



The Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan

Overview Presentation

August 23, 2023



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¿Necesita interpretación?
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Agenda

1. Neighborhood Plan Overview

- Background
- Work To-Date
- Desired Outcomes

2. Where are we now?

3. Workshop #2 (Today!)

Neighborhood Plan Overview

Study Area



Jamaica Bay

Spring Creek Park

Lindenwood

HPD/DCAS Site

Pink Houses

Gemini Fields

Linden Blvd.

Jewel Streets

East New York – City Line

Conduit Avenue

Drew St

Forbell St

Sutter Ave

Robert E. Venable Park



The Jewel Streets, aka “The Hole”

- **Acute infrastructure needs**
 - Daily flooding
 - Large rain events can overwhelm drainage systems and cause rainwater to flow into low lying areas
 - Contaminated groundwater due to septic seepage and active industrial uses
- **Severe Disinvestment**
 - Concentration of vacant lots and open storage
 - Illegal vehicle storage, dumping and squatting
 - History of stalled planning efforts



Blake Avenue between 77th and 76th streets (looking east)



77th Street between Blake and Dumont avenues (looking south)

City-Owned site



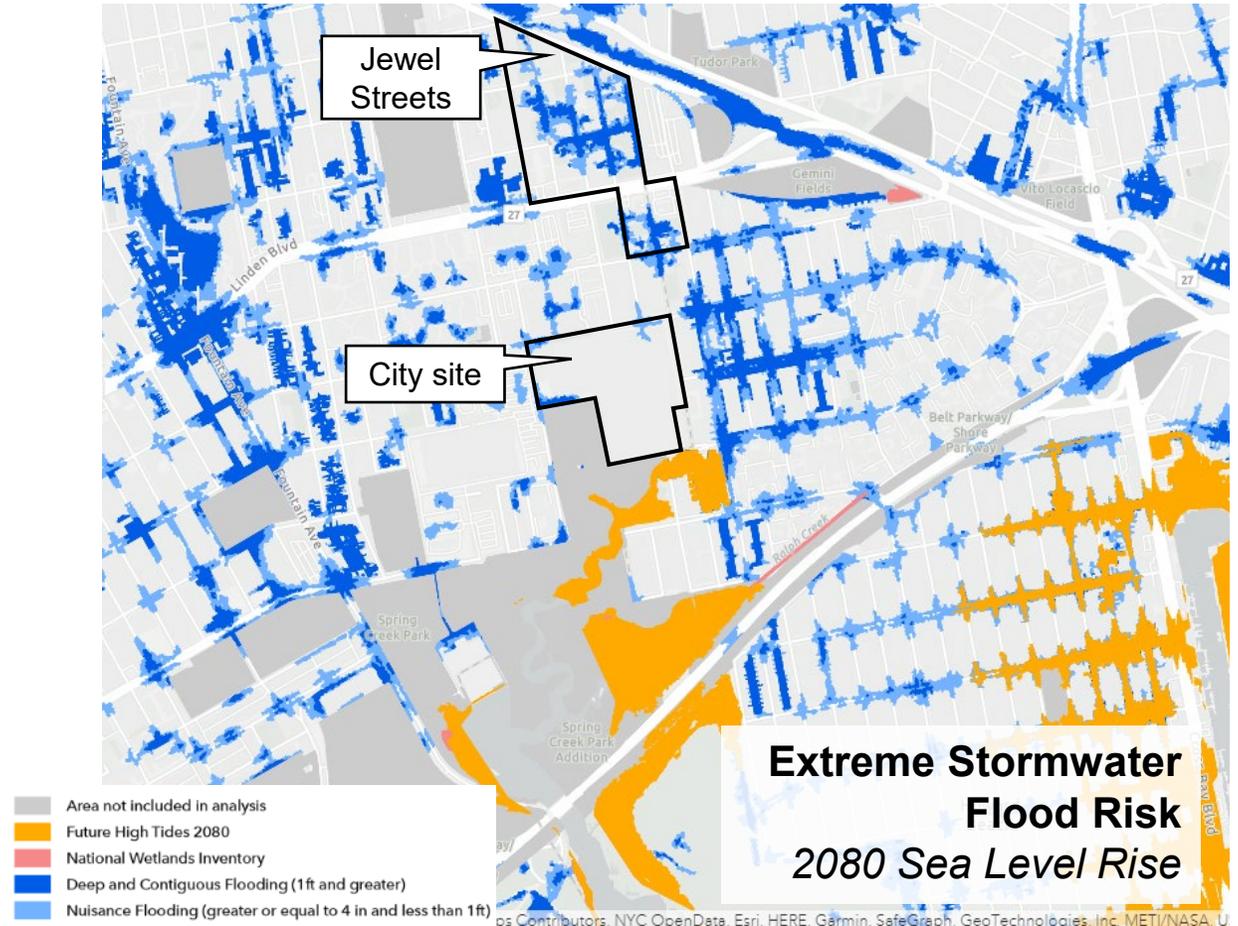
The large City-owned site located two blocks south of Linden Boulevard.



Looking south from 151st Street

Severe flooding and climate risk

- The **low topography** of the Jewel Streets make it vulnerable when a large amount of rain falls in a short time
- **High groundwater** table makes it difficult for water to infiltrate into the soil
- Significant risk for rainfall flooding **now and in the future**
- Flooding expected to worsen due to **climate change**



Goals

Stabilize a flood-prone neighborhood and foster a resilient and thriving community by:

- Reducing flooding now and in the future by building resilient green infrastructure and improving community resilience
- Developing a long-term land use plan for the Jewel Streets
- Outlining a community-supported vision for city-owned land
- Improving street infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods
- Facilitating job creation, community services, and amenities



Work To-Date: Overview

Updates and Progress

February 2022:

- Local coalition sent letter to City requesting infrastructure intervention

April 2022:

- CM Barron established bi-monthly working group meetings to address issues

May 2022 - Present:

- City has made significant gains to address immediate drainage and sanitation issues



Work To-Date: DEP

The community asked if **four intersections that chronically flood could be better drained**

North of Linden (Emerald and Dumont, Amber and Dumont)

- **New 8" diameter sewer** installed under Dumont and connected to **existing small pumping station** on 78th Street
- Ponding/flooding has reportedly subsided since construction was completed at the end of **October 2022**

South of Linden (Loring (149th Ave) and Sapphire, Loring and 79th Ave)

- **New 12" diameter sewer** installed under Loring and connected it to the existing sewer on 79th Street; added a **catch basin** on Loring



Work To-Date: DSNY and DOB

- **DSNY Updates**

- General Cleaning – 240 conditions addressed
- Lot Cleaning – nearly 80 tons removed
- Illegal Dumping – 15 illegal dumpers caught
- Derelict Vehicles – nearly 100 tagged and towed

- **DOB Updates**

- 68 properties investigated for illegal commercial and industrial uses
- 15 locations padlocked



Desired Outcomes: Jewel Streets

-  The Jewel Streets
-  HPD/DCAS Site
-  Borough Boundary

Jamaica Bay

Spring Creek Park

HPD/DCAS Site

Explore potential housing mobility buyout strategies in appropriate locations

Explore potential for bigger and taller buildings along major roads like Linden Blvd

Develop new open space and green infrastructure to help retain stormwater

Invest in drainage solutions that reduce flooding now and in the future with climate change

Linden Blvd.

S. Conduit Avenue

N. Conduit Avenue

Robert E. Venable Park



Desired Outcomes

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City-owned Site

- Possible addition of **housing, community amenities, and greenspace**
- Reduce current and future flood risk through **green infrastructure**

Jamaica Bay

Spring Creek Park

Linden Blvd.

- **Promote safe streets** by adding crosswalks and bike lanes, and transportation changes to better **connect residents to job centers**
- Explore potential for bigger and taller buildings that could **provide a mix of affordable homes and retail**

Linden Blvd.

Conduit Avenue

- **With street safety improvements**, turn the median into a usable recreation space
- Add crosswalks to **provide a safer connection to the subway and nearby park**
- Explore improved bus service and other transit strategies to **better connect residents to job centers**

S. Conduit Avenue

N. Conduit Avenue

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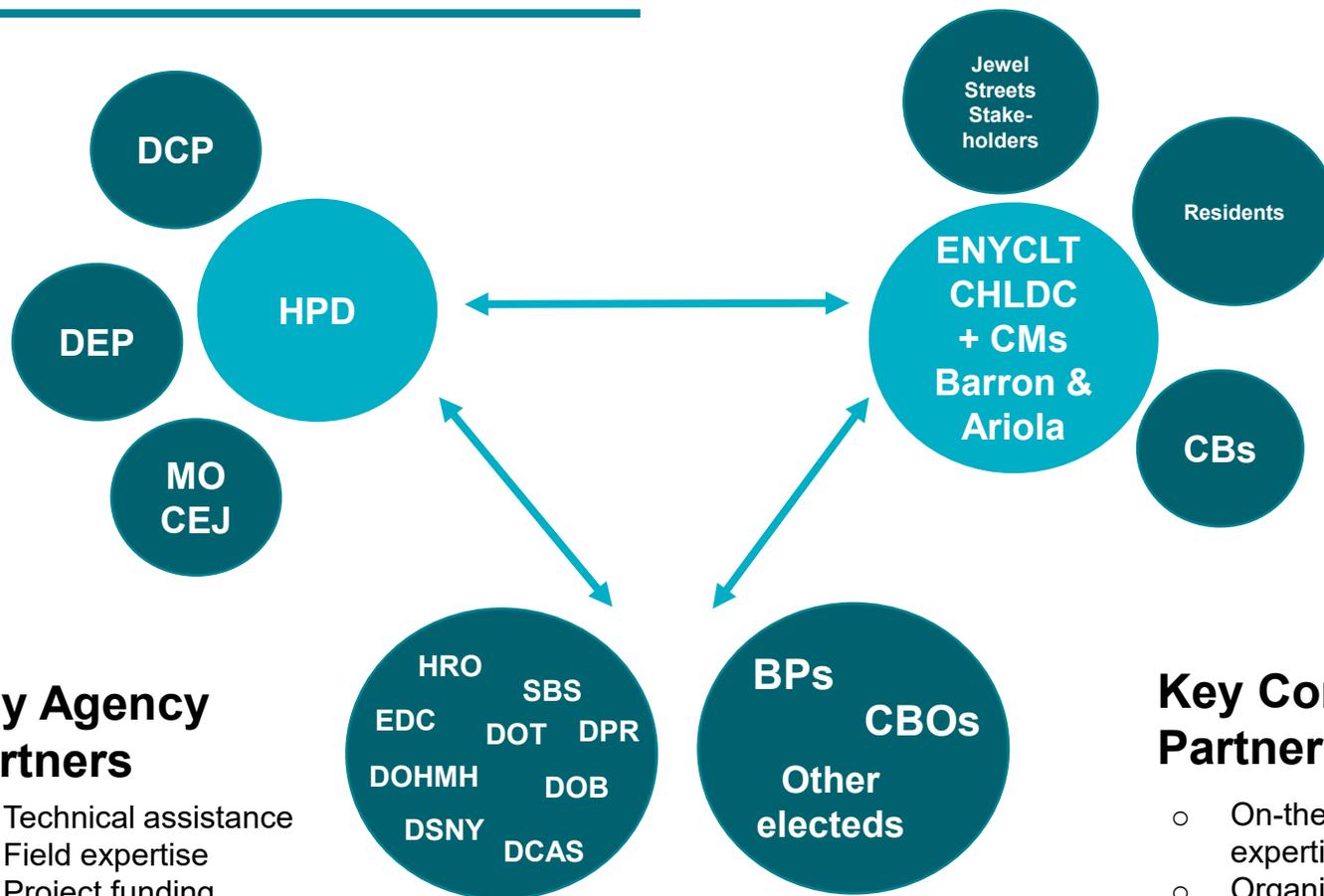


Where are we now?

Engagement Partners

Core Agency Team

- Plan workshops
- Lead working group discussions
- Invite participants



Key Agency Partners

- Technical assistance
- Field expertise
- Project funding

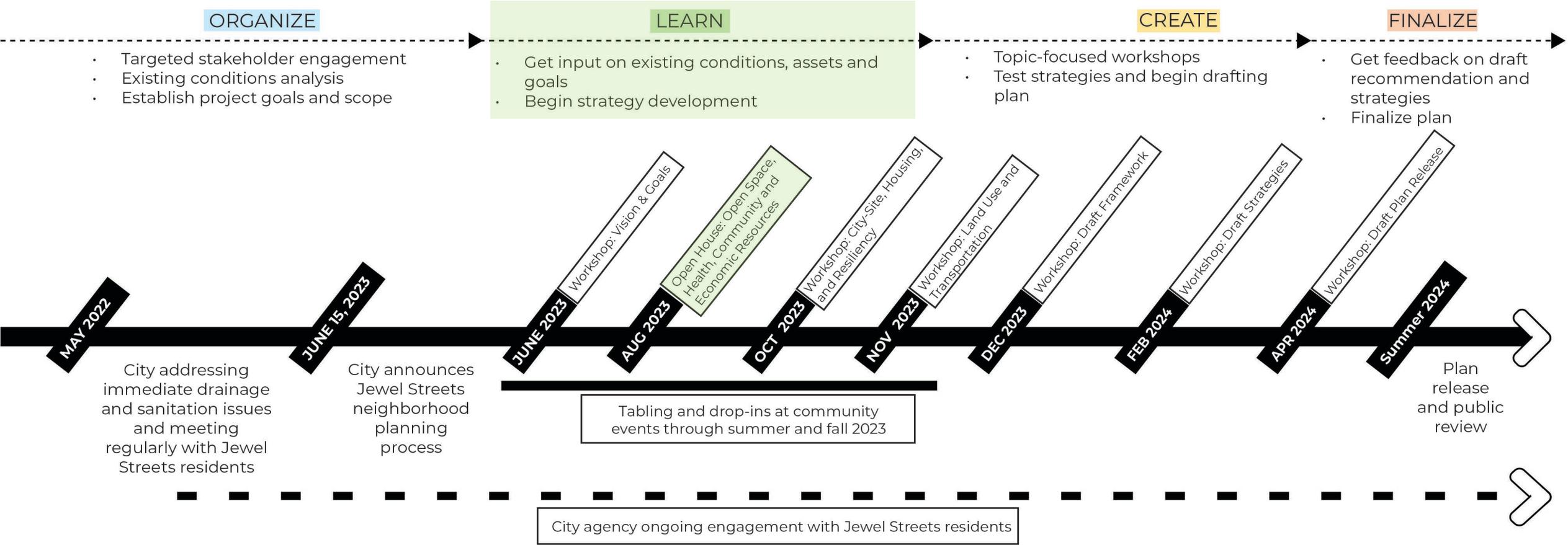
Core Community Partners

- Co-facilitate workshops
- Co-lead working group discussions
- Invite networks

Key Community Partners

- On-the-ground expertise
- Organized support

Planning Phases and Public Events



Next Steps

Ongoing

- Agencies to continue short-term neighborhood improvements to address flooding, sanitation

Future Engagement Opportunities

- **October** - Workshop 3: HPD site visioning + resiliency strategies

How to Stay Involved

- Include your comments on the virtual comment map
- Sign up for our email list to find out about tabling events, virtual engagement opportunities, and other ways to stay involved!

