



The Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan

Overview Presentation

October 4, 2023



Do you need interpretation?
Let us know!

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¿Necesita interpretación?
¡Avísenos!

Agenda

1. Neighborhood Plan Overview

- Background
- Work To-Date
- HPD Site Overview
- Desired Outcomes

2. Where are we now?

3. Workshop #3 (Today!)

Neighborhood Plan Overview

Study Area



Jamaica Bay

Spring Creek Park

Lindenwood Village

Lindenwood

Lindenwood Gardens

HPD/DCAS Site

DSNY Facility

USPS Facility

Linden Terrace

Spring Creek Gardens

Pink Houses

Gemini Fields

Linden Center

Linden Blvd.

Linden Plaza

Jewel Streets

Drew St

Forbell St

East New York – City Line

Cypress Hills Houses

S. Conduit Avenue

Sutter Ave

Robert E. Venable Park

N. Conduit Avenue

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The Jewel Streets, aka “The Hole”

- **Acute infrastructure needs**

- Daily flooding
- Large rain storms can overwhelm drainage systems and cause rainwater to flow into low lying areas
- Active industrial uses and the use of septic tanks can increase the risk of contaminated soil and groundwater

- **Severe Disinvestment**

- Concentration of vacant lots and open storage
- Illegal vehicle storage, dumping and squatting
- History of stalled planning efforts



Blake Avenue between 77th and 76th streets (looking east)



77th Street between Blake and Dumont avenues (looking south)

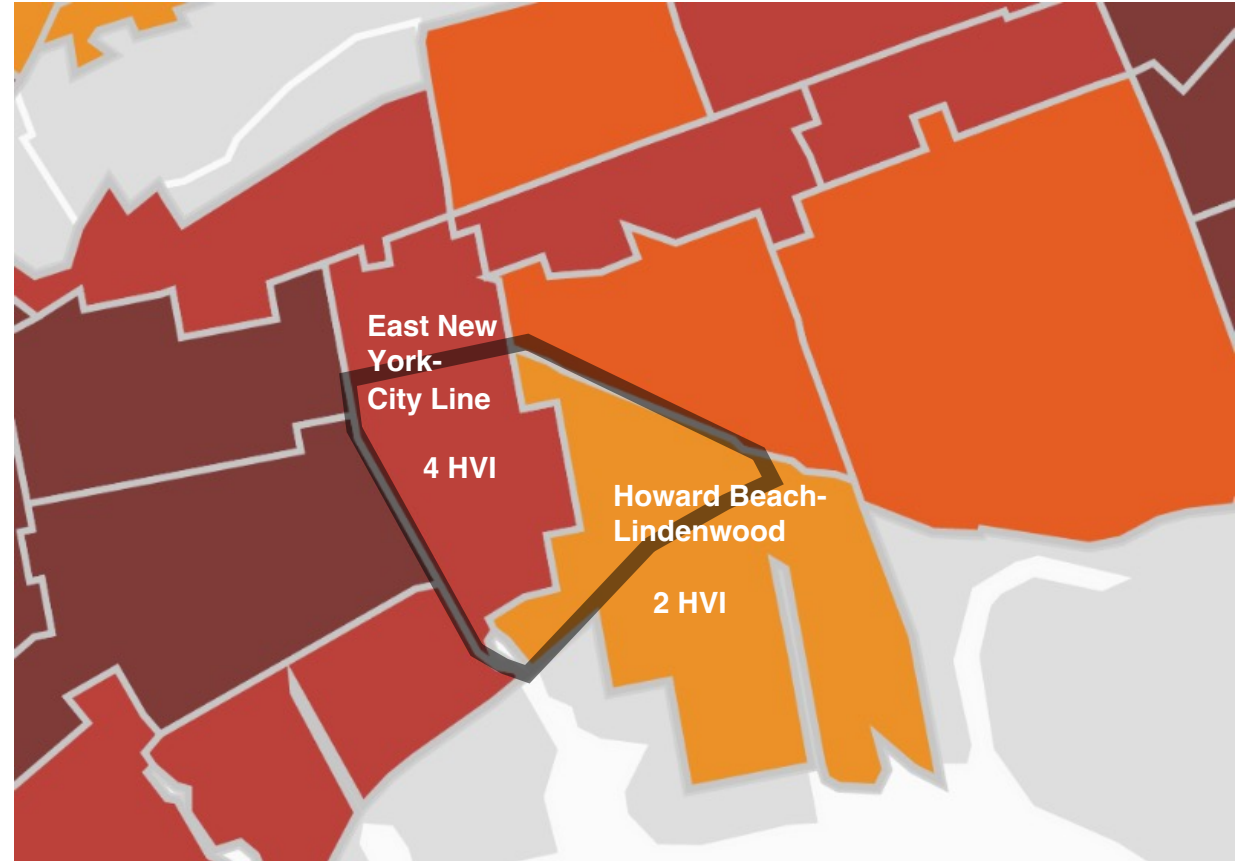
Neighborhood Heat Risk

The Risk of Rising Temperatures

It's getting hotter in NYC, and different neighborhoods face different risks based on the following factors:

- surface temperature
- green space
- access to home air conditioning
- % of residents who are low-income or non-Latinx Black

East New York-City Line scored 4 out of 5 meaning the neighborhood has high vulnerability, and **Howard Beach-Lindenwood** scored 2 out of 5, meaning it has lower vulnerability.



Heat Vulnerability Index with study area ([Interactive heat vulnerability index.](#) | [Environment & Health Data Portal \(nyc.gov\)](#))

Goals

Stabilize a flood-prone neighborhood and foster a resilient and thriving community by:

- Reducing flooding now and in the future by building resilient green infrastructure and improving community resilience
- Developing a long-term land use plan for the Jewel Streets
- Outlining a community-supported vision for city-owned land
- Improving street infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods
- Facilitating job creation, community services, and amenities



Work To-Date: Overview

Updates and Progress

February 2022:

- Local coalition sent letter to City requesting infrastructure intervention

April 2022:

- CM Barron established bi-monthly working group meetings to address issues

May 2022 - Present:

- City has made significant gains to address immediate drainage and sanitation issues



The City's Work To-Date

Work To-Date: DEP

The community asked if **four intersections that chronically flood could be better drained**

North of Linden (Emerald and Dumont, Amber and Dumont)

- **New 8” diameter sewer** installed under Dumont and connected to **existing small pumping station** on 78th Street
- Ponding/flooding has reportedly subsided since construction was completed at the end of **October 2022**

South of Linden (Loring (149th Ave) and Sapphire, Loring and 79th Ave)

- **New 12” diameter sewer** installed under Loring and connected it to the existing sewer on 79th Street; added a **catch basin** on Loring



Work To-Date: DSNY and DOB

- **DSNY Updates**

- General Cleaning – 240 conditions addressed
- Lot Cleaning – nearly 80 tons removed
- Illegal Dumping – 15 illegal dumpers caught
- Derelict Vehicles – nearly 100 tagged and towed

- **DOB Updates**

- 11 properties investigated for illegal commercial and industrial uses
- 2 locations padlocked



HPD Site Overview and Desired Outcomes

City-Owned site

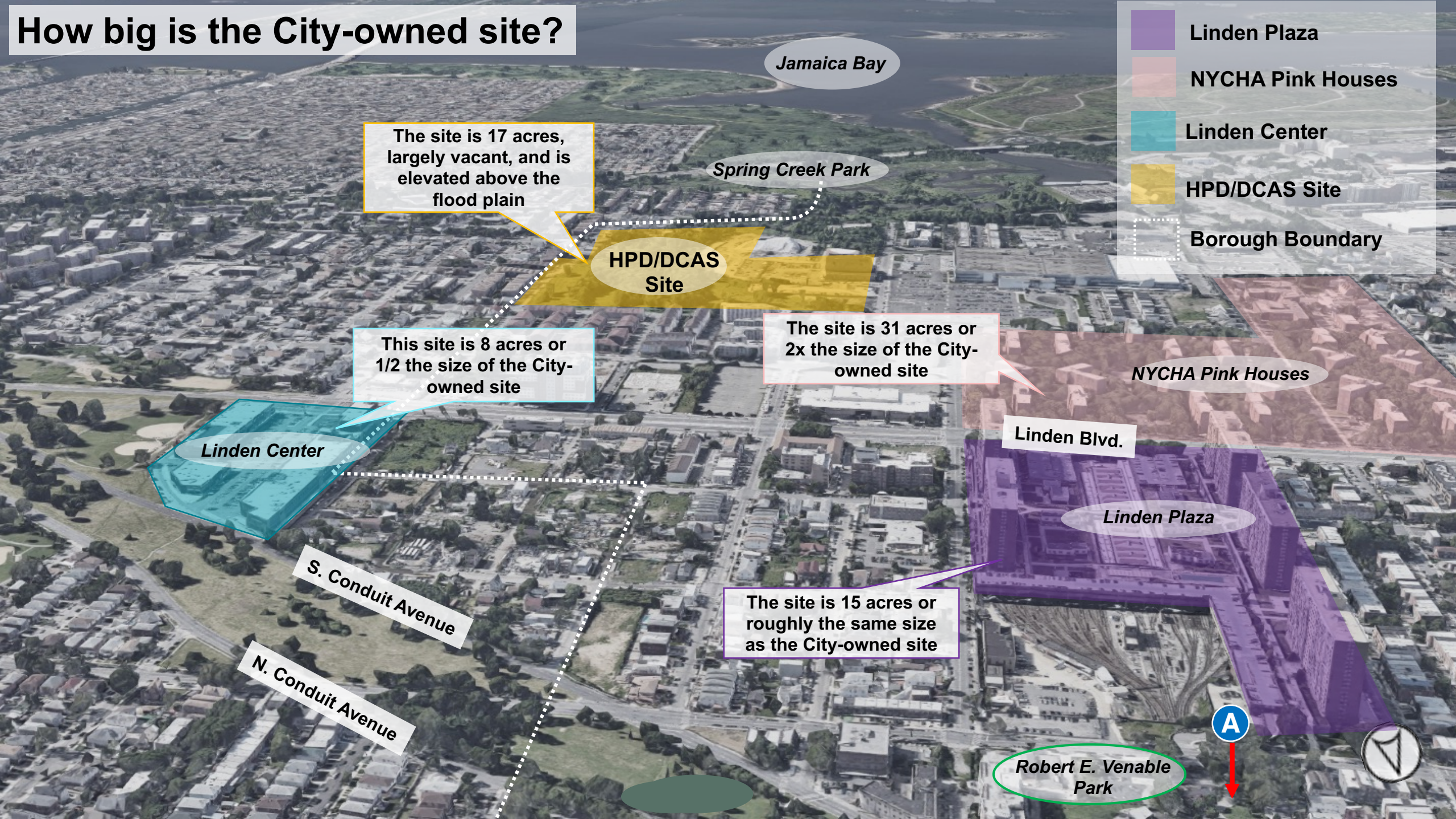


The large City-owned site located two blocks south of Linden Boulevard.



Looking south from 151st Street

How big is the City-owned site?



Jamaica Bay

Spring Creek Park

The site is 17 acres, largely vacant, and is elevated above the flood plain

HPD/DCAS Site

This site is 8 acres or 1/2 the size of the City-owned site

The site is 31 acres or 2x the size of the City-owned site

NYCHA Pink Houses

Linden Center

Linden Blvd.

Linden Plaza

S. Conduit Avenue

N. Conduit Avenue

The site is 15 acres or roughly the same size as the City-owned site




Robert E. Venable Park

- Linden Plaza
- NYCHA Pink Houses
- Linden Center
- HPD/DCAS Site
- Borough Boundary

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Desired Outcomes: HPD Site

-  The Jewel Streets
-  HPD/DCAS Site
-  Borough Boundary

Jamaica Bay

Spring Creek Park

Explore possibility of green infrastructure and other stormwater management strategies to reduce flooding

Possible addition of affordable housing and retail

HPD/DCAS Site

Foster creation of new jobs

Linden Blvd.

S. Conduit Avenue

N. Conduit Avenue

Robert E. Venable Park

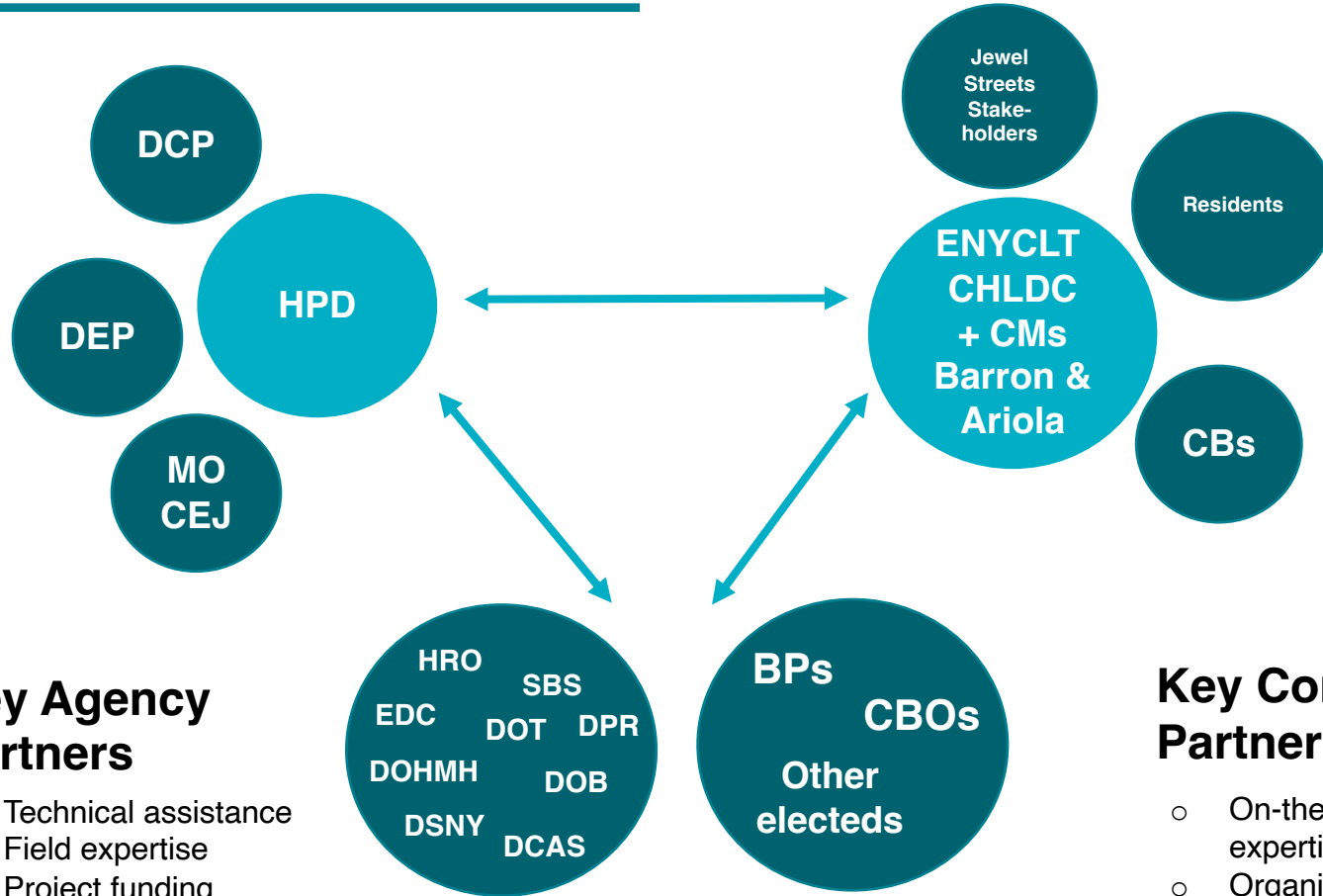


Where are we now?

Engagement Partners

Core Agency Team

- Plan workshops
- Lead working group discussions
- Invite participants



Key Agency Partners

- Technical assistance
- Field expertise
- Project funding

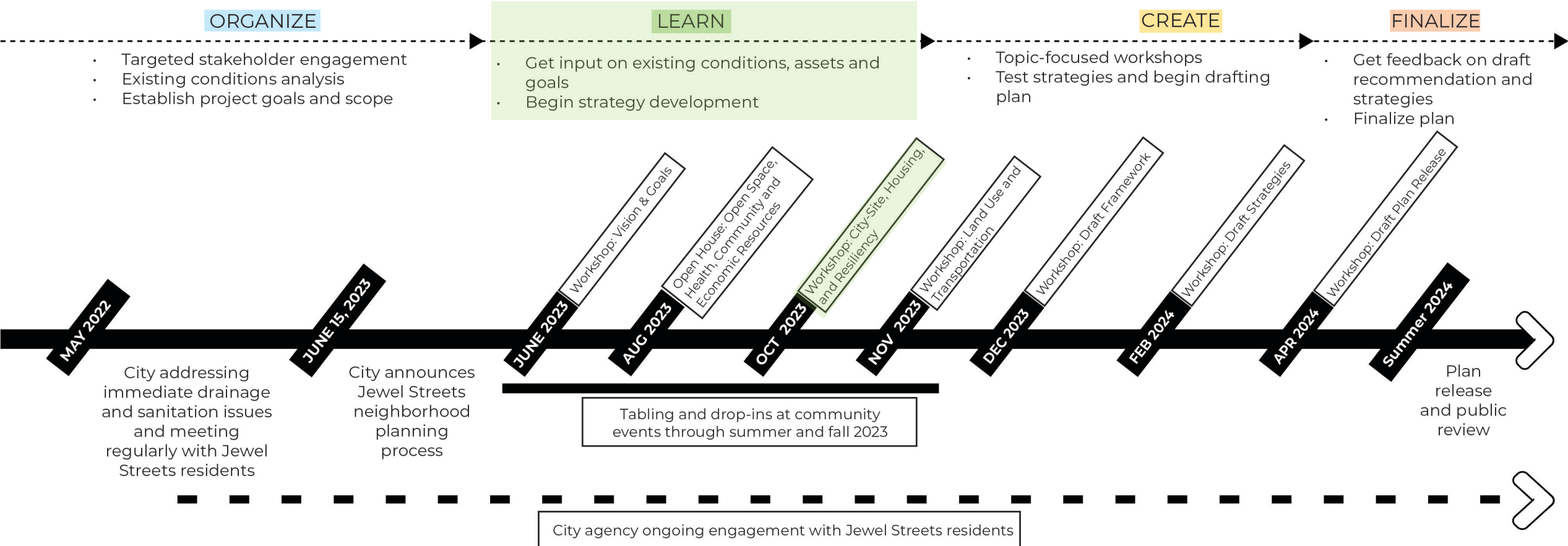
Core Community Partners

- Co-facilitate workshops
- Co-lead working group discussions
- Invite networks

Key Community Partners

- On-the-ground expertise
- Organized support

Planning Phases and Public Events



Workshop 3 Goals

Open House Boards: Flooding, Heat, and Hurricanes

- Get information about how to handle climate risks in your neighborhood
- Speak with agency experts about each topic and ask questions
- Learn about potential long-term strategies to address climate risks
- Let us know your thoughts!

Facilitated Conversations: Future of the City-Owned Site

- Help create a vision for the 17-acre site!
- Weigh in on pathways and connections, potential development, and open space



Next Steps

Ongoing

- Agencies to continue short-term neighborhood improvements to address flooding, sanitation

Future Engagement Opportunities

- **November** - Workshop 4: Land Use and Transportation

How to Stay Involved

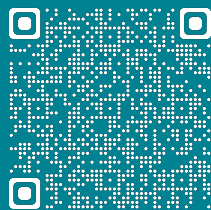
- Include your comments on the virtual comment map
- Sign up for our email list to find out about tabling events, virtual engagement opportunities, and other ways to stay involved!



Thank you!

Questions? Contact us!
JewelStreetsPlan@hpd.nyc.org

See more information



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damaged by recent flooding?**

Call 311

212-639-9675 for Video
Relay Service or TTY:
212-504-4115

ReportDamage.nyc.gov



Appendix
