

## Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan Workshop 3 Takeaways

The third workshop for the Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan was held on October 4, 2023, at J.H.S 218 James P. Sinnott Magnet School (370 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, NY). Around 50 participants attended and discussed a range of neighborhood issues, including flooding, heat, and emergency response along with developing a vision for the large 17-acre city-owned site in the study area. Below is a summary of the feedback received from feedback boards and table conversations about what residents would like to see in the future:

Heat	Flooding and Infrastructure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional street trees to provide shade and natural cooling</li> <li>• Cool roofs adopted in the neighborhood, including on businesses in Linden Center shopping mall</li> <li>• Lower energy bills, which are high partly because of servicers' difficulty accessing people's homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alleviate flooding in the Jewel Streets to reduce property damage and negative health impacts</li> <li>• New storm and sanitary sewer lines installed in the Jewel Streets to eliminate flooding and septic tank leaks, which should happen before new development</li> <li>• Alternative solutions to reducing flooding, including potential street raising and retention ponds in some parts of the Jewel Streets</li> <li>• Stormwater retention pond downhill towards Spring Creek Park would be very helpful</li> </ul>
HPD Site Vision	
Connections	Housing
<p>Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No direct way to get to Linden Terrace from JHS 218</li> <li>• Too many dead ends in the neighborhood</li> <li>• No direct way to get to Planet Fitness</li> </ul> <p>Community recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved north/south connections with better bus service</li> <li>• New Select Bus Service from East NY to Cross Bay Blvd</li> <li>• Greater options for transit access; the area is largely only served by buses</li> <li>• New commercial corridors should feel safe and welcoming with well-lit storefronts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New low- and mid-rise housing development</li> <li>• Below-market housing development</li> <li>• Homeownership opportunities</li> <li>• New housing development should fit in with the ways current homes in the neighborhood look (i.e., number of stories, type of building material used)</li> <li>• Housing with services and entertainment uses on the ground floor</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit street parking and prioritize pedestrian connections</li> <li>• Reconnect the street grid system</li> </ul>	
<b>Retail and Community Services</b>	<b>Open Space</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide fresh food options</li> <li>• More restaurant options besides the current fast-food places</li> <li>• USPS, UPS, and/or FedEx</li> <li>• Youth engagement through after-school programming or other activities</li> <li>• More recreation- families currently go all the way to Cross Bay Blvd to find entertainment or activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New park space along the southern edge of the site on the border with Spring Creek Park and the DSNY facility</li> </ul>
<b>What we heard about other topics:</b>	
<p><b>Transportation and Accessibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better north-south connection across Conduit Avenue</li> <li>• Safety improvements along Linden Boulevard, especially at the dangerous intersection at 79<sup>th</sup> Street</li> <li>• More sidewalks so people can get around safely</li> </ul> <p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated/modern educational facilities including an elementary and junior high school</li> </ul> <p><b>Greenspace/Recreation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An indoor recreation center on the site would complement the park during winter months</li> <li>• The site was originally used for recreation and look to Shirley Chisholm State Park as a precedent for future use</li> </ul> <p><b>Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A potential partnership with a private company like Google or Microsoft was suggested to bring investment into the area</li> </ul>	