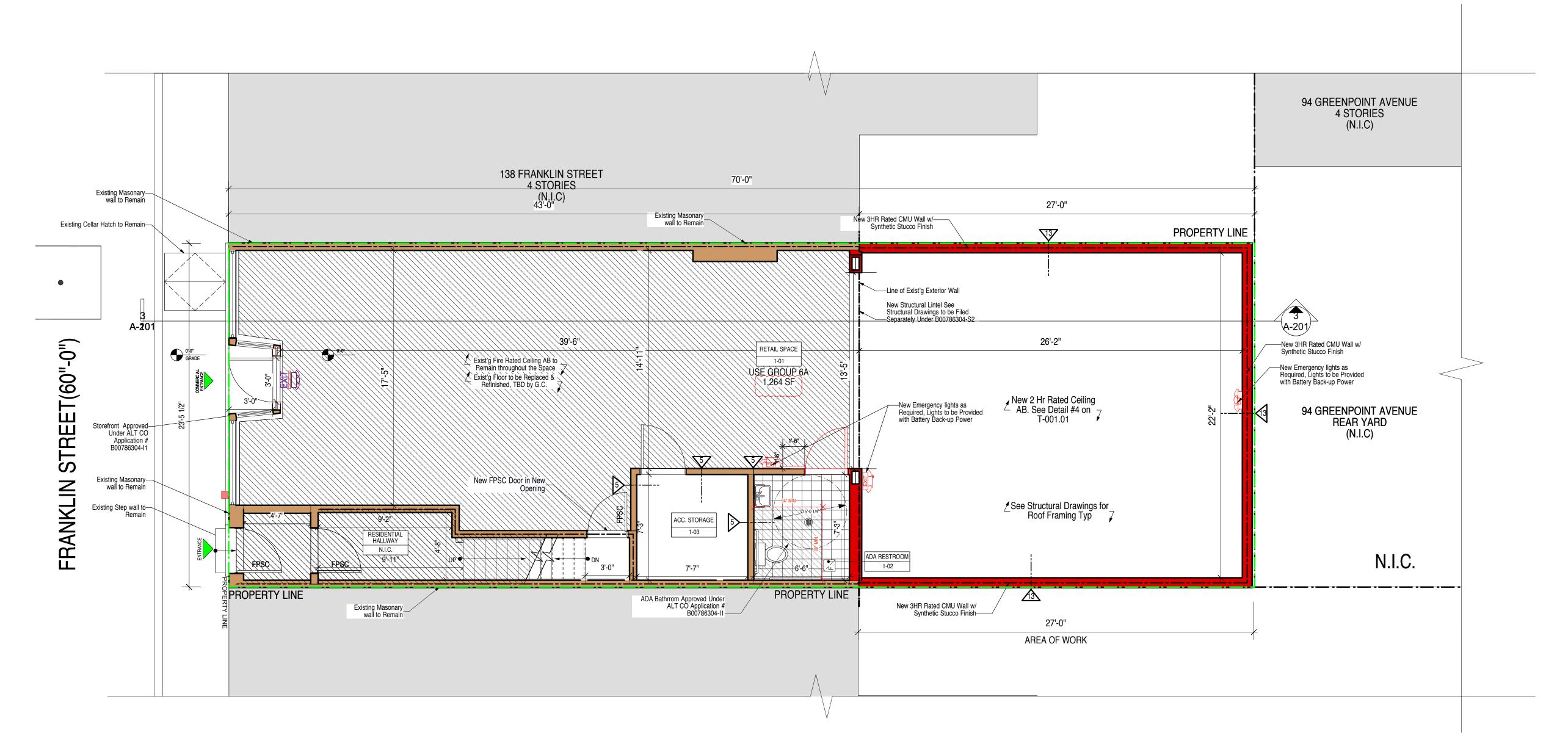
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Proposed First Floor Plan 1 Proposed F A.102.01 Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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- 6" Up
 Walls And Extending Under All Appliances
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 5. Final Wall & Floor Finishes TBD by Owners Unless Noted Otherwise.
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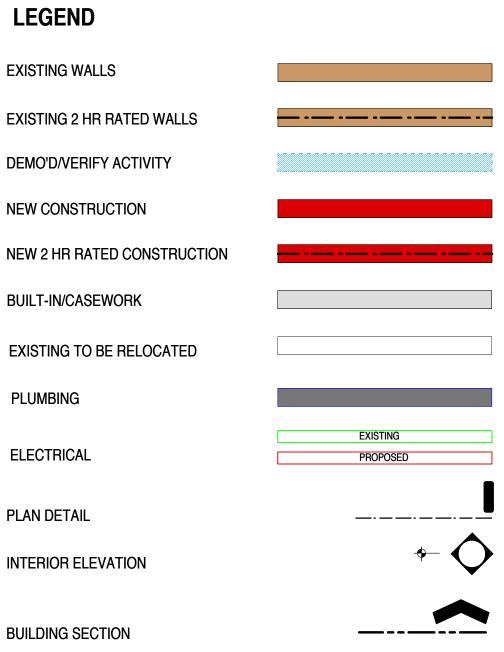
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DOOR NUMBER (NEW DOOR)

WINDOW NUMBER

INDICATES ROOM NAME ROOM NUMBER

WALL TYPE

EXIT SIGN

EMERGENCY EXIT LIGHTING

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over Existing Subfloor, Final
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2-01 BEDROOM 3 2-06/// New Firestone EPBM —Roofing System or APP. FR New Green PT Finish, 42" —High Steel Guardrail- See Typ. Detail on A-103 PROPERTY LINE 134 FRANKLIN STREET Exist'g Exterior Masonry
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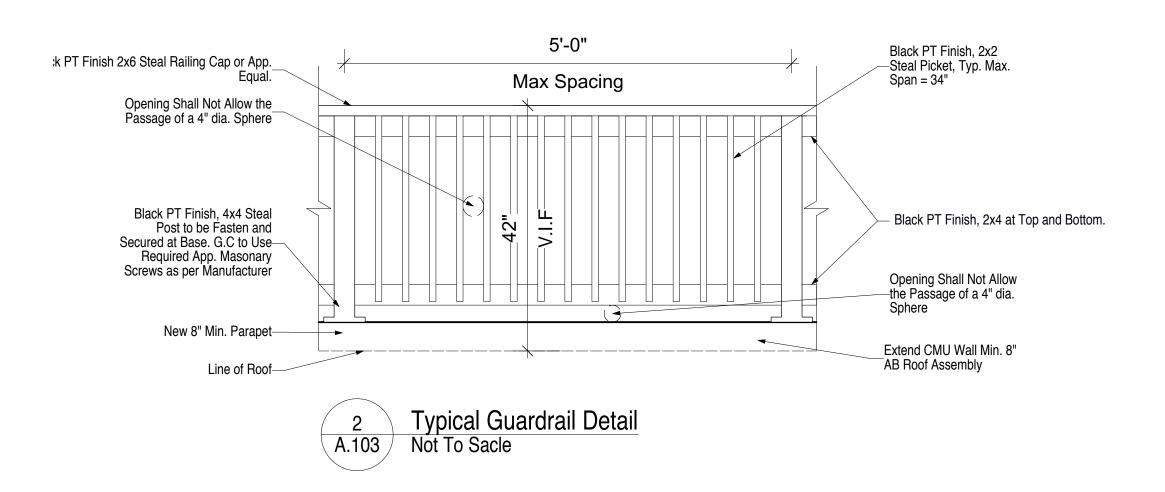
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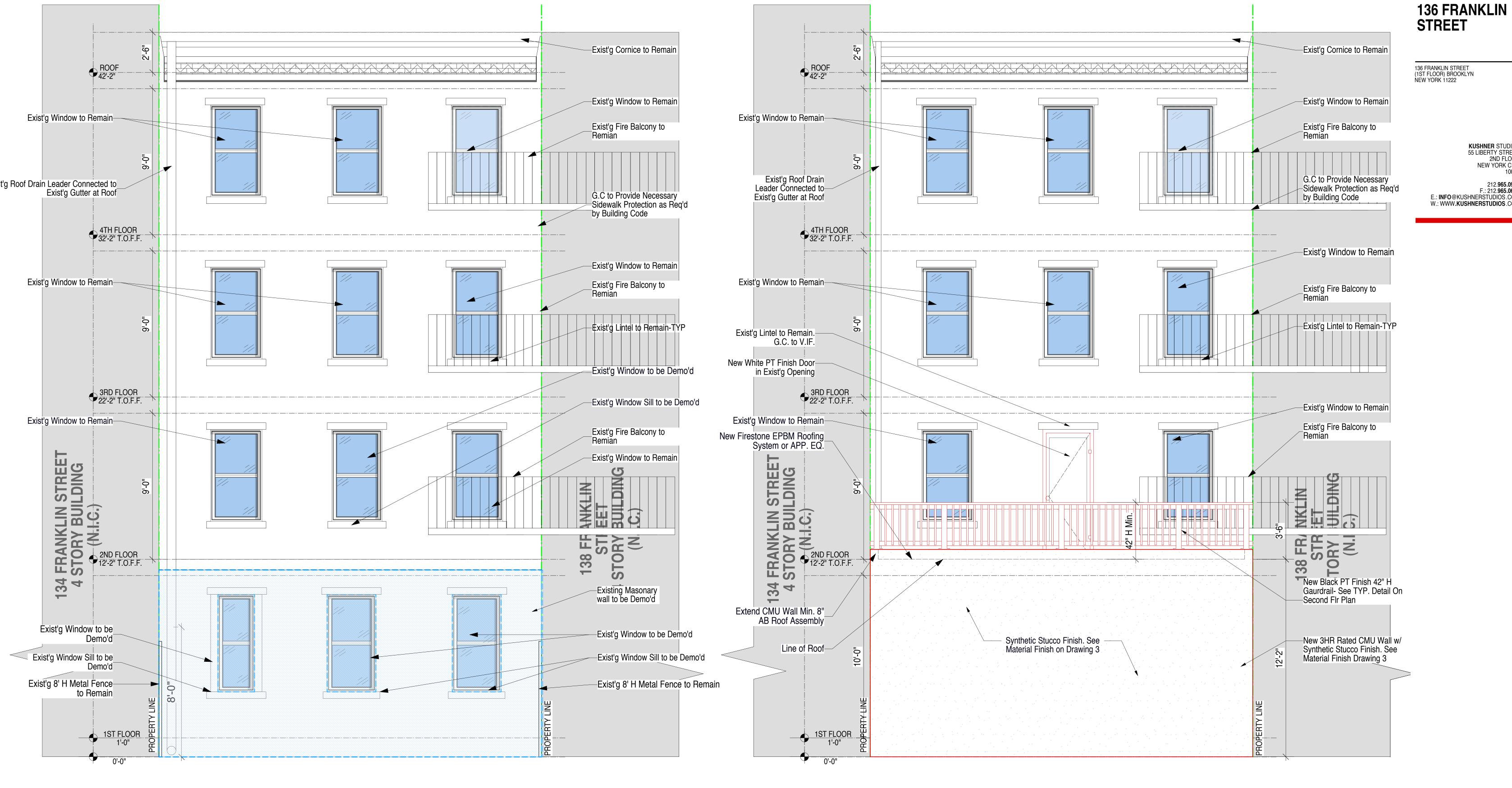
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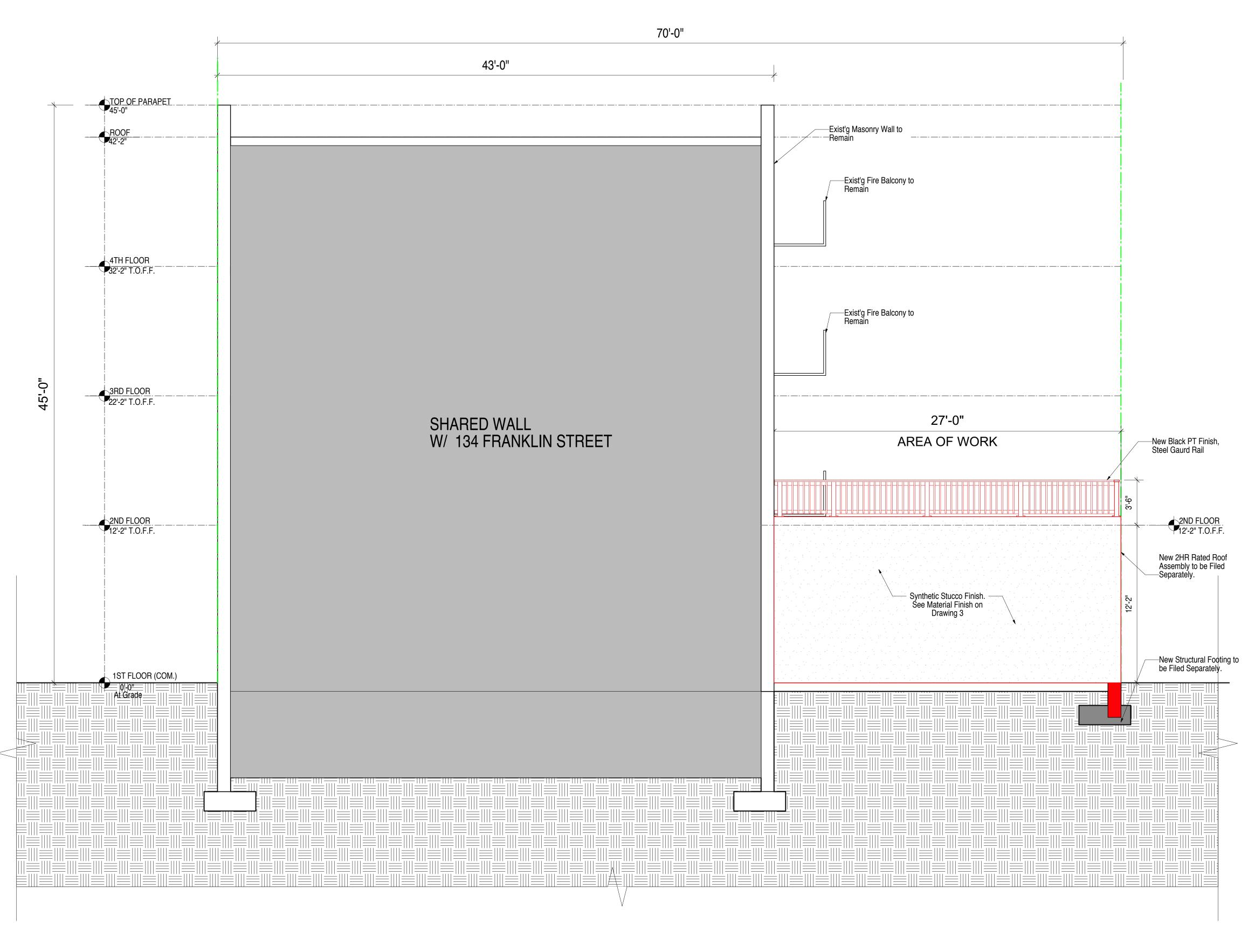
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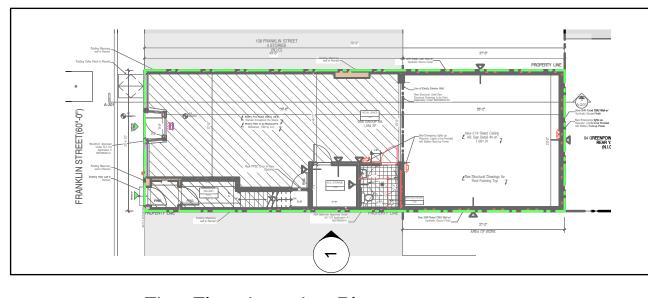
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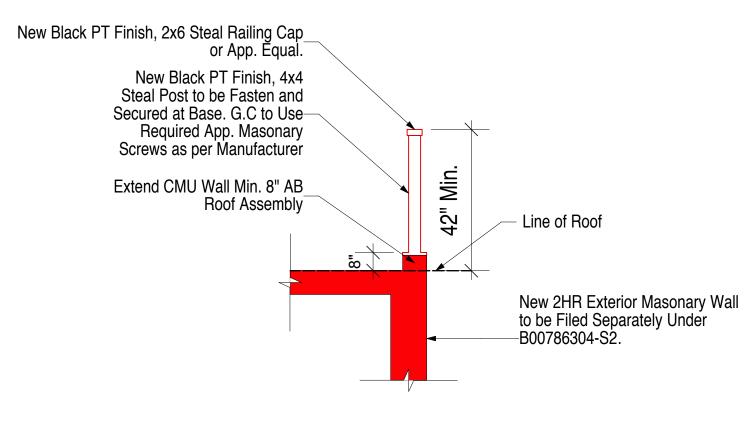
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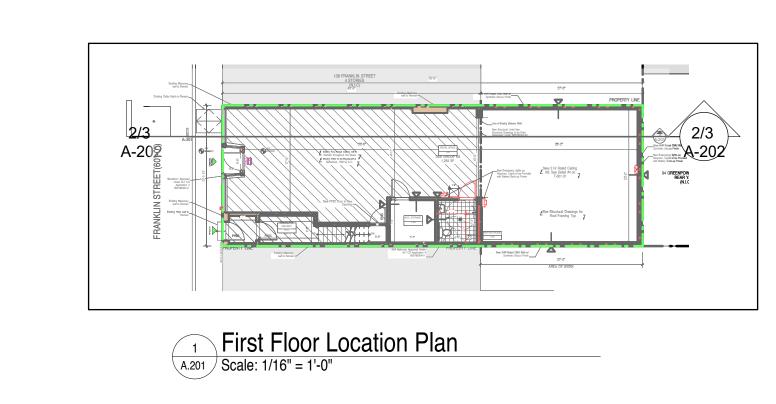
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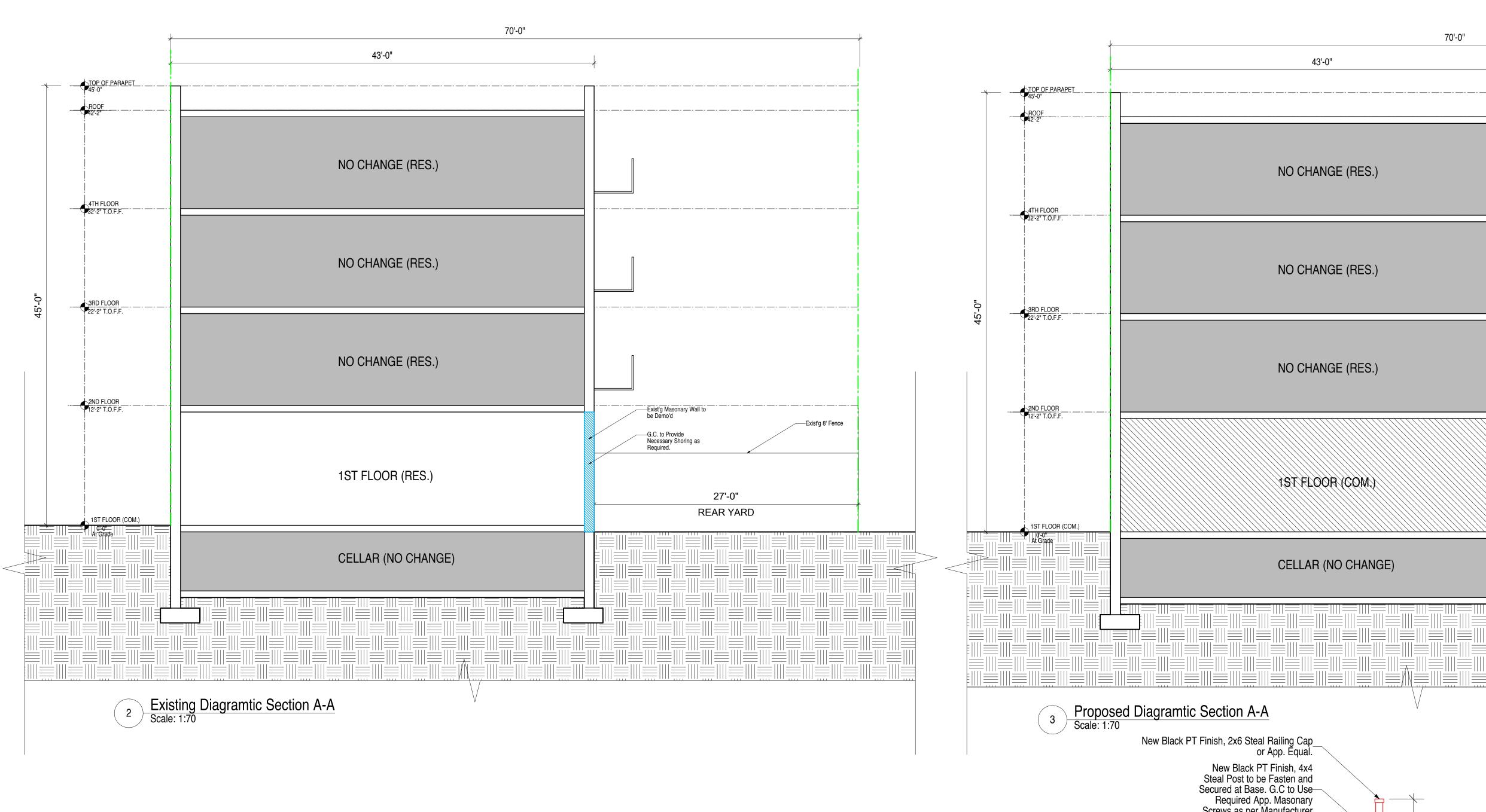


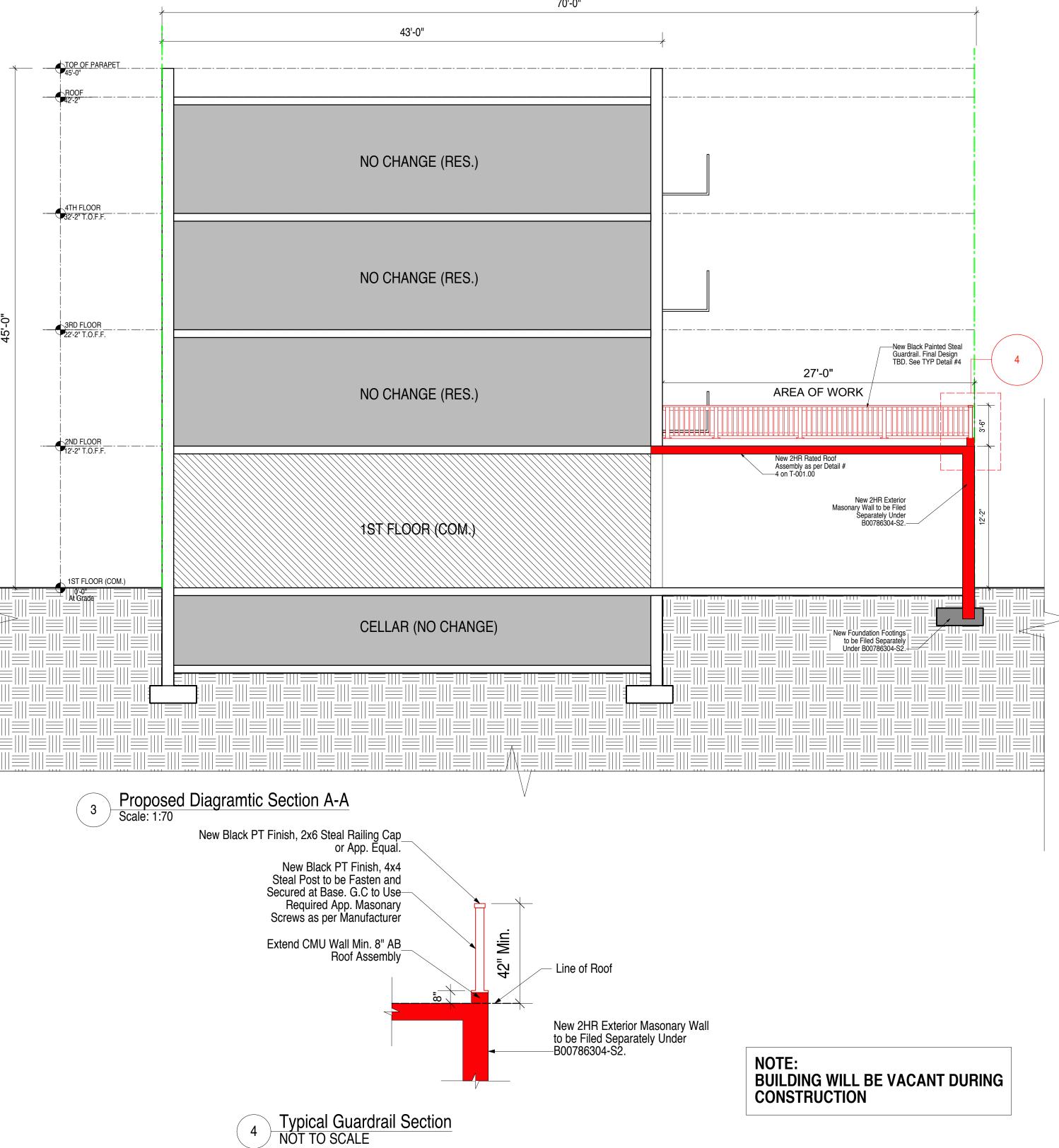
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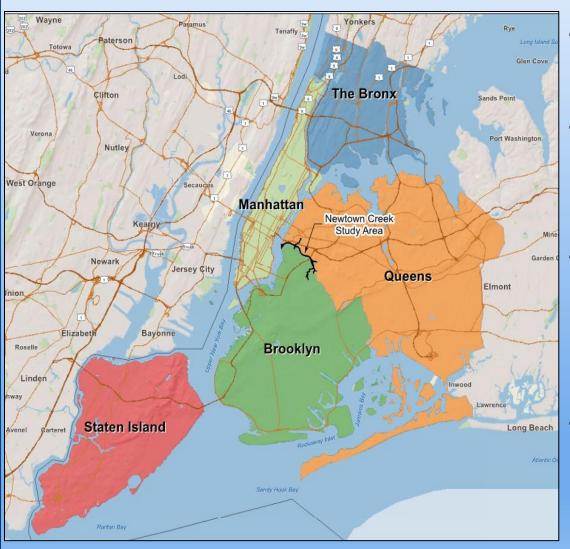




Overview of the Newtown Creek Superfund Site



Newtown Creek



- Part of New York/New Jersey harbor estuary
- Forms a portion of the North-South Brooklyn-Queens border
- Designated by NYC as

 1 of 6 Significant
 Maritime & Industrial
 Areas in NYC
- 3.8 Mile Tidal
 Waterbody with 5
 Tributaries

What is Superfund?

- Congress established the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) in 1980.
- CERCLA, also known as Superfund, regulates cleanup of contaminated sites across the United States.
- Goals of Superfund:
 - Protect human health and the environment by cleaning up polluted sites
 - Involve communities in the Superfund process
 - Work with responsible parties to clean up Superfund sites
- Cleanup consists of a multi-step process

Superfund Process

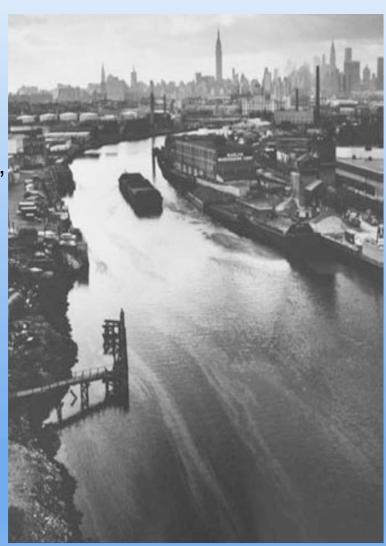
THE SUPERFUND REMEDIAL PROCESS Characterization Selection of Cleanup Post-Construction Assessment Remedy Discovery of Preliminary National Remedial Investigation/ Record of Remedial Remedial Operation and Feasibility Study Action Maintenance Contamination Assessment Inspection Priorities List Decision Design Deletion (NPL) Site Listing & Proposed Plan Five-Year Reviews

Community involvement and planning for a site's redevelopment are integral to the entire process



History of Newtown Creek

- Mid-1800s, Newtown Creek was one of the busiest industrial areas in New York City.
- Heavy industrial facilities were located along its banks, including more than 50 oil refineries, petrochemical plants, fertilizer and glue factories, sawmills, and lumber and coal yards.
- NYC began dumping raw sewage directly into the water in 1856.
- Creek was crowded with commercial vessels, including large boats bringing in raw materials and fuel and taking out oil, chemicals and metals.
- During World War II, the creek was one of the busiest ports in the nation.
- Industrial, commercial and municipal facilities still operate along the creek.



General Site Background

- Listed on the National Priorities List in September 2010
- 6 Respondents signed an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) in 2011 to conduct the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), under EPA oversight
- Study Area defined in the Order:
 - Includes the water and sediment of Newtown Creek and its tributaries, up to and including the landward edge of the shoreline, and including any bulkheads or riprap containing the water body, or to the ordinary high water mark where those are not present.
- The Study Area is comprised of two units:
 - <u>Operable Unit 1</u>: Includes the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study of the entire Study Area. Work is currently underway and is expected to be completed no sooner than 2023.
 - Operable Unit 2: Evaluated the impacts of the current and reasonably anticipated future discharge of Superfund site-related chemicals of potential concern from combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Study Area. A Focused Feasibility Study was prepared by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, with EPA oversight. A ROD was signed in 2021

Site Map

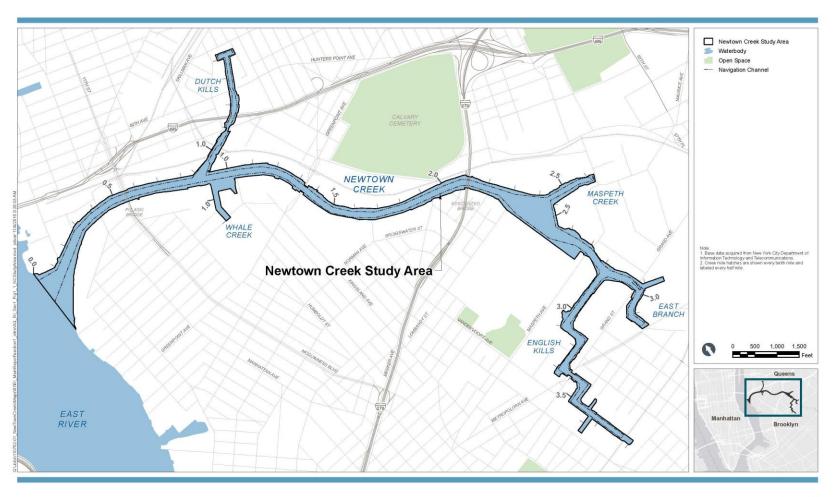




Figure 1-1 Newtown Creek Study Area Remedial Investigation Report Newtown Creek RI/FS

Potentially Responsible Parties

- Performing PRP Respondents
 - BP America, Inc.
 - The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid
 - The City of New York
 - ExxonMobil Oil Corporation
 - Phelps Dodge Refining Corporation (now Part of Freeport McMoRan, Inc.)
 - Texaco, Inc. (now part of Chevron Corporation)
- Recently named
 - Consolidated Edison Company of New York
 - National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK)
 - American Premier Underwriters, Inc.
 - Connell Limited Partnership
 - The Long Island Railroad Company
 - Motiva Enterprises, LLC
 - Shell Oil Company
 - Simsmetal East LLC (subsidiary of Sims Metal Management, Inc.)
- Additional PRPs to be named

- Darling Ingredients Inc.
- Sunoco, Inc.; and
- Energy Transfer, LP
- Harsco Corporation
- The Brink's Company
- ConocoPhillips
- Howmet Aerospace Inc.

Partners and Community Involvement

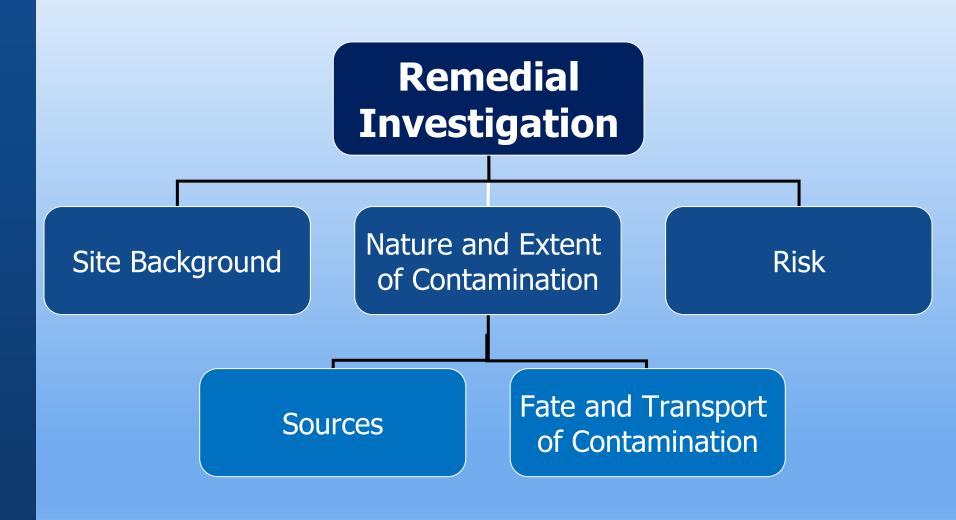
State and Federal Partners

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Community

- Newtown Creek Community Advisory Group (CAG)
 - serves as the focal point for the exchange of information among the local community and EPA
 - provides community input on site cleanup
 - holds monthly meetings to discuss progress of cleanup

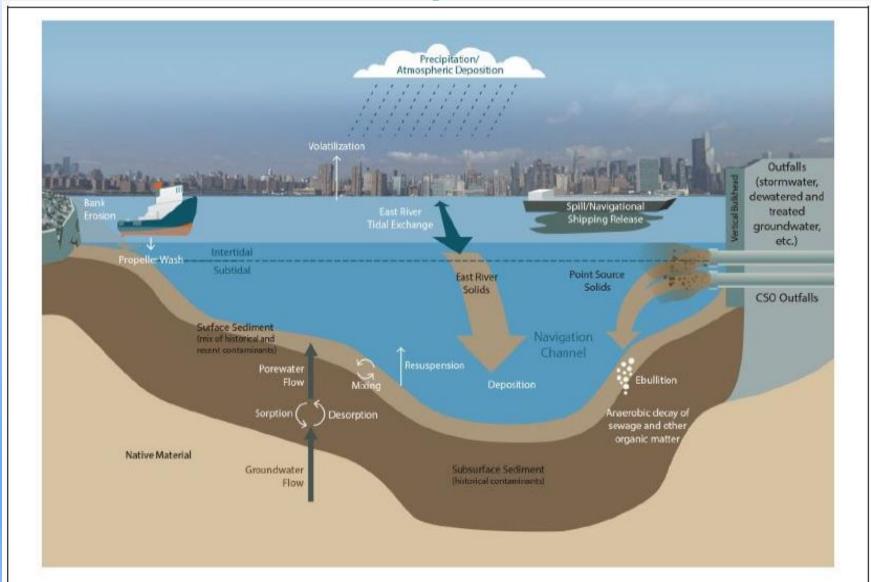
Remedial Investigation Process



Contaminants of Concern

- The Contaminants of Concern for sediment at the Site include:
 - Polychlorinated biphenyls
 - Hydrocarbons
 - Copper
 - Lead
 - Dioxins/Furans

General Conceptual Site Model



RI-Related Task Status

- RI field work conducted 2012- 2019
- Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment approved 2018
- Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment approved 2018
- Remedial Investigation Report approved 2023
- Modeling
 - Final Modeling Results Memo approved Dec 2022
 - Chemical fate & transport model under development



Data Collection

Initial:

- Bathymetric
- Groundwater discharge
- Ecological communities
- Point source discharges
- Sediment and surface water chemistry
- Porewater
- Biota tissue analysis
- Sediment toxicity testing

Follow Up:

- Seepage
- Biota sampling (fish, crabs, bivalves)
- Sediment coring and sampling for Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (NAPL) -Delineation and Mobility
- Sampling for ebullition (sheens and gasses)
- Shoreline sampling of sediments/soils to assess potential impacts of erosion
- Ebullition

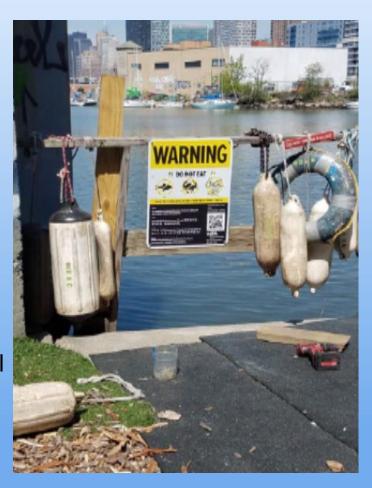
Human and Ecological Risk

Human Health

- Unacceptable risks to human health resulting from consumption of fish and crab
- Primary risk drivers are PCBs and dioxins/furans

Ecological

- Turning Basin, English Kills, Maspeth Creek, East Branch, Dutch Kills are primary areas of elevated risk
- Elevated risk associated primarily with PAHs, PCBs, and copper, with additional contributions of lead and dioxins/furans
- Risks are elevated for benthic macroinvertebrates, bivalves, blue crab, fish, and birds
- Sediment is the primary media of concern



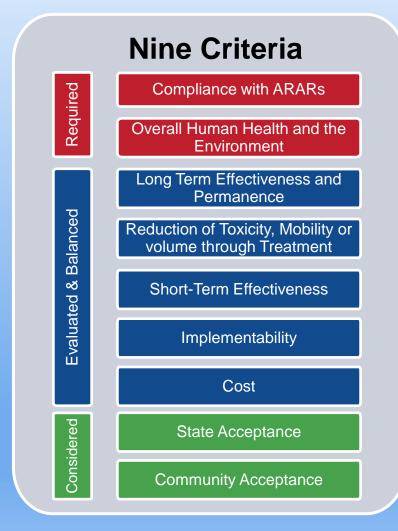
General Feasibility Study Process

- Review the Remedial Investigation report and refine the Conceptual Site Model (CSM)
- Identify Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs)
- Develop remedial alternatives that will achieve the Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs)
- Develop Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs) for the Site
- Conduct a formal evaluation and comparison of remedial alternatives
 - This forms the basis for EPA to propose its preferred remedial alternative for public review and comment

FS Process

Supports Remedy Selection
Develops and Analyzes Remedial Action Alternatives

- Development/Screening of Alternatives
- Feasibility Study
 - Analysis of Alternatives
 - Nine Criteria
- Proposed Plan
 - Public Meeting
- Public Comment Period
 - 30 days
- Record of Decision (ROD)



Current Projected Schedule for OU1

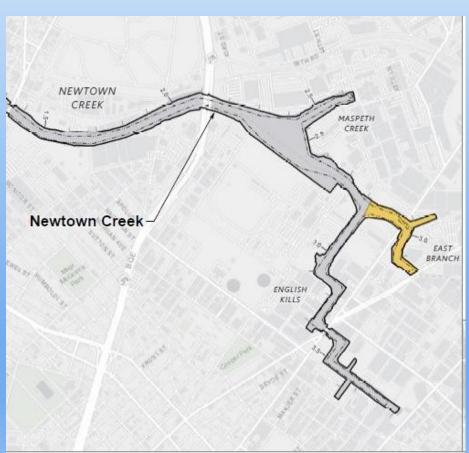
- 2022 to 2024 conduct lateral groundwater study
- 2022 to 2024 conduct NCG-led supplemental sampling program
- 2023 finalize RI report and continue work on FS report
- 2025 submittal of draft FS report (after completion of additional field work)
- 2026 revised draft FS report
- 2027 release Proposed Plan
- 2028 Record of Decision for OU1

Projected Post-Record of Decision Schedule

- Develop enforcement Instrument for Potentially Responsible Party
 Implementation of Remedial Design and Remedial Action 1 year
 - CERCLA requires a Judicial Consent Decree for Remedial Action Settlement (and a Consent Decree is usually used for both Remedial Design and Remedial Action).
 - EPA may consider Administrative Order (by Consent or Unilateral) for Remedial Design in appropriate situations
- Complete Remedial Design
- Implement cleanup

East Branch Early Action

- EPA guidance provides for the ability to take an interim or early action at a site. This can be done before the RI/FS for the site or operable unit has been completed
- East Branch is a tributary of Newtown Creek
- Approximately 0.5 miles in length
- Surface area ~10 acres
- Depth 10.3-16.5 ft in channel and shallower at head of tributaries
- Extensive investigations completed as part of the Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS)



Early Action Process Overview

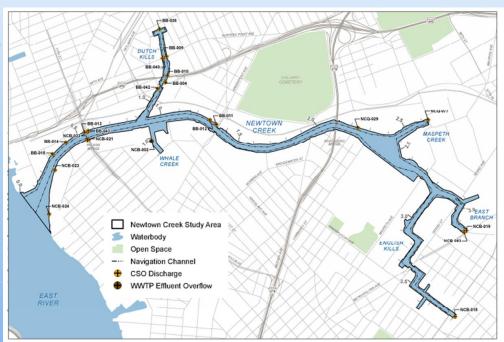
- Develop Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) for the East Branch
 - FFS Work Plan Approved
 - Alternatives Memorandum
 We are currently here
 - Draft FFS Summer 2023
 - Final FFS End of 2023
- CSTAG/NRRB to conduct review summer/fall 2023
 - Possible tour of the Creek
 - Meeting with Potential Responsible Parties (PRPs)/Stakeholders/R2 EPA
 - CSTAG makes recommendations
- Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) 2023/2024
- Record of Decision (ROD) 2024

Operable Unit 2 Background

- Outside of the Superfund process, New York City is under order by the State of New York to implement the long-term control plan (LTCP)
 - When fully implemented, will reduce the volume of CSO discharges to the Creek by approximately 61% from the baseline conditions considered in the control plan.
 - As required by the order, full implementation is expected by 2042, at a cost of approximately \$1.2 billion
- EPA evaluated the impacts of the current and reasonably anticipated future discharge of Superfund site-related chemicals of potential concern from CSOs in an FFS
- EPA issued a ROD for OU2 in 2021
 - Remedy requires regular monitoring and reporting

Description of Required Monitoring

- Sample the discharge from at least the four major CSOs to the Creek
- Sample other point source discharges to the Creek
- Review watershed-wide metrics
 - discharge volumes to the Creek
 - frequency of CSO overflows.
- Frequency and Components of Sampling
 - Initially will be conducted quarterly, to the extent possible, for two years
 - The frequency and components of monitoring may then be adjusted, if appropriate, based on the sampling results.



Questions?



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Veteran Affairs Committee

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Giovanni D'Amato, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Report from January 19, 2023

The Committee met in the Evening of January 19, 2023, at, 6:30 PM and ended at 6:55 PM Via WEBEX.

Members: Present: Committee D'Amato, Chair; Caponegro (Quorum)

Absent: Chirichella

Public:

Present: Laura Hofman, Michael Hofman, Erica Matechak, and Evelyn Matechak

MEETING

A discussion was held around the need to restore/ maintain Memorials and Markers throughout the neighborhood. The chair will be reaching out to the Parks Department (Mary Salig) to get a list of all memorials and markers located in CB1. Working with local schools and groups to then clean up the memorials/markers.

In terms of Memorials, the Greenpoint WW1 Memorial in McGoldrick Park will be turning 100 this year. What can be done to spruce it up a bit in preparation for Nov 11, 2023- Veteran's Day?

The discussion continued around identifying VA posts, Veteran Groups, and VA halls. Ways of connecting new Vets to these established organizations. Examples of posts and halls we will

reach out to Memorial D	are Father Georgio Post, American Legion on Leonard Street, Monitor Museum Day Foundation on Orient Street.	n, and			
Finally, we noted that we will reach out to the City Veterans Affairs Department to see what services we can get into the community for our Vets.					



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February 7, 2023

COMMITTEE REPORTParks and Waterfront Committee

TO: Chairperson Fuller and CB1 Board Members

FROM: Philip Caponegro, Committee Chair

Parks and Waterfront Committee

RE: Committee Report from January 24, 2023

The Committee met in the Evening of January 24, 2023, at, 6:30 PM Via WEBEX.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Caponegro (Chair), McKeever (Co-Chair), Chesler, Horowitz, Kelterborn,

Odomirok, Peterson, Lorenz*

Absent: Carbone, Cianciotta, Goldstein, Miceli, Odomirok, Sabel, Cappucci*, Berger*,

Raymond*

8 Committee members were present. A Quorum was not present.

1). Motion was made to Rename the Basketball Courts in Cooper Park in Honor of Taurean Spears.

Taurean Spears was a local community resident who donated his time working with youth people at Cooper Park.

The committee voted 8-0-0

2). Motion was made to ask the Parks Dept. to find a working design and to purchase Wheelchair accessible Swings to be placed in all Community Board 1 & New York City Playgrounds.

The Committee voted 8-0-0

3). Motion was made to send a letter to Parks Dept. & all Local Officials to find Capital Funds for the renovation of Frost playground.

The Committee Voted 8-0-0

4). There was a discussion on adding hours to the Women's swim time at Metropolitan Pool. The Parks Committee & the Women's Issues Committee will try to have a meeting with our local officials to resolve this issue.

Biography

Taurean was an essential member of the community. He worked as a Youth Council Specialist and Athletics Supervisor at the Cooper Park Houses community center and touched the lives of everyone he met. Basketball was a huge part of his life, and he used it as a tool for mentoring kids and maintaining a sense of community with his many friends and family. After his passing, those who loved him began a basketball league in his honor, Everything 4 Taurean, to continue using the courts to mentor youth in the community. These courts are also the same courts in which he passed of a heart attack on May 19th, 2019.



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January 3, 2023

Martin Maher, Borough Commissioner New York City Department of Parks & Recreation Litchfield Villa, Prospect Park Brooklyn, NY 11215

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Taurean Spears worked in the community center to uplift youth. He was a friend, family man, and an advocate that led by example. Renaming these basketball courts in his name would allow for the same youth to remember the lessons he taught them, both on and off the courts.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gutiérrez Council Member, District 34

Jennifer Gutiénez





January 25, 2023

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Gutiérrez, Council Member

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Antonio Reynoso, Brooklyn Borough President



PARK PROPERTY/FEATURE NAME CHANGE REQUEST FORM

<u>TO</u>: Sue Donoghue

Commissioner

FROM: Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez

DATE: [01, 12, 2023]

This memorandum (featuring attached letters of community support, historical background, and press clippings) requests a park property or park feature name change as detailed below:

<u>Original Name of Property</u>: Cooper Park Houses Basketball Courts at Frost Street Playground

Method of Original Naming: https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/cooper-park/history

Property ID Number: B257

Street Location: Frost St & Debevoise Ave. Frost Playground, Brooklyn, NY 11222

Site Location Within Property (as applicable):

Community Board: Community Board 1

Council District: 34

New Name of Park Property/Feature: Taurean Spears Basketball Courts

Effective Date of Name Change:

<u>Reason for Name Change</u>: To rename in honor of Taurean Spears who both advocated for youth and unfortunately passed away on these courts.

cc: Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, First Deputy Commissioner Colleen Alderson, Planning & Parklands Jose Lopez, Planning & Parklands Antonios Michelakis, Planning & Parklands Ian Lefkowitz, Strategic Content Matt Drury, Government Relations Jonathan Kuhn, Art & Antiquities Jennifer Lantzas, Art & Antiquities Claudia Cereceda, Chief of Staff Peter Carlo, GIS Supervisor Alex Butler, Operations & Management Planning Christine Dabrow, Marketing and Development Maritza Lucia, Capital Projects Joe Ward, Citywide Marketing Scott Davenport, Innovation & Performance Mgmt.

Reviewed by:	
Iris Rodriguez-Rosa First Deputy Commissioner	

Approved by:	
Sue Donoghue	
Commissioner	



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February 23, 2023

Commissioner Martin Maher Brooklyn Parks NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Prospect Park Litchfield Villa 95 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY 11215

Dear Commissioner Maher:

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Sincerely,

Dealice Fulle Chairperson

Cc: Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez



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February 17, 2023

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February 7, 2023

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Environmental Protection Committee

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Stephen Chesler, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Report from February 2, 2023

The Committee met in the Evening of February 2, 2023, at, 6:30 PM Via WEBEX.

Members: Chesler, Chair; Bruzaitis; Kantin; Horowitz; Low; McKeever; Peterson; Sabel; Vega;

 $Hofmann^*; Costa^*; Stewart^* \ (*) \ \textit{Non board committee member}.$

Present: Chesler, Bruzaitis, Horowitz, Kantin, Vega, Hofmann* Absent: Low, McKeever, Peterson, Sabel, Costa*, Stewart*

6 members present. A quorum was not achieved.

MEETING

<u>Item #1 - State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Modification for Construction Dewatering to be completed at 470 Kent Avenue.</u> Developer presentation, Q&A. Letter & draft permit attached.

Presentation from Engineer Matthew Carroll, Tenen Environmental and Phil Rutherford, Naftali (470 Kent Avenue Associates LLC, developers). This Wallabout Channel waterfront site is a mixed-use development project that will include a large volume of residential units. It is currently working through a Volunteer Brownfield Cleanup Program, #C224053, which NYSDEC presented to the committee last year. This SPDES modification permit application is requesting an increase in wastewater discharge into the channel, from 576,000 gallons/day to

2.0M gallons/day, and an increase in the radius of influence from 35 feet to 50 feet. The wastewater will continue to be treated onsite by passing through a settling tank and a granulated carbon filter before release into the channel. Prime pollutants in the water are petroleum derived volatile organic compounds including BTEX chemicals. In addition to continuing to discharge wastewater into existing CSO outfall #NC-013, the applicant will create a new outfall that will support an onsite site stormwater management system after construction. Both outfalls will relieve pressure from the DEP municipal sewer system.

Motion by Stephen Chesler to approve the application. Second by William Vega Yes votes, 5 No votes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Motion carried.

<u>Item #2 State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Modification for Temporary Construction Dewatering Activities to be completed at 11 West Street.</u>

Developer presentation, Q&A. Letter & draft permit attached.

The presenter was Ariel Czemerinski, Engineer at AMC Engineering, and on hand was Linda Alexander, liaison for site developers M & H Realty. The applicant is in the process of developing on a large scale, four residential buildings on this site bordered by Quay Street, West Street, Oak Street and the East River. Two buildings are completed. The dewatering that is taking place is in preparation for construction of buildings A and D. Their current SPDES permit is expiring. They are looking to renew this permit, but modified to reflect a much lower volume of wastewater discharge, from approximately 576K gallons/day to approximately 63K gallons/day to adjust to site conditions. Wastewater will continue to be treated on site before being discharged into the East River through an existing manhole.

Katie D. Horowitz brought up past and current site issues with overwhelming truck traffic and sanitation, strewn garbage and debris in the street in front of the construction fence. Leslie Alexander responded that the developers are very willing to improve upon the movement of trucks during the next phases of construction and will work with contractors and subcontractors regarding this, but suggested the board reach out to DSNY regarding sanitation issues as the source is not necessarily from their site.

Motion by Stephen Chesler to approve the application. Second by William Vega Yes votes, 5 No votes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Motion carried. <u>Item #3 - USACE Storm Risk Management Draft Plan</u> - creation and approval of a response to the plan. Approved draft recommendation is attached with letters.

A response to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Storm Risk Management Draft Plan (SRMP) was drafted by committee members, drawing from the presentation made by the USACE to the committee on November 29, 2022, and comments made by committee members, board members and the general public at this meeting and a hearing about the SRMP held by the committee on January 4, 2023. The SRMP proposes to protect a section of Community District #1 from future predicted 100-year storm surges with installation of a storm surge gate across the mouth of Newtown Creek and tie-in infrastructure along a section of the shoreline in Greenpoint. The public comment submission deadline is March 7, 2023. The final draft of the response was read by Stephen Chesler. Committee members Eric Bruzaitis, Cory Kantin, William Vega and Laura Hofmann praised the draft, as did participant Maureen Boler. The response also includes attachments from two affected stakeholders, Friends of Transmitter Park (their response specific to WNYC Transmitter Park) and Greenpoint Partners, owners of the property located at 30 Kent Ave (13 Greenpoint Avenue, a letter expressing their opposition to their building being walled off from the street).

Motion by Stephen Chesler: To recommend this board approve this response to the USACE Storm Risk Management Plan as written, to recommend Committee Chair Stephen Chesler and/or other committee members present a summary of the board's response at a upcoming Town Hall about the SRMP organized by Councilmember Lincoln Restler and Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez on February 23, 2023.

Second by Katie D. Horowitz Yes votes, 6 No votes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Motion carried.

Updates

Old Business

315 Berry Street

Regarding the BSA special permit application to allow installation of a battery storage system (BSS) on top of a residential building, where the current zoning does not permit, and the discussion that took place at the CB full board meeting that took place on January 10, 2023, between FDNY captains, board members and the public regarding how the department can efficiently and safely extinguish fire from a BSS of the scale and type proposed for this building. Stephen Chesler remarked that a key takeaway from that dialogue is FDNY does not have experience extinguishing a fire with lithium battery cells at this large scale and this type of

location. At that hearing, Battalion Chief Mike Maiz noted the department only has experience with extinguishing fires from small scale batteries such as those used with ebikes. Katie D. Horowitz: FDNY might not have experience because a fire like this has not happened. Stephen Chesler: A fire of this type and magnitude occurred in Beijing, China on the roof of a department store killing two firemen, but the cause remains unknown. William Vega and Cory Kantin expressed major problems with locating this system on a residential building.

Motion by Stephen Chesler: To recommend submitting a letter to the BSA reporting FDNY's acknowledgement that the department lacks experience in extinguishing fires from large scale battery storage units containing a very high volume of lithium battery cells, and based on this, the board reiterates its strong opposition to the proposed installation of BSS on the roof the residential building located at 315 Berry Street in Brooklyn.

Motion by Stephen Chesler to approve the application. Second by William Vega Yes votes, 6 No votes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Motion carried.

210 Greenpoint Avenue

The committee followed up on major concerns previously expressed by the committee regarding the remediation process of this former service station property poised to become a 9-story residential building, and dangerous conditions created in the street due to the extension of their construction fence and placement of plastic jersey barriers in the roadway. Attached is a response letter from NYSDEC Project Manager Michael Sollecito that stated after further team review, the agency reiterates their assessment that contamination migration offsite is not a threat and offsite testing is unnecessary. Furthermore, the agency forwarded safety concern issues regarding the locations of the construction wall and plastic barriers to the developers and the Department of Transportation. Committee member and Transportation Committee Chair Eric Bruzaitis noted he is monitoring this situation through the Transportation Committee. Additionally, FDNY responded via email to a board request to confirm safe passage of turning department vehicles onto McGuinness Boulevard in front of the construction site. They initially want details on the location. Stephen Chesler provided those details and site images which the board passed along to the department. FDNY responded on January 25 that they would need a week to inspect the site.

Nuhart Superfund & Brownfield Sites

Site developers Madison Realty Capital provided an update on the status of the remediation process, through their newsletter. Offsite barrier installation is ongoing in front of 257 Franklin Street across from the site. Installation of onsite barriers to prevent off site contamination migration is beginning.

Meeting Adjourned.

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: 01/27/2023

Applicant: 470 Kent Ave Associates LLC

157 W 57th St Fl 45 New York, NY 10019

Facility: 470 Kent Avenue Property

470 Kent Ave

Brooklyn, NY 11249

Application ID: 2-6101-01405/00005

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 15 Title 15 Long Island Well Temporary Dewatering

1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES - Surface Discharge

Project is located: in KINGS COUNTY

Project Description:

The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination, subject to public comment or other information, to approve an application to modify an existing SPDES permit (NY0277169) for an existing temporary discharge of treated groundwater into the East River (Class I) from a treatment system consisting of sedimentation, filtration and carbon adsorption located at the applicant's project site in Brooklyn. Temporary construction dewatering is required to facilitate excavation work activities associated with site redevelopment, which includes construction of three new mixed-use residential/commercial buildings. Currently, pumped and treated groundwater is being discharged to the East River via an existing NYCDEP Outfall (NCB-013). This modification proposes to allow for the discharge of pumped and treated groundwater to be directed through an on-site outfall, once constructed under NYSDEC Permit #2-6101-01405/00001. In addition, the applicant proposes to increase the flow limits. Compared to the existing permit that this modified permit will replace, the total maximum discharge for this project will increase from 576,000 gallons per day to 2,000,000 gallons per day.

The draft SPDES permit with fact sheet is available online at https://dec.ny.gov/fs/projects/draftpermits. The draft permit files are contained within regional folders and named by the SPDES number contained in this notice.

Requests for a legislative (public statement) hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. The Department assesses such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 621.8. Refer to this application by the application number listed above and SPDES Number NY0277169.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

This project is subject to the Department's Environmental Justice Policy and an enhanced public participation plan has been prepared and accepted as a component of application completeness. As part of the plan, a document repository has been established near the project area that contains application and project related materials. Information on the repository location and other outreach components of the plan is available from the identified DEC contact.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action. Mitigation measures required by the Lead Agency will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result. A conditioned Negative Declaration is on file.

SEQR Lead Agency
NYC Dept of City Planning

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Cultural resource lists and maps have been checked. The proposed activity is not in an area of identified archaeological sensitivity and no known registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified or documented for the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Coastal Management

This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

The proposed action is subject to CP-29. An enhanced public participation plan was submitted by the applicant and has become part of the complete application.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 03/03/2023 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person
CAITLYN P NICHOLS
NYSDEC
47-40 21st St
Long Island City, NY 11101-5401
(718) 482-4997

CC List for Complete Notice

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State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT

Industrial Code:	1794	SPDES Number:	NY0277169
Discharge Class (CL):	04	DEC Number:	2-6101-01405/00005
Toxic Class (TX):	N	Effective Date (EDP):	October 15, 2022
Major Drainage Basin:	17	Expiration Date (ExDP):	October 14, 2027
Sub Drainage Basin:	01	Modification Dates: (EDPM)	TBD
Water Index Number:	(MW2.1) ER Lower (portion 1)		
Compact Area:	IEC		

This SPDES permit is issued in compliance with Title 8 of Article 17 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State and in compliance with the Clean Water Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. §1251et.seq.)(hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

PERMITTEE NAME AND ADDRESS							
Name:	470 Kent Avenue Associates LLC Attention: Michael Witek						
Street:	157 West 57th Street, 45th Floor						
City:	New York	State:	NY	Zip	10019		
				Code:			

is authorized to discharge from the facility described below:

FACILITY NAM	E AND ADDRESS							
Name:	470 Kent Avenue Proper	rty						
Location (C,T,V):	Brooklyn			County: King	gs			
Facility Address:	470 Kent Avenue							
City:	Brooklyn		State:	NY	Zip Code:	1124	9	
From Outfall No.:	001	at Latitude: 40 ° 42 ' 2	25 "	& Longitude:	-73 °	58 '	09	"
into receiving wate as:	rs known East River		·		Class:	I		

And from onsite private outfall 002

in accordance with: effluent limitations; monitoring and reporting requirements; other provisions and conditions set forth in this permit; and 6 NYCRR Part 750-1 and 750-2.

DISCHARGE	DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT (DMR) MAILING ADDRESS						
Mailing	g Tenen Environmental						
Name:							
Street:	121 West 27 th Street						
City:	New York	State:	NY	Zip Code: 10001			
Responsible Of	ficial or Agent: Matthew Carroll		Phone:	646-606-2332			

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire on midnight of the expiration date shown above and the permittee shall not discharge after the expiration date unless this permit has been renewed or extended pursuant to law. To be authorized to discharge beyond the expiration date, the permittee shall apply for permit renewal not less than 180 days prior to the expiration date shown above.

DISTRIBUTION:

Bureau of Water Permits Tenen Region 2 Division of Water SPDES Permit Mailing List USEPA R2

Permit Administrator: Stephen A. Watts III					
Address: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Permits- Region 2 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101					
Signature:	Date:	/	/		

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PERMIT LIMITS, LEVELS AND MONITORING DEFINITIONS

OUTFALL	WASTEWATER TYPE	RECEIVING WATER	EFFECTIVE	EXPIRING
	for discharge. Examples include process or sanitary	waters of the state to which	starts in effect. (e.g.	The date this page is no longer in effect. (e.g. ExDP)

PARAMETER	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQ.	SAMPLE TYPE
e.g. pH, TRC,	The minimum level that must be	The maximum level that may not	SU, °F,	See below	See below
Temperature, D.O.	maintained at all instants in time.	be exceeded at any instant in time.	mg/l, etc.		

PARAMETER	EFFLUENT LIMIT or CALCULATED LEVEL	COMPLIANCE LEVEL/ ML	ACTION LEVEL	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
	Limit types are defined below in Note 1. The effluent limit is developed based on the more stringent of technology-based limits, required under the Clean Water Act, or New York State water quality standards. The limit has been derived based on existing assumptions and rules. These assumptions include receiving water hardness, pH and temperature; rates of this and other discharges to the receiving stream; etc. If assumptions or rules change the limit may, after due process and modification of this permit, change.	For the purposes of compliance assessment, the Permittee shall use the approved EPA analytical method with the lowest possible detection limit as promulgated under 40CFR Part 136 for the determination of the concentrations of parameters present in the sample unless otherwise specified. If a sample result is below the detection limit of the most sensitive method, compliance with the permit limit for that parameter was achieved. Monitoring results that are lower than this level must be reported, but shall not be used to determine compliance with the calculated limit. This Minimum Level (ML) can be neither lowered nor raised without a modification of this permit.	Action Levels are monitoring requirements, as defined below in Note 2, which trigger additional monitoring and permit review when exceeded.	This can include units of flow, pH, mass, temperature, or concentration. Examples include µg/l, lbs/d, etc.	Examples include Daily, 3/week, weekly, 2/month, monthly, quarterly, 2/yr and yearly.All monitoring periods (quarterly, semiannual, annual, etc) are based upon the calendar year unless otherwise specified in this Permit.	Examples include grab, 24 hour composite and 3 grab samples collected over a 6 hour period.

Notes:

1. EFFLUENT LIMIT TYPES:

- a. DAILY DISCHARGE: The discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for the purposes of sampling. For pollutants expressed in units of mass, the 'daily discharge' is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the 'daily discharge' is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.
- b. DAILY MAX: The highest allowable daily discharge. DAILY MIN: The lowest allowable daily discharge.
- c. MONTHLY AVG: The highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of each of the daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.
- d. 7 DAY ARITHMETIC MEAN (7 day average): The highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week.
- e. 30 DAY GEOMETRIC MEAN: The highest allowable geometric mean of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the antilog of: the sum of the log of each of the daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.
- f. 7 DAY GEOMETRIC MEAN: The highest allowable geometric mean of daily discharges over a calendar week.
- g. RANGE: The minimum and maximum instantaneous measurements for the reporting period must remain between the two values shown.
- 2.ACTION LEVELS: Routine Action Level monitoring results, if not provided for on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form, shall be appended to the DMR for the period during which the sampling was conducted. If the additional monitoring requirement is triggered as noted below, the permittee shall undertake a short-term, high-intensity monitoring program for the parameter(s). Samples identical to those required for routine monitoring purposes shall be taken on each of at least three consecutive operating and discharging days and analyzed. Results shall be expressed in terms of both concentration and mass and shall be submitted no later than the end of the third month following the month when the additional monitoring requirement was triggered. Results may be appended to the DMR or transmitted under separate cover to the same address. If levels higher than the Action Levels are confirmed, the permit may be reopened by the Department for consideration of revised Action Levels or effluent limits. The permittee is not authorized to discharge any of the listed parameters at levels which may cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards.

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OUTFALL	WASTEWATER TYPE	RECEIVING WATER	EFFECTIVE	EXPIRING
001	Groundwater Construction Dewatering	East River (via Outfall NCB-013)	TBD	TBD

PARAMETER	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	FOOTNOTES (FN)
рН	6.0	9.0	SU	Monthly	Grab	1

PARAMETER ¹	EFFLUENT LIMIT or CALCULATED LEVEL		COMPLIANCE LEVEL/ ML	ACTION LEVEL	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	FN
	Monthly Avg	Daily Max						
Flow		2.0			MGD	Monthly	24hr.comp.	2
Total Suspended Solids	20	40			mg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Oil & Grease		15			mg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Benzene				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Toluene				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Ethylbenzene				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Tetrachloroethene				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene		4		5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Chrysene				10	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Phenol				10	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Naphthalene				10	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Benzo(a)pyrene				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Nickel, Total				74.7	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Lead, Total				214.6	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Chromium, Total				50	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1

FOOTNOTES:

- 1. Unless specified in this permit all samples shall be tested using analytical methods found in 40CFR136 or alternative methods approved by EPA in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR 136.
- 2. Total maximum discharge for this project will be 2.0 MGD.

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OUTFALL	WASTEWATER TYPE	RECEIVING WATER	EFFECTIVE	EXPIRING
002	Groundwater Construction Dewatering	East River (via onsite Outfall)	TBD	TBD

PARAMETER	PARAMETER MINIMUM MAX		UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	FOOTNOTES (FN)
pH	6.0	9.0	SU	Monthly	Grab	1

PARAMETER ¹		EFFLUENT LIMIT or CALCULATED LEVEL		ACTION LEVEL	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	FN
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Naphthalene				10	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
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Nickel, Total				74.7	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Lead, Total				214.6	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Chromium, Total				50	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1

FOOTNOTES:

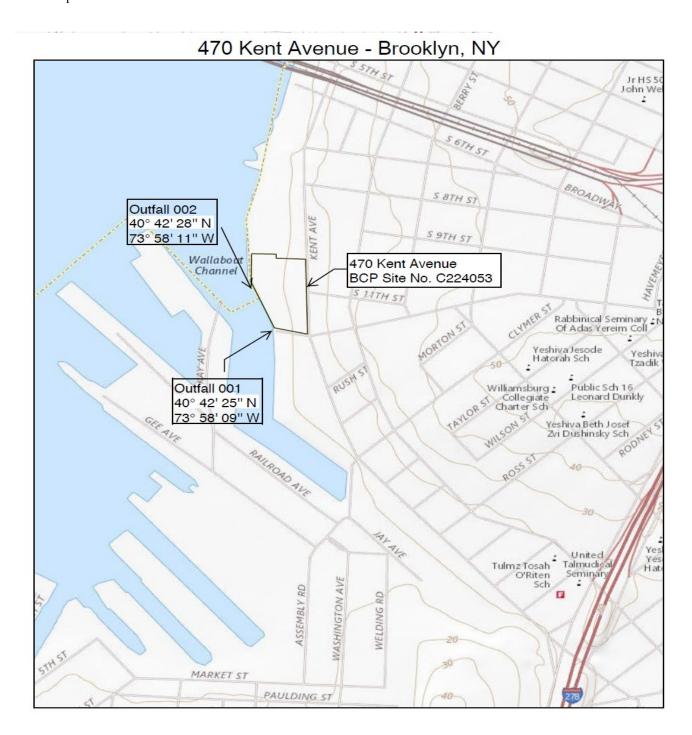
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The permittee shall take samples and measurements, to comply with the monitoring requirements specified in this permit, at the locations(s) specified below; samples must be taken after treatment process but prior to discharge to the either outfall.

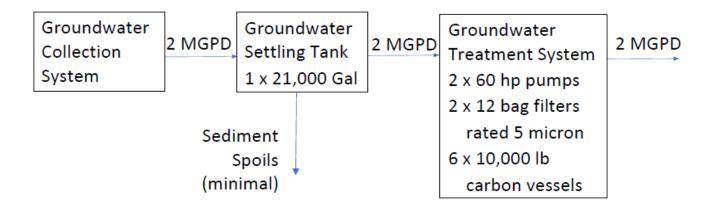
MONITORING LOCATIONS

Please note that changes of any treatment unit or changes to the overall treatment system included/specified requires notification to the Department.



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MONITORING LOCATIONS continued



Schematic of Dewatering System 470 Kent Avenue – Brooklyn, NY BCP Site No. C224053



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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1) The permittee shall submit a quarterly sampling results report to the Regional Water Engineer, in addition to the annual report. The first report is due no later than the 28th day of the month following the first month of operation, with subsequent reports every quarter. The first report is for only one month.

The permittee shall submit copies of any document required by the above special condition to the NYSDEC Regional Water Engineer at the location listed under the section of this permit entitled RECORDING, REPORTING AND ADDITIONAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS, unless otherwise specified in this permit or in writing by the Department.



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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. The regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 750 are hereby incorporated by reference and the conditions are enforceable requirements under this permit. The permittee shall comply with all requirements set forth in this permit and with all the applicable requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 750 incorporated into this permit by reference, including but not limited to the regulations in paragraphs B through I as follows:

B. General Conditions

Duty to comply
 Duty to reapply
 Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense
 Duty to mitigate
 Permit actions
 Property rights
 Duty to provide information
 ONYCRR Part 750-2.1(e) & 2.4
 ONYCRR Part 750-2.1(g)
 ONYCRR Part 750-2.7(f)
 ONYCRR Part 750-1.1(c), 1.18, 1.20 & 2.1(h)
 ONYCRR Part 750-2.2(b)
 ONYCRR Part 750-2.1(i)

C. Operation and Maintenance

8. Inspection and entry

Proper Operation & Maintenance
 Bypass
 Upset
 6NYCRR Part 750-2.8
 6NYCRR Part 750-1.2(a)(17), 2.8(b) & 2.7
 6NYCRR Part 750-1.2(a)(94) & 2.8(c)

D. Monitoring and Records

1. Monitoring and records
2. Signatory requirements
6NYCRR Part 750-2.5(a)(2), 2.5(c)(1), 2.5(c)(2), 2.5(d) & 2.5(a)(6)
6NYCRR Part 750-1.8 & 2.5(b)

6NYCRR Part 750-2.1(a) & 2.3

E. Reporting Requirements

1. Reporting requirements
2. Anticipated noncompliance
3. Transfers
4. Monitoring reports
5. Compliance schodules
6NYCRR Part 750-2.5(e)
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6NYCRR Part 750-2.1(d)

5. Compliance schedules
6. 24-hour reporting
7. Other noncompliance
8. Other information
6. Compliance schedules
6. Compliance

9. Additional conditions applicable to a POTW
10. Special reporting requirements for discharges
6NYCRR Part 750-2.6

that are not POTWs

F. Planned Changes

- 1. The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:
 - a. The alteration or addition to the permitted facility may meet of the criteria for determining whether facility is a new source in 40 CFR §122.29(b); or
 - b. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, or to notification requirements under 40 CFR §122.42(a)(1); or
 - c. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.

In addition to the Department, the permittee shall submit a copy of this notice to the United States Environmental Protection Agency at the following address: U.S. EPA Region 2, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS continued

- G. Notification Requirement for POTWs
 - 1. All POTWs shall provide adequate notice to the Department and the USEPA of the following:
 - a. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA if it were directly discharging those pollutants; or
 - b. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
 - c. For the purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on:
 - i. the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and
 - ii. any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.

POTWs shall submit a copy of this notice to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, at the following address: U.S. EPA Region 2, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

H. Sludge Management

The permittee shall comply with all applicable requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 360.

I. SPDES Permit Program Fee

The permittee shall pay to the Department an annual SPDES permit program fee within 30 days of the date of the first invoice, unless otherwise directed by the Department, and shall comply with all applicable requirements of ECL 72-0602 and 6 NYCRR Parts 480, 481 and 485. Note that if there is inconsistency between the fees specified in ECL 72-0602 and 6 NYCRR Part 485, the ECL 72-0602 fees govern.

J. Water Treatment Chemicals (WTCs)

New or increased use and discharge of a WTC requires prior Department review and authorization. At a minimum, the permittee must notify the Department in writing of its intent to change WTC use by submitting a completed WTC Notification Form for each proposed WTC. The Department will review that submittal and determine if a SPDES permit modification is necessary or whether WTC review and authorization may proceed outside of the formal permit administrative process. The majority of WTC authorizations do not require SPDES permit modification. In any event, use and discharge of a WTC shall not proceed without prior authorization from the Department. Examples of WTCs include biocides, coagulants, conditioners, corrosion inhibitors, defoamers, deposit control agents, flocculants, scale inhibitors, sequestrants, and settling aids.

- 1. WTC use shall not exceed the rate explicitly authorized by this permit or otherwise authorized in writing by the Department.
- 2. The permittee shall **maintain a logbook** of all WTC use, noting for each WTC the date, time, exact location, and amount of each dosage, and, the name of the individual applying or measuring the chemical. The logbook must also document that adequate process controls are in place to ensure that excessive levels of WTCs are not used.
- 3. The permittee shall **submit a completed** *WTC Annual Report Form* each year that they use and discharge WTCs. This form shall be attached to either the December DMR or the annual monitoring report required below.

The WTC Notification Form and WTC Annual Report Form are available from the Department's website at http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/93245.html.

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۱.		e summarized, signed and retained for a period of at least five years on by the Department or its designated agent. Also, monitoring ad reported by submitting;
	locations specified below. Blank forms are available	onitoring Report (DMR) forms for each month reporting period to the at the Department's Albany office listed below. The first reporting d the reports will be due no later than the 28th day of the month
		ater Engineer at the address specified below. The annual report is due mation for January to December of the previous year in a format
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	(if box is checked) a monthly "Wastewater Facility Ope	-
	Regional Water Engineer and/or County He	ealth Department or Environmental Control Agency specified below
	Send the original (top sheet) of each DMR page to:	Send the firstcopy (second sheet) of each DMR page to:
	Department of Environmental Conservation	Department of Environmental Conservation
	Division of Water, Bureau of Water Compliance	Regional Water Engineer, Region 2
	625 Broadway	1 Hunters Point Plaza
	Albany, New York 12233-3506	47-40 21 st Street
	Phone: (518) 402-8177	Long Island City, NY 11101
	Thone. (310) 402 0177	Phone: (718) 482-4930
		1110101 (710) 102 1930
		Department of Environmental Conservation
		DER Program Manager, Sadique Ahmed P.E.
		Division of Environmental Remediation
		625 Broadway
		Albany, New York 12233-3506

- B. Monitoring and analysis shall be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit.
- C. More frequent monitoring of the discharge(s), monitoring point(s), or waters of the State than required by the permit, where analysis is performed by a certified laboratory or where such analysis is not required to be performed by a certified laboratory, shall be included in the calculations and recording of the data on the corresponding DMRs.
- D. Calculations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this permit.
- E. Unless otherwise specified, all information recorded on the DMRs shall be based upon measurements and sampling carried out during the most recently completed reporting period.
- F. Any laboratory test or sample analysis required by this permit for which the State Commissioner of Health issues certificates of approval pursuant to section 502 of the Public Health Law shall be conducted by a laboratory which has been issued a certificate of approval. Inquiries regarding laboratory certification should be directed to the New York State Department of Health, Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

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SPDES Permit Statement of Basis – Surface Water Discharges

I. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PERMIT

On October 13, 2022, the NYSDEC issued a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit (NY0277169) allowing the discharge of treated groundwater generated from temporary construction dewatering during the redevelopment of 470 Kent Avenue property in the South Williamsburg area of Brooklyn, NY 11249. The proposed development of the Site consists of three new commercial/residential use buildings. The issued SPDES Permit was effective beginning of October 15, 2022, with an expiration date of October 14, 2027. According to the approved permit, the treated dewatering water would be discharged to the East River through NYCDEP outfall NCB-013. The permit included the reporting requirements for the following parameters: Flow, pH, total suspended solids (TSS), oil and grease, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, phenol, tetrachloroethene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, benzo(a)pyrene, naphthalene, phenol, nickel, lead and chromium.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As noted throughout this document, SPDES permits are based on both federal and state requirements including laws, regulations, policies, and guidance. These references can generally be found on the internet. Current locations include: Clean Water Act (CWA) www.epa.gov/lawsregs/laws/index.html#env; Environmental Conservation Law (ECL)www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/40195.html; federal regulations www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?CollectionCode=CFR; state environmental regulations www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/regulations.html; NYSDEC water policy www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2654.html.

A. Administrative History and Project Description

In May 2022, the applicant, 470 Kent Ave Associates LLC submitted a request SPDES permit allowing discharge of treated groundwater into the East River from temporary dewatering during the construction of three new commercial/residential use buildings at 470 Kent Avenue in Brooklyn, NY Site. Dewatering will be required during the foundation work. The maximum flowrate for the SPDES permit was 576,000 GPD.

On December 22, 2022, Tenen Environmental, LLC (Tenen) on behalf of 470 Kent Ave Associates LLC, submitted a request for a SPDES permit modification. This permit modification application involves the modification to the flow rates and modification to allow for the flow to be discharged through a second outfall (previously authorized for construction under NYSDEC Permit No. 2-6101-01405/00001,2,3) which will installed as part of the stormwater management system for the new development. The new daily maximum groundwater withdrawal from the project site will be 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD).

B. Outfall & Receiving Water Information

Applicant proposes dewatering discharge from the site into two outfalls: an existing combined sewer overflow pipe on Kent Avenue, which discharges to East River via NYCDEP Outfall #NCB-013 (outfall 001) and a new, to be constructed, on-site outfall (outfall 002). Treatment will be provided prior to discharge. The treatment system includes sedimentation, filtration and carbon adsorption.

The location of the outfall, and the name, classification, and index numbers of the receiving waters are indicated in the *Outfall & Receiving Water Location Table* at the end of this fact sheet. The classifications of individual surface waters are specified in 6 NYCRR Parts 800 – 941. The best uses and other requirements applicable to the specific water classes are specified in 6 NYCRR Part 701.

Impaired Waterbody Information – The CWA requires states to identify impaired waters, where designated uses are not fully supported. For these impaired waters/pollutants, states must consider the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other strategy to reduce the input of the specific pollutant(s) restricting waterbody uses. A TMDL may be developed to address the impairment

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III. PROPOSED PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The Department evaluates discharges with respect to the relevant sections of the CWA, ECL, federal/state regulations, policy, and guidance to determine which conditions to include in the draft permit.

A. Effluent Limitations

The Department determines the **technology-based effluent limits (TBELs)** that must be incorporated into the permit. A TBEL requires a minimum level of treatment. For industrial point sources, TBELs are typically based on federal effluent guidelines and/or best professional judgment (BPJ). BPJ considers currently available treatment technologies and appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs). For municipal POTWs and private sewage treatment plants, TBELs are typically based on secondary treatment requirements and, if applicable, CSO control policy. The Department then evaluates the water quality expected to result from technology controls to determine if any exceedances of water quality criteria in the receiving water might result. If so, **water quality-based effluent limits (WQBELs)** must be included in the permit. A WQBEL is designed to ensure that the water quality standards of receiving waters are being met. In general, effluent limits for a particular pollutant are the more stringent of either the TBEL or WQBEL.

For existing permittees, the previous permit typically forms the basis for the next permit. Permit revisions are implemented where justified due to changed conditions at the facility and/or in response to updated regulatory requirements. Regulatory anti-backsliding requirements prohibit the relaxation of effluent limits in reissued permits unless one of the specified exceptions applies, as detailed in TOGS 1.2.1.

Applicable law and regulation require that monitoring be included in permits to determine compliance with effluent limitations. Additional effluent monitoring may also be required to gather data to determine if effluent limitations may be required. The permittee is responsible for conducting the monitoring and, when required, for reporting results on DMRs. The permit contains the monitoring requirements for the facility. Monitoring frequency is based on the minimum sampling necessary to adequately monitor the facility's performance and TOGS 1.2.1 and TOGS 1.3.3. Mercury-related requirements, if included, conform to TOGS 1.3.10.

Specific Pollutant Analysis

This section outlines the basis for each of the effluent limitations in the draft permit.

Flow limit of 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD) has been added in the permit based on the pump test data.

pH range – the New York State WQSs, 6NYCRR Part 703.3 for class SD waters prohibits discharges that cause the in-stream pH to change more than 0.1 SU outside of the background range. State has established a pH range limit of 6.0 to 9.0 for dewatering operations discharging to class I waters. Maintaining the pH level within this range demonstrates compliance with the NYS WQS. This pH limit range of 6.0 to 9.0 has been added in the draft permit.

Total Suspended Solids (TSS):

Heavy metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are readily adsorbed onto particulate matter and the release of these compounds into the environment can be reduced by regulating the amount of TSS discharged. Per NYSDEC TOGS 1.2.1 Attachment C, a treatment process that includes coagulation and sedimentation can achieved a TBEL of daily max 40 mg/l and a monthly average limit of 20 mg/l. The narrative water quality standards, 6 NYCRR Part 703.2, state that discharge of suspended solids shall not cause deposition or impair the receiving waters for their best usages. Achieving the TBEL will also achieve the WQBEL.

Oil & Grease:

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Construction activities and using of heavy equipment during the infrastructure project has no reasonable potential to discharge oil & grease. However, reporting requirements for Oil and Grease have been added in the draft permit with a maximum daily limit of 15 mg/l using a TBEL for an oil/water separator. The department has established that the oil & grease TBEL limit of 15 mg/l is sufficient to meet narrative water quality standards of no visible oil film nor globules of grease.

Metals:

Lead, Nickel, Chromium – the sampling analysis conducted of the untreated groundwater shows that lead, nickel, chromium was detected and reported above the water quality standard. Thus, reporting requirements have been added in the draft permit.

Antimony, Barium, Calcium, Cobalt, Magnesium, Potassium, Sodium, Manganese, Vanadium: The sampling analysis of untreated groundwater indicated that these parameters were either non-detect or reported at levels well-below the TBEL and the water quality standard. As discussed in TSS section, heavy metals adsorbed onto particulate matter and can be limited by regulating TSS discharge. Thus, routine monitoring for these metals is not necessary.

Other parameters:

In addition, there have been histories of leaking underground storage tanks at commercial facilities, and other sources of petroleum pollution of soil and groundwater in the Dumbo neighborhood. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as **benzene**, **toluene**, **ethylbenzene**, **and the xylene compounds (BTEX)** are normally found at relatively high concentrations in gasoline and light distillate products (e.g., diesel fuel). BTEX concentrations typically decrease in the heavier grades of petroleum distillate products (e.g., fuel oils). Since many petroleum spills involve gasoline or diesel fuel, the State regulates petroleum related contaminants by setting limits on the individual BTEX components. To ensure that contaminants may not be drawn during the dewatering operations, reporting requirements for BTEX has been added in the draft permit. Per TOGS 1.2.1 Attachment, the carbon adsorption treatment process can meet 5 ug/l limit for individual BTEX.

The proposed site is located next to NYSDEC BCP sites and MGP sites. Therefore, other potential contaminants of concern that can be detected during dewatering operation are: 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene, phenol, naphthalene, Tetrachloroethene, benzo(a)pyrene etc. To ensure that the suspected contaminants of concern may not be drawn during the dewatering operations, a routine monitoring for these parameters have been added in the draft permit.

B. Monitoring & Reporting Requirements

CWA section 308, 40 CFR 122.44(i), and 6 NYCRR Part 750-1.13 require that monitoring be included in permits to determine compliance with effluent limitations. Additional effluent monitoring may also be required to gather data to determine if effluent limitations may be required. The permittee is responsible for conducting the monitoring and for reporting results on DMRs. The permit contains the monitoring requirements for the facility. Monitoring frequency is based on the minimum sampling necessary to adequately monitor the facility's performance. For industrial facilities, sampling frequency is based on guidance provided in TOGS 1.2.1.

C. General Conditions Applicable To All Permits

The permit contains standard regulatory language that is required to be in all SPDES permits. These permit provisions, based largely upon 40 CFR 122 subpart C and 6 NYCRR Part 750, include requirements pertaining to monitoring, recording, reporting, and compliance responsibilities. These "general conditions" of permits are typically specified, summarized, or referenced on the first and last pages of the permit.

Permittee: 470 Kent Ave Associates LLC Facility: 470 Kent Avenue Property SPDES No: NY0277169

Date: 01/27/2023

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OUTFALL, RECEIVING WATER& POLLUTANT SUMMARY TABLES

Outfall Number		Latitud	e	Longitude	Receiving Wa	ater Name	•		Water Class	Water Index Number	Ma	jor/Sub Ba	asin	
001, 002		40° 37' 8	3"	74° 4' 11"	East River (vi	a outfall N	CB-013 an	d new outfall 002)	Ι	(MW1.3) ER Lower (Portio	on 1) 17/0)1		
Sou	ource(s) of Was	tewater:			Construction of	dewatering	water							
Pro	oposed Wastew	ater Treatmer	nt Facilitie	es:	Sedimentation	, Filtration	n, Carbon A	dsorption						
	Effluent Parameter Untreated Groundwater ¹			TBELs				WQBELs				Permit Basis		
(Concentration in ug/ in lbs/day unless other	/l and mass erwise	Concentr	ation ¹				PQL		Ambient Crite	ria Ambient Background	,	WQBEL		(T or WQ
specified)		Max ¹		conc.	mass	Туре	conc.	BASIS	conc.	conc.	conc.	mass	Type	or NA)
Flow Rate, units = M	MGD	576,000		GPD	1		NA		7Q10 = ,	30Q10 = , Dilution/Mi	xing =			Т
pH (su)				(6.0 - 9.0)		Ra	inge		narrative					Т
Total suspended solid	ds			20				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	narrative					T
Oil & Grease, mg/l				15				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C						Т
Benzene, µg/l		2500		5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	10					Т
Toluene, μg/l		140		5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	6000					T
Ethylbenzene, μg/l		490		5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	-					T
Xylene, Total, μg/l		1200		5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	-					T
Tetrachloroethene, μ	ıg/l	15		5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	-					T
Phenol μg/l		24		10		Ť		TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	-					Т
Naphthalene, μg/l		2300		10				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	-					T
1,2,4-trimethylbenzer	ene	370		5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	-					T
Benzo(a)pyrene		2.4		5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	-					T
METALS				Monthly Avg.										
Lead, μg/l		63		420/200				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	204		214.6 total		$oxed{igspace}$	WQ
Nickel, μg/l		401		1900/1300				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	74		74.7 total		<u> </u>	WQ
Chromium, µg/l		346		2100/930				TOGS 1.2.1 Att C	120		50 total	<u> </u>		WQ

Footnotes: ¹Highest detected concentration

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: 01/03/2023

Applicant: M & H Realty LLC PO Box 110965

Brooklyn, NY 11211-0965

Facility: M&H Realty West St Redevelopment

11 West St

Brooklyn, NY 11222

Application ID: 2-6101-01372/00005

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES - Surface Discharge

Project is located: in KINGS COUNTY

Project Description:

The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination, subject to public comment or other information, to approve an application to modify an existing SPDES permit for an existing temporary discharge of treated groundwater into the East River (Class I). The proposed modification incorporates the discharge of pumped and treated groundwater associated with temporary construction dewatering activities required to complete site redevelopment work, including excavation of two new cellars and installation of pile caps to facilitate construction of two new buildings (buildings A and D). Pumped groundwater will be directed to a temporary construction dewatering and groundwater treatment system consisting of sedimentation, filtration and carbon adsorption prior to discharge to the East River via an on-site outfall. The point of discharge remains unchanged. Compared to the existing permit that this modified permit will replace, the maximum flow will decrease from 576,000 gallons per day to 63,360 gallons per day.

The draft SPDES permit with fact sheet is available online at https://dec.ny.gov/fs/projects/draftpermits. The draft permit files are contained within regional folders and named by the SPDES number contained in this notice.

Requests for a legislative (public statement) hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. The Department assesses such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 621.8. Refer to this application by the application number listed above and SPDES Number NY0276880.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

A final environmental impact statement has been prepared on this project and is on file.

SEQR Lead Agency NYC Dept of City Planning

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Cultural resource lists and maps have been checked. The proposed activity is not in an area of identified archaeological sensitivity and no known registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified or documented for the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Coastal Management

This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 02/10/2023 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person
CAITLYN P NICHOLS
NYSDEC
47-40 21st St
Long Island City, NY 11101-5401
(718) 482-4997

CC List for Complete Notice

ENB



State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT

Industrial Code:	1794	SPDES Number:	NY0276880
Discharge Class (CL):	04	DEC Number:	2-6101-01372/00005
Toxic Class (TX):	N	Effective Date (EDP):	March 9, 2021
Major Drainage Basin:	17	Expiration Date (ExDP):	February 28, 2026
Sub Drainage Basin:	02	Modification Dates: (EDPM)	TBD
Water Index Number:	(MW2.1) ER (portion 1)		
Compact Area:	IEC		

This SPDES permit is issued in compliance with Title 8 of Article 17 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State and in compliance with the Clean Water Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. §1251 et.seq.) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

PERMI	PERMITTEE NAME AND ADDRESS								
Name:	M&H Realty LLC	Attention:	Lipa Friedn	ipa Friedman					
Street:	177 North 11 Street		_						
City:	Brooklyn	State:	NY	Zip Code:	11204				

is authorized to discharge from the facility described below:

Name:	M&H Realty West St 1	H Realty West St Redevelopment								
Location (C,T,V):	Brooklyn									
	: 11 West Street									
City:	Brooklyn			State:	NY	Zip	Code:	112	222	
From Outfall No.:	001	at Latitude: 40 °	43 '	36 "	& Longitu	72		57	,	36

in accordance with: effluent limitations; monitoring and reporting requirements; other provisions and conditions set forth in this permit; and 6 NYCRR Part 750-1 and 750-2.

DISCHARGE	DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT (DMR) MAILING ADDRESS								
Mailing Name:	M&H Realty L	LLC							
Street:	177 North 11 S	Street							
City:	Brooklyn			State:	NY	Zip Code:	11204		
Responsible Of	esponsible Official or Agent: Lipa Friedman Phone: 718-878-3805								

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire on midnight of the expiration date shown above and the permittee shall not discharge after the expiration date unless this permit has been renewed, or extended pursuant to law. To be authorized to discharge beyond the expiration date, the permittee shall apply for permit renewal not less than 180 days prior to the expiration date shown above.

DISTRIBUTION:

CO BWP - Permit Coordinator M&H Realty LLC RWE RPA Region2 NPDES@epa.gov

Regional Permit Administrator: Stephen A. Watts III						
Address: NYS Department of Environ Division of Environmental F 47-40 21st street, Long Islan	Permits- R	Region 2				
Signature:	Date:	/	/			

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PERMIT LIMITS, LEVELS AND MONITORING DEFINITIONS

OUTFALL	WASTEWATER TYPE	RECEIVING WATER	EFFECTIVE	EXPIRING
	This cell describes the type of wastewater authorized	This cell lists classified	The date this page	The date this page is
	for discharge. Examples include process or sanitary	waters of the state to which	starts in effect. (e.g.	no longer in effect.
	wastewater, storm water, non-contact cooling water.	the listed outfall discharges.	EDP or EDPM)	(e.g. ExDP)

PARAMETER MINIMUM		MAXIMUM	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQ.	SAMPLE TYPE
e.g. pH, TRC,	The minimum level that must be	The maximum level that may not	SU, °F,	See below	See below
Temperature, D.O.	maintained at all instants in time.	be exceeded at any instant in time.	mg/l, etc.		

PARAMETER	EFFLUENT LIMIT or CALCULATED LEVEL	COMPLIANCE LEVEL / ML	ACTION LEVEL	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
	Limit types are defined below in Note 1. The effluent limit is developed based on the more stringent of technology-based limits, required under the Clean Water Act, or New York State water quality standards. The limit has been derived based on existing assumptions and rules. These assumptions include receiving water hardness, pH and temperature; rates of this and other discharges to the receiving stream; etc. If assumptions or rules change the limit may, after due process and modification of this permit, change.	For the purposes of compliance assessment, the Permittee shall use the approved EPA analytical method with the lowest possible detection limit as promulgated under 40CFR Part 136 for the determination of the concentrations of parameters present in the sample unless otherwise specified. If a sample result is below the detection limit of the most sensitive method, compliance with the permit limit for that parameter was achieved. Monitoring results that are lower than this level must be reported, but shall not be used to determine compliance with the calculated limit. This Minimum Level (ML) can be neither lowered nor raised without a modification of this permit.	Action Levels are monitoring requirements, as defined below in Note 2, which trigger additional monitoring and permit review when exceeded.	This can include units of flow, pH, mass, temperature, or concentration. Examples include µg/l, lbs/d, etc.	Examples include Daily, 3/week, weekly, 2/month, monthly, quarterly, 2/yr and yearly. All monitoring periods (quarterly, semiannual, annual, etc) are based upon the calendar year unless otherwise specified in this Permit.	Examples include grab, 24 hour composite and 3 grab samples collected over a 6 hour period.

Notes:

1. EFFLUENT LIMIT TYPES:

- a. DAILY DISCHARGE: The discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for the purposes of sampling. For pollutants expressed in units of mass, the 'daily discharge' is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the 'daily discharge' is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.
- b. DAILY MAX: The highest allowable daily discharge. DAILY MIN: The lowest allowable daily discharge.
- c. MONTHLY AVG: The highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of each of the daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.
- d. 7 DAY ARITHMETIC MEAN (7 day average): The highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week.
- e. 30 DAY GEOMETRIC MEAN: The highest allowable geometric mean of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the antilog of: the sum of the log of each of the daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.
- f. 7 DAY GEOMETRIC MEAN: The highest allowable geometric mean of daily discharges over a calendar week.
- g. RANGE: The minimum and maximum instantaneous measurements for the reporting period must remain between the two values shown.
- 2. ACTION LEVELS: Routine Action Level monitoring results, if not provided for on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form, shall be appended to the DMR for the period during which the sampling was conducted. If the additional monitoring requirement is triggered as noted below, the permittee shall undertake a short-term, high-intensity monitoring program for the parameter(s). Samples identical to those required for routine monitoring purposes shall be taken on each of at least three consecutive operating and discharging days and analyzed. Results shall be expressed in terms of both concentration and mass, and shall be submitted no later than the end of the third month following the month when the additional monitoring requirement was triggered. Results may be appended to the DMR or transmitted under separate cover to the same address. If levels higher than the Action Levels are confirmed, the permit may be reopened by the Department for consideration of revised Action Levels or effluent limits. The permittee is not authorized to discharge any of the listed parameters at levels which may cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards.

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PERMIT LIMITS, LEVELS AND MONITORING

OUTFALL	WASTEWATER TYPE	RECEIVING WATER	EFFECTIVE	EXPIRING
001	Groundwater Construction Dewatering	East River (via Private Onsite 30" Storm Sewer)	TBD	TBD

PARAMETER	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	FOOTNOTES (FN)
pH	6.5	8.5	SU	Monthly	Grab	1

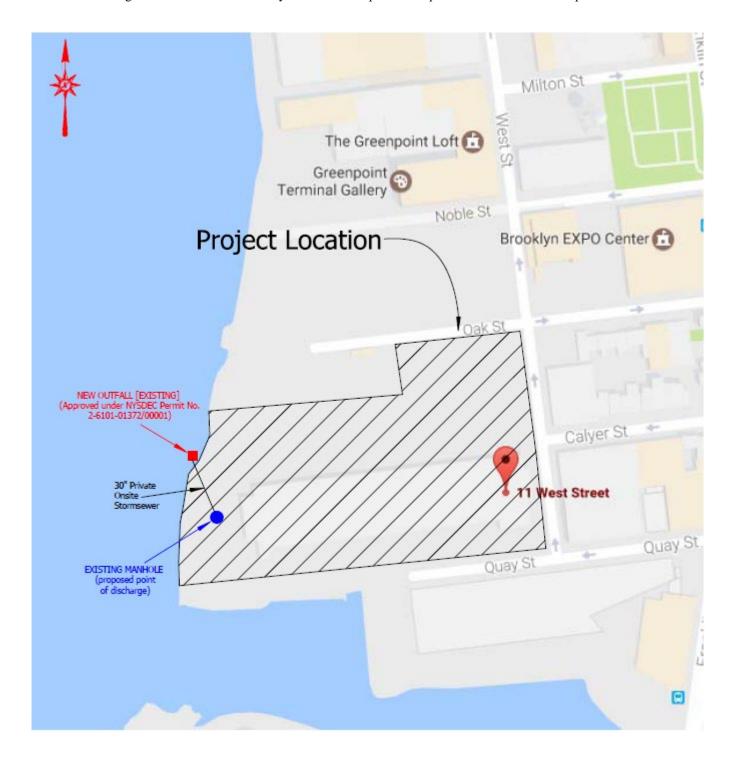
PARAMETER ¹	EFFLUENT CALCULAT		COMPLIANCE LEVEL/ ML	ACTION LEVEL	UNITS	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	FN
	Monthly Avg	Daily Max						
Flow		63,360			GPD	Daily	Calculated	1,3
Total Suspended Solids	20	40			mg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Oil & Grease		15			mg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Benzene				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Toluene			4	5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Ethylbenzene				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Xylene, Total				5	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Lead, Total				200	μg/l	Monthly	Grab	1
Mercury, Total				50	ng/l	Monthly	Grab	2

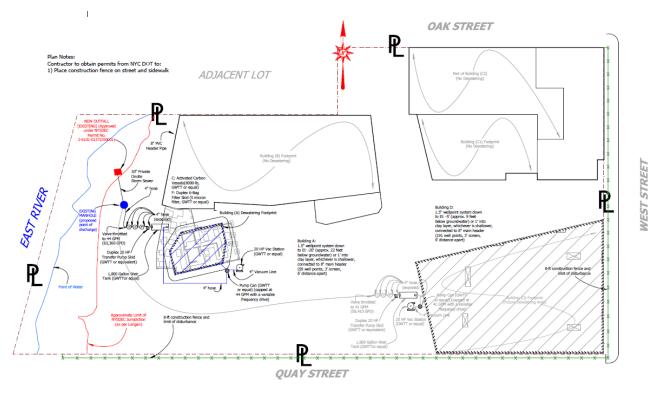
FOOTNOTES:

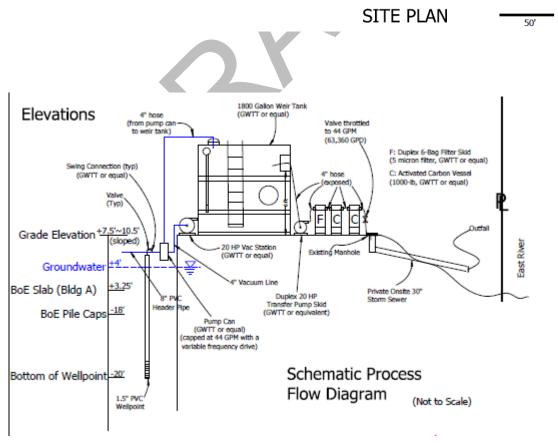
- 1. Unless specified in this permit all samples shall be tested using analytical methods found in 40CFR136 or alternative methods approved by EPA in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR 136.
- 2. Samples for mercury analysis shall be collected using EPA method 1669. Analysis shall be EPA Method 245.7.
- 3. Total maximum discharge for this project will be 63,360 GPD.

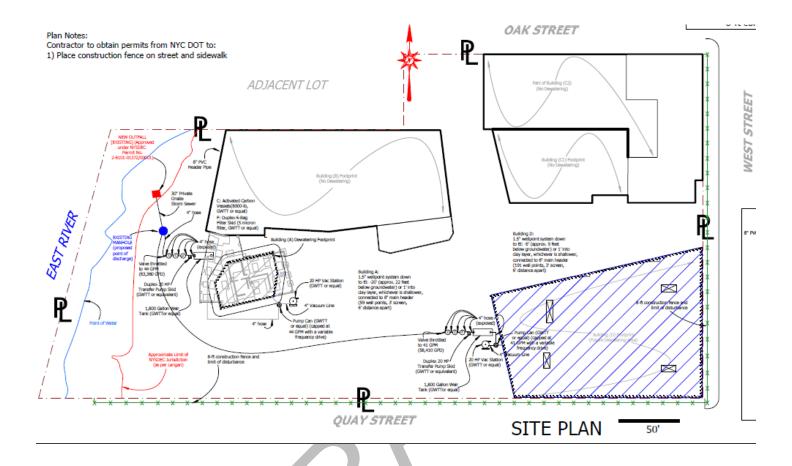
MONITORING LOCATIONS

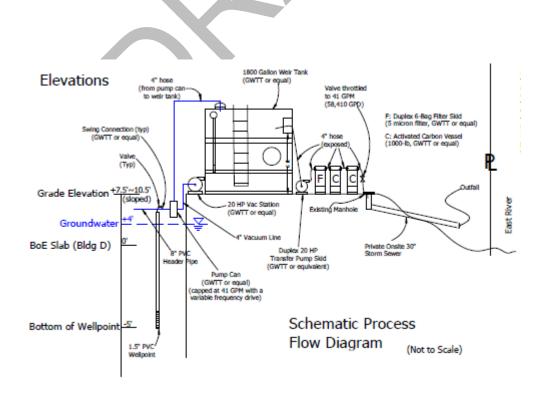
The permittee shall take samples and measurements, to comply with the monitoring requirements specified in this permit, at the locations(s) specified below; samples must be taken after treatment process but prior to discharge to the outfalls. Reduction of any treatment unit or changes to the overall treatment system included/specified requires notification to the Department.











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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1) The permittee shall submit a quarterly sampling results report to the Regional Water Engineer, in addition to the annual report. The first report is due no later than the 28th day of the month following the first month of operation, with subsequent reports every quarter. The first report is for only one month.

The permittee shall submit copies of any document required by the above special condition to the NYSDEC Regional Water Engineer at the location listed under the section of this permit entitled RECORDING, REPORTING AND ADDITIONAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS, unless otherwise specified in this permit or in writing by the Department.



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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 750 are hereby incorporated by reference and the conditions are enforceable requirements under this permit. The permittee shall comply with all requirements set forth in this permit and with all the applicable requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 750 incorporated into this permit by reference, including but not limited to the regulations in paragraphs B through I as follows:.

General Conditions B.

1. Duty to comply 6NYCRR Part 750-2.1(e) & 2.4 Duty to reapply 6NYCRR Part 750-1.16(a) Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense 6NYCRR Part 750-2.1(g) Duty to mitigate 6NYCRR Part 750-2.7(f) Permit actions 6NYCRR Part 750-1.1(c), 1.18, 1.20 & 2.1(h) 6. Property rights 6NYCRR Part 750-2.2(b) Duty to provide information 6NYCRR Part 750-2.1(i) Inspection and entry 6NYCRR Part 750-2.1(a) & 2.3

Operation and Maintenance C.

Proper Operation & Maintenance 6NYCRR Part 750-2.8 2. **Bypass** 6NYCRR Part 750-1.2(a)(17), 2.8(b) & 2.7 3. Upset 6NYCRR Part 750-1.2(a)(94) & 2.8(c)

Monitoring and Records D.

Monitoring and records 6NYCRR Part 750-2.5(a)(2), 2.5(c)(1), 2.5(c)(2), 2.5(d) & 2.5(a)(6) Signatory requirements 6NYCRR Part 750-1.8 & 2.5(b)

E. Reporting Requirements

1. Reporting requirements 6NYCRR Part 750-2.5, 2.6, 2.7 & 1.17 Anticipated noncompliance 6NYCRR Part 750-2.7(a)

6NYCRR Part 750-1.17 3. Transfers 4. Monitoring reports 6NYCRR Part 750-2.5(e)

Compliance schedules 6NYCRR Part 750-1.14(d) 24-hour reporting 6NYCRR Part 750-2.7(c) & (d) 7. Other noncompliance 6NYCRR Part 750-2.7(e)

Other information 6NYCRR Part 750-2.1(f)

Additional conditions applicable to a POTW 6NYCRR Part 750-2.9 10. Special reporting requirements for discharges 6NYCRR Part 750-2.6

that are not POTWs

F. Planned Changes

- The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:
 - The alteration or addition to the permitted facility may meet of the criteria for determining whether facility is a new source in 40 CFR §122.29(b); or
 - The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, or to notification requirements under 40 CFR §122.42(a)(1); or
 - The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.

In addition to the Department, the permittee shall submit a copy of this notice to the United States Environmental Protection Agency at the following address: U.S. EPA Region 2, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS continued

- G. Notification Requirement for POTWs
 - 1. All POTWs shall provide adequate notice to the Department and the USEPA of the following:
 - a. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA if it were directly discharging those pollutants; or
 - b. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
 - c. For the purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on:
 - i. the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and
 - ii. any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.

POTWs shall submit a copy of this notice to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, at the following address: U.S. EPA Region 2, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

H. Sludge Management

The permittee shall comply with all applicable requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 360.

I. SPDES Permit Program Fee

The permittee shall pay to the Department an annual SPDES permit program fee within 30 days of the date of the first invoice, unless otherwise directed by the Department, and shall comply with all applicable requirements of ECL 72-0602 and 6 NYCRR Parts 480, 481 and 485. Note that if there is inconsistency between the fees specified in ECL 72-0602 and 6 NYCRR Part 485, the ECL 72-0602 fees govern.

J. Water Treatment Chemicals (WTCs)

New or increased use and discharge of a WTC requires prior Department review and authorization. At a minimum, the permittee must notify the Department in writing of its intent to change WTC use by submitting a completed WTC Notification Form for each proposed WTC. The Department will review that submittal and determine if a SPDES permit modification is necessary or whether WTC review and authorization may proceed outside of the formal permit administrative process. The majority of WTC authorizations do not require SPDES permit modification. In any event, use and discharge of a WTC shall not proceed without prior authorization from the Department. Examples of WTCs include biocides, coagulants, conditioners, corrosion inhibitors, defoamers, deposit control agents, flocculants, scale inhibitors, sequestrants, and settling aids.

- 1. WTC use shall not exceed the rate explicitly authorized by this permit or otherwise authorized in writing by the Department.
- 2. The permittee shall **maintain a logbook** of all WTC use, noting for each WTC the date, time, exact location, and amount of each dosage, and, the name of the individual applying or measuring the chemical. The logbook must also document that adequate process controls are in place to ensure that excessive levels of WTCs are not used.
- 3. The permittee shall **submit a completed** *WTC Annual Report Form* each year that they use and discharge WTCs. This form shall be attached to either the December DMR or the annual monitoring report required below.

The WTC Notification Form and WTC Annual Report Form are available from the Department's website at http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/93245.html.

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RECORDING, REPORTING AND ADDITIONAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

•	The monitoring information required by this permit shall be summarized from the date of the sampling for subsequent inspection by the Department required by this permit shall be summarized and reported by submitting	nent or its designated agent. Also, monitoring information							
	(if box is checked) completed and signed Discharge Monitoring Rotthe locations specified below. Blank forms are available at the Deperiod begins on the effective date of this permit and the reports with the end of each reporting period.	partment's Albany office listed below. The first reporting							
	x (if box is checked) an annual report to the Regional Water Engine by February 1 each year and must summarize information for Janua to the Department.								
	(if box is checked) a monthly "Wastewater Facility Operation Rep Regional Water Engineer and/or County Health Depar								
	Send the <u>original</u> (top sheet) of each DMR page to: Send	he first copy (second sheet) of each DMR page to:							
		ment of Environmental Conservation							
		al Water Engineer, Region 2							
		ers Point Plaza 21 st Street							
		Long Island City, NY 11101 Phone: (718) 482-4930							
		(10) 102 1000							

- B. Monitoring and analysis shall be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit.
- C. More frequent monitoring of the discharge(s), monitoring point(s), or waters of the State than required by the permit, where analysis is performed by a certified laboratory or where such analysis is not required to be performed by a certified laboratory, shall be included in the calculations and recording of the data on the corresponding DMRs.
- D. Calculations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this permit.
- E. Unless otherwise specified, all information recorded on the DMRs shall be based upon measurements and sampling carried out during the most recently completed reporting period.
- F. Any laboratory test or sample analysis required by this permit for which the State Commissioner of Health issues certificates of approval pursuant to section 502 of the Public Health Law shall be conducted by a laboratory which has been issued a certificate of approval. Inquiries regarding laboratory certification should be directed to the New York State Department of Health, Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

Facility: M&H Realty West St Redevelopment
SPDES No: NY0276880
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SPDES Permit Statement of Basis – Surface Water Discharges

I. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PERMIT

On March 9, 2021, the NYSDEC renewed a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit (NY0276880) allowing the discharge of treated groundwater generated from temporary construction dewatering at the applicant's facility/project site, M&H Realty West St Redevelopment, located at 11 West Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. The renewed SPDES Permit was effective beginning of March 9, 2021, with an expiration date of February 28, 2026. According to the approved permit, the treated dewatering water would be discharged to the East River via a private onsite 30" storm sewer. The permit included the reporting requirements for the following parameters: flow, pH, total suspended solids (TSS), oil & grease, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene, lead and mercury.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As noted throughout this document, SPDES permits are based on both federal and state requirements including laws, regulations, policies, and guidance. These references can generally be found on the internet. Current locations include: Clean Water Act (CWA) www.epa.gov/lawsregs/laws/index.html#env; Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) www.dec.ny.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action? www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/tegulations/tegulations.html; NYSDEC water policy www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2654.html.

A. Administrative History and Project Description

On August 12, 2019, AMC Engineering on behalf of M&H Realty LLC submitted a request for a SPDES permit modification. This permit modification application involved the dewatering activities during site redevelopment work to modify the point of discharge of dewatered groundwater from NYCDEP outfall NCB-004 to an existing 30" private onsite storm sewer which discharges water into the East River via a newly constructed outfall authorized under NYSDEC Permit 2-6101-01372/00001. The daily maximum groundwater withdrawal from the project site remained the same at 576,000 gallons per day (GPD).

On November 6, 2022, AMC Engineering, on behalf of M&H Realty LLC, submitted a request to modify the existing SPDES permit for the existing facility, M&H Realty West St Redevelopment. This permit modification application involves the change of the area of dewatering to Building A (Lot 30). Formerly known as Lot 1, this lot has been apportioned to form multiple lots. Hence, the modification includes newly formed Lot 30 and the scope of future dewatering work for Building D, lot 10 and 5. The point of discharge remains unchanged. The new daily maximum groundwater withdrawal from the project site will be 63,360 gallons per day (GPD).

B. Outfall & Receiving Water Information

Treatment will be provided prior to discharge. The dewatering treatment consists of one (1) 18,000-gallon weir tank, a filter unit fitted with 5-micron filter bags, and two (2) 1000-lb carbon vessels in series. The effluent from treatment will be sampled then discharged into the private onsite stormwater sewer connection. The stormwater sewer leads into the East River, which is classified as surface waters with "Class I" criteria. A throttling valve is installed at the discharge end of treatment to cap the discharge flow to 44 GPM (63,360 GPD).

The location of the outfall, and the name, classification, and index numbers of the receiving waters are indicated in the *Outfall & Receiving Water Location Table* at the end of this fact sheet. The classifications of individual surface waters are specified in 6 NYCRR Parts 800 - 941. The best uses and other requirements applicable to the specific water classes are specified in 6 NYCRR Part 701.

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Impaired Waterbody Information – The CWA requires states to identify impaired waters, where designated uses are not fully supported. For these impaired waters/pollutants, states must consider the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other strategy to reduce the input of the specific pollutant(s) restricting waterbody uses. A TMDL may be developed to address the impairment

III. PROPOSED PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The Department evaluates discharges with respect to the relevant sections of the CWA, ECL, federal/state regulations, policy, and guidance to determine which conditions to include in the draft permit.

A. Effluent Limitations

The Department determines the **technology-based effluent limits (TBELs)** that must be incorporated into the permit. A TBEL requires a minimum level of treatment. For industrial point sources, TBELs are typically based on federal effluent guidelines and/or best professional judgment (BPJ). BPJ considers currently available treatment technologies and appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs). For municipal POTWs and private sewage treatment plants, TBELs are typically based on secondary treatment requirements and, if applicable, CSO control policy.

The Department then evaluates the water quality expected to result from technology controls to determine if any exceedances of water quality criteria in the receiving water might result. If so, water quality-based effluent limits (WQBELs) must be included in the permit. A WQBEL is designed to ensure that the water quality standards of receiving waters are being met. In general, effluent limits for a particular pollutant are the more stringent of either the TBEL or WQBEL.

For existing permittees, the previous permit typically forms the basis for the next permit. Permit revisions are implemented where justified due to changed conditions at the facility and/or in response to updated regulatory requirements. Regulatory anti-backsliding requirements prohibit the relaxation of effluent limits in reissued permits unless one of the specified exceptions applies, as detailed in TOGS 1.2.1.

Applicable law and regulation require that monitoring be included in permits to determine compliance with effluent limitations. Additional effluent monitoring may also be required to gather data to determine if effluent limitations may be required. The permittee is responsible for conducting the monitoring and, when required, for reporting results on DMRs. The permit contains the monitoring requirements for the facility. Monitoring frequency is based on the minimum sampling necessary to adequately monitor the facility's performance and TOGS 1.2.1 and TOGS 1.3.3. Mercury-related requirements, if included, conform to TOGS 1.3.10.

Specific Pollutant Analysis

This section outlines the basis for each of the effluent limitations in the draft permit.

Flow limit of 63,360 GPD has been added in the draft permit based on the maximum pumping rate of 44 GPM over a period of 12 hours per day.

pH range – the New York State WQSs, 6NYCRR Part703.3 for class I waters prohibits discharges that cause the in-stream pH to change more than 0.1 SU outside of the background range. State has established a pH range limit of 6.5 to 8.5 for dewatering operations discharging to class I waters. Maintaining the pH level within this range demonstrates compliance with the NYS water quality standard. This pH limit range of 6.5 to 8.5 has been added in the draft permit.

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Oil & Grease

Because of the ongoing remediation and history of industrial operations, there is a potential that petroleum products can be drawn into the source water during the dewatering operation. The draft permit incorporates the oil & grease maximum daily limit of 15 mg/l using a TBEL for an oil/water separator. The department has established that the oil & grease TBEL limit of 15 mg/l is sufficient to meet narrative water quality standards of no visible oil film nor globules of grease.

Total Suspended Solids (TSS):

Heavy metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are readily adsorbed onto particulate matter and the release of these compounds into the environment can be reduced by regulating the amount of TSS discharged. Per NYSDEC TOGS 1.2.1 Attachment C, a treatment process that includes coagulation and sedimentation can achieved a TBEL of daily max 40 mg/l and a monthly average limit of 20 mg/l.

The narrative water quality standards, 6 NYCRR Part 703.2, state that discharge of suspended solids shall not cause deposition or impair the receiving waters for their best usages. Achieving the TBEL will also achieve the WQBEL.

Metals:

Lead— the sampling analysis conducted during the remedial investigation showed that lead was detected and reported above the NYSDEC AWQSGVs. Thus, reporting requirements has been added in the draft permit.

Mercury – was detected in the historical groundwater sample which exceeds the water quality standard of 0.7 ng/L. New York State's mercury multiple discharge variance (MDV) in TOGS 1.3.10 is being applied. Consequently, the permit includes a 50 ng/L daily maximum action level and routine monitoring using EPA Method 1631. Refer to TOGS 1.3.10 for further detail.

Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Calcium, Potassium, Sodium, Vanadium, and Silver: The sampling analysis of historical groundwater results indicated that these parameters were either non-detect or reported at levels well-below the TBEL and the water quality standard. As discussed in TSS section, heavy metals adsorbed onto particulate matter and can be limited by regulating TSS discharge. Thus, routine monitoring for these metals is **not** necessary.

Other parameters:

In addition, there have been history of leaking underground storage tanks at commercial gas stations and other sources of petroleum pollution of soil and groundwater in the project area. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as **benzene**, **toluene**, **ethylbenzene**, **and the three xylene compounds (BTEX)** are normally found at relatively high concentrations in gasoline and light distillate products (e.g., diesel fuel). BTEX concentrations typically decrease in the heavier grades of petroleum distillate products (e.g., fuel oils). Since many petroleum spills involve gasoline or diesel fuel, the State regulates petroleum related contaminants by setting limits on the individual BTEX components and naphthalene. To ensure that contaminants may not be drawn during the dewatering operations, reporting requirements for BTEX has been added in the draft permit. Per TOGS 1.2.1 Attachment, the carbon adsorption treatment process can meet 5 ug/l limit for individual BTEX.

B. Monitoring & Reporting Requirements

CWA section 308, 40 CFR 122.44(i), and 6 NYCRR Part 750-1.13 require that monitoring be included in permits to determine compliance with effluent limitations. Additional effluent monitoring may also be required to gather data to determine if effluent limitations may be required. The permittee is responsible for conducting the monitoring and for reporting results on DMRs. The permit contains the monitoring requirements for the facility. Monitoring frequency is based on the minimum sampling necessary to adequately monitor the facility's performance. For industrial facilities, sampling frequency is based on guidance provided in TOGS 1.2.1.

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C. General Conditions Applicable To All Permits

The permit contains standard regulatory language that is required to be in all SPDES permits. These permit provisions, based largely upon 40 CFR 122 subpart C and 6 NYCRR Part 750, include requirements pertaining to monitoring, recording, reporting, and compliance responsibilities. These "general conditions" of permits are typically specified, summarized, or referenced on the first and last pages of the permit.



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OUTFALL, RECEIVING WATER & POLLUTANT SUMMARY TABLES

Outfall Number	Latitude	Long	itude	Receiving Water Name				Water Class	Water	Index Number	Ma	Major/Sub Basin			
001	40° 43' 33"	-73° 5	7' 42"	East River				I	(MW2.	1) ER (portion 1)	/01				
Source(s) of Wastewater:			Construction dewatering water												
Proposed Wastewater Treatment Facilities:				Sedimentation, Filtration, Carbon Adsorption											
Effluent Parameter (concentration in mg/l and mass in lbs/day unless otherwise specified)	g/l and mass	Histori Groundy Resul	water		TBELs				WQBELs					Permit Basis	
	erwise	Concentration ¹					PQL			Ambient Criteria	Ambient Background		WQBEL		(T or WQ or NA)
		Max ¹		conc.	mass	Type	conc.	BASIS		conc.	conc.	conc.	mass	Туре	•
Flow Rate, units = GPD		576,000 GPD NA					7Q10 = , 30Q10 = , Dilution/Mixing =					T			
pH (su)				(6.5 - 8.5)		Rang	ge			narrative					T
Oil & Grease				15				TOGS 1.2.1 Att 0		Narrative					T
Total suspended soli	ds			20				TOGS 1.2.1 Att (C	narrative					Т
Benzene, µg/l				5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att (C	10					Т
Toluene, μg/l				5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att 0	C	6000					Т
Ethylbenzene, μg/l				5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att 0	C	-					Т
Xylene, Total, μg/l				5				TOGS 1.2.1 Att 0	C	-					T
METALS				Daily Max/ Monthly Ave											
Lead, μg/l				400/200				TOGS 1.2.1 Att 0		204					NA
Mercury, ng/l				50				Multiple Variance TOGS 1.3.10	e	0.7		0.7			Т

Footnotes:

1. Highest detected concentration

Brooklyn Community Board #1 Response to USACE NYNJHATS Storm Risk Management Draft Plan

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Introduction

Based on a United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) presentation to Brooklyn Community Board #1 Environmental Protection Committee on November 29, 2022 (isolated slides below), the ensuing discussion and input received from committee and board members and the general public attending a Environmental Protection Committee hearing about the plan on January 4th, 2023, this community board submits to the USACE a response to its NYNJHATS Storm Risk Management Draft Plan (SRMP).



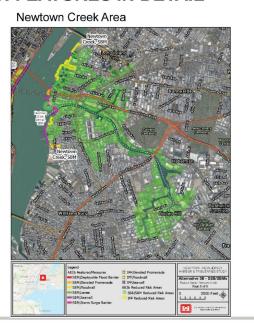
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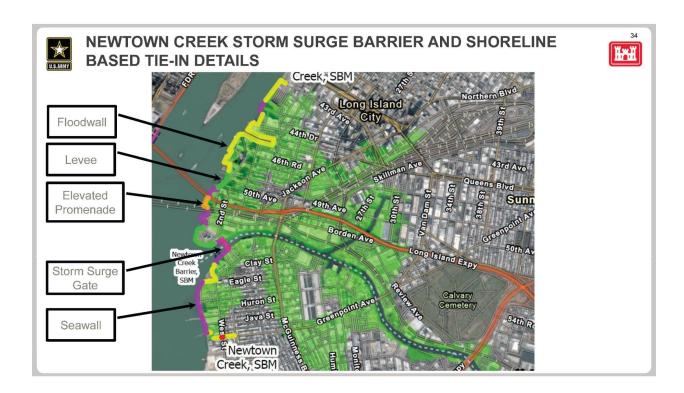


Storm surge barrier with shoreline based tie-ins

Newtown Creek Storm Surge Barrier

- 130 ft. wide Sector Gate
- 17 foot crest elevation (NAVD88) for currently selected design storm event
- · Shoreline-based Tie-ins
- 15,000+ ft. of measures including floodwalls, levees, pedestrian & vehicle gates, elevated promenades, and seawalls
- · Other considerations:
 - May need extension of NYCDEP Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge to outside Storm Surge Barrier
 - Known contamination issues





Statement on Comment Deadline

We must state upfront that the amount of time the USACE has provided to the public to respond to its planning around the critical issue of future increased storm surges is not adequate. The online documentation is massive and daunting. While the two-month extension was quite helpful, there still remains little time for volunteer community board members to pour through and absorb the incredible amount of data the USACE has published, do proper research on the subject, and fully reach out to community members to gather and submit comments. In true fairness the comment period should be extended for an additional 12 months.

I. Summary of USACE Plan, Generally and Specific to Newtown Creek and its Environs

It is acknowledged that USACE, after years of researching the impacts of Hurricane Sandy on the New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study (HATS) region, formulating worse case impact and damage scenarios for future 100-year storms taking into consideration accelerating predictions for sea level rise for the region, and creating an Environmental Impact Statement in the draft plan estimating environmental consequences for a matrix of environmental categories, and creating a cost-benefit-lifespan-construction analysis of 5 Alternatives (versus no action). USACE is favoring Alternative 3B as the preferred plan. Out of the 5 proposed alternatives, 3B falls roughly in the middle in terms of cost, benefit and lifespan. In contrast to alternatives

2 and 3A that include large infrastructure installations across the entrance to New York Harbor and little or no infrastructure installation north of the harbor entrance, 3B instead exclusively focuses on installation of flood protection infrastructure north of the harbor in multiple target areas. Furthermore, while alternatives 2 and 3A offer roughly 94% and 76% protection respectively, alternative 3B offers only roughly 63% protection. However, alternatives 2 and 3A are estimated to have total costs of \$150M and \$95M respectively while alternative 3B has a significantly smaller estimated cost of \$76M. Alternative 3B also is estimated to have a longer lifespan and shorter construction duration in comparison to the two other plans. Alternatives 4 and 5 are estimated to offer significantly less protection while being significantly less costly than the other 3 alternatives. The life span of alternative 3B infrastructure noted per USACE policy for the purposes of economic evaluation is 50 years, but has a planning horizon of 100 years. Alternatives 2 and 3A offer shorter life spans, 32 and 40 years respectively.

Though this Newtown Creek segment of Alternative 3B covers areas in both Queens Community District #2 and Brooklyn Community District #1, Brooklyn Community Board #1 will address only the areas that fall inside our district (Brooklyn Community District #1). It is acknowledged that the design of alternative 3B includes installation of a storm surge gate spanning 400 feet across the mouth of Newtown Creek with a 130' passage, aligned approximately with Box Street in Greenpoint. This gate will rise 20' in the water from the river bed to the water surface and 17' above the water surface, both at crest elevation. It will remain partially open during normal times and seal shut during storm surge events. The Newtown Creek segment will also include tie-in infrastructure along both shorelines of the creek spanning the East River northward in Long Island City, Queens and southward in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Starting approximately from the western edge of 65 Commercial Street (currently an MTA vehicle lot and future Box Street Park) on the Greenpoint side of the creek, the tie-in structures will span west along the creek shoreline and subsequently south along the East River shoreline to Kent Street. This infrastructure will traverse inland through Newtown Barge Park and WNYC Transmitter Park and along portions of Dupont Street, Kent Street and Greenpoint Avenue. The tie-infrastructure will utilize a combination of seawalls, floodwalls and levees with some sections extending as tall as 17'. USACE estimates that implementing Alternative 3B in this manner will offer almost complete flood protection from Newtown Creek during predicted future 100-year storm surges. It is also noted that sections of Greenpoint and Williamsburg that suffered significant flooding during Hurricane Sandy, such as Bushwick Inlet, McCarren Park and Wallabout Channel, and which are predicted to experience increased severe flooding during future storms, are not protected under Alternative 3B.

II. Newtown Creek

A. History and Characterization

For approximately 200 years <u>Newtown Creek</u> has served as a vital shipping canal supporting major manufacturing and commercial activity. Its banks were inundated with heavy industry that included oil refineries, manufactured gas plants, smelting operations, metal foundries, chemical plants, glue factories, and

animal rendering plants. Today the creek is surrounded by industries such as major oil storage facilities, metal recycling operations, natural gas operations, asphalt and concrete plants, and one of the largest wastewater treatment facilities in the United States (Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant). It has also dubiously served as a major recipient of raw sewage during olden days and to this day as the creek is the target of 13 Combined Sewer Overflow outfalls which during rainfall events dump 1.161 million gallons of sewage per year as noted in the NYC Department of Environmental Protection CSO Long Term Control Plan 2017 (LTCP) into this waterway on an annual basis. As a result of these historical uses and abuses, in 2010 Newtown Creek was designated a Superfund project by the Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, due to the extensive legacy of chemical contamination as a result of these local heavy consequential uses, and the long duration of sewage outflow, New York City has yet to comply with the 1972 federal Clean Water Act. And to add insult to injury, along the creek in eastern Greenpoint exists the Greenpoint Oil Spill (the largest terrestrial spill in the U.S. 17-30M gallons) and the Meeker Ave Plume Superfund site (laden with chlorinated solvent contamination). These long-standing perpetual toxic circumstances have made the creek one of the most polluted waterways in the United States. During storm surge events, land adjacent to the creek, and connecting areas, flood extensively along its almost 4-mile extent, especially near its most polluted branches at the front.

B. Plan Review and Analysis in Regard to Newtown Creek

As expressed by community board committee members and the general public, it is imperative that residents and businesses be protected from interacting with Newtown Creek floodwaters, who at face value embrace the estimation that the storm surge gate proposed for the creek through Alternative 3B will protect the neighborhood from flooding contaminated creek water during a 100-year storm event.

Concerns and Recommendations:

1. Inhibited Tidal Flow

Tidal flow works to clean the creek water, especially during rain events when the 13 CSO outfalls are discharging over a billion gallons of sewage into the creek annually. We are deeply concerned that the gate, *both*, in its closed or (partially) open state will inhibit this process.

2. Undermining the Long Term Control Plan

New York City's Long Term Control Plan to reduce sewage pollution in the creek is deeply necessary for its compliance with the federal Clean Water Act (which it has failed to do since the Act's enactment in 1972). The City's plan, which was approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will include constructing sewage retention tunnels to divert and hold sewage during rain events. In conjunction with other facets this plan is estimated to reduce sewage in the creek by

approximately 60%. We are concerned the gate in both positions could inhibit the functioning of these measures. Conversely, the *USACE could create additional infrastructure* to retain additional sewage during rain events to increase the sewage reduction percentage to well beyond 60%, a figure that the community finds grossly inadequate. Under the LTCP, over 464 millions gallons of sewage would still be discharged into the creek during rain events. Since the USACE has noted that adequate drainage must be designed into this plan, enhancing the LTCP remedy could serve dual purposes.

3. Contradicting the Superfund Contamination Remediation & Recontamination Concerns.

We are concerned about the gate interfering with the federal Superfund remediation process and its potential to cause recontamination. The superfund investigation process has already taken over 10 years, and the feasibility study, risk assessment, remedy design, Record of Decision and the remediation itself will take decades more. It would be catastrophic if this remediation project was damaged by the construction and operation of the proposed storm surge gate. The risk management plan must be designed in concert with the EPA and the community watchdog entity, the Newtown Creek Advisory Group to achieve the best and safest outcome for the remediation and storm risk management, *and* consider alternative designs for the latter.

4. Negative Impact on Shipping Navigation

The plan draft estimates there to be shipping delays due to surge barrier closures. Oil, garbage and sludge are just a few of the essential items that move in and out of the creek on a regular basis. The barrier would impact the vessels from shipping out sludge and other essential shipping, as well as HAZMAT emergency access that may affect the creek considering its highly contaminated state and industries existing along the creek working with noxious substances and products.

5. Seek An Alternative To The Proposed Storm Surge Gate Design Sealing off two-thirds of the creek permanently will have severe negative consequences for the natural cleaning process the river and creek tidal action provide. This process is a key supporting element of the Long Term Control Plan. It would be much more preferable to deploy vertical lift gates instead of a narrow horizontal moving structure connected to sealed barriers, or measures with similar flexibility, that would allow much more profuse tidal flow. See rising sector gates used with <u>The Thames Barrier</u> which protects Central London in the United Kingdom from storm surges by utilizing raisable gates. In its open state, it will allow vessel navigation and promote almost complete uninhibited tidal flow. Brooklyn Community Board #1 urges USACE to explore and consider alternatives to a structure that will not disrupt the tidal flow of Newtown Creek and prevent the potential negative consequences of utilizing a horizontal gate and solid barriers.

III. The Greenpoint Waterfront

A. History and Analysis

In 2005 New York City rezoned almost 200 blocks in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg sections of Brooklyn along its waterfront. This massive land use action enabled properties previously zoned for heavy manufacturing to be developed into high density mixed-use residential buildings. This rezoning and subsequent ones passed as recently as 2021 have ushered in a dramatic growth in housing units and population to this area. A NYC Department of City Planning report, Net Change in Housing Units, 2010-2020, showed Greenpoint-Williamsburg creating around 21,000 new housing units from 2010-2020, the most of any area in the city. This building boom has continued until the current day, with thousands of new units under construction or planned. Where the northwest Greenpoint shoreline aligns with the proposed Newtown Creek tie-in structures, 8,003 new housing units have been constructed or are being constructed which will result in approximately 18,500 new residents. In the Environmental Impact Statement created for this rezoning, the Open Space section (Chapter 5) details the incredible deficient amount of open space that existed prior to the rezoning and the very modest improvement of this amount as a result of the rezoning action. The City's open space ratio back then was 1.5 acres of open space per 1,000 people, far less than the 2.5 acre goal that it has set for its neighborhoods. In the Greenpoint-Williamsburg rezoning area, the ratio was a dismal .6 acres per 1,000 people. Realizing that the rezoning would greatly exacerbate this deficit, the City committed to creating approximately 40 acres of new open space to help mitigate the enormous impact of the rezoning in terms of a vast increase in population and building density. Comprising the 40 acres would be 2 new waterfront parks (Bushwick Inlet Park and Box Street Park), the renovation and expansion of another (Newtown Barge Park) and the creation of a connecting 2-mile waterfront esplanade which would be a requirement of waterfront property owners to develop along with creating new high density residential buildings. 1.6 acre WNYC Transmitter Park would be separately proposed and developed on the Greenpoint waterfront (opened in 2012) in concert with the rezoning commitments and be factored into the EIS. The open space action was the only part of the rezoning proposal that was approved by Brooklyn Community Board #1. Safe and direct public access to the waterfront has been a long standing drive from the North Brooklyn community. Previously private industry, dilapidated piers and bulkheads and fences inhibited safe and <u>direct access to the neighborhood's waterfront.</u> This was expressed by the community at our meetings and hearings in addressing the SRMP. It has been scientifically documented how access to open space provides physical and psychological benefits.

Therefore, as expressed strongly by board members and the general public, it is

imperative that waterfront and open space access to the East River shoreline be preserved as we strive to protect the area from future severe storm events and flooding.

B. Plan Review and Analysis in Regard to the Greenpoint Waterfront

As expressed by community board committee members and the general public, it is imperative that residents and businesses be protected from interacting with Newtown Creek floodwaters, who at face value embrace the estimation that the storm surge gate proposed for the creek will protect the neighborhood from flooding highly contaminated creek water during a future 100-year storm event. Furthermore, these same voices understand the devastation East River flooding inflicted on Greenpoint and Williamsburg during Hurricane Sandy, and that future 100-year storms are predicted to produce increased devastation, and managing this risk along this waterfront is paramount. A large sentiment expressed at our committee meetings was shock and awe in reaction to the tie-in infrastructure proposed in Alternative 3B that includes seawalls, floodwalls and levees. Some of this infrastructure will rise 17' above ground and wall off the entire existing, under construction and planned Waterfront Public Access Areas from Box Street to Kent Street and 11 waterfront street ends, cutting through two recently created public waterfront parks and traversing down 4 blocks of street.

Concerns and Recommendations:

1. Infrastructure Design

Shock and awe have been the dominant sentiments in reaction to the sea wall example rendering of a wall on the Huron Street end at the East River (see Appendix figure 1). As expressed in Greenpoint Waterfront History section above, obtaining public waterfront access has been a momentous and very just goal that was achieved through a long arduous land use process. Consider measures to reduce wall height, reduce wall deployment and or eliminate this feature all together. Utilizing hybrid infrastructure such as Living Breakwaters in the river the entire footprint span of the planned seawall to calm surges and offer a layer of protection. Consider allowing waterfront properties/parks/esplanades to flood. Seek inspiration from the new (see Appendix figure 8) FiDi & Seaport Climate Resilience Plan! If reduced-size seawalls and/or floodwalls are still deployed, consider design inspiration from BIG's East River floodwall concept (see Appendix figure 6) created for the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project. Consider alternative wall locations. Community residents spoke strongly about nature-based solutions as well as managed retreat.

2. Designs for Alternative 3B seems to contradict or be out of sync with current conditions on the ground within the tie-infrastructure target areas:

a) Privately-owned waterfront developments.

Based on recent New York City waterfront resiliency zoning rules changes, all of the private waterfront developments from Bell Slip to Kent Street must raise their land between their waterfront public access areas and their buildings to an elevation of 12.5' above grade. All of the private development projects from 1 Bell Slip south to 1 Java Street have designed their properties with these specifications. The Greenpoint Landing waterfront development, which has constructed 6 residential buildings between Bell Slip and Newtown Barge Park and 2 buildings between Dupont Street and Eagle street (with 4 more planned for south of this block), elevates their waterfront space from the water's edge to around 17'. Waterfront properties south of Green Street have lower elevations at round 12.5'-13'. Therefore it seems guite unnecessary to construct a 17' high seawall along the shoreline spanning these properties. USACE should work with the local community and affected developers to devise alternative adaptations of these properties and street ends to achieve necessary but less severe protections at these locations, or even consider no tie-infrastructure or much softer less severe elements. either onland, in water and/or both. Utilizing a layered approach for protection could potentially work here such as including a concept like that of the Living Breakwaters project being constructed off the shore of Staten Island in the harbor, spanning a man-made reef(s) that will evolve into a full cover of marine life, from unprotected Bushwick Inlet (& Park) to Dupont Street. Or again, look at the Fidi & Seaport Coastal Resiliency Plan.

b) USACE Land Elevation Data Seems Dated and Out of Sync with Current Onsite Conditions.

The USACE should confer with New York City agencies to ensure they are designing a plan with current accurate data, with respect to rezoning resilience rules for waterfront developments and parks, taking note of the waterfront elevations noted above in subsection 'a'. The board strongly urges USACE to obtain this information from New York City agencies: City Planning, Environmental Protection, Parks and Recreation and Buildings, and any other relevant agency, as well as the owners and developers of properties within the target area.

c) Is USACE Using Newtown Barge Park's Current Design & Land Elevation Specs?

Newtown Barge Park was specifically redesigned for storm surge resiliency and reopened in 2019. A 12.5' high berm was constructed between the turf field and the waterfront esplanade that serves as a flood mitigator. USACE should take into

consideration the current conditions in this park and modify and reduce the scope of the infrastructure planned in this location. Consider an element(s) that is much less severe and large than a floodwall. Our long sought-after park with waterfront access and views should have its essence preserved. Additionally, there is an emergency sludge loading dock at Newtown Barge Park that must be taken into consideration.

d) Is USACE Using Accurate Land Elevation Data for WNYC Transmitter Park?

(see the attached letter from Friends of Transmitter Park) WNYC Transmitter Park, another cherished open space oasis on the waterfront has existing conditions that USACE must consider in informing their plan design. The private property adjacent to the eastern border of the park built a 160' wide 8' high concrete separation wall (see Appendix figure 2) between their property and the park. Google Earth notes the elevation of the park along this span between 12' and 13" feet. USACE should consider the water's edge of the park has an elevation of 4' that gradually slopes up to 12'-13' feet in the eastern one-third of the park, and there exists a 8' high border wall at this peak elevation creating 20+' of flood protection.

e) Planned Greenpoint Avenue Floodwall Will Block a Parking Ramp & Retail Businesses on the Blocks Affected, and Traverse a Hill

(See Appendix figures 3-6) USACE Alternative 3B proposes constructing a floodwall along two blocks of the northern side of Greenpoint Avenue connecting from WNYC Transmitter Park at the street's terminus up to Franklin Street. Current on the ground conditions must be taken into consideration. The north side of the block of Greenpoint Ave from the park to West Street consists of an active driveway ramp to a 11-story apartment building (13 Greenpoint Avenue/30 Kent Street, see the attached letter from the owner of this property) and seven row house buildings with existing or planned retail on the street level. It seems completely untenable to place an above-10' floodwall in front of these elements. Second, there is a street intersection at the convergence of Greenpoint Ave and West Street. A floodwall traversing this intersection of streets and sidewalks seems incredibly problematic.

Lastly, the section of Greenpoint Ave between West Street and Franklin Street is an incline rising from 15' to 20' (west to east). Placing a floodwall in this location seems unnecessary.

Additionally the north side of the street contains a landmarked historic 10-story building, the Eberhard Faber Pencil Factory. Walling this structure off is untenable.

3. A Problem With Equity

If the Waterfront Public Access Areas along the East River, and the corresponding street ends are walled off, the local community and general public will be denied access to the waterfront they have long sought after for decades. However, market rate apartment residents living in the upper floors of waterfront towers will still have that visual access to the river and beyond. This presents a severe equity issue. Public parks and waterfronts work as the "great equalizers." Seawalls will remove this function from the public realm in our district.

4. Additional Challenges with local waterfront conditions

There are **two very active waterfront piers** located along the East River in Greenpoint. At India Street this pier serves as a terminal for NYC Ferry. At Kent Street a pier extends out from WNYC Transmitter Park. It's a very popular amenity. How will the seawalls be designed to not oppress access to these piers and well being enjoyed by commuters and park goers. These piers are prime city destinations for residents and tourists and lend themselves to the hard achieved goal of waterfront access for all people. From Newtown Bark Park south to WNYC Transmitter Park there are 5 active Combined Sewer Overflow outfalls, and more that actively discharge along the river south of that park. How will the seawalls be adapted to prevent sewage backup during rain events, and during cloudburst events?

IV. Unprotected Areas

A. South Greenpoint Shoreline, Bushwick Inlet & McCarren Park

During Hurricane Sandy, the upland areas in Greenpoint (south of Kent Street) and Williamsburg connected to the East River and Bushwick Inlet experienced extensive flooding devastating homes and businesses. Subsequently, USACE maps and NYC flood hazard maps estimate increased flooding in these areas due to future 100-year and 500-year storm induced surges over the course of the 21st Century. *Alternative 3B leaves this area unprotected*. At our committee meeting and hearing residents of this area expressed a dire need for the USACE and its state and city partners to address the vulnerability here. Two-thirds of Bushwick Inlet Park, a waterfront public space promised to the North Brooklyn community bordering the East River and encompassing Bushwick Inlet, remains undeveloped. This could be an incredible opportunity to create a significant nature-based defense against future storm surges, one that could be less costly than man-made structures and serve the original core purpose of providing long-promised open space to city residents in a unique and engaging way.

Beyond storm surge mitigation the park could also be designed to mitigate cloudburst events and promote biodiversity. While the north and south shorelines of Bushwick Inlet can be and have been designed with land elevation as the park is developed, the thin strip of land between the eastern edge of the inlet and Franklin Street will rise only to 9' high. The USACE and its partners should consider hybrid migration measures at the East River's mouth of the inlet. Staten Island's Living Breakwaters project could be a concept to consider or to seed other ideas.

On its property located at 40 Quay Street in Greenpoint, which borders the northern bank of Bushwick Inlet, the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has hired a private developer to upzone their property to create a large-scale mixed use building on this spot. One of the prime challenges to devising a protective remedy for the Greenpoint shoreline is a deep lack of real estate to enable less severe mitigation measures. Private Greenpoint waterfront developers have developed massive hardscape structures less than 100' from the water's edge making protection measure design more complicated for those developers, the community, USACE and its partners. Rather than commit the same mistake on the 40 Quay Street property, the MTA and New York State should redevelop the property into a public green space where nature-based measures can be designed and deployed in force, and while also helping decrease the open space deficit for this neighborhood whose population density continues to increase immensely.

B. Greenpoint Historic District

The HAT report and EIS states "This alternative has the potential for adverse effects to historic properties within the Gateway National Recreation Area, the Pelham Bay Park Historic District, **the Greenpoint Historic District** (emphasis added), the Gowanus Canal Historic District and other historic properties. Alternative 3B is likely to have aesthetic impacts associated with a changed viewscape and some coastal views may be impacted, diminished, or lost due to the construction of this alternative."

In 1982 New York City designated approximately 10 blocks in Greenpoint, Brooklyn (roughly bordered by Kent Street, Greenpoint Avenue, Calyer Street and Franklin Street) as the *Greenpoint Historic District*. This designation recognizes and serves to protect rows of magnificent townhouses and mixed-use buildings constructed in the mid to late 1800's, many built with "brownstone" facades and existing as wonderful examples of Italianate architecture. It is an area rich with beauty and history, and is a part of Greenpoint's DNA. New York City flood hazard maps show future storm surge flooding threats ranging from encroachment of the district's edge to the area's full inundation.

Greenpoint's waterfront encompasses centuries of rich New York City and

American history as it was a prime ship building district for 150 years designing and creating famous vessels such as the USS Monitor and the Grand Republic. Many of the historic buildings that supported the shipping industry from the day still stand supporting a rich historical fabric. Walling off this history would be devastating to the local community and historians. Let's think outside of the box with alternative flood protection measures that can best preserve our local fabric as well.

C. Wallabout Channel & Environmental Justice Areas within Brooklyn Community District #1

Bordering Williamsburg's Southside waterfront from Broadway to Washington Avenue in the Brooklyn Navy yard, Wallabout Channel was a major flood source during Hurricane Sandy and is estimated to produce much more extensive flooding during future storms. This flooding will affect upland sections within Environmental Justice Areas (zip code 11211) saddling Flushing Avenue. Annual wastewater outfall from channel-located CSO's #NC-014 (the largest in the entire city) and NC-013 amounts to approximately 550 millions gallons annually. Therefore, residents of this area will be subjected to an existential threat of incredibly polluted floodwater. The USACE and its non-federal partners must address this area not currently covered under Alternative 3B.

V. Additional Concerns

A. Induced Flooding Risk

Both board committee members and attendees during a Environmental Protection Committee hearing on January 4, 2023 expressed deep concern about induced flooding from Newtown Creek during an event when the storm surge gate is closed and preventing creek outflow into the East River. Participants suggested reworking/redesigning Newtown Creek shorelines and bulkheads, and especially street ends that meet the creek. Newtown Creek Alliance has released a <u>vision plan</u> that reimagines these elements of the creek emphasizing nature based revisions and that support human interaction with the waterway and enhancing habits that would bolster the creek ecosystem. Participants often mentioned converting waterfront street ends into public open green spaces designed to calm and mitigate induced flooding and cloudburst events, expressing a desire to return towards naturalism to protect our shoreline and its communities. An additional concern strongly expressed in a worst case scenario with a severe seawall installation along the East River, is induced flooding along the East River shoreline south of Kent Street in Greenpoint. Furthermore, there is major concern of induced flooding behind seawalls during cloudburst events.

B. Groundwater

The NYNJHAT feasibility study does not discuss groundwater as it pertains to local Superfund sites and other contamination prevalent in the North Brooklyn waterfront community. As has been <u>reported lately</u>, monitoring of groundwater

has been dormant for a long duration while flooding from this source has increased as documented and vocalized by locals at our meetings. In this respect planning for future storm events and flooding is way behind the curve. Therefore, there are concerns about how redirecting flood water will affect contaminated groundwater and underground toxic plume movement, and there is cause for concern about human exposure to those toxins. It is of particular concern in Greenpoint and Williamsburg where decades of industrial uses have given way to residential uses. Over the last two decades the Community Board has received (and continues to receive) almost a dozen brownfield cleanup program applications annually, most involving remediation of groundwater contaminated with volatile and semivolatile organic compounds, including a highly contaminated state superfund site located on a former plastics factory property in Greenpoint. As sea levels rise, so do groundwater levels.

C. Cloudburst event flooding

There are concerns that cloudburst event flooding is being overlooked with Alternative 3B. New York City's Stormwater Flood Model maps detail what residents are reporting to the community board and beyond on a regular basis. During cloudburst events specific areas in the district are experiencing major flooding, especially in streets, sidewalks and basements. These are areas that also flood during storm surge events, therefore potentially incurring two major sources of water inundation, and an additional one from swelling groundwater. This includes sections of McGuinness Blvd between Newtown Creek and Greenpoint Avenue, Greenpoint Ave adjacent to the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Humboldt Street north of Nassau Avenue, streets connecting northeast from Bushwick Inlet, Kent Avenue along Wallabout Channel, and Environmental Justice Areas along Flushing Ave east from Wallabout Channel and north of that street and Nostrand Ave. A major intervention is warranted here by USACE and its partners. More maintenance related issues such as developing a scheduled catch basin sweeping and cleaning should also be addressed to help in the prevention of street and basement flooding. Also, underground stormwater infrastructure and other green infrastructure should be included in this planning to address overall rain and/or surge events.

VI. Establishment of a Local Working Group to Work With the USACE on the Local Plan Design

Given the incredibly small window of time provided to communities by the USACE to respond to this massive plan, with enormous permanent consequences for neighborhoods including North Brooklyn, the representatives of Brooklyn Community District #1 who are members of this community board, call for the creation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) or a community-board based Task Force to work directly with the USACE to methodically collaborate on the planning, designing and construction details of Alternative 3B or another alternative that might be selected, for the duration of the project. In Manhattan New York City created a CAG with the local community to work through the design and construction of the East Side Coastal

Resiliency Project. To work on the Newtown Creek Superfund site, the Newtown Creek CAG was created to forge a collaboration and communication between the local Brooklyn-Queens community, the Environmental Protection Agency and other entities. Both of these CAG's have functioned well to serve the communities and projects they are working on. These are good examples of a just method for the public and the government to meet the big climate-related challenges before us in creating a protective remedy.

VII. Summary & Conclusion

Brooklyn Community Board #1 welcomes the opportunity to robustly address the incredible challenges that climate change is and will continue to present to our district. The draft plan presented by the USACE can act as a catalyst in attempting to meet these challenges. The board is grateful that Newtown Creek and its connecting areas have been targeted with a future 100-year storm surge risk management plan, given its horrible contaminated state, and the long desire for the local community to be protected from flooding. However, considering the significant land use and environmental history laid out in previous sections, the board strongly requests major reconsiderations and redesigns to Alternative 3B, related to the design of the storm surge gate and selection, design and deployment of tie-in infrastructure. Conceptual plans for both as presented to the board and the community at large will potentially cause more problems than they will resolve. They are simple and blunt. The board requests a remedy design with much more nuance and thinking outside of the box, or that is much more flexible and multi-layered. The board is deeply concerned about the USACE's calculation and design data not being composed of accurate current land elevations and design, especially with respect to waterfront developments and parks. It also is deeply concerned about the USACE lacking accurate awareness of topography and conditions on the streets such as existing building access and street level business, and hills. We request the USACE embrace critical concerns about Combined Sewer Overflow outfalls, induced flooding behind proposed infrastructure and down river, and parallel existential flood threats to waterfront areas not protected or covered by Alternative 3B, rising groundwater levels, cloudburst events, some of which affect Environmental Justice Areas in our district and just outside it. It is urgent that the USACE and its non-federal partners address all of these concerns when Alternative 3B is (re)planned and (re)designed. Doing otherwise seems incredibly short sighted and creates the potential for failure and inadequate preparation and defense against future increasing flooding, and in North Brooklyn specifically, with highly polluted water from multiple sources. We feel that to achieve the best chances for an optimal design outcome, is to do so with community-based design and communication. Brooklyn Community Board #1 requests the USACE create a Community Advisory Group with the neighborhood of North Brooklyn to work collaboratively, robustly and thoroughly through the design, planning and construction of Alternative 3B or another selected storm risk management plan. Over the last 100 years our community has overcome a myriad of environmental challenges. We are wholeheartedly ready to face this current challenge of storm surge risk and other

flooding threats together with the US Army Corps of Engineers and its non-federal partners.

APPENDIX

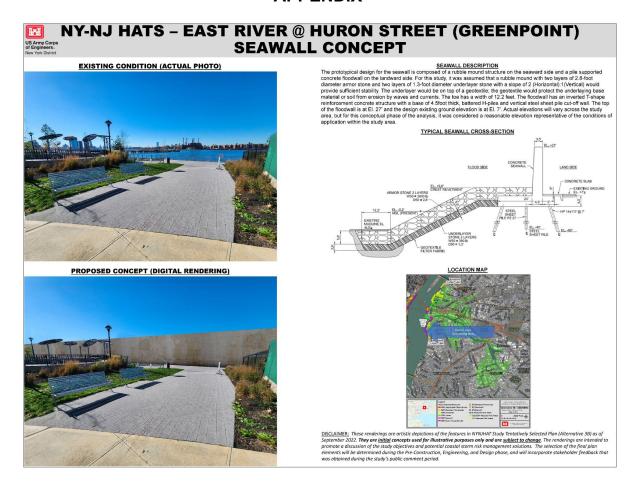


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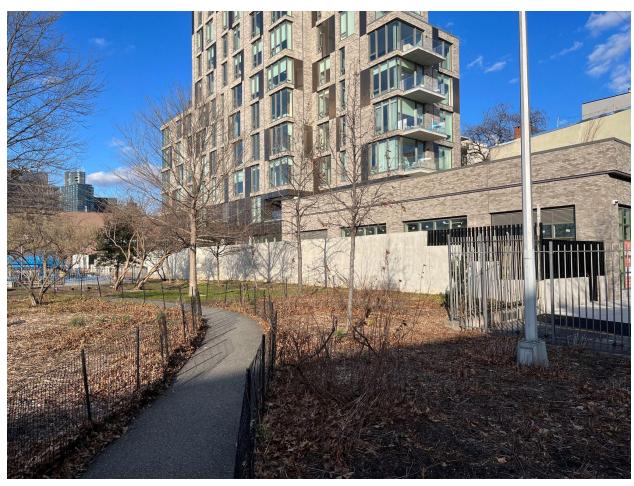


Figure 2 - Existing 8' high concrete border wall on the eastern border of WNYC Transmitter Park (ground elevation is 13').



Figure 3 - 13 Greenpoint Avenue restaurant space & apartment building parking ramp entrance (at Greenpoint Avenue street end adjacent to WNYC Transmitter Park).

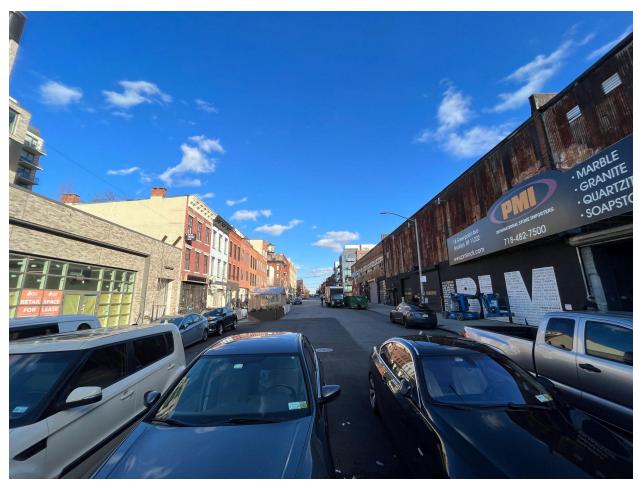


Figure 4 - Greenpoint Avenue looking east from the street end adjacent to WNYC Transmitter Park, with street level businesses lining both sides of the street. Note the rise in elevation.



Figure 5 - Street level businesses and residential buildings on the northside of Greenpoint Ave between WNYC Transmitter Park and West Street.



Figure 6 - Greenpoint Avenue looking east from the intersection of West Street, with the protected historic landmark, the Pencil Factory (Eberhard Faber) Company building, on the far left. Note the rise in elevation.



Figure 8 - Rendering of a floodwall created for the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project (along the East River in Manhattan).



Figure 9 - FiDi & Seaport Coastal Resiliency Plan rendering.

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Date: February 1, 2023

Re: Comments on the USACE Storm Risk Management Draft Plan

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the USACE Storm Risk Management Draft Plan as presented at the meeting of the Brooklyn Community Board #1 Environmental Protection Committee on November 29, 2022.

Talking points in this document are related and limited to WNYC Transmitter Park Location: East River, Kent Street and Greenpoint Avenue in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

The USACE is favoring Alternative Plan 3B that focuses on specific targets including Newtown Creek and the connecting northwest Greenpoint shoreline.

The focus of our comments are related to the section of this plan whereby tie-in infrastructure connecting to the proposed Newtown Creek storm surge gate, that includes constructing a seawall along the shoreline of Newtown Creek and the East River, from Box Street to Kent Street, specifically to the proposal to connect to a floodwall that will extend from the west end of Kent Street along the northern border of Transmitter Park, to a connecting levee that would traverse through the middle of WNYC Transmitter Park, and which would subsequently connect to a floodwall spanning from the park-bordered Greenpoint Avenue street end, easterly to 2 blocks to Franklin Street.

Open Space Parkland:

- The deep inherent value of public open space in North Brooklyn, and especially WNYC Transmitter Park.
- Greenpoint, Brooklyn is one the fastest and more densely populated neighborhoods in NYC. (Documented in NYC Department of City Planning report <u>Net Change in Housing</u> Units, 2010-2020.

- There is a fraction of parkland, green <u>open space per capita</u> (Chapter 5). Brooklyn Community District #1 OSRPC is .6 acres per 1,000 people. NYC's average is 1.5 acres and NYC's goal is 2.5 acres.
- WNYC Transmitter Park opened in 2012 to provide public access and to promote health, well-being and equity through the public realm.
- WNYC Transmitter Park is located on the former WNYC radio transmission facility built in 1937 during the Works Progress Administration era; this carries a historic legacy along with the Native American land the park sits upon.
- WNYCTransmitter Park sits on a unique natural setting that is home to three large pollinator gardens, a shoreline garden, soft shoreline and a fishing pier that juts out into the East River

We ask that these main points be reconsidered to stress the need and importance of this passive and natural public open park space:

- Re-Confirm land elevations (waters edge moving east through the park, & from Kent St moving up the park south, 10-13' feet in significant portions per Google Earth)
- Ensure consideration for the 8' tall concrete wall (see attached images) spanning the
 entire eastern border of the park from Kent Street to Greenpoint Ave, and that it exists
 on a base elevation of 13'. This could affect the need and/or size of the proposed levee
 or spur less severe alternatives.
- Reconsider the seawall at the Kent Street end, currently designed to extend up to 17'
 tall. Is there an alternative to preserve the long fought for unobstructed, waterfront
 access for a community that has continually battled toxic industrial pollution and now are
 at a crossroads with burgeoning waterfront developments and an exploding population
 with limited open public park space. Previously residents had to climb fences to gain
 access to their waterfront. With the proposed wall, only luxury residents living on
 elevated floors will have that visible access.
- Reconsider the floodwall proposed for Kent Street bordering the northern end of the
 park. Besides being inherently oppressive with the effect it will have on the park, this wall
 poses potential security problems as police sight lines into the park would be blocked,
 and goes against the recently established NYC Parks' design philosophy of making
 parks more inviting.
- Consider converting the street ends of Kent Street and Greenpoint Ave into public open spaces designed to be more nature based storm surge mitigators, while increasing the open space footprint of very small scale WNYC Transmitter Park. In light of the massive influx of new residents these park expansions could serve an additional purpose of mitigating population density.
- Reconsider Alternative Plan 3B so as not to limit access, activities and unobstructed views for the fishing pier.
- How is wastewater discharge during rain events accounted for, and will this be affected by the proposed Newtown Creek storm surge gate and the potential redirection of sewage to East River CSO's, including the one located at this park?

- Reconsider and explain how the CSO outfall (#NC-003) in WNYC Transmitter Park fits into design?
- When the Newtown Creek storm surge gate is closed, will it induce flooding in WNYC Transmitter Park? With its current design, will it also induce flooding in the park during severe high tides and cloudburst events?
- Reconsider using the WNYC Transmitter Park gardens as water capture and green infrastructure. Plan a site visit.

In summary:

Reconsider the severity of USACE tie-infrastructure (floodwalls up Kent St & Greenpoint
Ave connecting to a levee cutting through the heart of the park). We ask for this to be
reduced or completely redesigned to preserve all of the aforementioned reasons
to preserve this public open space.

Sincerely,

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Chair- Friends of WNYC Transmitter Park and Steering Committee

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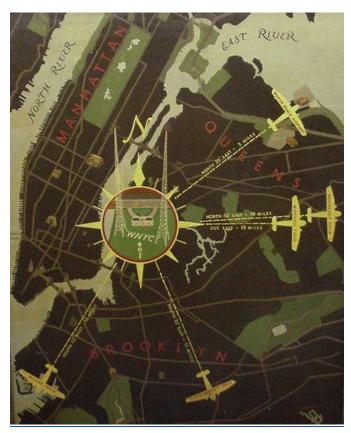
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1937, WNYC radio transmitter site opening.



<u>Painting</u> created by Transmitter site architect Allan Gordon Lorimer.



WNYC Transmitter Park & Pier (looking northwest).



WNYC Transmitter Park from the pier looking east toward the Greenpoint Historic District & the former American Manufacturing Company (shipping rope) water tower.



WNYC Transmitter Park pollinator gardens



The park's gardens support the full life cycle of endangered monarch butterflies.



Concrete wall (160'w x 8'h) spanning the eastern border of the park.

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January 30, 2023

Community Board No. 1 435 Graham Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11211

> Re: Impact of New York-New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study on Premises at 30 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222

To Whom it May Concern:

We are the owners of the property located at 30 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 (Brooklyn, Block 2556, Lot 45), which has frontages on Kent Street and Greenpoint Avenue and is adjacent to Transmitter Park. We just completed the development of an eighty-unit multifamily building with two retail spaces in June 2022. There are twenty-four affordable housing units in the building.

The seawall proposed in the NYNJHATS starting from the East River, going across Transmitter Park and then down Greenpoint Avenue from Transmitter Park to Franklin Street will be extremely disruptive and will have a detrimental impact on our property. We are concerned about the planned location because our building's large retail space faces Greenpoint Avenue and the ramp to the property's exterior parking deck, which is its only means of ingress and egress, fronts on Greenpoint Avenue. The inability to freely access the property without impediment will prohibitively and severely decrease the value of the property. It would make a large portion of the property unusable. The planned sea wall would most likely put the retail stores on the block out of business.

The levee planned for Transmitter Park would go across the grass where the community gathers. It would be terrible to lose one of the few green spaces in the immediate neighborhood.

We urge you in the strongest terms to persuade the USACE to select a different location for the seawall. They are using outdated data from the City to formulate this plan. We request that the Community Board provide updated details about the properties on Greenpoint Avenue and the amount of investment that has been put into not just our building but the entire block.

Very Truly Yours,

Greenpoint Partners LLC

Bradford S. Barr, Vice President

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January 24, 2023

Dealice Fuller, Chair, Community Board 1 Community Board 1 435 Graham Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11211-8813

Re: BCP Site C224348, 210 Greenpoint Avenue

Dear Ms. Fuller:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) offers the following responses to the letter received from Community Board 1, dated January 18, 2023 and received by our office on January 19, 2023.

1) Comment: Perform investigative off-site testing for contamination being that this site is adjacent or across the street from residences on three sides.

Response: We do not believe the findings at the site warrant additional off-site investigation or sampling. A project review meeting was held with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Department of Health (DOH) to determine if contamination found at the site had been fully delineated both vertically and horizontally as well as if the site poses a significant threat to public health. An overview of the site was presented at the meeting and the remedial investigation sampling results were examined. Both Departments agreed that the site was fully delineated based on the location and results of the samples taken and there does not appear to be any contamination emanating off-site. A negative significant threat determination was also made due to the lack of a complete exposure pathway to site-related contaminants. DEC and DOH hold project review meetings for all sites in the BCP and make a determination if a site poses a significant threat to the public, based on the investigation data provided for this site and our experience with the many BCP sites throughout NYC and across the State. In the unlikely event unexpected contamination is found near the site boundary during remediation, there are mechanisms in place for the Departments to address the issue.

2) Comment: Consider an alternative and safer fence and detour solution including creating access to sidewalks again. Also, remove the construction fence and jersey barriers during breaks in activity.



Response: Comment noted and will be shared with the Applicant. Also, it is DEC's understanding that NYSDOT and Brooklyn Community Board 1 have been in communication regarding these issues, including permit compliance and renewals for sidewalk occupancy and temporary pedestrian walkways.

Sincerely;

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Ms. Lipa Friedman M & H Realty LLC 177 North 11 Street Brooklyn, NY 11204 February 9, 2023

Dear Ms. Friedman:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of Community Board No.1 held on February 7, 2023, the board members voted unanimously to send this letter to approve State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Modification for Temporary Construction Dewatering Activities to be completed at 11 West Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222.

The vote was as follows: 30 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Working for a Safer Greenpoint-Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson



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February 9, 2023

Mr. Matthew Carroll Tenen Environmental 121 West 27th Street New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Carroll:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of Community Board No.1 held on February 7, 2023, the board members voted unanimously to send this letter to approve send State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Modification for Construction Dewatering to be completed at 470 Kent Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11249.

The vote was as follows: 30 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

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February 13, 2023

Hon. Shampa Chanda, Chair Board of Standards and Appeals 22 Reade Street, Main Floor New York, New York 10007

RE: BSA Cal. No.: 2020-88-BZ

Premises: 315 Berry Street Block 2430, Lots 1 and 2 Brooklyn, New York

Dear Chair Chanda and Members of the Board:

As stated in our previous letter submitted to the BSA on December 9, 2022, in April of 2021 the Brooklyn Community Board #1 voted against the applicant's special permit request to install an Electric Sub-Station (Battery Storage System) on the roof of a residential loft building located at 315 Berry Street in Williamsburg Brooklyn, where zoning does not allow this use, citing safety concerns with the system, the structural integrity of the building and a breakdown in communication between the tenants, the landlord and MicroGrid Networks (the system developer). As a follow up to that letter, FDNY accepted our board's request to answer questions regarding their ability to extinguish a large-scale Battery Storage System (BSS) fire installed on the roof of a residential building, and specifically at the 315 Berry Street location. During a Brooklyn CB #1 hearing on January 10, 2023, FDNY Battalion Chief Mike Maiz noted the department has experience only with extinguishing fires from small scale lithium batteries such as those used with ebikes, and is continually learning from these types of calls. But, the department lacks experience extinguishing a large-scale lithium battery

system installed on top of a bulky residential building. Therefore, on February 7, 2023, Brooklyn Community Board #1 voted unanimously to reiterate its severe reservations about the safety of locating an Electric Sub-Station consisting of a large-scale Battery Storage System on top of a residential building, an installation that has never been attempted anywhere in New York City nor the entire United States. As stated previously, Brooklyn Community Board #1 fully embraces aggressive innovation in addressing adaptation to climate change and adherence to City and State climate laws. However, we do not support initiatives that could recklessly endanger residents, firefighters and homes. The estimated benefits to climate change initiatives and to the energy grid do not in any shape or form outweigh the safety of families, homes and our heroic first responders.

Working for a Safer Greenpoint-Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson

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Dear Mr. Wisemiller and Ms. Akemeyer:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of Community Board No.1 held on February 7, 2023, the board members voted to approve the (attached) Comments on the USACE NYNJHATS Storm Risk Management Draft Plan.

The vote was as follows: 30 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS",

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson

Brooklyn Community Board #1 Response to USACE NYNJHATS Storm Risk Management Draft Plan

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Introduction

Based on a United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) presentation to Brooklyn Community Board #1 Environmental Protection Committee on November 29, 2022 (isolated slides below), the ensuing discussion and input received from committee and board members and the general public attending a Environmental Protection Committee hearing about the plan on January 4th, 2023, this community board submits to the USACE a response to its NYNJHATS Storm Risk Management Draft Plan (SRMP).



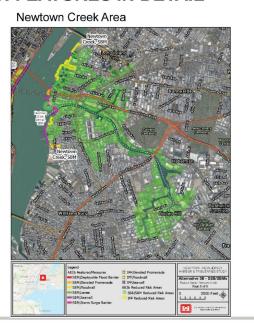
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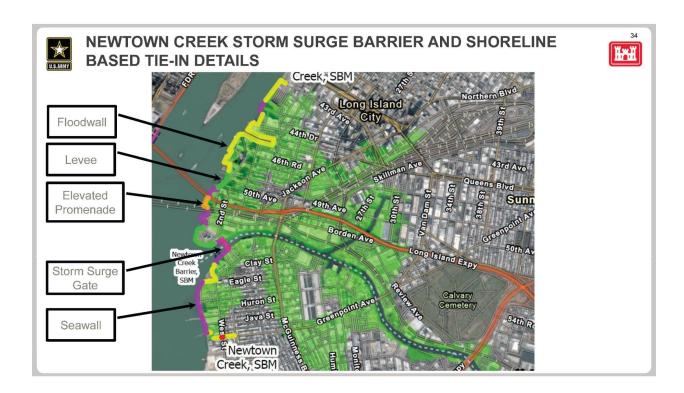


Storm surge barrier with shoreline based tie-ins

Newtown Creek Storm Surge Barrier

- 130 ft. wide Sector Gate
- 17 foot crest elevation (NAVD88) for currently selected design storm event
- · Shoreline-based Tie-ins
- 15,000+ ft. of measures including floodwalls, levees, pedestrian & vehicle gates, elevated promenades, and seawalls
- · Other considerations:
 - May need extension of NYCDEP Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge to outside Storm Surge Barrier
 - Known contamination issues





Statement on Comment Deadline

We must state upfront that the amount of time the USACE has provided to the public to respond to its planning around the critical issue of future increased storm surges is not adequate. The online documentation is massive and daunting. While the two-month extension was quite helpful, there still remains little time for volunteer community board members to pour through and absorb the incredible amount of data the USACE has published, do proper research on the subject, and fully reach out to community members to gather and submit comments. In true fairness the comment period should be extended for an additional 12 months.

I. Summary of USACE Plan, Generally and Specific to Newtown Creek and its Environs

It is acknowledged that USACE, after years of researching the impacts of Hurricane Sandy on the New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study (HATS) region, formulating worse case impact and damage scenarios for future 100-year storms taking into consideration accelerating predictions for sea level rise for the region, and creating an Environmental Impact Statement in the draft plan estimating environmental consequences for a matrix of environmental categories, and creating a cost-benefit-lifespan-construction analysis of 5 Alternatives (versus no action). USACE is favoring Alternative 3B as the preferred plan. Out of the 5 proposed alternatives, 3B falls roughly in the middle in terms of cost, benefit and lifespan. In contrast to alternatives

2 and 3A that include large infrastructure installations across the entrance to New York Harbor and little or no infrastructure installation north of the harbor entrance, 3B instead exclusively focuses on installation of flood protection infrastructure north of the harbor in multiple target areas. Furthermore, while alternatives 2 and 3A offer roughly 94% and 76% protection respectively, alternative 3B offers only roughly 63% protection. However, alternatives 2 and 3A are estimated to have total costs of \$150M and \$95M respectively while alternative 3B has a significantly smaller estimated cost of \$76M. Alternative 3B also is estimated to have a longer lifespan and shorter construction duration in comparison to the two other plans. Alternatives 4 and 5 are estimated to offer significantly less protection while being significantly less costly than the other 3 alternatives. The life span of alternative 3B infrastructure noted per USACE policy for the purposes of economic evaluation is 50 years, but has a planning horizon of 100 years. Alternatives 2 and 3A offer shorter life spans, 32 and 40 years respectively.

Though this Newtown Creek segment of Alternative 3B covers areas in both Queens Community District #2 and Brooklyn Community District #1, Brooklyn Community Board #1 will address only the areas that fall inside our district (Brooklyn Community District #1). It is acknowledged that the design of alternative 3B includes installation of a storm surge gate spanning 400 feet across the mouth of Newtown Creek with a 130' passage, aligned approximately with Box Street in Greenpoint. This gate will rise 20' in the water from the river bed to the water surface and 17' above the water surface, both at crest elevation. It will remain partially open during normal times and seal shut during storm surge events. The Newtown Creek segment will also include tie-in infrastructure along both shorelines of the creek spanning the East River northward in Long Island City, Queens and southward in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Starting approximately from the western edge of 65 Commercial Street (currently an MTA vehicle lot and future Box Street Park) on the Greenpoint side of the creek, the tie-in structures will span west along the creek shoreline and subsequently south along the East River shoreline to Kent Street. This infrastructure will traverse inland through Newtown Barge Park and WNYC Transmitter Park and along portions of Dupont Street, Kent Street and Greenpoint Avenue. The tie-infrastructure will utilize a combination of seawalls, floodwalls and levees with some sections extending as tall as 17'. USACE estimates that implementing Alternative 3B in this manner will offer almost complete flood protection from Newtown Creek during predicted future 100-year storm surges. It is also noted that sections of Greenpoint and Williamsburg that suffered significant flooding during Hurricane Sandy, such as Bushwick Inlet, McCarren Park and Wallabout Channel, and which are predicted to experience increased severe flooding during future storms, are not protected under Alternative 3B.

II. Newtown Creek

A. History and Characterization

For approximately 200 years <u>Newtown Creek</u> has served as a vital shipping canal supporting major manufacturing and commercial activity. Its banks were inundated with heavy industry that included oil refineries, manufactured gas plants, smelting operations, metal foundries, chemical plants, glue factories, and

animal rendering plants. Today the creek is surrounded by industries such as major oil storage facilities, metal recycling operations, natural gas operations, asphalt and concrete plants, and one of the largest wastewater treatment facilities in the United States (Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant). It has also dubiously served as a major recipient of raw sewage during olden days and to this day as the creek is the target of 13 Combined Sewer Overflow outfalls which during rainfall events dump 1.161 million gallons of sewage per year as noted in the NYC Department of Environmental Protection CSO Long Term Control Plan 2017 (LTCP) into this waterway on an annual basis. As a result of these historical uses and abuses, in 2010 Newtown Creek was designated a Superfund project by the Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, due to the extensive legacy of chemical contamination as a result of these local heavy consequential uses, and the long duration of sewage outflow, New York City has yet to comply with the 1972 federal Clean Water Act. And to add insult to injury, along the creek in eastern Greenpoint exists the Greenpoint Oil Spill (the largest terrestrial spill in the U.S. 17-30M gallons) and the Meeker Ave Plume Superfund site (laden with chlorinated solvent contamination). These long-standing perpetual toxic circumstances have made the creek one of the most polluted waterways in the United States. During storm surge events, land adjacent to the creek, and connecting areas, flood extensively along its almost 4-mile extent, especially near its most polluted branches at the front.

B. Plan Review and Analysis in Regard to Newtown Creek

As expressed by community board committee members and the general public, it is imperative that residents and businesses be protected from interacting with Newtown Creek floodwaters, who at face value embrace the estimation that the storm surge gate proposed for the creek through Alternative 3B will protect the neighborhood from flooding contaminated creek water during a 100-year storm event.

Concerns and Recommendations:

1. Inhibited Tidal Flow

Tidal flow works to clean the creek water, especially during rain events when the 13 CSO outfalls are discharging over a billion gallons of sewage into the creek annually. We are deeply concerned that the gate, *both*, in its closed or (partially) open state will inhibit this process.

2. Undermining the Long Term Control Plan

New York City's Long Term Control Plan to reduce sewage pollution in the creek is deeply necessary for its compliance with the federal Clean Water Act (which it has failed to do since the Act's enactment in 1972). The City's plan, which was approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will include constructing sewage retention tunnels to divert and hold sewage during rain events. In conjunction with other facets this plan is estimated to reduce sewage in the creek by

approximately 60%. We are concerned the gate in both positions could inhibit the functioning of these measures. Conversely, the *USACE could create additional infrastructure* to retain additional sewage during rain events to increase the sewage reduction percentage to well beyond 60%, a figure that the community finds grossly inadequate. Under the LTCP, over 464 millions gallons of sewage would still be discharged into the creek during rain events. Since the USACE has noted that adequate drainage must be designed into this plan, enhancing the LTCP remedy could serve dual purposes.

3. Contradicting the Superfund Contamination Remediation & Recontamination Concerns.

We are concerned about the gate interfering with the federal Superfund remediation process and its potential to cause recontamination. The superfund investigation process has already taken over 10 years, and the feasibility study, risk assessment, remedy design, Record of Decision and the remediation itself will take decades more. It would be catastrophic if this remediation project was damaged by the construction and operation of the proposed storm surge gate. The risk management plan must be designed in concert with the EPA and the community watchdog entity, the Newtown Creek Advisory Group to achieve the best and safest outcome for the remediation and storm risk management, *and* consider alternative designs for the latter.

4. Negative Impact on Shipping Navigation

The plan draft estimates there to be shipping delays due to surge barrier closures. Oil, garbage and sludge are just a few of the essential items that move in and out of the creek on a regular basis. The barrier would impact the vessels from shipping out sludge and other essential shipping, as well as HAZMAT emergency access that may affect the creek considering its highly contaminated state and industries existing along the creek working with noxious substances and products.

5. Seek An Alternative To The Proposed Storm Surge Gate Design Sealing off two-thirds of the creek permanently will have severe negative consequences for the natural cleaning process the river and creek tidal action provide. This process is a key supporting element of the Long Term Control Plan. It would be much more preferable to deploy vertical lift gates instead of a narrow horizontal moving structure connected to sealed barriers, or measures with similar flexibility, that would allow much more profuse tidal flow. See rising sector gates used with <u>The Thames Barrier</u> which protects Central London in the United Kingdom from storm surges by utilizing raisable gates. In its open state, it will allow vessel navigation and promote almost complete uninhibited tidal flow. Brooklyn Community Board #1 urges USACE to explore and consider alternatives to a structure that will not disrupt the tidal flow of Newtown Creek and prevent the potential negative consequences of utilizing a horizontal gate and solid barriers.

III. The Greenpoint Waterfront

A. History and Analysis

In 2005 New York City rezoned almost 200 blocks in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg sections of Brooklyn along its waterfront. This massive land use action enabled properties previously zoned for heavy manufacturing to be developed into high density mixed-use residential buildings. This rezoning and subsequent ones passed as recently as 2021 have ushered in a dramatic growth in housing units and population to this area. A NYC Department of City Planning report, Net Change in Housing Units, 2010-2020, showed Greenpoint-Williamsburg creating around 21,000 new housing units from 2010-2020, the most of any area in the city. This building boom has continued until the current day, with thousands of new units under construction or planned. Where the northwest Greenpoint shoreline aligns with the proposed Newtown Creek tie-in structures, 8,003 new housing units have been constructed or are being constructed which will result in approximately 18,500 new residents. In the Environmental Impact Statement created for this rezoning, the Open Space section (Chapter 5) details the incredible deficient amount of open space that existed prior to the rezoning and the very modest improvement of this amount as a result of the rezoning action. The City's open space ratio back then was 1.5 acres of open space per 1,000 people, far less than the 2.5 acre goal that it has set for its neighborhoods. In the Greenpoint-Williamsburg rezoning area, the ratio was a dismal .6 acres per 1,000 people. Realizing that the rezoning would greatly exacerbate this deficit, the City committed to creating approximately 40 acres of new open space to help mitigate the enormous impact of the rezoning in terms of a vast increase in population and building density. Comprising the 40 acres would be 2 new waterfront parks (Bushwick Inlet Park and Box Street Park), the renovation and expansion of another (Newtown Barge Park) and the creation of a connecting 2-mile waterfront esplanade which would be a requirement of waterfront property owners to develop along with creating new high density residential buildings. 1.6 acre WNYC Transmitter Park would be separately proposed and developed on the Greenpoint waterfront (opened in 2012) in concert with the rezoning commitments and be factored into the EIS. The open space action was the only part of the rezoning proposal that was approved by Brooklyn Community Board #1. Safe and direct public access to the waterfront has been a long standing drive from the North Brooklyn community. Previously private industry, dilapidated piers and bulkheads and fences inhibited safe and <u>direct access to the neighborhood's waterfront.</u> This was expressed by the community at our meetings and hearings in addressing the SRMP. It has been scientifically documented how access to open space provides physical and psychological benefits.

Therefore, as expressed strongly by board members and the general public, it is

imperative that waterfront and open space access to the East River shoreline be preserved as we strive to protect the area from future severe storm events and flooding.

B. Plan Review and Analysis in Regard to the Greenpoint Waterfront

As expressed by community board committee members and the general public, it is imperative that residents and businesses be protected from interacting with Newtown Creek floodwaters, who at face value embrace the estimation that the storm surge gate proposed for the creek will protect the neighborhood from flooding highly contaminated creek water during a future 100-year storm event. Furthermore, these same voices understand the devastation East River flooding inflicted on Greenpoint and Williamsburg during Hurricane Sandy, and that future 100-year storms are predicted to produce increased devastation, and managing this risk along this waterfront is paramount. A large sentiment expressed at our committee meetings was shock and awe in reaction to the tie-in infrastructure proposed in Alternative 3B that includes seawalls, floodwalls and levees. Some of this infrastructure will rise 17' above ground and wall off the entire existing, under construction and planned Waterfront Public Access Areas from Box Street to Kent Street and 11 waterfront street ends, cutting through two recently created public waterfront parks and traversing down 4 blocks of street.

Concerns and Recommendations:

1. Infrastructure Design

Shock and awe have been the dominant sentiments in reaction to the sea wall example rendering of a wall on the Huron Street end at the East River (see Appendix figure 1). As expressed in Greenpoint Waterfront History section above, obtaining public waterfront access has been a momentous and very just goal that was achieved through a long arduous land use process. Consider measures to reduce wall height, reduce wall deployment and or eliminate this feature all together. Utilizing hybrid infrastructure such as Living Breakwaters in the river the entire footprint span of the planned seawall to calm surges and offer a layer of protection. Consider allowing waterfront properties/parks/esplanades to flood. Seek inspiration from the new (see Appendix figure 8) FiDi & Seaport Climate Resilience Plan! If reduced-size seawalls and/or floodwalls are still deployed, consider design inspiration from BIG's East River floodwall concept (see Appendix figure 6) created for the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project. Consider alternative wall locations. Community residents spoke strongly about nature-based solutions as well as managed retreat.

2. Designs for Alternative 3B seems to contradict or be out of sync with current conditions on the ground within the tie-infrastructure target areas:

a) Privately-owned waterfront developments.

Based on recent New York City waterfront resiliency zoning rules changes, all of the private waterfront developments from Bell Slip to Kent Street must raise their land between their waterfront public access areas and their buildings to an elevation of 12.5' above grade. All of the private development projects from 1 Bell Slip south to 1 Java Street have designed their properties with these specifications. The Greenpoint Landing waterfront development, which has constructed 6 residential buildings between Bell Slip and Newtown Barge Park and 2 buildings between Dupont Street and Eagle street (with 4 more planned for south of this block), elevates their waterfront space from the water's edge to around 17'. Waterfront properties south of Green Street have lower elevations at round 12.5'-13'. Therefore it seems guite unnecessary to construct a 17' high seawall along the shoreline spanning these properties. USACE should work with the local community and affected developers to devise alternative adaptations of these properties and street ends to achieve necessary but less severe protections at these locations, or even consider no tie-infrastructure or much softer less severe elements. either onland, in water and/or both. Utilizing a layered approach for protection could potentially work here such as including a concept like that of the Living Breakwaters project being constructed off the shore of Staten Island in the harbor, spanning a man-made reef(s) that will evolve into a full cover of marine life, from unprotected Bushwick Inlet (& Park) to Dupont Street. Or again, look at the Fidi & Seaport Coastal Resiliency Plan.

b) USACE Land Elevation Data Seems Dated and Out of Sync with Current Onsite Conditions.

The USACE should confer with New York City agencies to ensure they are designing a plan with current accurate data, with respect to rezoning resilience rules for waterfront developments and parks, taking note of the waterfront elevations noted above in subsection 'a'. The board strongly urges USACE to obtain this information from New York City agencies: City Planning, Environmental Protection, Parks and Recreation and Buildings, and any other relevant agency, as well as the owners and developers of properties within the target area.

c) Is USACE Using Newtown Barge Park's Current Design & Land Elevation Specs?

Newtown Barge Park was specifically redesigned for storm surge resiliency and reopened in 2019. A 12.5' high berm was constructed between the turf field and the waterfront esplanade that serves as a flood mitigator. USACE should take into

consideration the current conditions in this park and modify and reduce the scope of the infrastructure planned in this location. Consider an element(s) that is much less severe and large than a floodwall. Our long sought-after park with waterfront access and views should have its essence preserved. Additionally, there is an emergency sludge loading dock at Newtown Barge Park that must be taken into consideration.

d) Is USACE Using Accurate Land Elevation Data for WNYC Transmitter Park?

(see the attached letter from Friends of Transmitter Park) WNYC Transmitter Park, another cherished open space oasis on the waterfront has existing conditions that USACE must consider in informing their plan design. The private property adjacent to the eastern border of the park built a 160' wide 8' high concrete separation wall (see Appendix figure 2) between their property and the park. Google Earth notes the elevation of the park along this span between 12' and 13" feet. USACE should consider the water's edge of the park has an elevation of 4' that gradually slopes up to 12'-13' feet in the eastern one-third of the park, and there exists a 8' high border wall at this peak elevation creating 20+' of flood protection.

e) Planned Greenpoint Avenue Floodwall Will Block a Parking Ramp & Retail Businesses on the Blocks Affected, and Traverse a Hill

(See Appendix figures 3-6) USACE Alternative 3B proposes constructing a floodwall along two blocks of the northern side of Greenpoint Avenue connecting from WNYC Transmitter Park at the street's terminus up to Franklin Street. Current on the ground conditions must be taken into consideration. The north side of the block of Greenpoint Ave from the park to West Street consists of an active driveway ramp to a 11-story apartment building (13 Greenpoint Avenue/30 Kent Street, see the attached letter from the owner of this property) and seven row house buildings with existing or planned retail on the street level. It seems completely untenable to place an above-10' floodwall in front of these elements. Second, there is a street intersection at the convergence of Greenpoint Ave and West Street. A floodwall traversing this intersection of streets and sidewalks seems incredibly problematic.

Lastly, the section of Greenpoint Ave between West Street and Franklin Street is an incline rising from 15' to 20' (west to east). Placing a floodwall in this location seems unnecessary.

Additionally the north side of the street contains a landmarked historic 10-story building, the Eberhard Faber Pencil Factory. Walling this structure off is untenable.

3. A Problem With Equity

If the Waterfront Public Access Areas along the East River, and the corresponding street ends are walled off, the local community and general public will be denied access to the waterfront they have long sought after for decades. However, market rate apartment residents living in the upper floors of waterfront towers will still have that visual access to the river and beyond. This presents a severe equity issue. Public parks and waterfronts work as the "great equalizers." Seawalls will remove this function from the public realm in our district.

4. Additional Challenges with local waterfront conditions

There are **two very active waterfront piers** located along the East River in Greenpoint. At India Street this pier serves as a terminal for NYC Ferry. At Kent Street a pier extends out from WNYC Transmitter Park. It's a very popular amenity. How will the seawalls be designed to not oppress access to these piers and well being enjoyed by commuters and park goers. These piers are prime city destinations for residents and tourists and lend themselves to the hard achieved goal of waterfront access for all people. From Newtown Bark Park south to WNYC Transmitter Park there are 5 active Combined Sewer Overflow outfalls, and more that actively discharge along the river south of that park. How will the seawalls be adapted to prevent sewage backup during rain events, and during cloudburst events?

IV. Unprotected Areas

A. South Greenpoint Shoreline, Bushwick Inlet & McCarren Park

During Hurricane Sandy, the upland areas in Greenpoint (south of Kent Street) and Williamsburg connected to the East River and Bushwick Inlet experienced extensive flooding devastating homes and businesses. Subsequently, USACE maps and NYC flood hazard maps estimate increased flooding in these areas due to future 100-year and 500-year storm induced surges over the course of the 21st Century. *Alternative 3B leaves this area unprotected*. At our committee meeting and hearing residents of this area expressed a dire need for the USACE and its state and city partners to address the vulnerability here. Two-thirds of Bushwick Inlet Park, a waterfront public space promised to the North Brooklyn community bordering the East River and encompassing Bushwick Inlet, remains undeveloped. This could be an incredible opportunity to create a significant nature-based defense against future storm surges, one that could be less costly than man-made structures and serve the original core purpose of providing long-promised open space to city residents in a unique and engaging way.

Beyond storm surge mitigation the park could also be designed to mitigate cloudburst events and promote biodiversity. While the north and south shorelines of Bushwick Inlet can be and have been designed with land elevation as the park is developed, the thin strip of land between the eastern edge of the inlet and Franklin Street will rise only to 9' high. The USACE and its partners should consider hybrid migration measures at the East River's mouth of the inlet. Staten Island's Living Breakwaters project could be a concept to consider or to seed other ideas.

On its property located at 40 Quay Street in Greenpoint, which borders the northern bank of Bushwick Inlet, the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has hired a private developer to upzone their property to create a large-scale mixed use building on this spot. One of the prime challenges to devising a protective remedy for the Greenpoint shoreline is a deep lack of real estate to enable less severe mitigation measures. Private Greenpoint waterfront developers have developed massive hardscape structures less than 100' from the water's edge making protection measure design more complicated for those developers, the community, USACE and its partners. Rather than commit the same mistake on the 40 Quay Street property, the MTA and New York State should redevelop the property into a public green space where nature-based measures can be designed and deployed in force, and while also helping decrease the open space deficit for this neighborhood whose population density continues to increase immensely.

B. Greenpoint Historic District

The HAT report and EIS states "This alternative has the potential for adverse effects to historic properties within the Gateway National Recreation Area, the Pelham Bay Park Historic District, **the Greenpoint Historic District** (emphasis added), the Gowanus Canal Historic District and other historic properties. Alternative 3B is likely to have aesthetic impacts associated with a changed viewscape and some coastal views may be impacted, diminished, or lost due to the construction of this alternative."

In 1982 New York City designated approximately 10 blocks in Greenpoint, Brooklyn (roughly bordered by Kent Street, Greenpoint Avenue, Calyer Street and Franklin Street) as the *Greenpoint Historic District*. This designation recognizes and serves to protect rows of magnificent townhouses and mixed-use buildings constructed in the mid to late 1800's, many built with "brownstone" facades and existing as wonderful examples of Italianate architecture. It is an area rich with beauty and history, and is a part of Greenpoint's DNA. New York City flood hazard maps show future storm surge flooding threats ranging from encroachment of the district's edge to the area's full inundation.

Greenpoint's waterfront encompasses centuries of rich New York City and

American history as it was a prime ship building district for 150 years designing and creating famous vessels such as the USS Monitor and the Grand Republic. Many of the historic buildings that supported the shipping industry from the day still stand supporting a rich historical fabric. Walling off this history would be devastating to the local community and historians. Let's think outside of the box with alternative flood protection measures that can best preserve our local fabric as well.

C. Wallabout Channel & Environmental Justice Areas within Brooklyn Community District #1

Bordering Williamsburg's Southside waterfront from Broadway to Washington Avenue in the Brooklyn Navy yard, Wallabout Channel was a major flood source during Hurricane Sandy and is estimated to produce much more extensive flooding during future storms. This flooding will affect upland sections within Environmental Justice Areas (zip code 11211) saddling Flushing Avenue. Annual wastewater outfall from channel-located CSO's #NC-014 (the largest in the entire city) and NC-013 amounts to approximately 550 millions gallons annually. Therefore, residents of this area will be subjected to an existential threat of incredibly polluted floodwater. The USACE and its non-federal partners must address this area not currently covered under Alternative 3B.

V. Additional Concerns

A. Induced Flooding Risk

Both board committee members and attendees during a Environmental Protection Committee hearing on January 4, 2023 expressed deep concern about induced flooding from Newtown Creek during an event when the storm surge gate is closed and preventing creek outflow into the East River. Participants suggested reworking/redesigning Newtown Creek shorelines and bulkheads, and especially street ends that meet the creek. Newtown Creek Alliance has released a <u>vision plan</u> that reimagines these elements of the creek emphasizing nature based revisions and that support human interaction with the waterway and enhancing habits that would bolster the creek ecosystem. Participants often mentioned converting waterfront street ends into public open green spaces designed to calm and mitigate induced flooding and cloudburst events, expressing a desire to return towards naturalism to protect our shoreline and its communities. An additional concern strongly expressed in a worst case scenario with a severe seawall installation along the East River, is induced flooding along the East River shoreline south of Kent Street in Greenpoint. Furthermore, there is major concern of induced flooding behind seawalls during cloudburst events.

B. Groundwater

The NYNJHAT feasibility study does not discuss groundwater as it pertains to local Superfund sites and other contamination prevalent in the North Brooklyn waterfront community. As has been <u>reported lately</u>, monitoring of groundwater

has been dormant for a long duration while flooding from this source has increased as documented and vocalized by locals at our meetings. In this respect planning for future storm events and flooding is way behind the curve. Therefore, there are concerns about how redirecting flood water will affect contaminated groundwater and underground toxic plume movement, and there is cause for concern about human exposure to those toxins. It is of particular concern in Greenpoint and Williamsburg where decades of industrial uses have given way to residential uses. Over the last two decades the Community Board has received (and continues to receive) almost a dozen brownfield cleanup program applications annually, most involving remediation of groundwater contaminated with volatile and semivolatile organic compounds, including a highly contaminated state superfund site located on a former plastics factory property in Greenpoint. As sea levels rise, so do groundwater levels.

C. Cloudburst event flooding

There are concerns that cloudburst event flooding is being overlooked with Alternative 3B. New York City's Stormwater Flood Model maps detail what residents are reporting to the community board and beyond on a regular basis. During cloudburst events specific areas in the district are experiencing major flooding, especially in streets, sidewalks and basements. These are areas that also flood during storm surge events, therefore potentially incurring two major sources of water inundation, and an additional one from swelling groundwater. This includes sections of McGuinness Blvd between Newtown Creek and Greenpoint Avenue, Greenpoint Ave adjacent to the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Humboldt Street north of Nassau Avenue, streets connecting northeast from Bushwick Inlet, Kent Avenue along Wallabout Channel, and Environmental Justice Areas along Flushing Ave east from Wallabout Channel and north of that street and Nostrand Ave. A major intervention is warranted here by USACE and its partners. More maintenance related issues such as developing a scheduled catch basin sweeping and cleaning should also be addressed to help in the prevention of street and basement flooding. Also, underground stormwater infrastructure and other green infrastructure should be included in this planning to address overall rain and/or surge events.

VI. Establishment of a Local Working Group to Work With the USACE on the Local Plan Design

Given the incredibly small window of time provided to communities by the USACE to respond to this massive plan, with enormous permanent consequences for neighborhoods including North Brooklyn, the representatives of Brooklyn Community District #1 who are members of this community board, call for the creation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) or a community-board based Task Force to work directly with the USACE to methodically collaborate on the planning, designing and construction details of Alternative 3B or another alternative that might be selected, for the duration of the project. In Manhattan New York City created a CAG with the local community to work through the design and construction of the East Side Coastal

Resiliency Project. To work on the Newtown Creek Superfund site, the Newtown Creek CAG was created to forge a collaboration and communication between the local Brooklyn-Queens community, the Environmental Protection Agency and other entities. Both of these CAG's have functioned well to serve the communities and projects they are working on. These are good examples of a just method for the public and the government to meet the big climate-related challenges before us in creating a protective remedy.

VII. Summary & Conclusion

Brooklyn Community Board #1 welcomes the opportunity to robustly address the incredible challenges that climate change is and will continue to present to our district. The draft plan presented by the USACE can act as a catalyst in attempting to meet these challenges. The board is grateful that Newtown Creek and its connecting areas have been targeted with a future 100-year storm surge risk management plan, given its horrible contaminated state, and the long desire for the local community to be protected from flooding. However, considering the significant land use and environmental history laid out in previous sections, the board strongly requests major reconsiderations and redesigns to Alternative 3B, related to the design of the storm surge gate and selection, design and deployment of tie-in infrastructure. Conceptual plans for both as presented to the board and the community at large will potentially cause more problems than they will resolve. They are simple and blunt. The board requests a remedy design with much more nuance and thinking outside of the box, or that is much more flexible and multi-layered. The board is deeply concerned about the USACE's calculation and design data not being composed of accurate current land elevations and design, especially with respect to waterfront developments and parks. It also is deeply concerned about the USACE lacking accurate awareness of topography and conditions on the streets such as existing building access and street level business, and hills. We request the USACE embrace critical concerns about Combined Sewer Overflow outfalls, induced flooding behind proposed infrastructure and down river, and parallel existential flood threats to waterfront areas not protected or covered by Alternative 3B, rising groundwater levels, cloudburst events, some of which affect Environmental Justice Areas in our district and just outside it. It is urgent that the USACE and its non-federal partners address all of these concerns when Alternative 3B is (re)planned and (re)designed. Doing otherwise seems incredibly short sighted and creates the potential for failure and inadequate preparation and defense against future increasing flooding, and in North Brooklyn specifically, with highly polluted water from multiple sources. We feel that to achieve the best chances for an optimal design outcome, is to do so with community-based design and communication. Brooklyn Community Board #1 requests the USACE create a Community Advisory Group with the neighborhood of North Brooklyn to work collaboratively, robustly and thoroughly through the design, planning and construction of Alternative 3B or another selected storm risk management plan. Over the last 100 years our community has overcome a myriad of environmental challenges. We are wholeheartedly ready to face this current challenge of storm surge risk and other

flooding threats together with the US Army Corps of Engineers and its non-federal partners.

APPENDIX

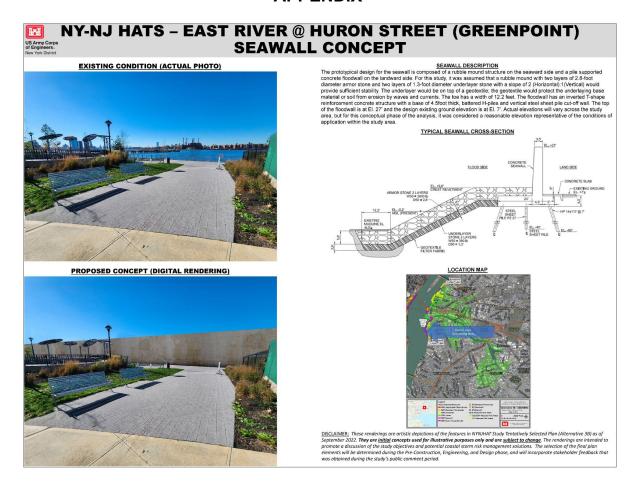


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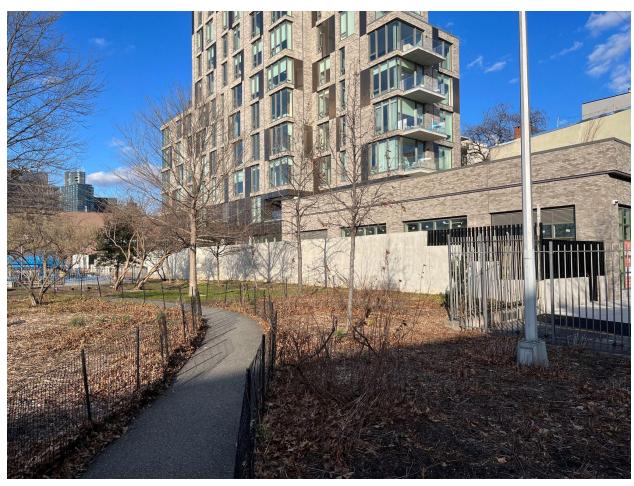


Figure 2 - Existing 8' high concrete border wall on the eastern border of WNYC Transmitter Park (ground elevation is 13').



Figure 3 - 13 Greenpoint Avenue restaurant space & apartment building parking ramp entrance (at Greenpoint Avenue street end adjacent to WNYC Transmitter Park).

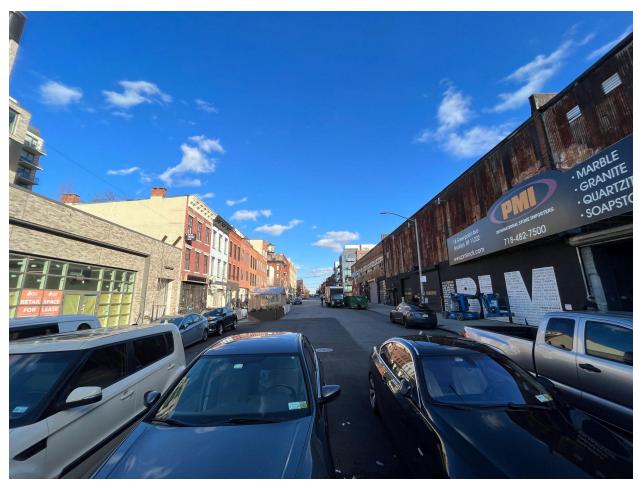


Figure 4 - Greenpoint Avenue looking east from the street end adjacent to WNYC Transmitter Park, with street level businesses lining both sides of the street. Note the rise in elevation.



Figure 5 - Street level businesses and residential buildings on the northside of Greenpoint Ave between WNYC Transmitter Park and West Street.



Figure 6 - Greenpoint Avenue looking east from the intersection of West Street, with the protected historic landmark, the Pencil Factory (Eberhard Faber) Company building, on the far left. Note the rise in elevation.



Figure 8 - Rendering of a floodwall created for the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project (along the East River in Manhattan).



Figure 9 - FiDi & Seaport Coastal Resiliency Plan rendering.

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Ms. Cheryl R. Alkemeyer, NEPA Lead U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, Programs & Projects Management, Planning Division

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Date: February 1, 2023

Re: Comments on the USACE Storm Risk Management Draft Plan

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the USACE Storm Risk Management Draft Plan as presented at the meeting of the Brooklyn Community Board #1 Environmental Protection Committee on November 29, 2022.

Talking points in this document are related and limited to WNYC Transmitter Park Location: East River, Kent Street and Greenpoint Avenue in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

The USACE is favoring Alternative Plan 3B that focuses on specific targets including Newtown Creek and the connecting northwest Greenpoint shoreline.

The focus of our comments are related to the section of this plan whereby tie-in infrastructure connecting to the proposed Newtown Creek storm surge gate, that includes constructing a seawall along the shoreline of Newtown Creek and the East River, from Box Street to Kent Street, specifically to the proposal to connect to a floodwall that will extend from the west end of Kent Street along the northern border of Transmitter Park, to a connecting levee that would traverse through the middle of WNYC Transmitter Park, and which would subsequently connect to a floodwall spanning from the park-bordered Greenpoint Avenue street end, easterly to 2 blocks to Franklin Street.

Open Space Parkland:

- The deep inherent value of public open space in North Brooklyn, and especially WNYC Transmitter Park.
- Greenpoint, Brooklyn is one the fastest and more densely populated neighborhoods in NYC. (Documented in NYC Department of City Planning report <u>Net Change in Housing</u> Units, 2010-2020.

- There is a fraction of parkland, green <u>open space per capita</u> (Chapter 5). Brooklyn Community District #1 OSRPC is .6 acres per 1,000 people. NYC's average is 1.5 acres and NYC's goal is 2.5 acres.
- WNYC Transmitter Park opened in 2012 to provide public access and to promote health, well-being and equity through the public realm.
- WNYC Transmitter Park is located on the former WNYC radio transmission facility built in 1937 during the Works Progress Administration era; this carries a historic legacy along with the Native American land the park sits upon.
- WNYCTransmitter Park sits on a unique natural setting that is home to three large pollinator gardens, a shoreline garden, soft shoreline and a fishing pier that juts out into the East River

We ask that these main points be reconsidered to stress the need and importance of this passive and natural public open park space:

- Re-Confirm land elevations (waters edge moving east through the park, & from Kent St moving up the park south, 10-13' feet in significant portions per Google Earth)
- Ensure consideration for the 8' tall concrete wall (see attached images) spanning the
 entire eastern border of the park from Kent Street to Greenpoint Ave, and that it exists
 on a base elevation of 13'. This could affect the need and/or size of the proposed levee
 or spur less severe alternatives.
- Reconsider the seawall at the Kent Street end, currently designed to extend up to 17'
 tall. Is there an alternative to preserve the long fought for unobstructed, waterfront
 access for a community that has continually battled toxic industrial pollution and now are
 at a crossroads with burgeoning waterfront developments and an exploding population
 with limited open public park space. Previously residents had to climb fences to gain
 access to their waterfront. With the proposed wall, only luxury residents living on
 elevated floors will have that visible access.
- Reconsider the floodwall proposed for Kent Street bordering the northern end of the
 park. Besides being inherently oppressive with the effect it will have on the park, this wall
 poses potential security problems as police sight lines into the park would be blocked,
 and goes against the recently established NYC Parks' design philosophy of making
 parks more inviting.
- Consider converting the street ends of Kent Street and Greenpoint Ave into public open spaces designed to be more nature based storm surge mitigators, while increasing the open space footprint of very small scale WNYC Transmitter Park. In light of the massive influx of new residents these park expansions could serve an additional purpose of mitigating population density.
- Reconsider Alternative Plan 3B so as not to limit access, activities and unobstructed views for the fishing pier.
- How is wastewater discharge during rain events accounted for, and will this be affected by the proposed Newtown Creek storm surge gate and the potential redirection of sewage to East River CSO's, including the one located at this park?

- Reconsider and explain how the CSO outfall (#NC-003) in WNYC Transmitter Park fits into design?
- When the Newtown Creek storm surge gate is closed, will it induce flooding in WNYC Transmitter Park? With its current design, will it also induce flooding in the park during severe high tides and cloudburst events?
- Reconsider using the WNYC Transmitter Park gardens as water capture and green infrastructure. Plan a site visit.

In summary:

Reconsider the severity of USACE tie-infrastructure (floodwalls up Kent St & Greenpoint
Ave connecting to a levee cutting through the heart of the park). We ask for this to be
reduced or completely redesigned to preserve all of the aforementioned reasons
to preserve this public open space.

Sincerely,

Elissa T. Iberti

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Chair- Friends of WNYC Transmitter Park and Steering Committee

CC: Brooklyn Community Board #1, Dealice Fuller- Chairperson Stephen Chesler, Chair, BK CB #1 Environmental Protection Committee Phil Caponegro, Chair, BK CB #1 Parks and Waterfront Committee Trina McKeever, Co-Chair, BK CB #1 Parks and Waterfront Committee

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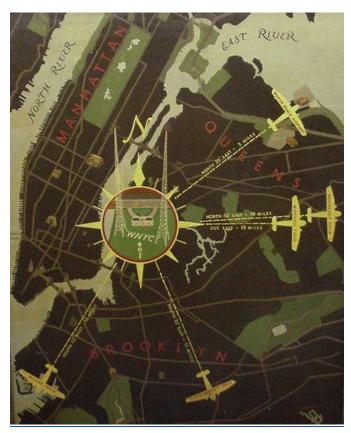
Sue Donoghue, NYC Parks Commissioner

Martin Maher, Brooklyn Borough Commissioner, NYC Parks

Mary Salig-Husain, North Brooklyn Director, NYC Parks



1937, WNYC radio transmitter site opening.



<u>Painting</u> created by Transmitter site architect Allan Gordon Lorimer.



WNYC Transmitter Park & Pier (looking northwest).



WNYC Transmitter Park from the pier looking east toward the Greenpoint Historic District & the former American Manufacturing Company (shipping rope) water tower.



WNYC Transmitter Park pollinator gardens



The park's gardens support the full life cycle of endangered monarch butterflies.



Concrete wall (160'w x 8'h) spanning the eastern border of the park.

Greenpoint Partners LLC 1536 Third Avenue, 3rd Fl New York, NY 10028 212-772-7550

January 30, 2023

Community Board No. 1 435 Graham Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11211

> Re: Impact of New York-New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study on Premises at 30 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222

To Whom it May Concern:

We are the owners of the property located at 30 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 (Brooklyn, Block 2556, Lot 45), which has frontages on Kent Street and Greenpoint Avenue and is adjacent to Transmitter Park. We just completed the development of an eighty-unit multifamily building with two retail spaces in June 2022. There are twenty-four affordable housing units in the building.

The seawall proposed in the NYNJHATS starting from the East River, going across Transmitter Park and then down Greenpoint Avenue from Transmitter Park to Franklin Street will be extremely disruptive and will have a detrimental impact on our property. We are concerned about the planned location because our building's large retail space faces Greenpoint Avenue and the ramp to the property's exterior parking deck, which is its only means of ingress and egress, fronts on Greenpoint Avenue. The inability to freely access the property without impediment will prohibitively and severely decrease the value of the property. It would make a large portion of the property unusable. The planned sea wall would most likely put the retail stores on the block out of business.

The levee planned for Transmitter Park would go across the grass where the community gathers. It would be terrible to lose one of the few green spaces in the immediate neighborhood.

We urge you in the strongest terms to persuade the USACE to select a different location for the seawall. They are using outdated data from the City to formulate this plan. We request that the Community Board provide updated details about the properties on Greenpoint Avenue and the amount of investment that has been put into not just our building but the entire block.

Very Truly Yours,

Greenpoint Partners LLC

Bradford S. Barr, Vice President

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller

and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Report from Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 Meeting

The Transportation Committee met Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 (CALLED TO ORDER: 6:38 PM; ADJOURNED: 9:42 PM) via Webex virtual meeting platform.

A quorum was met.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bruzaitis; Weiser; Argento; Drinkwater; Goldstein; Kelterborn; Nieves; Odomirok; Vega;

Akgul*; Breitner*; Costa*.

Absent: Klagsbald; Lebovits.

AGENDA

1. Street Co-Naming Request for the Corner of Driggs Avenue & Sutton Street in Honor of Platoon Sargent John E. Hojnacki, a Casualty of the Invasion of Okinawa during World War II. Presented by Ms. JoAnne Nolemi and Mr. John E. Hojnacki.

JoAnne Noleki introduced the Island of Heroes, a group of veterans on Staten Island that educate the public and youth about the sacrifices made by Americans who gave their lives in foreign wars. She introduced Mr. Hojnacki.

Mr. John Hojnacki is the nephew of his namesake.

Platoon Sergent John E. Hojnacki was a resident of Sutton Street. He was killed in the invasion of Okinawa.

Committee:

Mr. William Vega: Thanked Mr. Hojnacki for his service. He encouraged Mr. Hojnacki and Ms. Nolemi to contact the remaining living relatives to strengthen the bonds with North Brooklyn.

Mr. Hojnacki noted that he plans to reach out to Polish-Slavik Credit Union and St. Stanislav.

Ms. Nolemi stated that it would be great if the surviving family could be contacted. She also noted that this co-naming expands the work of the Staff-Sergeant Michael Ollis Freedom Foundation to further the education of NYC youth about the service of our veterans.

Ms. Bronwyn Breitner: Noted that PS 110 elementary school may be interested in attending the co-naming,

should the proposal be approved.

Public:

Mr. Kevin LaCherra: He supports the co-naming and noted his grandfather served during World War II at the Battle of Anzio.

MOTION: To recommend to Community Board 1 the approval of the co-naming of the corner of Sutton Street and Driggs Avenue in honor of Platoon Sargent John E. Hojnacki.

Mr. Paul Kelterborn

SECOND: Mr. William Vega.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT ABSTENTION.

(VOTE INCLUDED NON-BOARDMEMBERS AKUL, BREITNER AND COSTA)

2. Preliminary Discussion of District Needs for Transportation.

Chair Bruzaitis discussed the need for a sub-committee on district needs for transportation to meet to review and update the current District Needs Statement (DNS). Since, the regular Transportation Cmte meetings often have full agendas with time-sensitive items, and these item often result in long discussion periods, it is not practical to hold DNS review.

Mr. Bruzaitis recognized Mr. Paul Kelterborn to detail some of the preliminary work he and Ms. Bronwyn Breitner have done on updating the DNS.

Mr. Kelterborn: explained the google-doc spreadsheet he has worked on identifying the some examples such as new stop controls at certain intersections, as well as balancing the needs of all road users given the changes in forms of mobility over the last few years in the district.

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that for the purpose of committee review it would be better to work from a regular spreadsheet rather than a google-doc. But, at this early stage google-doc would be appropriate.

Ms. Nieves also stated that because google-doc allows for comments that may be missed at a committee discussion, it would be better to have members state their concerns at a future meeting.

Ms. Breitner stated that because of the volume of DNS requests, it is important to get started soon to meet the deadline for submittal. She asked what the goal of this DNS review.

Mr. Bruzaitis stated that there are some items that have been resolved in the current DNS, while others are outstanding and need to be prioritize. Additionally, other items are not as relevant due to the significant changes that have occurred over the last few years.

1st Vice Chair Weiser took issue with Chair Bruzaitis' proposal, since he understood that only the Board Chair was empowered to impanel committees under the CB1 by-laws.

Ms. Mary Odomirok opposed the recommendation of Mr. Kelterborn, as well as the need for a sub-committee. And suggested that only an engineer or other technical expert was qualified to chair such a

committee.

Mr. Bruzaitis re-stated that it was SOLEY at Chair Fullers discretion to impanel any committee, and who was to chair that committee. The purpose of the motions was to provide Chair Fuller with a SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE recommendation for both a sub-committee and chair.

After some discussion and withdrawn motions, the committee voted on the following two motions:

MOTION: The Transportation Committee asks Chairperson Fuller to impanel a minimum 5 member sub- committee for district needs on transportation.

Mr. Bruzaitis

SECOND: 1st Vice Chair Weiser

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Drinkwater Goldstein

Bruzaitis

Weiser

Kelterborn

Nieves

Vega

Akgul*

Breitner*

Costa*

NAY:

Argento

Odomirok

MOTION PASSES.

(* NON-BOARDMEMBERS)

MOTION: The Transportation Committee recommends that, at the DISCRETION OF CHAIR FULLER, committee member Mr. Paul Kelterborn chair the transportation sub-committee based on his efforts to date revising the District Needs Statement on Transportation.

Mr. Bruzaitis.

SECOND: Mr. Vega

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**NOTE: THESE VOTES ARE CONSIDERED "SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE" VOTES
AND DO NOT REQUIRE A VOTE FROM THE FULL BOARD**
3. Old Business.

AVF.

Mr. William Vegan announced that NYC DOT will be re-studying the intersections of Woodpoint Rd/Jackson St and Graham Ave/Jackson St. The report should be completed by June 2023.

1st Vice Chair Weiser thanked Mr. Bruzaitis, the committee and the many others including Rabbi Neederman and Council Member Restler, who promoted the work on new appropriate signage for both the Broadway Triangle and Wallabout Street. The area has seen a change from commercial use to a larger number of residential buildings. Mr. Bruzaitis thanked Mr. Weiser for the heavy lift he provided to get this change done.

Mr. Bruzaitis asked Ms. Ronda Messer of NYC DOT to update the committee on the following issues:

214 Franklin Ave hydrant obstruction. Ms. Messer reported no obstruction, but while Mr. Bruzaitis noted that during his personal inspection there was no obstruction, there is a planter, likely placed by the hotel at this address, that does obstruct the hydrant.

Ms. Messer will follow-up.

Ms. Nieves asked for a list of new ASP signage. Ms. Messer sent a map of the area. She noted that any further discussions would need to be taken up with Department of Sanitation.

The traffic array on Commercial Street from West Street to Manhattan Ave. NYC DOT has a study underway and expect to come to Community Board in June and the Transportation Committee will review following that presentation.

Mr. Kelterborn informed the committee of yet another traffic fatality at the corner of Grand St. and Graham Ave. And asked about the status of previous CB1 requests for traffic safety studies for the Graham Avenue corridor.

Mr. Bruzaitis stated that off-hand he was not aware of the results of that request but would follow up to get an answer from NYC DOT.

MOTION: Community Board 1 to send its standard inquiry letter to NYPD Highway Patrol, 90th Precinct XO Vasquesz, District Attorney Gonzales, with copies to Borough President Reynoso; Council Member Gutierrez and NYC DOT Borough Commissioner Bray, as to the state of the investigation for the traffic fatality involving a moped and a truck at the intersection of Grand St. and Graham Ave on December 28th, 2022.

Mr. Bruzaitis

SECOND: Mr. Kelterborn

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT ABSTENTION.

(VOTE INCLUDED NON-BOARDMEMBERS AKUL, BREITNER AND COSTA)

Ms. Bronwyn asked if we have received responses from the agencies. Mr. Bruzaitis noted that we have received boil-plate responses but nothing more substantive than that. The purpose however is to keep the agencies responsible for street safety aware that the board feels that this is important and we expect better road conditions in the future.

Mr. Costa asked about the status of the Crash Investigation Unit that was passed by the New York City Council in March of 2021 (Intro 224-A). Mr. Bruzaitis stated that he would follow up with the NYCDOT Commissioner and Chair of the NYCC Transportation Committee.

Ms. Nieves asked about updates on the Kingsland Avenue upgrades north of Greenpoint Avenue. Former board member Mr. Willis Elkins, also noted that jersey barriers have yet to be installed across from the storage facility. Ms. Messer noted that bike lane stamps and wheel stops are still outstanding, but that she was not sure about other work outstanding. Mr. Bruzaitis will follow-up with Ms. Messer for an comprehensive update from the project manager.

Ms. Breitner asked about signal timing and other improvements on Meeker Avenue. She sited a survey taken by PS 110 parents who have complained about the dangers of crossing with children at the Meeker Ave/Humboldt St/North Henry St. intersections that she will share with Ms. Messer. Mr. Bruzaitis announced that the Meeker Ave team from DOT would be giving the committee an update at either the February or March. She also asked about the ASP changes for Greenpoints West-side. Mr. Bruzaitis stated that he would follow up DSNY on status and report out at the next meeting.

Mr. Kevin LaCherra stated his appreciation for the work on Kingsland Ave. He also renewed his concerns that the Meeker Ave project was supposed to be completed by now and to date NYC DOT has only complete work from the Kosciuszko Bridge to Graham Avenue.

KLC appreciates wheel stops and jerseys on Kingsland. Meeker was supposed to be finished by now and now will not be finished on schedule. The section to Graham will be completed in 2023.

4. New Business.

Mr. Kevin LaCherra noted that following the concerns expressed at the Environmental Protection Committee about the construction at the old gas station on the corner of McGuiness Blvd and Greenpoint Ave (210 Greenpoint Ave), that reflective stickers had been placed on the barriers. However, the conditions are still very unsafe for pedestrians.

Ms. Messer stated that she had received a letter from Mr. Chesler, Environmental Protection Cmte Chair and that she had it inspected. The result of that inspection was that it was found to be in compliance.

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the situation is problematic and may take it up with OCMC Highway Inspection Quality Assurance

Mr. Bruzaitis explained the efforts CB1 upon learning that the hanging Avenue of Puerto Rico signs had been removed from several locations on Graham Avenue. He noted that the board office had reached out to NYC DOT for an explanation, that Ms. Sonia Iglesias had contact Mr. Bruzaitis as it was happening and that he was able to investigate the situation immediately by speaking with the DOT workers. Initial reports from NYC DOT were that they were removed in error and were immediately replaced. Mr. Bruzaitis will continue to get more information from NYC DOT.

Ms. Messer stated that while she was not in the office that day, that she was aware of the problem and that NYC DOT worked immediately to replace the signs that were removed in error.

Ms. Iris Cabrera: Stated that as both a member of the community as well as the Community Board she was very upset that the Latino community will be united in their efforts the ensure that NYC DOT provides the community with a full explanation of why the sings were removed.

Mr. Vega stated that as a Puerto Rican he was personally offended, and that the city has a history of disrespecting the Puerto Rican community. He went on to say that in his experience working for the city, no decision is made unilaterally. There must be accountability for the signs removal and a full explanation by NYC DOT.

Mr. Bruzaitis recognized the following community members to comment. The points made are below: DJ Carlito, Ms. Sonia Velazques, Mr. Raphael Agosto, Mr. Alejandro Zayas, Ms. Jazmin Espana, Mr. Ari Torres, Mr. Kevin LaCherra.

- The community is not satisfied with the explanation from NYC DOT.
- The community demands an investigation as to why the Avenue of Puerto Rico were removed.
- They community demands an apology from both Commissioner Rodriguez and Mayor Adams, preferably in person.
- There should be some additional landmarking in this area to preserve the area for the Puerto Rican community.
- The Puerto Rican culture must be preserved and respected. The signs have been in place since 1983 and it is a slap in the face to have them carelessly removed.
- The explanation from NYC DOT does not make sense given the bureaucracy that must happen to effect any change in the city. Especially the removal of street sign honors.
- The United Latino Coalition held a rally and press conference Saturday, January 20th, 12:00 PM at the corner of Moore Street and Graham Avenue.

It should be noted that these points above DO NOT express the deep emotion and disrespect felt by these speakers and those they represent. It is critical that the city never make such a careless mistake, or bad policy decision, that hurts so many of the Puerto Rican...or any community...that has done so much to make the culture and character of North Brooklyn what it is.

MOTION: Community Board 1 to send a letter to NYC DOT Commissioner asking for a detailed explanation of the process that resulted in the removal of the Avenue of Puerto Rico along the Graham Avenue corridor.

Mr. Bruzaitis

SECOND: Mr. Vega

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT ABSTENTION

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM. Location to be announced.

COMMITTEE MOTIONS

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SECOND: 1st Vice Chair Weiser

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ATTACHMENTS

Community Board 1, Brooklyn-

My Uncle John E. Hojnacki was killed in action in World War II at Okinawa on April 3, 1945.

He served in the US Marine Corps as a Platoon Sergeant.

He resided in Greenpoint at 34 Driggs Avenue. He was the son of Polish immigrants. He died at 24 years old.

I wish to propose that the corner of Driggs Ave and Sutton Street be co-named in his honor.

He died for our country/ if we forget him, he dies twice.

The Polish & Slavic Bank, the SSG Michael J Ollis Foundation, and the Polish community are very supportive. We would plan a great ceremony which would include school students, followed by food and fun. My friend, JoAnne Nolemi, is a historian who has done street co-namings and has made all arrangements for any ceremonies and receptions, and will do so if this proposal is enacted.

I am a Vietnam Veteran and active in the SSG Michael J. Ollis VFW on Staten Island. (Michael was killed in Afghanistan in 2014- he gave his life to save a Polish soldier.) We have strong ties with the Polish community and the veteran community.

Attached are biographical information about my uncle John H. Hojnacki, to get the ball rolling. Please let me know what I need to do to start this process.

Please contact my friend JoAnne Nolemi through this address. I am not great with computers.

Thank you and best wishes

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PHILIP A. CAPONEGRO

February 13, 2023

Ms. Julie C. Walpert Assistant Commissioner NYC Department of Housing Preservation Development 100 Gold Street, Room 9Z1 New York, New York 10038

Dear Ms. Walpert:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of Community Board No.1 held on February 7, 2023, the board members voted to approve the (attached) Resolution opposing the Kraus Increase of rent for Bedford Gardens.

The vote was as follows: 27"YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson

cc: Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso Council Member Lincoln Restler Assembly Member Emily Gallagher Congressperson Nydia Velazquez Senator Julia Salazar

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bedford Gardens is an eight-building, 647-unit housing development located within Brooklyn Community District 1;

WHEREAS, Bedford Gardens is a Mitchell-Lama rental property regulated under Article 2 of the Private Housing Finance Law and Section 236 of the National Housing Act;

WHEREAS, Bedford Gardens houses a diverse community of working-class families, many of whom have lived in the development for decades;

WHEREAS, on or around October 19, 2022, Kraus Management applied to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for permission to increase the rents at Bedford Gardens, effective January 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, Kraus's proposal requests that the rents at Bedford Gardens be increased by 25% in 2023, by a further 25% in 2024, and by a further 15% in 2025, for net rent increases of nearly 80% over three years;

WHEREAS, these rent increases, if approved, would likely render Bedford Gardens unaffordable to many of its current residents and lead to significant displacement among long-term residents of Community District 1;

WHEREAS, Community Board 1's Housing and Public Housing Committee invited Kraus Management and HPD to attend a meeting on January 30, 2023, to discuss the proposed increase, but both Kraus Management and HPD declined to attend; and

WHEREAS, at its January 30, 2023, meeting the Housing and Public Housing Committee voted to recommend to the Community Board that a resolution be issued opposing the approval of Kraus Management's requested rent increase for Bedford Gardens;

NOW THEREFORE, Community Board 1 resolves as follows:

Having reviewed the application of Kraus Management for a rent increase at Bedford Gardens and having heard the report of the Housing and Public Housing Committee regarding its January 30, 2023, meeting on the matter, the Community Board registers its opposition to the rent increase proposal and directs that this resolution be conveyed to HPD for inclusion in its review. The unconscionable rent increase currently proposed stands to displace hundreds of residents of Community District 1, doing significant damage not only to the displaced or rent-burdened residents of Bedford Gardens, but also to our community as a whole.

Dated: February 7, 2023

Dealice Fuller, Chairperson

Dealice Fuller



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February 24, 2023

Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez New York City Department of Transportation 55 Water Street, 9th Floor New York, New York 10041

> RE: Inquiry - Removal of "Avenue of Puerto Rico" Signage from Graham Avenue

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez,

At the regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1, held the evening of February 7. 2023 via WEBEX, the board members received a report from the Transportation Committee (report is attached). Please be advised that the board members voted to support sending this letter.

The vote was as follows: 25 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 seeks a detailed explanation of the decisions made that resulted in the Friday, January 13, 2023 removal of the "Avenue of Puerto Rico" signage at the Grand Street and Moore Street intersections. The Board has received conflicting reports as to why the signs were removed. Initially, the Board was told it was a simple mistake and that the problem was immediately addressed and the signs replaced. While the Board feels that it certainly was a mistake, and are glad that the signs were replaced the same day, it is clear that no decision to remove signage honoring the contributions of its residents could be made without extensive bureaucratic due diligence and approval from a top manager from the New York City Department of Transportation.

The residents have expressed a demand that you come to the Avenue of Puerto Rico and formally apologize in person on behalf of your agency. This Board would welcome that gesture. Short of that, the Board expects a more detailed account of this matter, with assurances that no such "mistake" will happen again on any street co-named to honor the contributions of its residents. Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson

cc: Mayor Eric Adams Council Member Jennifer Gutierez Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso



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Captain Hariton K. Marachilian Commanding Officer, 90^h Pct New York City Police Department 211 Union Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11211

Inspector Sylvester Ge Commanding Officer, Highway Patrol New York City Police Department 1 Police Plaza New York, New York 10038

District Attorney Eric Gonzalez 350 Jay Street Brooklyn, New York 11201

RE: Inquiry – Status of Traffic Fatality at Graham Avenue & Grand Street

Dear Captain Marachilian, Inspector Ge, and District Attorney Gonzalez,

At the regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1, held the evening of February 7. 2023 via WEBEX, the board members received a report from the Transportation Committee (report is attached). Please be advised that the board members voted to support sending this letter.

CB#1 seeks an update regarding the status of the investigation into the traffic fatality of a scooter rider at the intersection of Graham Avenue and Grand Street.

The vote was as follows: 27 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Working for a Safer Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

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Dealice Fuller

Chairperson

cc: Council Member Jennifer Gutierez Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso NYC DOT Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Keith Bray



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February 23, 2023

The Honorable Lincoln Restler 33rd District Council Member, New York City Council 250 Broadway **Suite 1883** New York, New York 10007

RE:

Street Co-Naming Honoring

Platoon Sargent John E. Hojnacki

Dear Council Member Restler,

At the regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1, held the evening of February 7. 2023 via WEBEX, the board members received a report from the Transportation Committee (report is attached). Please be advised that the board members voted to support sending this letter.

The vote was as follows: 27"YES"; 2 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS".

Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 supports the co-naming of the intersection of Sutton Street and Driggs Avenue honoring Platoon Sargent John E. Hojnacki who was a resident of this block before he was killed during the invasion of Okinawa, Japan during World War II.

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller Chairperson

cc:

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

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February 7, 2023

COMMITTEE REPORT

Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee)

Committee

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB1 Board Members

FROM: Del Teague, Committee Chair

RE: Land Use Committee Report from February 1, 2023

The Committee met in the Evening of February 1, 2023, at, 6:30 PM Via WEBEX.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Teague, Viera, Mckeever; Chesler; Kaminski; Kantin; Kelterborn; Meyers; Rabbi

Niederman; Vega; Kawochka*Naplatarski*Berger* Stone*; (*non-board member)

Absent: Drinkwater; Indig; Miceli; Nieves; Sofer; Weiser; Andrews*; (*non-board member)

A quorum was achieved.

AGENDA:

1.) PRESENTATION: Department of City Planning -The Brooklyn Office received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for two neighborhood studies: 1) Coney Island North near the Coney Island Creek and 2) NW Bedford-Stuyvesant/South Williamsburg along Flushing and Park Avenues. Brooklyn Office will be introducing the NW Bedford-Stuyvesant/South Williamsburg study. Presenter Lucia Marquez Reagan, DCP Brooklyn Borough Planner.

Lucia Marquez Reagan introduced herself as our new DCP Brooklyn Borough Planner. She, Alex Sommer, and Karensa Wood explained that the department wants to share with us the receipt of this grant, which will allow them to explore storm water flooding, climate change, and resiliency in the public realm in CB 1 and 3.

The exact geographical area to be studied has not yet been finalized. The department is open to suggestions; and will conduct outreach and work closely with the two community boards, residents, and non-profits.

In response to questions by committee members, the presenters said part of the attention will be on the Flushing Avenue Corridor, which used to be a body of water and, consequently, still is subject to a lot of flooding. The presenters also assured us that they will be responding to the Army Corps of Engineers' storm wall plans as not being in line with our vision for the waterfront. DCP will work closely with DEP and other city agencies in dealing with the storm wall plans.

2.) PRESENTATION: Briefing on the 197 Berry Street Project-Presenter: Briana Pepper Kasirer, Director of Government Relations, Real Estate

The applicant notified us that they are not yet ready to present before the committee. They were told they are welcome to make a pre-certification presentation to the committee, and we encouraged them to let us know when they are ready.

3.) Discussion of the Bushwick Development Plan and how to proceed with consolidating our conditions and recommendations for land use policies.

Councilmember Gutierrez's office suggested that we come up with a list of conditions and consider making them part of our re-zoning questionnaire. We discussed the fortunate overlap of our previous requests and recommended conditions with the Councilmember's District 34 Land Use Policy.

After further discussion it was decided that some committee members would compile a list of our previous requests and recommended conditions, while others would have informal conversations with representatives of local housing non-profits regarding how we are doing with respect to affordability, open space, and community facilities.

We will have further discussion at our next meeting regarding consolidation of conditions and how to incorporate them into our questionnaires. We will also plan for meetings with local housing non-profits and elected officials to explore where we stand on the affordable units, open spaces, and community facilities that we were promised, and the best strategy for effectively pushing the city and state to make good on the promises.



Community Board 1 Monthly Parks Update - February 2023

Tree Bed Plant Trial

The Greenbelt Native Plant Center is interested in learning more about our region's native plant species, and their potential to contribute to New York City's urban ecology and landscape. Their mission is to collect data on native plant species' survival in New York City public tree beds, to better understand which native species can thrive in challenging urban conditions. This data can help better support the biodiversity and ecological health of our urban environment.

The Greenbelt Native Plant Center has designed a multi-year research trial set to begin in Spring 2023, in which native plants will be distributed to trial participants, who will collect data on the plants' health and survival in their tree bed gardens. Participation for the entirety of the trial is not required, however, they are seeking applicants who are willing to commit to at least one full season of plant care and data collection.

Please access the link below to access the screening form, and thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this very important research trial:

https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/d6c4of96f0f9446f849476e948a4af1f

Marcy Green Park Construction Update

A portion of the newly renovated Marcy Green Park was reopened to the public last week. On February 2nd, Parks reopened two of three parcels of the park that was closed to the public for renovation. These parcels include new seating areas, gaming tables, and a spray shower feature. The most southern plot along Marcy and South 5th Street will remain under construction as the contractor continues to build the new dog run meant for that location. We look forward opening that parcel in the spring.





Partnerships for Parks volunteer projects -Outreach Coordinator

Carmine Raimondi is your Partnerships for Parks Outreach Coordinator for park properties within Brooklyn Community Board 1. Please contact Carmine at 646.628.6797 or Carmine.Raimondi@parks.nyc.gov.

CB1 currently has the following projects under construction:

- Epiphany Playground construction began summer 2022 and be complete summer 2023.
- Marcy Green construction began spring 2022. The park was partially opened February 2nd, the dog run will be complete spring 2023.
- McCarren Recreation Center reconstruction of roof and exterior masonry walls anticipated began spring 2022 and will be completed fall 2024.
- William Sheridan Playground construction began March 2022 and will be complete spring 2023.

We have several projects awaiting construction start:

- Berry Playground This project is currently in the design phase.
- Box Street Park in design. Demolition of structures on site anticipated to begin after the relocation of the MTA Paratransit vehicles, Q1 2023.
- Bushwick Inlet Park: Motiva –construction estimated to begin fall 2023 and be complete spring 2024.
- Cooper Park Comfort station –construction estimated to begin spring 2023 and be complete spring 2024.
- Ericsson Playground in design.
- Frost Playground construction anticipated to begin spring 2023 and be complete spring 2024.
- McCarren Park natural turf softball fields –construction anticipated to begin spring 2023 and completed spring 2024.
- Sarah J.S. Tompkins Garnet Playground construction estimated to begin spring 2023 and be complete spring 2024.