



Brownsville Plan Semi-Annual Update

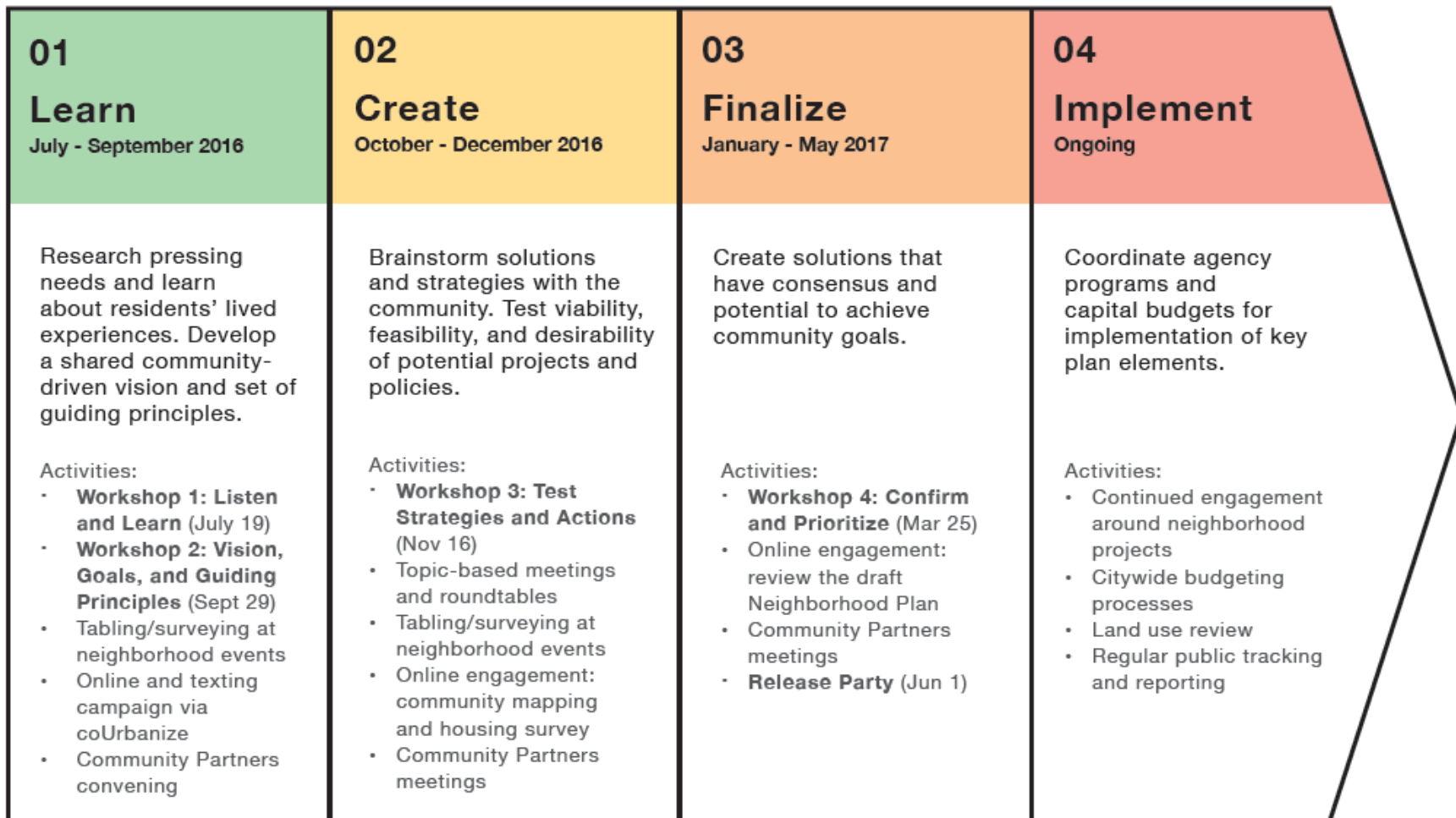
Community Partners Meeting

Feb 2020

MEETING AGENDA

- **Brownsville Plan background, process, and goals**
- **Progress updates by strategy**
- **Longer-term projects**
- **Questions**
- **Community Updates**

PROCESS



For more information on the process, visit nyc.gov/brownsville

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Brownsville Neighborhood Planning Process Brooklyn, NY

What's great about Brownsville - and what could be even better?

ADD YOUR IDEA

Sort by: [dropdown]

RENEE Muir Jul 28, 2016
We need a new Track for Betssey Head Park
Could Be Better
See 5 replies + Support (9)
Share

Duane Kinnon Jul 12, 2016
Police Athletic League providing Beacon Programming including sports and enrichment activities to the school and community at large.
Great
Support Share

CATEGORIES

- Great!
- Could Be Better
- What's Missing



Brownsville Neighborhood Planning Process Brooklyn, NY

What's happening?

Building off the Brownsville 100 Days to Progress Initiative, the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) invites you to join us in developing a shared vision for the future of Brownsville. Between now

PLAN RELEASE – JUNE 1, 2017



IMPLEMENTATION

- **Internal tracking** with Mayor's Office of Operations
- **Annual progress** reports with an updated **public project tracker**, including:
 - Responsible agency/organization
 - Timeline
 - Status
- **Community Partners group**, to be re-convened by Community Board 16, meets with the City twice a year
 - Also present at full Community Board meeting

2ND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2019



SECOND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - JULY 2019

NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS

1. Achieve equitable **health** outcomes
2. Improve neighborhood **safety**
3. Promote community **economic development**
4. Foster local **arts and identity**

NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES

01 PROMOTE ACTIVE MIXED-USE CORRIDORS

02 IMPROVE CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

03 CREATE ACTIVE AND SAFE PUBLIC SPACES

04 PROVIDE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

05 CONNECT BROWNSVILLE RESIDENTS TO JOBS AND JOB TRAINING

06 SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS

07 IMPROVE HOUSING STABILITY AND SUPPORT RESIDENTS AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT

08 SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

PROGRESS UPDATES

01 PROMOTE ACTIVE MIXED-USE CORRIDORS



Rockaway Ave station under the elevated train - DOT



Rendering of Ebenezer Plaza, 532 affordable homes for a range of incomes that will include ground-floor retail space, community facility space, and new church sanctuary. Phase I began construction in July 2018, and Phase II began summer 2019.

Highlights:

- Rockaway Ave MTA station pedestrian lighting pilot
 - Expanded to include intersection at Livonia Avenue and Chester Street
- Livonia Avenue Streetscape Plan anticipated release early 2020
- New mixed-use affordable developments on vacant lots:
 - About 700 homes in developments currently under construction or starting construction this summer
 - Including 2 sites currently being marketed within CB16
- RFP Sites currently in pre-development stage preparing for environmental and land use review.

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

BROWNSVILLE RFP SITES (ORANGE)

- BROWNSVILLE ARTS CENTER
- GLENMORE MANOR
- LIVONIA 4

+ NOT PICTURED: SCATTERED-SITE RENTAL AND HOMEOWNERSHIP BUILDINGS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- MOTHER GASTON HINSDALE NIHOP

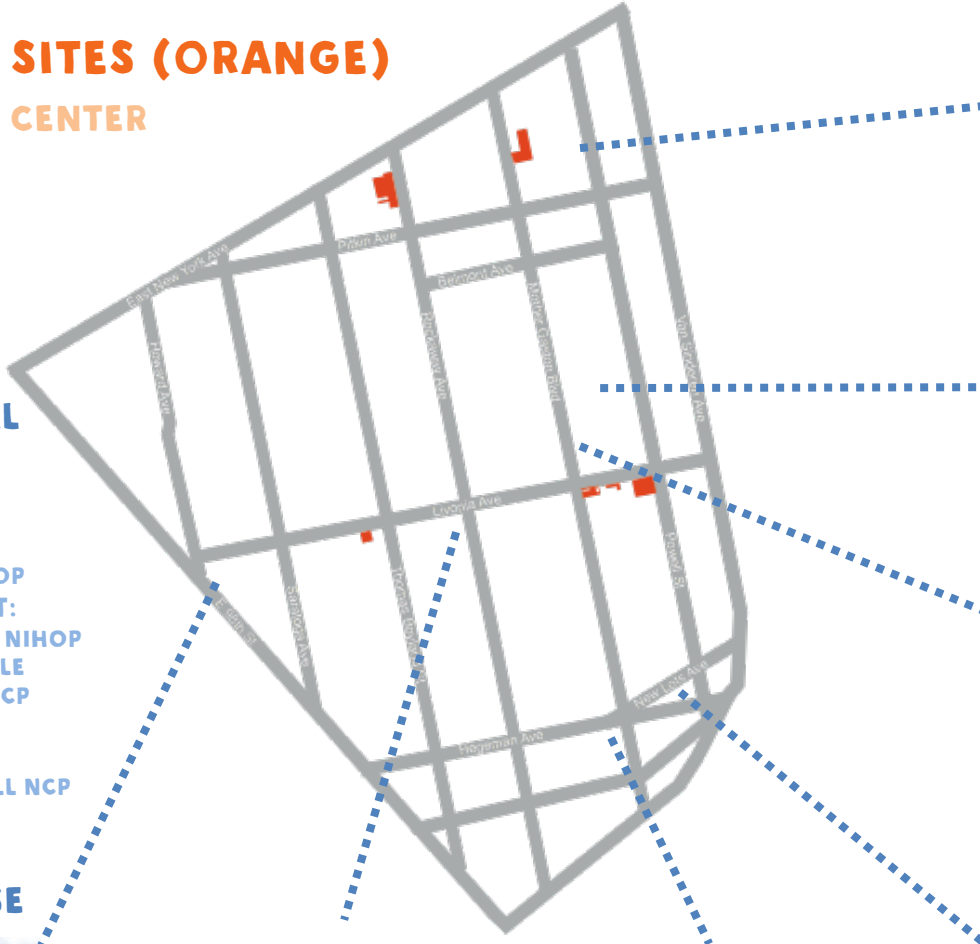
DESIGN AND PREDEVELOPMENT:

- BED-STUY EAST AND WEEKSVILLE NIHOP
- VAN BUREN GREENE BROWNSVILLE
- BROWNSVILLE NORTH & SOUTH NCP
- EAST NY/BROWNSVILLE NIHOP

ULURP – PUBLICLY APPROVED

- BROWNSVILLE NORTH/OCEAN HILL NCP
- BROWNSVILLE SOUTH NCP

AFFORDABLE MIXED-USE



STONE HOUSE (DONE)



VAN DYKE III (UNDR CONSTR)



603 MOTHER GASTON BLVD (DONE)



EDWIN'S PLACE (UNDR CONST)



MARCUS GARVEY EXT. (CONST - 2020)



210-214 HEGEMAN (UNDR CONST)



EBENEZER PLAZA (UNDR CONST)

BROWNSVILLE RFP SITE SELECTED PROPOSALS¹⁴

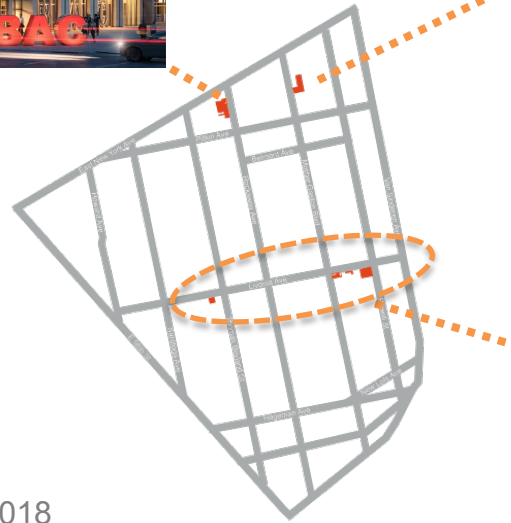


THE BROWNSVILLE ARTS CENTER AND APARTMENTS

ROCKAWAY AVE - ARTS AND CULTURE

Major Milestones:

- RFP Release 2017
- Review and selection 2018
- **Predevelopment** (1-2 yrs)
 - Environmental and land use review (1-1.5 yrs)
 - Finalizing project and financial closing (~1yr)
- Phased construction (2-4 yrs)
- Marketing and lease up



GLENMORE MANOR APARTMENTS + BVILLE HUB

CHRISTOPHER-GLENMORE - INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



LIVONIA 4

LIVONIA AVE - HEALTHY LIVING AND FOOD SYSTEMS

02 IMPROVE CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD



DOHMH supported Bike NY to give away bikes in June 2019



B Lit Event– Credit: BCJC/MOCJ

Highlights:

- MOCJ continuing to lead public workshops on Safe Places and Active Spaces guide
- Outreach at NYCHA developments for implementation of new street crossings and traffic signals
- Brownsville Pedestrian Safety Improvements project initiated by DOT
- Final design development underway for accessibility improvements and link between Livonia Avenue and Junius Street stations

03 CREATE ACTIVE AND SAFE PUBLIC SPACES



Newport Playground - DPR

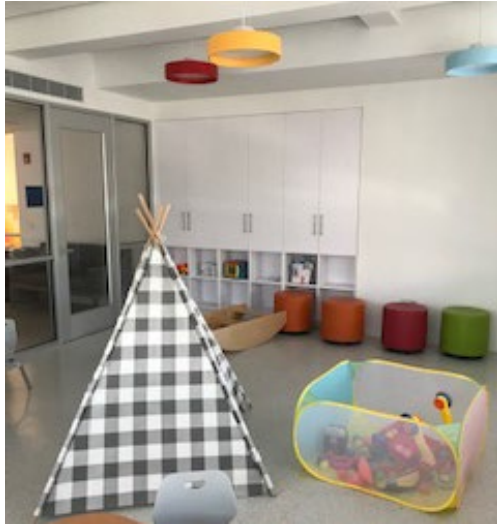


Betsy Head Park Skate Park - DPR

Highlights:

- Newport Playground Renovations
 - Reopened Summer 2019
 - Comfort Station improvements anticipated completion Summer 2020
- Betsy Head Park Renovations
 - Phase I construction ongoing
 - Phase II began September 2019
 - Comfort Station at Imagination Playground is anticipated in Spring 2020
- MOCJ continuing to work through the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety, renovations of Brownsville Houses Community Center, and new cameras and lighting around Brownsville Playground

04 PROVIDE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



Family Wellness Suite at Brownsville Health Action Center



*Brownsville Recreation Center (BRC) new entrance design.
Credit: Parks*

Highlights:

- In 2019, Building Healthy Communities awarded \$32,000 to support CBOs in activating healthy programming
 - Capacity building grant developed to support community gardens – winners to be announced at end of February
- Design phase for Brownsville Recreation Center complete; developing construction timeline
- Family Wellness Suite completed at the Brownsville Neighborhood Health Action Center

05 CONNECT BROWNSVILLE RESIDENTS TO JOBS AND JOB TRAINING



Young Innovators Pilot Program cohort - MOCTO



Green City Force youth in Brownsville. Credit: GCF

Highlights

- Enrolled 3,104 Brownsville youth in Summer Youth Employment Program for Summer 2019.
- 342 youth ages 14-15 participating in project based learning sites
 - Brownsville Community Justice Center
 - Mt. Sinai Adolescent Health Center
 - Center for Court Innovation
 - Brooklyn Public Library – Stone Avenue Branch
- MOCJ continuing rolling recruitment of Brownsville youth for workforce training in green industries (energy efficiency, water systems, recycling, composting, etc.)

06 SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS



Storefront improvements of 1701 Pitkin (before and after)

Highlights:

- SBS launched applications for CBOs of Brownsville to provide up to \$300,000 of funding for commercial revitalization services
- Pitkin Avenue BID awarded second New York Main Street grant for additional storefront improvements
- Expected completion of 181 Powell St industrial building Summer 2020



Small Business Services Mobile Unit in Jun 2019- SBS

07 IMPROVE HOUSING STABILITY AND SUPPORT RESIDENTS AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT

Highlights

- Lease up Ebenezer Plaza Phase I
- Supporting homeowners, property owners, and preserving affordability
- Hosting tenant and homeowner/landlord resource fairs and property owner clinics
- Providing anti-eviction free legal services and Homebase homelessness prevention services
- Development of City-owned infill sites for affordable rentals and co-op homeownership for first-time buyers
- Launching housing quality and stability working group with CB16



The Center for New York City Neighborhoods' Homeowner help desk



Housing Ambassador helps resident apply for affordable housing. Credit: HPD

08 SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Highlights:

- Fall 2019 NSTAT meeting convened to brainstorm ideas for projects that support community safety and well-being
- Development of the Brownsville Arts Center at the Rockaway-Chester RFP site

Brownsville NSTAT Meeting, fall 2018. Credit: Center for Court Innovation



Brownsville Arts Center proposed at Rockaway-Chester RFP site. Credit: BRIC, Brooklyn Music School, Purelements, Bluesea

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Spring/Summer 2020

- Continued construction of Betsy Head Park Phase I, Ebenezer Plaza, and three other affordable housing developments
- Betsy Head Phase II construction start
- Betsy Head comfort station renovation start
- Brownsville Plan Third Annual Progress Report release
- Announcement of recipients for funding of community gardens to increase capacity
- Extension of Rockaway/Livonia pilot lighting project and anticipated release of the Livonia Streetscape Plan
- Launch of housing quality and stability stakeholder group

LONGER-TERM PROJECTS IN PROGRESS ²³


- MTA Livonia Ave. and Junius St. accessibility
- DOT pedestrian improvements and bike lane expansions
- Construction of BRC, Betsy Head Park, Newport Playground, and 181 Powell Street renovations
- Construction and other public land use review processes of new affordable housing developments on City-owned sites
- Hiring outreach plan implementation and networking event for local contractors and subcontractors with Brownsville RFP awardees

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www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/community/brownsville.page


Brownsville Plan coordinates over \$150 million in City investments, including renovations of Brownsville's parks, improvements to the open spaces on NYCHA developments, a new community center for teens at Brownsville Houses, and a new Neighborhood Health Action Center.



[Click here to view the Plan](#)

Much of this work will be complete or underway within the next five years, and HPD and its sister agencies are committed to regular communication and updates on these projects. View the [Executive Summary](#).

See What's New



THE BROWNSVILLE PLAN
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SECOND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - JULY 2019

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[Report](#)

Additional Updates

Progress Update Presentations:

- [Brownsville Plan Six-Month Progress Update Presentation](#)
- [Brownsville Plan One-Year Progress Update Presentation](#)
- [Brownsville Plan 18-Month Update Presentation](#)
- [Brownsville Plan Two-Year Update Presentation](#)

Planning Process

The Brownsville Plan builds on extensive planning work that has been conducted by neighborhood organizations over the past five years, as well as the interagency coordination effort during the 100 Days of Progress Initiative in 2014. Between July 2016 and June 2017, HPD hosted a series of public interactive workshops:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/hpd/downloads/pdf/community/brownsville-plan-two-year-update-presentation.pdf>

QUESTIONS?