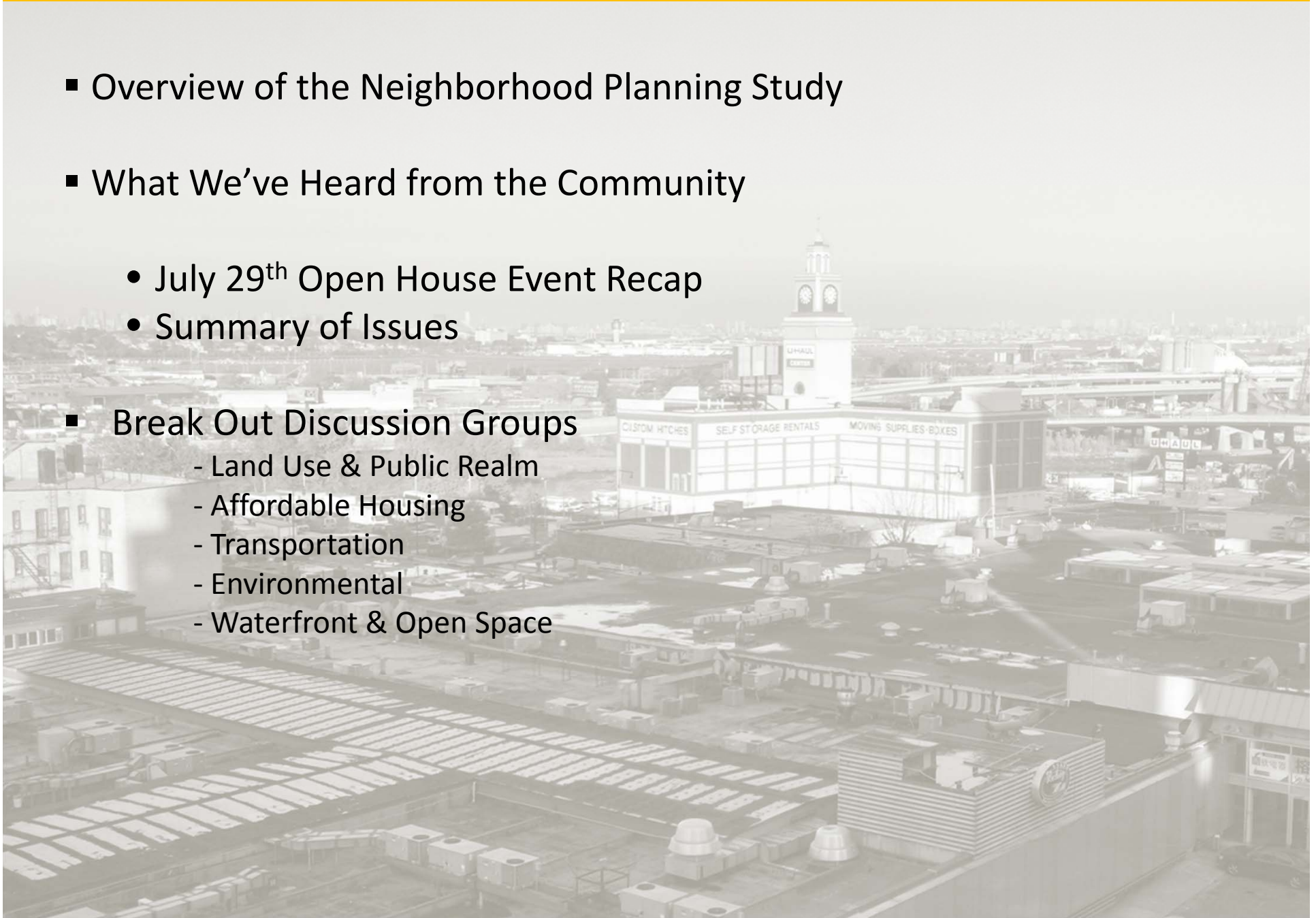


FLUSHING WEST

*3rd Public Open House Meeting
Thursday, August 20th 2015*



- Overview of the Neighborhood Planning Study
- What We've Heard from the Community
 - July 29th Open House Event Recap
 - Summary of Issues
- Break Out Discussion Groups
 - Land Use & Public Realm
 - Affordable Housing
 - Transportation
 - Environmental
 - Waterfront & Open Space

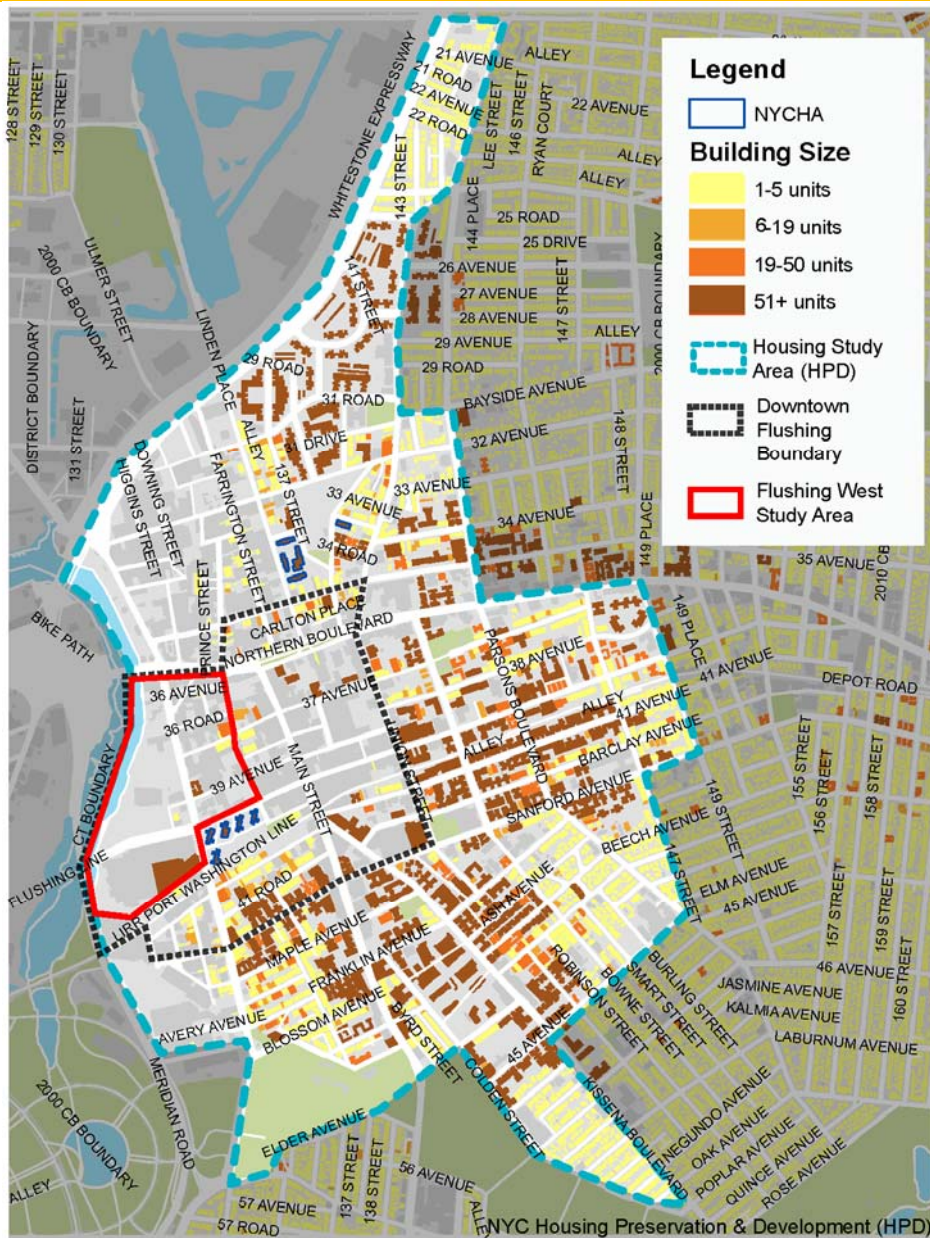


- **1998: Downtown Flushing Rezoning & Waterfront Access Plan**
- **2004: Downtown Flushing Framework** with EDC/DCP/community which led to Flushing Commons & Macedonia Plaza projects
- **2011: Flushing Willets Point Corona LDC** received \$1.5 M Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) grant to develop a Master Plan and redevelopment strategy for 30+ acres along Flushing Creek
- **2014: DCP** agreed to work with the LDC to complete BOA Report and revise the study to foster affordable housing and economic opportunities
- **2015: DCP** launched **Flushing West Neighborhood Planning Study**; conducted outreach; stakeholder groups formed; and held **Flushing Town Hall** meeting on May 21st to publicly introduce the study

4 Key Components for the Neighborhood Plan:

1. Includes a zoning component for the waterfront area which will incorporate mandatory affordable housing requirements in any proposed zoning change
2. Includes a broad housing strategy component that will support the existing affordable housing supply
3. Includes an economic development component to support business and workforce needs
4. Will assess city services & identify key capital projects to create a more livable neighborhood

FLUSHING WEST FOCUS AREAS

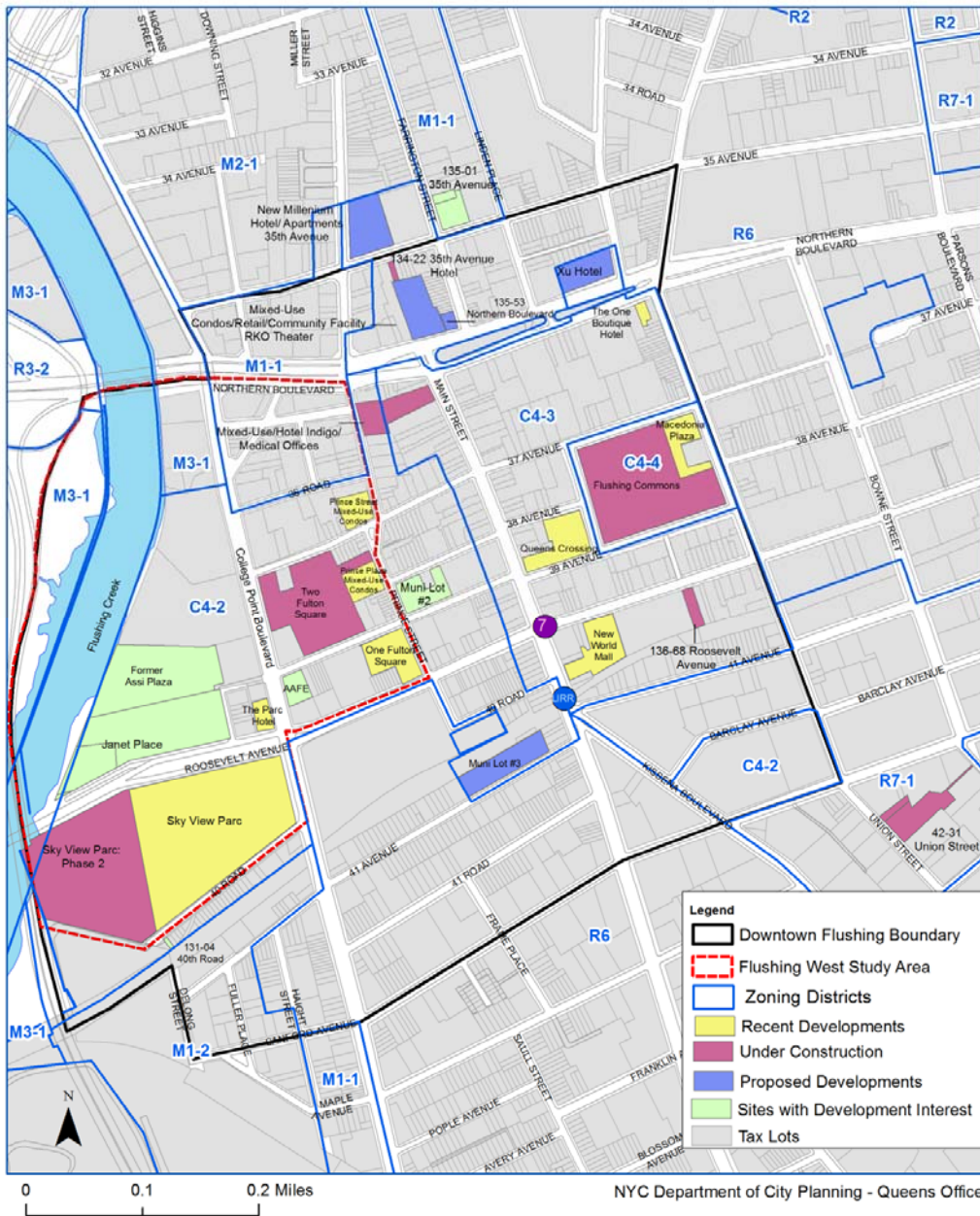


- Zoning Study Area
- Neighborhood Area
- Housing Area



*Housing Study Area boundaries have been modified per feedback from the July 29th public workshop

RECENT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENTS



Parc Hotel - 2014 (12-story hotel; 15 parking spaces)



One Fulton Square - 2014 (9-story, Hotel; 3-stories w retail, office, Medical offices; 12-story condo complex; 300 parking spaces)

- Existing C4-2 zoning regulations cover most of the Study Area and may produce towers set back from the street on low base portions
- Variable maximum FAR's for different uses currently favors select commercial development— such as hotels— over housing
- Current parking regulations also favors certain types of commercial development



Image: NYC DCP

- Facilitate a **community-based planning process** to support policy changes that will shape a more livable neighborhood
- Leverage strong real estate market forces to create **opportunities for requiring affordable housing, as well as preserve existing affordable housing**
- **Encourage walkability** by extending the vibrant downtown area to the waterfront, and create opportunities for **new open space**
- Support the existing and growing immigrant and small business culture by **providing economic opportunities**
- Align investments in **infrastructure and services** to support current demands and future growth

FLUSHING WEST PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW

May-Sept 2015

- **May 21st 1st Public Open House: Study Information**
- **July 29th 2nd Public Open House: Listen, learn and discuss issues and needs**
- **Aug 20th 3rd Public Open House: Report back & roundtable discussions**
- **Mid Sept 4th Public Open House: Further assessment of issues & roundtable discussions**

Oct-Dec 2015

- **5th Public Event- share preliminary draft zoning recommendations & roundtable discussions to refine strategies**
- **Public Scoping Meeting to explain analyses on Environmental Impact Statement**

Jan-Dec 2016

- **6th Public Open House: Share final draft zoning recommendations & draft capital planning projects & draft affordable housing strategy**
- **Public Review Session/ULURP Final Neighborhood Plan**
- **CB7 Public Hearing**
- **BP Public Hearing**
- **City Planning Commission Public Hearing**
- **City Council Public Hearing**

Continued community engagement

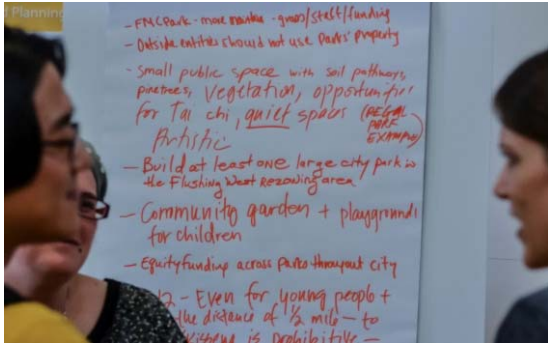


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WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY



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80+ participants
11 agencies
4 community groups

WHAT DID WE HEAR? AFFORDABLE HOUSING



FLUSHING WEST Neighborhood Planning Study

Next Steps: Comments & Feedback

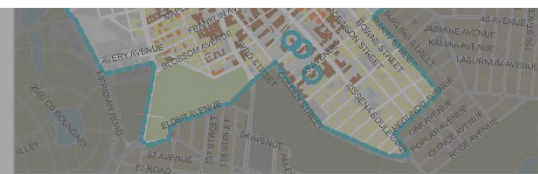
Where are new residents moving in your neighborhood?



- Create opportunities for new permanent affordable housing
- Prevent housing discrimination & displacement
- Provide housing targeted to Flushing income levels including very low income senior housing



What do you consider the boundaries of Flushing?



Please write additional comments on the map!



NYC Department of Transportation

About NYC DOT

DOT's mission is to provide for the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of people and goods in the City of New York and to maintain and enhance the transportation infrastructure crucial to the economic vitality and quality of life of our primary customers, City residents.

- Provide safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of pedestrians, goods, and vehicular traffic on the streets,

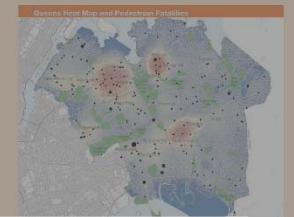
Vision Zero: Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

The **Downtown Flushing Mobility and Safety Improvement Project** (2010), which focused on the holistic improvement of pedestrian and vehicular circulation across the study area, resulted in a number of safety improvements, including:

- Bollard-protected curbs and sidewalk extensions at high volume pedestrian corridors
- Banned turns and modified signal timing at multiple intersections

This project paved the way to establish an improved road network that aligns with goals outlined in the **Vision Zero: Pedestrian Safety Action Plan** for Queens (2015).

Vision Zero uses Downtown Flushing as a case study, due to the dense concentration of pedestrian KSI crashes. Between



- Improve the sidewalks & streets for pedestrian safety and better traffic flow
- Improve bus service and bus congestion along the streets
- Improve pedestrian access to the waterfront including better biking opportunities & rail access
- Study and “fix” congestion at College Point Blvd. & Roosevelt Av.



between Kissena Boulevard/41st Avenue and Northern Boulevard.



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WHAT DID WE HEAR? OPEN SPACE

Planning

- FMC Park - more maintenance - grass/street/funding
- Outside entities should not use Parks' property
- Small public space with soil pathways, planters, vegetation, opportunity for Tai chi, quiet spaces (REGAL PARK EXAMPLE) Artistic
- Build at least one large city park in the Flushing West rezoning area
- Community garden + playgrounds for children

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

NYC Parks

About NYC Parks

NYC Parks is the steward of approximately 29,000 acres of land – 14 percent of New York City – including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets.

We operate more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds, 550 tennis courts, 66 public pools, 48 recreational facilities, 17 nature centers, 13 self-government facilities, and 14...

Parks in Walking Distance

Legend

- Walking Study Area
- Community - Walking Boundary
- 0.5 Mile Radius
- 0.25 Mile Radius
- Existing Open Space
- Tax District
- LIHTC
- Subway

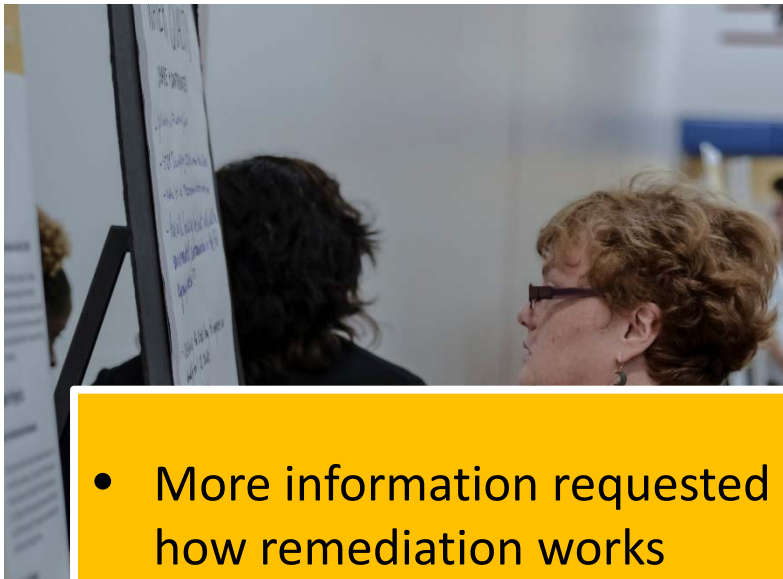
- More accessible parks within walking distance
- Hard to get to Flushing Meadows Corona Park; Unsure what amenities currently exist there
- Support community gardens and small parks targeted to seniors and children
- Plant more street trees and improve waterfront access

898 Acres in Flushing Meadows/Corona Park

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PLACES

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NYC Office of Environmental Remediation

About NYC OER

The New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) is a team of about 15 scientists and engineers established to design, build and operate a set of world-class municipal programs to advance cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites.

After cleanup is complete, redevelopment of these properties promotes economic development and neighborhood vitality. Since

What is a "brownfield"?

Brownfields are properties where environmental contamination impedes redevelopment. Brownfields are often abandoned, closed, or under-used industrial or commercial facilities, such as an abandoned factory, former gas station, or a site leveled off with fill of unknown origin.

One Fulton Square: Before Construction



- More information requested on brownfield cleanup and explanation on how remediation works
- Improve shoreline conditions and water quality of Flushing Creek
- Dredge the creek to reduce smell



In sum, OER takes some of the most blighted properties in some of our most disadvantaged neighborhoods, cleans them up and makes them safer, and enables new development that brings new jobs and affordable housing right where it is needed most.

One Fulton Square: Rendering



WHAT DID WE HEAR? BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



careers
businesses
neighborhoods

NYC Small Business Services

About SBS

The Department of Small Business Services (SBS) makes it easier for businesses in New York City to form, do business, and grow by providing direct assistance to business owners, fostering neighborhood development in commercial districts, and linking employers to a skilled and qualified workforce.

NYC Business Acceleration

NYC Business Acceleration is a free, one-stop shop service to help entrepreneurs navigate government requirements when they are opening or during operations. The services include opening or expanding a business faster and with more ease, operating more smoothly and with fewer challenges and assistance in recovery after a disaster.

Workforce1

Workforce1 is a service provided by the NYC Department of Small Business Services that prepares and connects qualified candidates to job opportunities throughout New York City.

Workforce1 makes strong matches for both candidates and employers utilizing a demand-driven model that implements a unique blend of knowledge, experience, and resources.

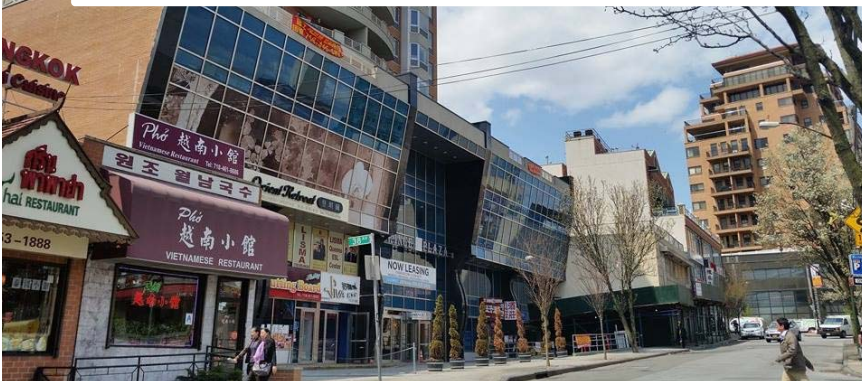
knowledge, experience, and resources.

with Workforce1 is able to help them find the right employer and job.

Center is located in Queens, making it easy to walk to. The center is open five days a week.

Workforce1

- Protect small business owners from being displaced due to increasing commercial rents
- Create a NYC Business Solutions Center in Downtown Flushing
- Support incubator spaces for entrepreneurs



Through the Immigrant Business Initiative, SBS delivers services in Spanish, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Russian and Korean, in partnership with multiple community organizations, including Renaissance Economic Development Corporation.

building programs that provide workshops and mentoring designed to strengthen business operations, assistance with obtaining bonding, teaming through networking events and access to City and private sector contracting opportunities.

181 Course instances completed by immigrant entrepreneurs

37 Certified Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

12 Entrepreneurs and business owners connected to free business courses

142 Contracts awarded to Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

69 Businesses provided services by Flushing Workforce1 Center

Neighborhood Development Division

The Neighborhood Development Division (NDD) supports community-based economic development organizations to create the local conditions under which local businesses, jobseekers, and communities can grow and thrive.

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- **5 Table Discussions by Topic/ 15 min each topic**
- **Stay seated/ 5 min warning/ sessions end by whistle**
 - Land Use & Public Realm
 - Affordable Housing
 - Transportation
 - Environmental
 - Waterfront & Open Space
- **Topics focus on the built environment**
- **5 minutes at the end/ 1 spokesperson at each table reports back to whole group what the main takeaway was**



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