

Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan Workshop 4 Takeaways

The fourth workshop for the Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan was held on December 2, 2023, at J.H.S 218 James P. Sinnott Magnet School (370 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, NY). Around 30 participants attended and discussed challenges and opportunities related to land use, resiliency, and transportation specifically along Linden Boulevard, Conduit Avenue, and within the Jewel Streets. Below is a summary of the feedback received from table conversations about what residents would like to see in the future:

Jewel Streets	
<p>New Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus that new storm infrastructure is required before new development occurs • Consensus on infill development within north Jewel Streets that includes new housing and neighborhood services • Consensus on higher density along Linden • Range of perspectives on level of density for interior blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some prefer low-mid density throughout ○ Some prefer mix of low and medium density ○ Some prefer maintaining light industrial/construction uses along Conduit and in south Jewel Streets ○ One recommendation for light industrial with residential along Conduit • Wide variety of desired neighborhood services: youth recreation, job training, pharmacy, laundromat, post office, bank and grocery. 	<p>Prioritizing Existing Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penalize illegal dumping on vacant properties • New affordable housing should serve existing residents <p>Street Safety and Connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved quality and safety of all streets in interior north and south Jewel Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New streets with curbs and sidewalks ○ Street lights • Cut a path through wet wall of Liden Center to provide pedestrian access from Sapphire Street <p>Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North-south bus route needed to connect Jewel Streets residents with Grant Ave subway, Liden Center • Reinstate B12 bus to connect neighborhood to Kings County Hospital

Linden Boulevard	
<p>New Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus on infill development on currently vacant sites but range of perspectives on level of density and land uses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Higher density with ground floor commercial between Drew and Sapphire ○ Medium density between Eldert Lane and 79th Street ○ Low density and open space on Cineplex site • Most prefer active street-level uses-- commercial or community facilities with residential above • Any new development must consider potential impact on flooding and stormwater runoff • Support for a bluebelt with open space on Linden Boulevard to reduce flooding in the Jewel Streets 	<p>Street Safety and Connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve pedestrian crossings, pedestrian ramps, and sidewalk lighting • Adjust lanes and install planted median to improve road safety • Suggestion for pedestrian bridge over Linden Boulevard between Amber and Emerald • Evaluate vehicular turn signals at 79th Street and Pine Street • Enforce truck routes • Some opposition to new bike lanes on Linden <p>Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More covered bus shelters • A bus lane and more frequent bus service, especially for B14 and B15 routes
Conduit Avenue	
<p>New Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide range of perspectives on the future of Jewel Streets properties facing Conduit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ low density residential with community facilities ○ high density residential, and industrial. ○ One suggestion that blocks at Ruby and Sapphire to be used for green infrastructure ○ One suggestion for supermarket at Amber and Conduit ○ One suggestion for medium, mixed-use density recommended along the north side of Conduit <p>Conduit Median</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of perspectives on the future of the Conduit median <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many prefer usable open space 	<p>Street Safety and Connectivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus that crossing Conduit is a significant pedestrian challenge and limits access Grant Avenue subway station • Consensus that more pedestrian crossings and improved sidewalks with accessible pedestrian ramps are needed • Conduit around Gemini Fields particularly challenging for pedestrians <p>Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for north-south bus route across Conduit Avenue, particularly to access Grant Avenue subway station • Improve bus stops with bus shelters

- One suggestion to reduce the size of the median
- Some prefer bike paths

- Suggestion for new separated bus route in Conduit median