

What is the Jamaica Neighborhood Plan?

The Jamaica Neighborhood Plan seeks to develop strategies for a more resilient and thriving Jamaica through a collaborative, participatory process. The plan would expand housing opportunities, create space for jobs across economic sectors, plan for growth with key infrastructure investments, and improve Jamaica’s public realm.

Covering over 300 blocks, the plan aims to provide a long-term vision for the areas in and around Downtown Jamaica as well as several nearby major corridors.

The plan aims to...

- Provide a shared vision for the future of the neighborhood
- Plan through a participatory process that includes community leaders, community organizations, City agencies, and the general public
- Form a capital strategy for public investments
- Coordinate how and where we grow



Jamaica at a glance



Approximately 80,000 residents, 97% of which are nonwhite and 57% were born outside the United States



At least 20 languages spoken



Median household income: \$53,000 (Queens: \$72,000); 18% of households live below the poverty line



37% of the population are under 18 or over 65



80% of housing units are renter-occupied (Queens: 55%); 61% of renters and 67% of homeowners pay greater than 30% of their incomes on housing



Private sector employment has declined 13% since 2000



60,000 study area residents are within a half mile of a subway/LIRR station, though residents contend with some of the city’s longest average commute times



Approximately 40 bus routes serve the study area

What is the status of the plan today?

DCP and local elected partners recently kicked off the Jamaica Neighborhood planning process. The planning process will be organized in four phases with the first two phases including an extensive public outreach process. The four phases of the planning process include:

PHASE 1: Organize
Connect with communities to develop an outreach and engagement plan

PHASE 3: Create
Build recommendations to address key community priorities

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PHASE 2: Learn
Develop a shared vision for the future of the neighborhood

PHASE 4: Share
Synthesize ideas into an action plan



**Questions?
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