

Planning Process

The City launched the *Resilient Edgemere Community Planning Initiative* in October 2015 as a joint effort between City agencies, community members, elected officials, local organizations, and residents. Using the *Neighborhood Planning Playbook* the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) facilitated a four-phase planning process over the course of a year. Before and during the engagement process, HPD coordinated with the Edgemere Organizing Team, made up of community members and representatives from local organizations, to identify issues and ensure a broad, inclusive, and transparent process. Finally, HPD mailed a Community Feedback form to all 1,700 households in Edgemere and posted all workshop materials and findings online for public comment.



October - December 2015

Workshop 1 and 2

In the Learn Phase, two public workshops were held in October and December 2015. HPD and partnering City agencies worked with the Edgemere community to define goals, priorities, and guiding principles for the neighborhood’s future. Participants established the following guiding principles:

- Maintain the close-knit, low density feel of the neighborhood
- Prioritize opportunities and services for existing residents
- Focus on rebuilding Sandy-damaged homes

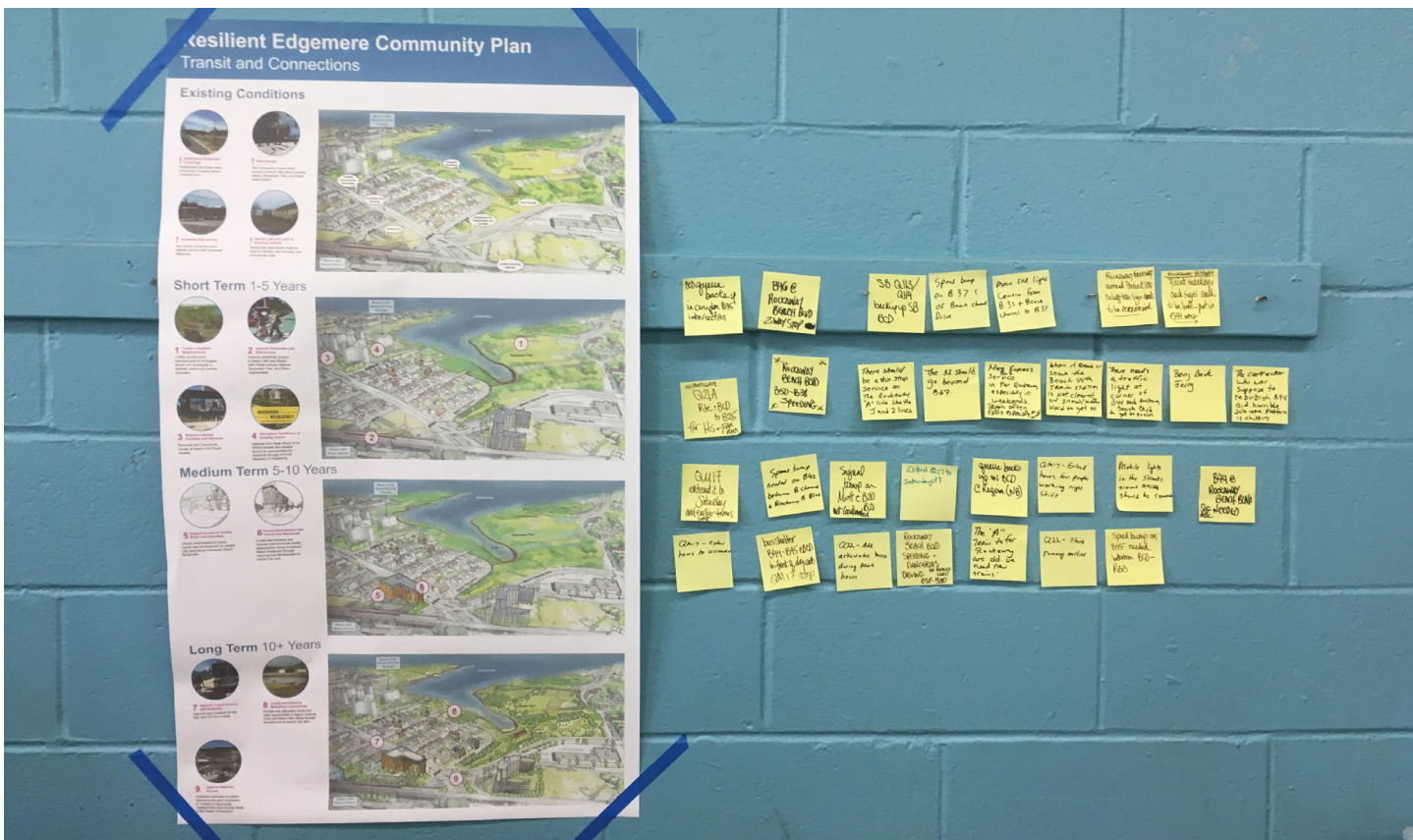


January - April 2016

Workshop 3

In the Create Phase, HPD and its partner agencies refined the guiding principles into goals and a set of draft strategies. In April 2016, HPD held workshops for the Edgemere community to provide feedback and further shape the draft strategies out of the following community goals:

- Protect the neighborhood from flooding
- Create resilient housing and maintain the neighborhood’s low density feel
- Improve streets and transit
- Increase neighborhood amenities



May 2016 - February 2017

Workshop 4

In the Finalize Phase of the planning process, HPD and its partner agencies turned the draft strategies into concrete strategies and projects. The strategies and projects include programs, like vacant lot clean-ups, and physical projects, such as the construction of a coastal protection feature. The strategies and projects are listed in this document, released in March 2017.



Starting March 2017

The Community Plan

Starting in March 2017 HPD and partner agencies will implement the community plan. Some projects are funded and ready for implementation. Other projects will need to go through public approval process or need outside funding. The Edgemere community will require to play an active, engaged role over the next several years to ensure the successful implementation of the community plan.