

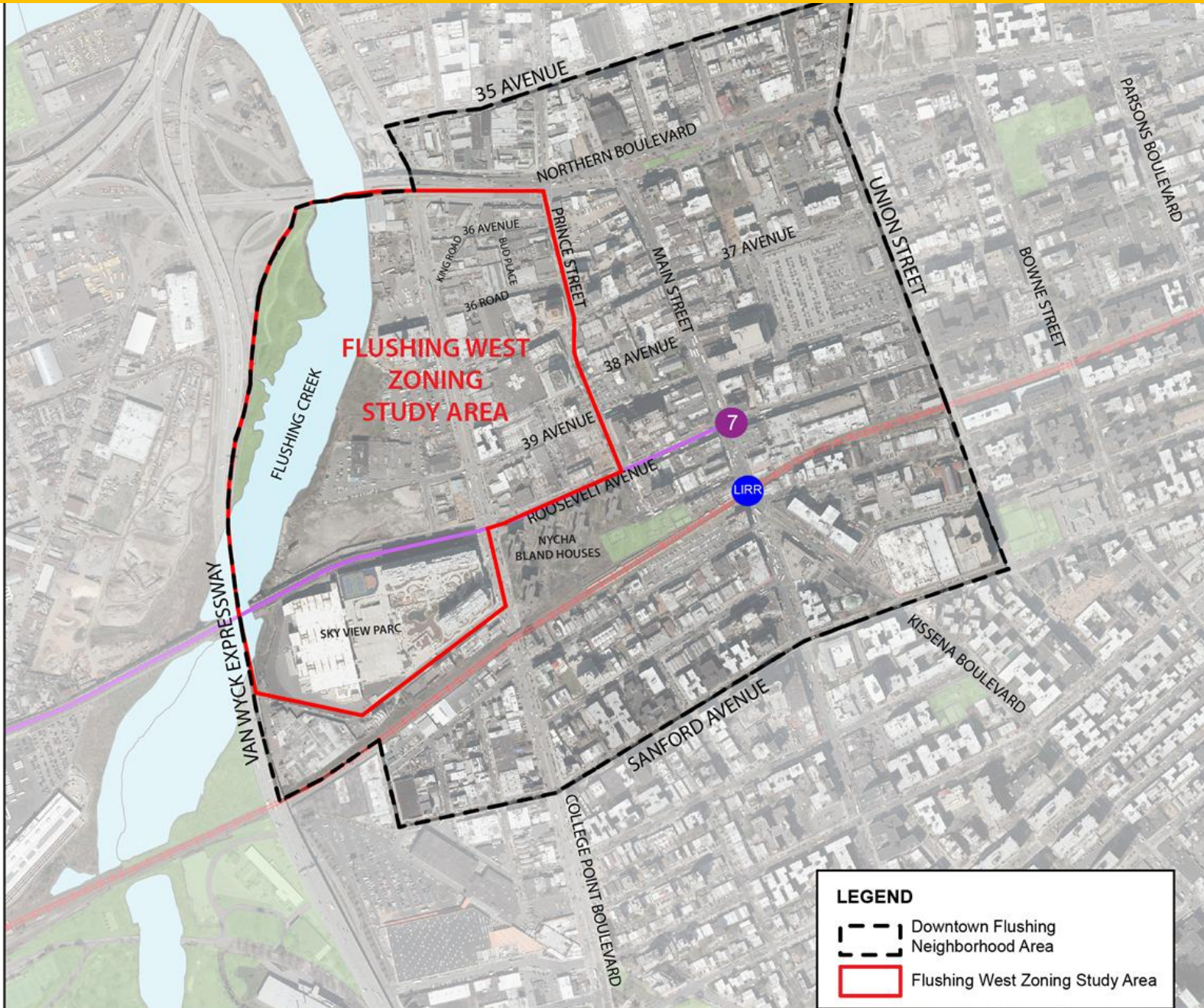
# FLUSHING WEST

*4<sup>rd</sup> Public Open House Meeting  
Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015*



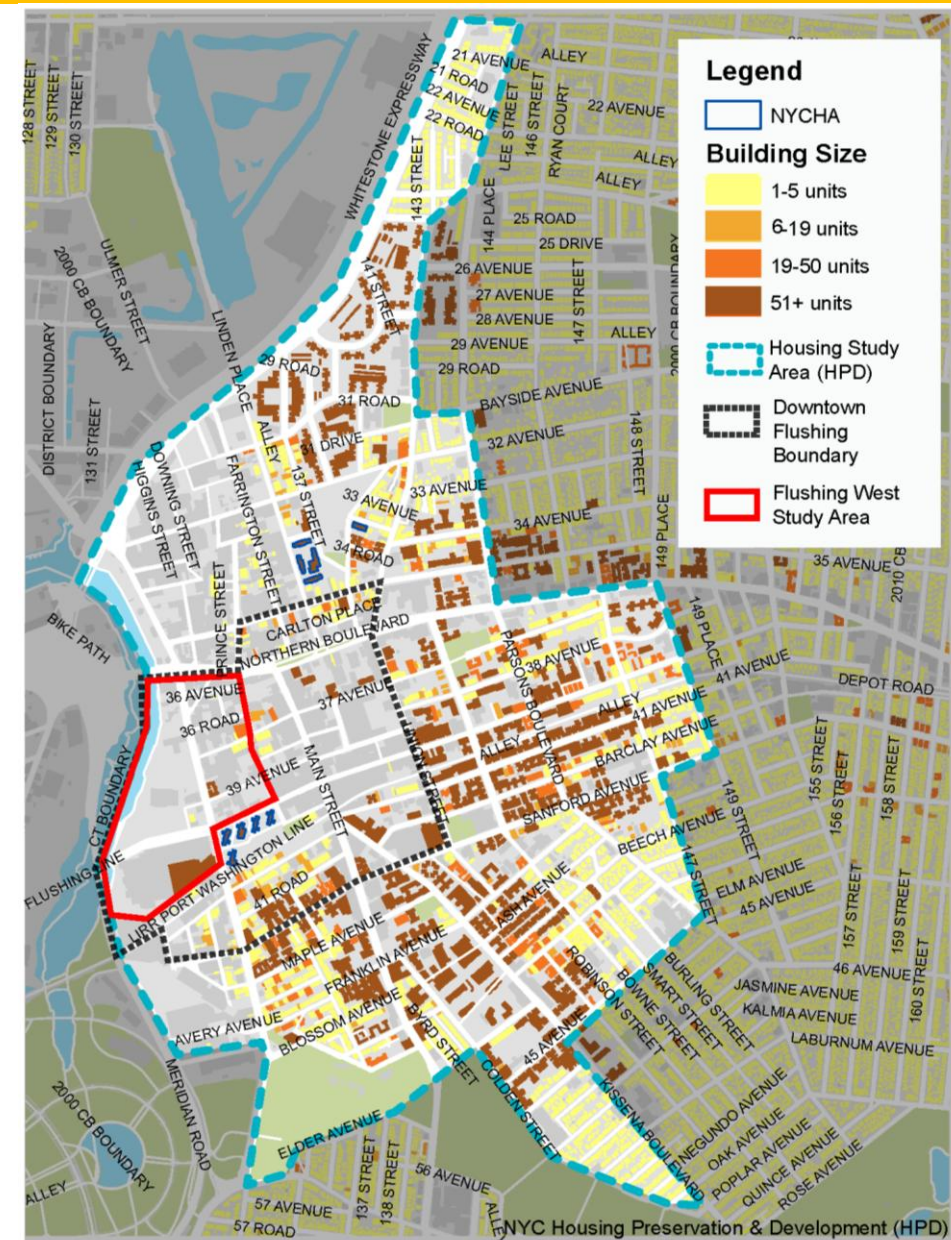
- Overview of the Neighborhood Planning Study
- What We've Heard from the Community
  - July 29<sup>th</sup> & August 20<sup>th</sup> Open House Event Recap
  - Summary of Issues
- Break Out Discussion Groups
  - Zoning & Land Use
  - Affordable Housing
  - Jobs & Businesses
  - Health & Placemaking
  - Immigrant Services
  - Youth & Senior Services





1. Builds upon a long history of previous planning work in Downtown Flushing
2. Includes a zoning component which will incorporate mandatory affordable housing strategies
3. Includes a economic development component to support current needs & future growth
4. Identifies city services & key capital projects to create a more livable neighborhood

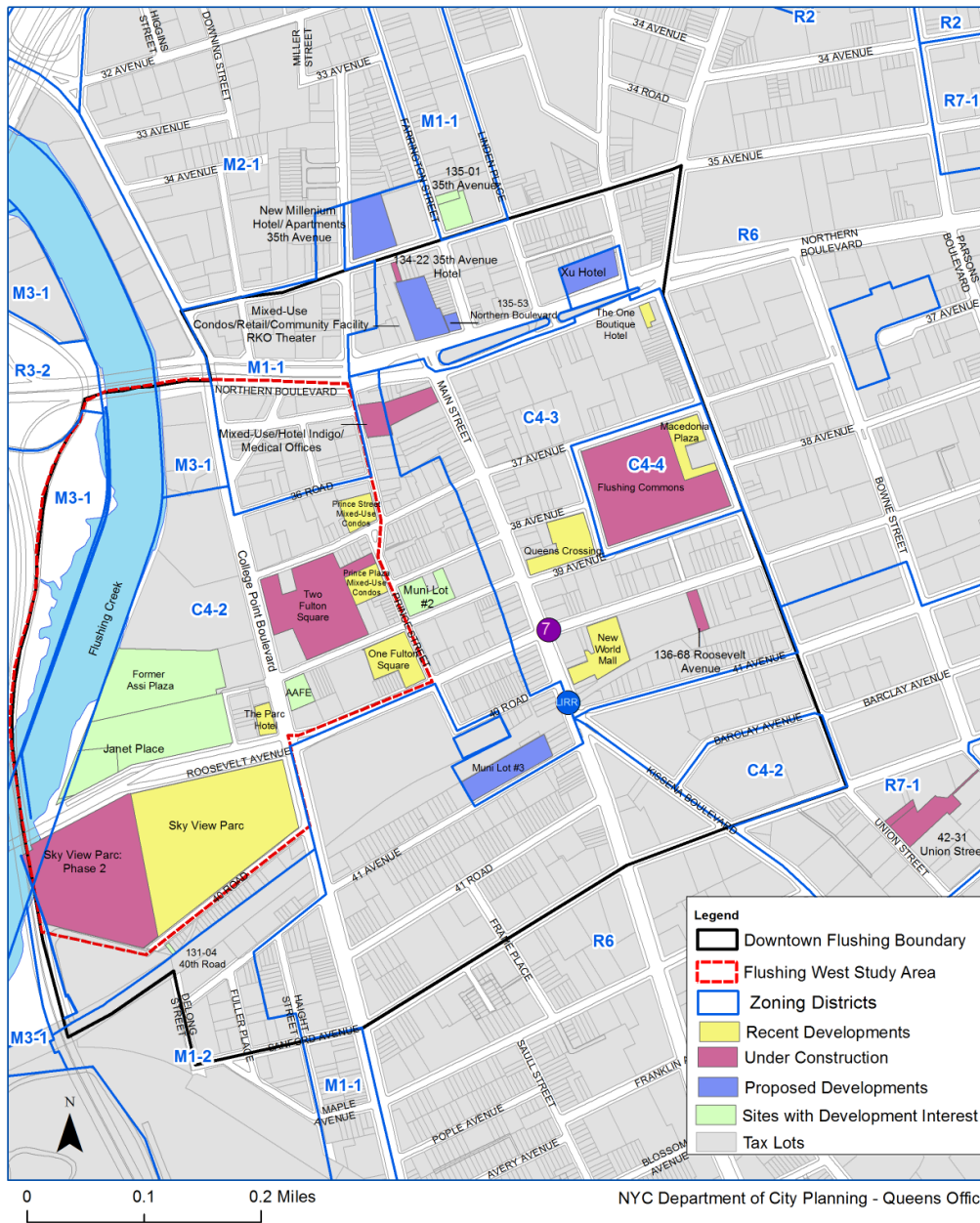
- **1998: Downtown Flushing Rezoning & Waterfront Access Plan**
- **2004: Downtown Flushing Framework** with EDC/DCP led to Flushing Commons & Macedonia Plaza projects
- **2011: Flushing Willets Point Corona LDC** received \$1.5 M Brownfields Opportunity Area grant to develop a Master Plan and redevelopment strategy for 30+ acres along Flushing Creek
- **2014: DCP** agreed to work with the LDC to complete BOA Nomination Report and revise the study to foster affordable housing and economic opportunities
- **2015: DCP** launched **Flushing West Neighborhood Planning Study**; conducted outreach; stakeholder groups formed
- **2015: DCP first Flushing Town Hall** meeting to publicly introduce the study



- Zoning Study Area
- Neighborhood Area
- Housing Area



\*Housing Study Area boundaries have been modified per feedback from the July 29th public workshop

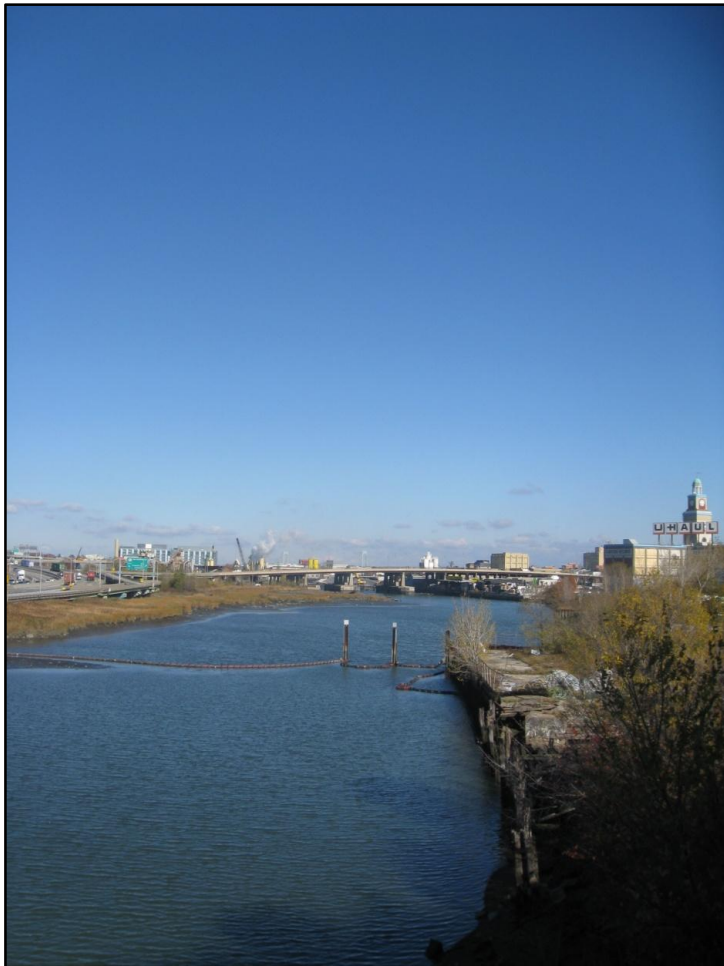


**rc Hotel - 2014** (12-story Hotel; 15 parking spaces)



**One Fulton Square - 2014** (9-story, Hotel; 3-stories w retail, office, medical offices; 12-story condo complex; 300 parking spaces)

- Existing C4-2 zoning regulations cover most of the Study Area and may produce towers set back from the street on low base portions
- Variable maximum FAR's for different uses currently favors select commercial development— such as hotels— over housing
- Current parking regulations also favors certain types of commercial development



*Image: NYC DCP*

- Facilitate a **community-based planning process** to support policy changes that will shape a more livable neighborhood
- Leverage strong real estate market forces to create **opportunities for requiring affordable housing, as well as preserve existing affordable housing**
- **Encourage walkability** by extending the vibrant downtown area to the waterfront, and create opportunities for **new open space**
- Support the existing and growing immigrant and small business culture by **providing economic opportunities**
- Align investments in **infrastructure and services** to support current demands and future growth



## May-Sept 2015

- **May 21<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Public Open House: Study Information**
- **July 29<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Open House: Listen & Learn**
- **Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Open House: Report back & roundtable discussions**
- **Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Public Open House: Further assessment of issues & roundtable discussions**

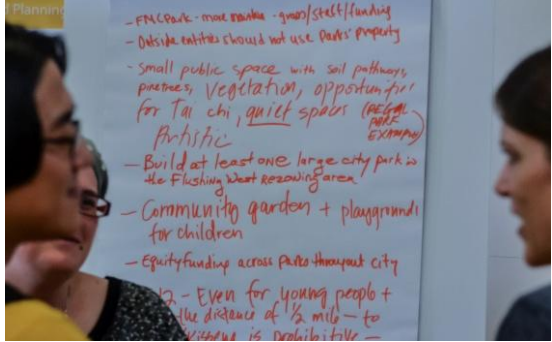
## Oct -Dec 2015

- **5<sup>th</sup> Public Event- share preliminary draft zoning recommendations & roundtable discussions to refine strategies**
- **Public Scoping Meeting to explain analyses on Environmental Impact Statement**

## Jan-Dec 2016

- **6<sup>th</sup> Public Open House: Share final draft zoning recommendations & draft capital planning projects & draft affordable housing strategy**
- **Public Review Session/ULURP Final Neighborhood Plan**
- **CB7 Public Hearing**
- **BP Public Hearing**
- **City Planning Commission Public Hearing**
- **City Council Public Hearing**

*Continued community engagement*



# WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY



**80+ participants**  
**11 agencies**  
**4 community groups**



**40+ participants**

**5 agencies**





## FLUSHING WEST Neighborhood Planning Study

### Next Steps: Comments & Feedback

Where are new residents moving in your neighborhood?



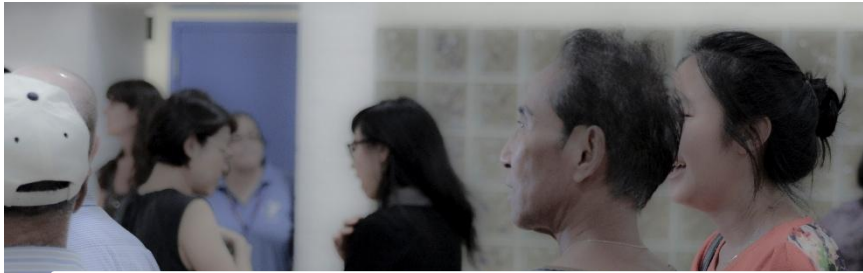
- Create opportunities for new permanent affordable housing
- Prevent housing discrimination & displacement
- Provide housing targeted to Flushing income levels including very low income senior housing
- Provide daycare and recreational spaces in new housing
- Prevent illegal conversions



What do you consider the boundaries of Flushing?



Please write additional comments on the map!



## NYC Department of Transportation

### About NYC DOT

DOT's mission is to provide for the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of people and goods in the City of New York and to maintain and enhance the transportation infrastructure crucial to the economic vitality

### Vision Zero: Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

The **Downtown Flushing Mobility and Safety Improvement Project** (2018), which focused on the holistic improvement of pedestrian and vehicular circulation across the study area, resulted in a number of safety improvements, including:

- Bollard-protected curbs and sidewalk extensions at high volume pedestrian corridors.



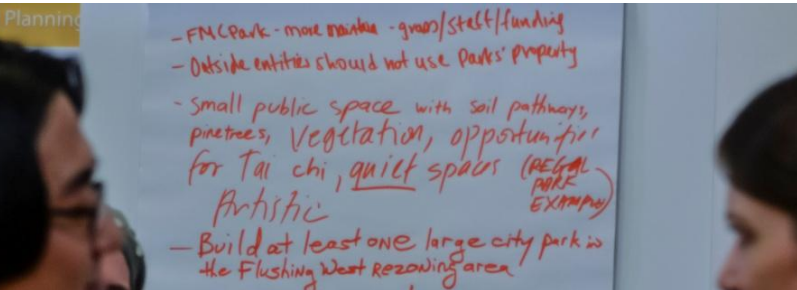
- Improve the sidewalks & streets for pedestrian safety and better traffic flow especially on Main St & Roosevelt Av
- Improve bus service and bus congestion along the streets
- Improve pedestrian access to the waterfront including better biking opportunities & rail access
- Study and “fix” congestion at College Point Blvd. & Roosevelt Av.
- Expand #7 train platform



### Locations

Widening the sidewalks along Main Street between Kissena Boulevard/41st Avenue and Northern Boulevard.





NYC Parks

## NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

### About NYC Parks

NYC Parks is the steward of approximately 29,000 acres of land -- 14 percent of New York City -- including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and playgrounds.



- More accessible parks within walking distance
- Hard to get to Flushing Meadows Corona Park; Unsure what amenities currently exist there; better maintenance of existing parks
- Support community gardens and small parks targeted to seniors and children
- More public plazas needed to sit and talk
- Plant more street trees and improve waterfront access



come from private organizations, homeowners, and community organizations.

898

Acres  
in Flushing Meadows/Corona Park





## NYC Office of Environmental Remediation

### About NYC OER

The New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) is a team of about 15 scientists and engineers established to design, build and operate a set of world-class municipal programs to advance cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites.

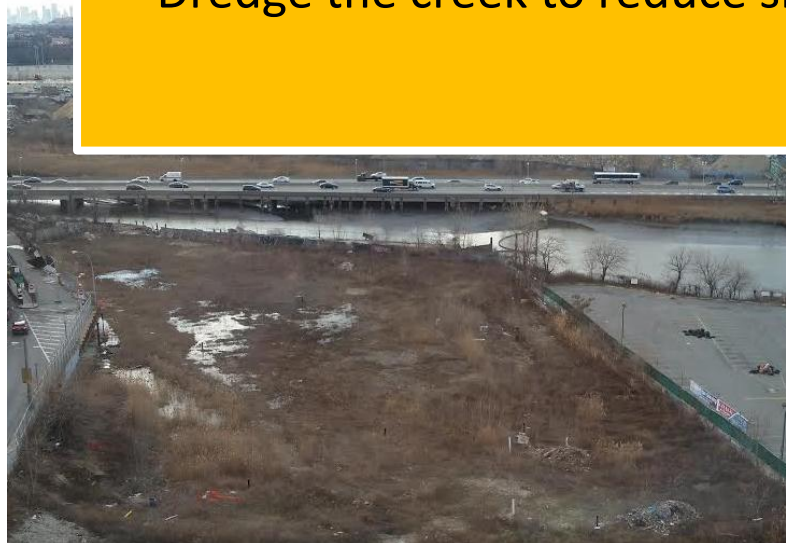
After cleanup is complete, redevelopment of these properties promotes economic development and neighborhood vitality. Since

### What is a "brownfield"?

Brownfields are properties where environmental contamination impedes redevelopment. Brownfields are often abandoned, closed, or under-used industrial or commercial facilities, such as an abandoned factory, former gas station, or a site leveled off with fill of unknown origin.



- More information requested on brownfield cleanup and explanation on how remediation works
- Improve shoreline conditions and water quality of Flushing Creek
- Dredge the creek to reduce smell



safer, and enables new development that brings new jobs and affordable housing right where it is needed most.





# WHAT DID WE HEAR? BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



careers  
businesses  
neighborhoods

## NYC Small Business Services

### About SBS

The Department of Small Business Services (SBS) makes it easier for businesses in New York City to form, do business, and grow by providing direct assistance to business owners, fostering neighborhood development in commercial districts, and linking employers to a skilled and qualified workforce.

### NYC Business Acceleration

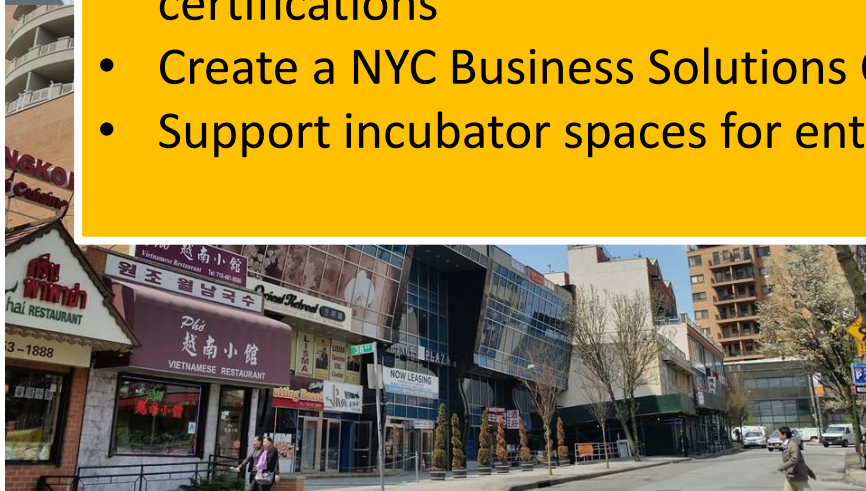
NYC Business Acceleration is a free, one stop shop service to help entrepreneurs navigate government requirements when they are opening or during operations. The services include opening or expanding a business faster and with more ease, operating more smoothly and with fewer challenges and assistance in recovery after a disaster.

### Workforce1

Workforce1 is a service provided by the NYC Department of Small Business Services that prepares and connects qualified candidates to job opportunities throughout New York City.

Workforce1 makes strong matches for both candidates and employers utilizing a demand driven model that implements a unique blend

- Protect small business owners from being displaced due to increasing commercial rents
- Explain how businesses can benefit from minority/women-owned certifications
- Create a NYC Business Solutions Center in Downtown Flushing
- Support incubator spaces for entrepreneurs



101

immigrant entrepreneurs

37

Owned Business Enterprises

12

Entrepreneurs and business owners connected to free business courses

142

Contracts awarded to Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

The Neighborhood Development Division (NDD) supports community-based economic development organizations to create the local conditions under which local businesses, jobseekers, and communities can grow and thrive.

- 6 Table Discussions by Topic/ 20 min each topic/ stay seated
- 5 min warning signaled by a whistle
  - Zoning & Land Use
  - Affordable Housing
  - Jobs & Businesses
  - Health & Placemaking
  - Immigrant Services
  - Youth & Senior Services
- Topics focus on social & community services
- 10 minutes at the end/ 1 spokesperson at each table reports back to whole group what the main takeaway was.
- Please designate a point person who can represent table

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