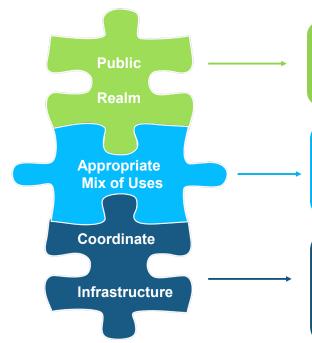
##PLACES: Gowanus Neighborhood Study



Over the past few years, the community has engaged in a number of planning initiatives, most recently *Bridging Gowanus*, a community-driven process to identify consensus around shared goals and priorities. The Gowanus Neighborhood Planning Study seeks to build upon this work undertaken by residents, artists, businesses, local groups, the community board, and elected officials.

This collaborative planning process seeks to coordinate ongoing work by government agencies and leverage recent and planned public and private investments to promote a thriving and inclusive neighborhood. The study will engage community groups, stakeholders and local elected officials around core issues and bring together government agencies to align recommendations and resources.

Goals for the study:



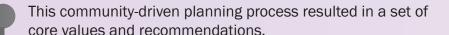
- Improve streetscapes, pedestrian safety, and access along Canal
- Encourage and expand neighborhood services and amenities
- Explore ways to preserve and develop job-generating uses, including industrial, arts and cultural uses
- Promote new housing, with affordable housing, and protect existing residences
- Support existing and future resiliency and sustainability efforts
- Coordinate necessary improvements to support cleanup of the Canal and accommodate existing & future needs (e.g. schools, parks, transportation)



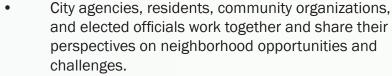
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Process and Approach

Bridging Gowanus



Listen and Learn



 While many of you may have participated in prior planning initiatives (including Bridging Gowanus), which are key inputs to this phase, we want to make sure new voices and inputs are also incorporated.

Develop a Planning Framework

A planning framework will be developed by city agencies in collaboration with community stakeholders. This will include identified needs and opportunities and preliminary strategies for Resiliency & Sustainability, Land Use & Zoning, Housing, Economic and Job Development, Environmental Remediation, and Community and Cultural Resources (e.g. Education, Arts & Culture, Parks & Open Space).

Draft a Neighborhood Plan

A draft neighborhood plan will be developed based on feedback to the planning framework. This will include zoning proposals and strategies from city agencies.

Public Review and Implementation

Strategies outlined in the draft neighborhood plan will be vetted with the community.

- Land Use Actions (zoning proposals) will enter the formal public review process (aka ULURP), which includes the Community Board, Borough President, City Planning Commission, and the City Council.
- Other initiatives will be advanced by their respective lead agencies before, during, and after ULURP.

Save the date!

The next meeting will be held on resiliency and sustainability: Thursday, December 8 Sign up for our mailing list at nyc.gov/gowanus

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