REACH 13-NEWTOWN CREEK

Location: Newtown Creek, between Brooklyn and Queens

Upland Neighborhoods: Greenpoint and East Williamsburg in Brooklyn, Hunter's Point, Blissvile, and Maspeth in Queens

Neighborhood Strategies

Reachwide

- Support the remediation and habitat enhancement of the creek; Participate in ongoing reviews of remedial investigation results and feasibility study for EPA's clean up.
- Design and construct aeration system in Lower English Kills to meet DEC water quality criteria
- Design and begin construction of separate sanitary and storm sewers within a 60-acre area of the drainage area.
- Support Brownfield Opportunity Area study to work with property owners of vacant or underused sites to clean-up and redevelop the property, in addition to exploring opportunities for new infrastructure, increasing waterfront access and open space, and enhancing the interconnections between those who live and work near the creek.
- Promote waterway for goods transport with a focus on dry bulk and liquids through dredging and bulkhead repair.
- Manage potential conflicts between recreational boaters and industrial use of the waterway.
- Encourage marine waste transportation to replace truck traffic.
- Overcome regulatory difficulties to future redevelopment and ensure safe in-water recreation activities due to Superfund designation.

2nd St. Boat Launch

 Explore opportunities for human-powered boat launch and boathouse based on the criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.

54th Ave. Site

• Examine for residential/commercial development and waterfront public access.

Manhattan Avenue

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 Explore opportunity to improve existing public waterfront access area and boat launch, consistent with Superfund considerations and criteria described in the Citywide Strategy to ensure safety and public health

Whale Creek

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- Support ongoing efforts to improve bulkhead to facilitate barge access for the disposal of sludge from Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Expand educational facilities and public waterfront access at Newtown Creek Nature Walk.
- Complete majority of upgrade to Newtown Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant to attain Clean Water Act Secondary Treatment Standards and expand its wet weather capacity.

Greenpoint Avenue

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 Provide public waterfront access in a configuration compatible with adjacent industrial uses and Greenpoint Avenue bridge.

Kosciusko Bridge

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 Support repair/replacement of bridge infrastructure including public waterfront access opportunities in the vicinity of the bridge on both the Brooklyn and Queens sides of the creek.

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