

**PROMOTING FLOOD
RESILIENCE, PRESERVING
AFFORDABILITY**

**EAST VILLAGE | LOWER EAST
SIDE | TWO BRIDGES**



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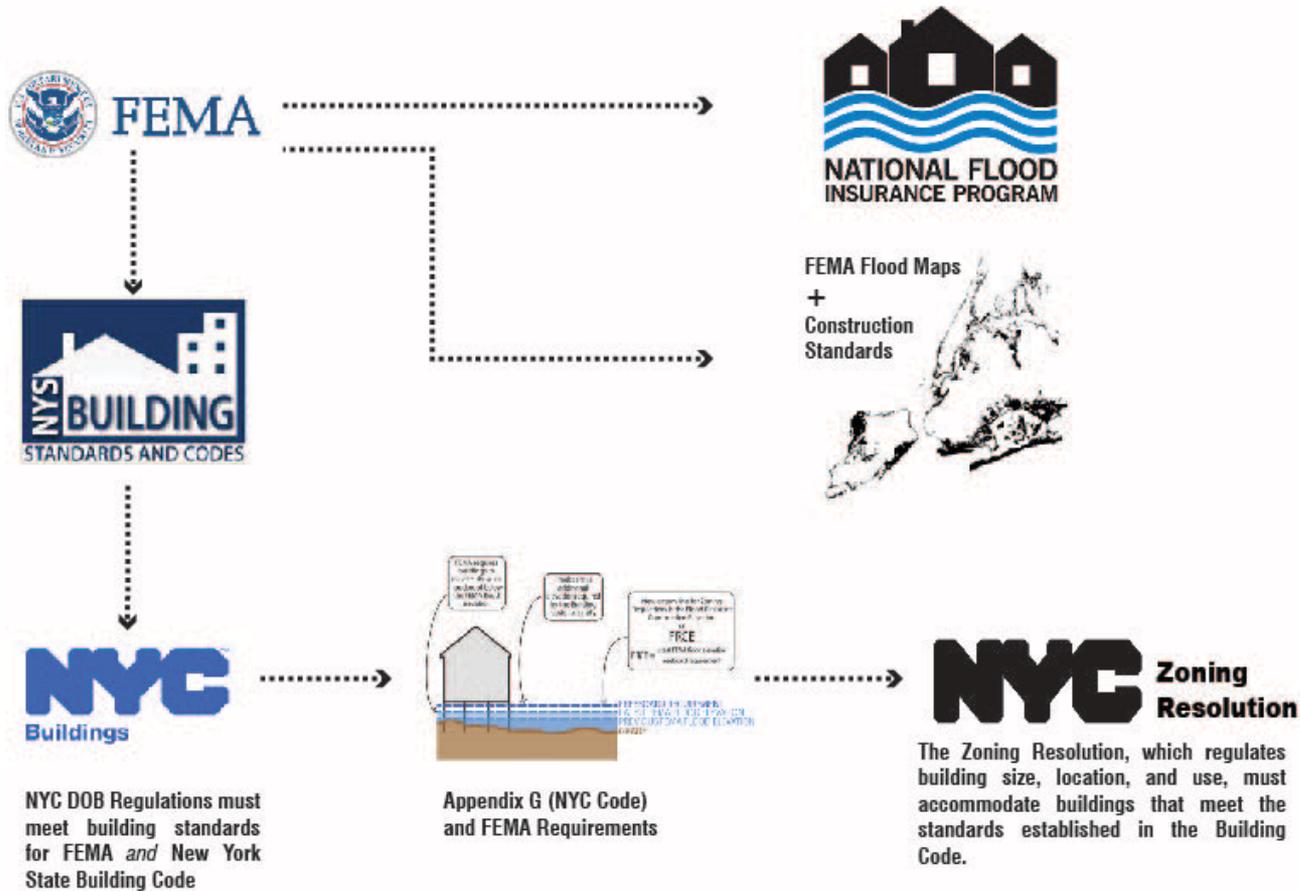
AGENDA

- 1) NYC Resiliency Overview
- 2) DCP Resilient Neighborhoods Initiative
- 3) Study Overview
 - Study Area Context
 - Study Themes
 - Schedule



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RESILIENCY INITIATIVES FROM FEDERAL TO LOCAL LEVEL



NYC Resiliency Challenges

- Wholesale retreat is not an option for NYC.
- A lesson from Sandy: Buildings can be protected if built to contemporary code standards.
- Changes to flood maps and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) pose a new economic challenge.

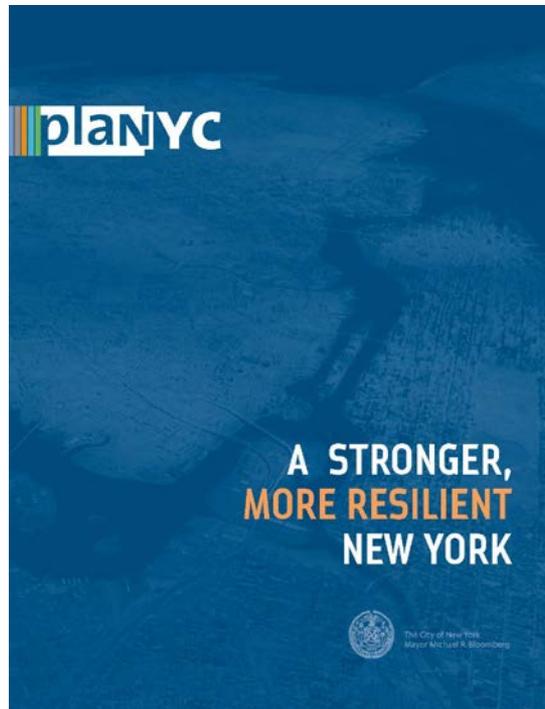
100-Year Flood Zone	
Residents	400,000
Jobs	271,000
Buildings	71,500
1-4 Family	53,000
Floor Area (sq ft.)	532,000,000

* Numbers are rounded for clarity

NYC is taking a multi-layered approach to resiliency, or the ability to recover from a storm.

A Stronger, More Resilient New York

The City's plan to build resiliency and make all New Yorkers safer is a multi-layered approach that is ambitious, achievable, and based on the best available science.



Strengthen coastal defenses

- Complete existing USACE coastal risk reduction projects
- Expand natural protections and other innovative measures

Upgrade buildings

- Amend the building code to strengthen new construction
- Incent investments in existing buildings

Protect infrastructure and services

- Harden critical assets and supply chains
- Expand natural infrastructure systems

Make neighborhoods safer and more vibrant

- Advocate for flood insurance affordability
- Address underlying challenges during the rebuilding process

The City's 257 initiatives comprise a **comprehensive plan** to reduce the risk of extreme weather and climate change. This innovative plan includes funding, an implementation schedule, and **can be achieved over the next ten years.**

Purpose

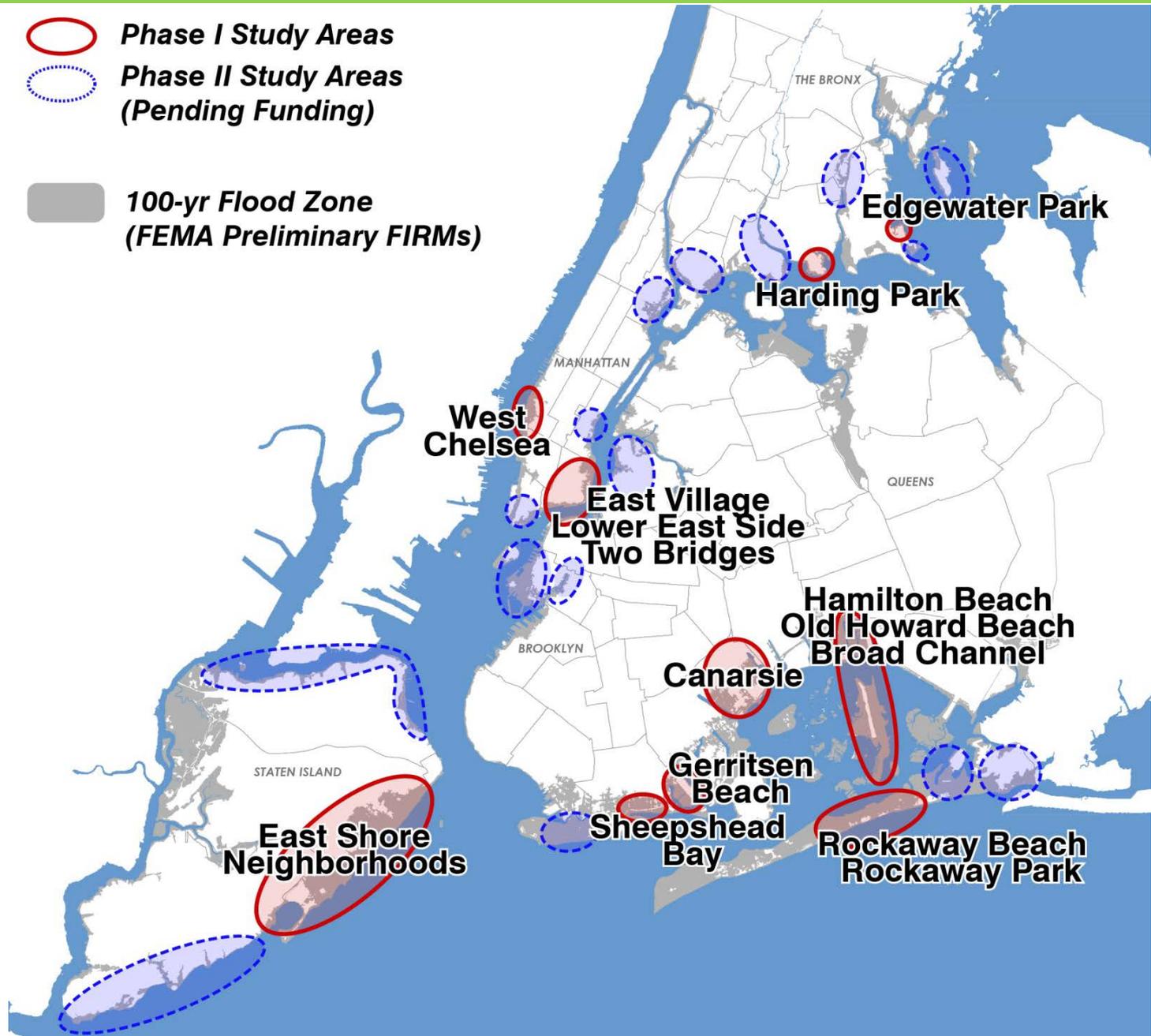
Work with communities to identify changes to zoning, land use, and other actions that support the vitality of neighborhoods and help residents and businesses withstand and recover quickly from future storms and other climate events.

Make every community better than it was before Hurricane Sandy

Overall Planning Goals

- 1 Reduce risks from natural hazards such as flooding and coastal storms.**
- 2 Foster economically and socially-vibrant communities that are able to adapt to changing conditions.**
- 3 Coordinate land use planning with rebuilding activities and infrastructure investment.**

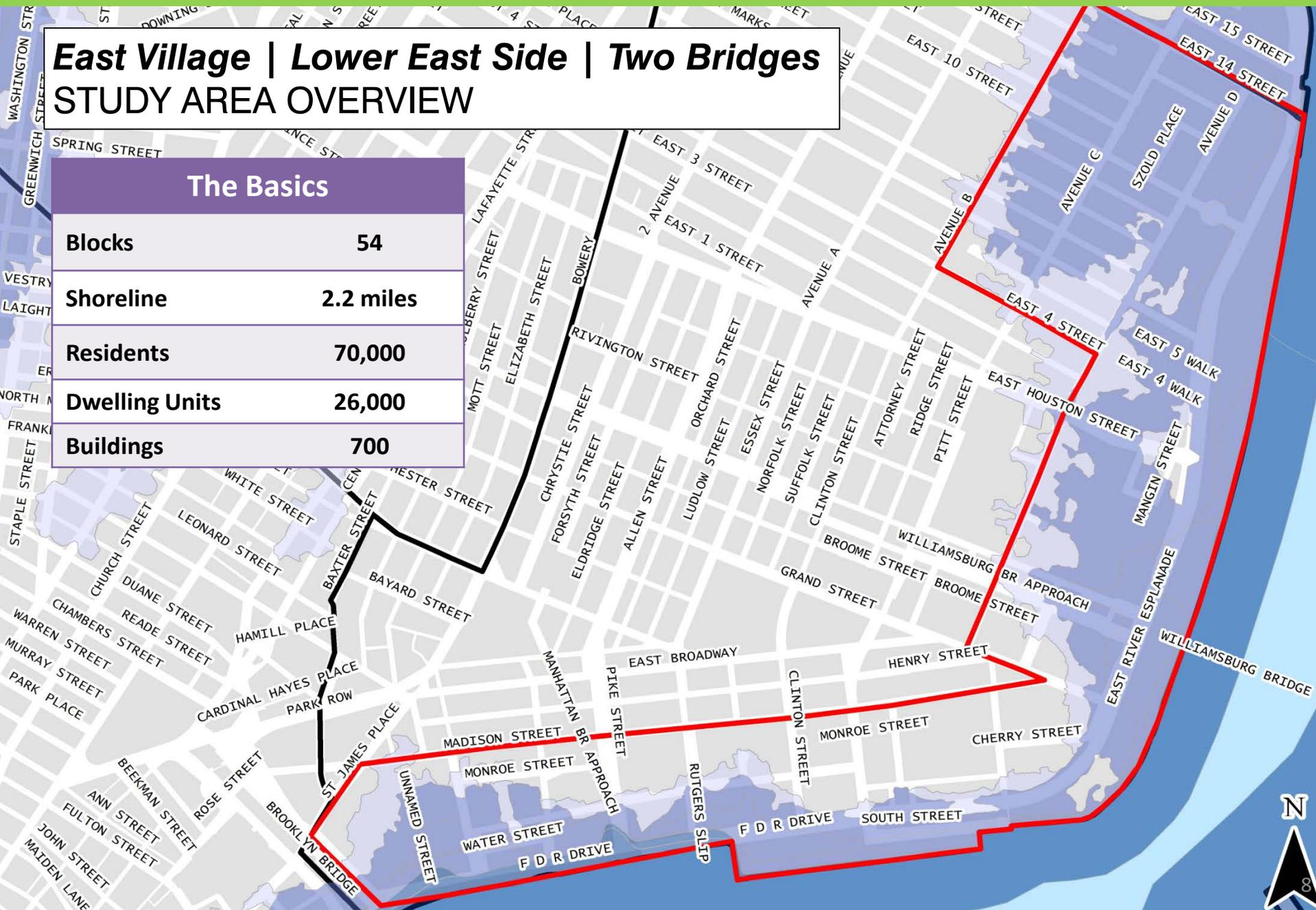
-  Phase I Study Areas
-  Phase II Study Areas (Pending Funding)
-  100-yr Flood Zone (FEMA Preliminary FIRMs)



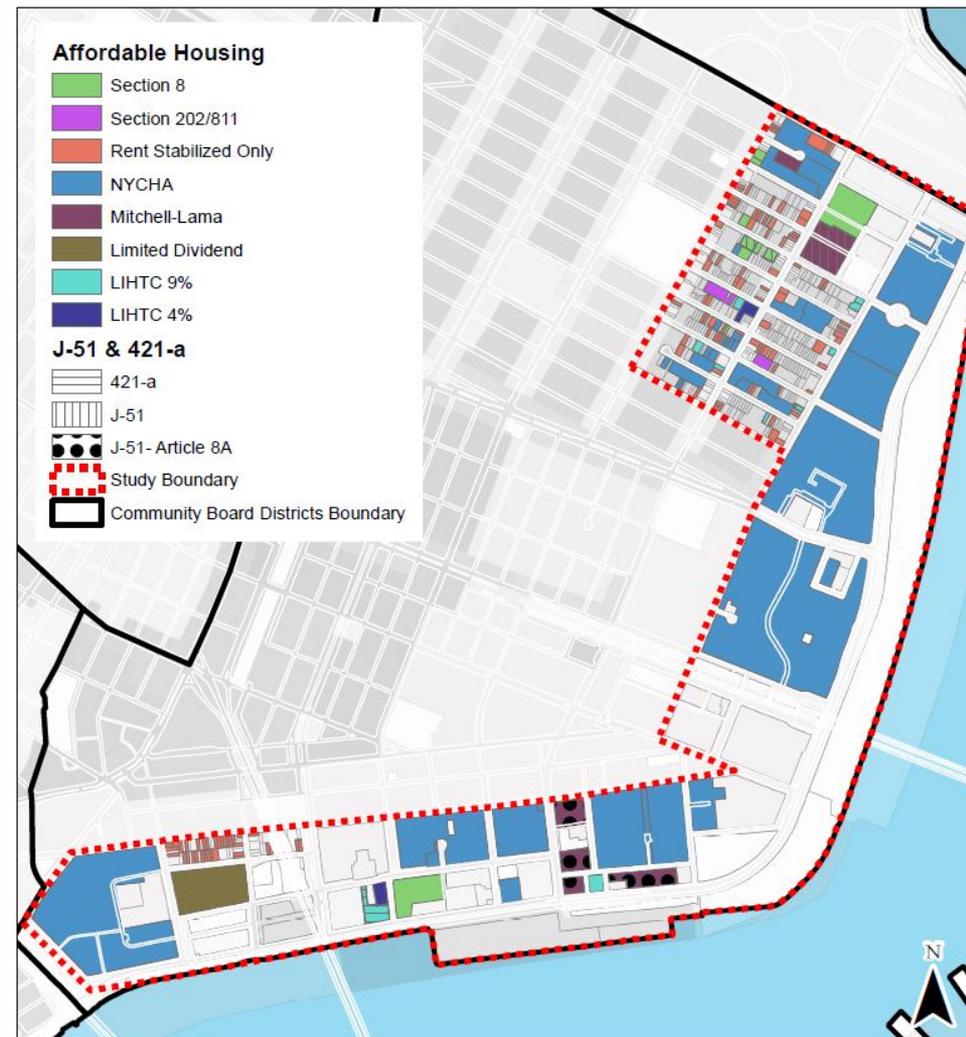
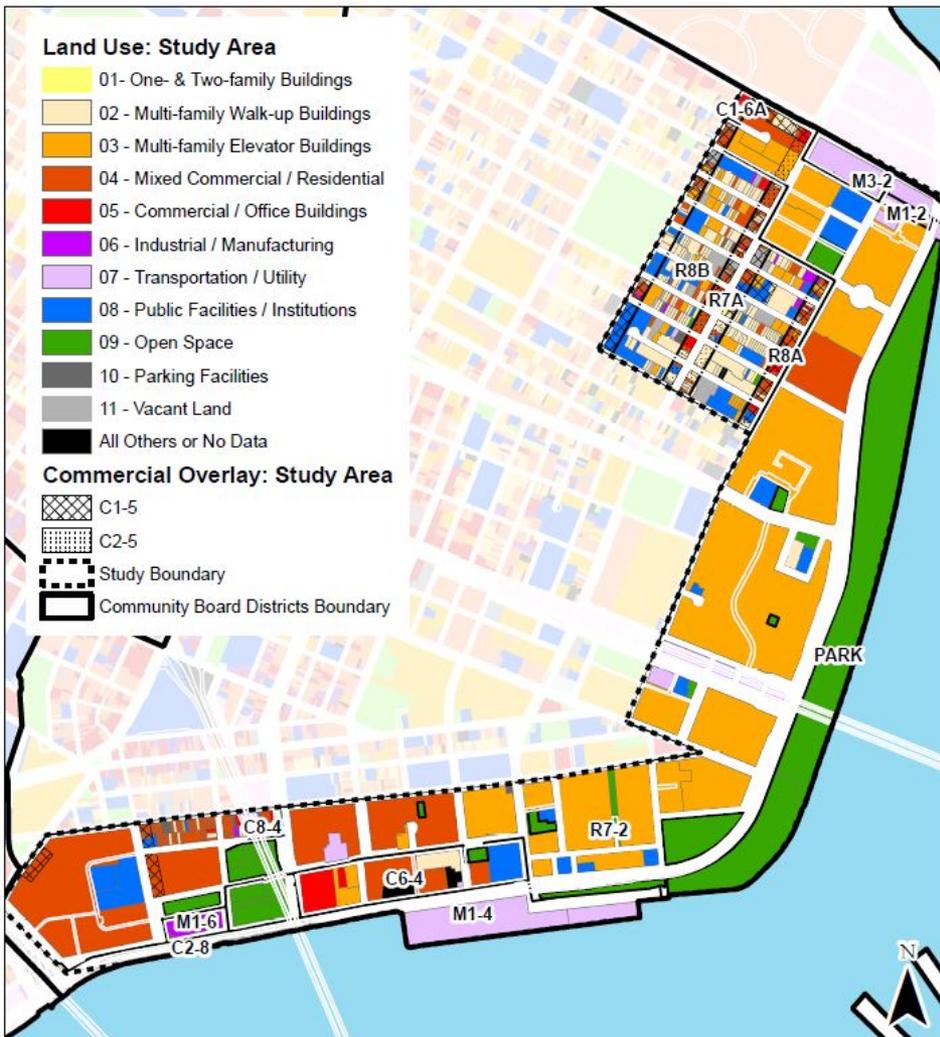
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The Basics

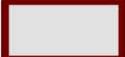
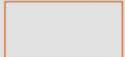
Blocks	54
Shoreline	2.2 miles
Residents	70,000
Dwelling Units	26,000
Buildings	700

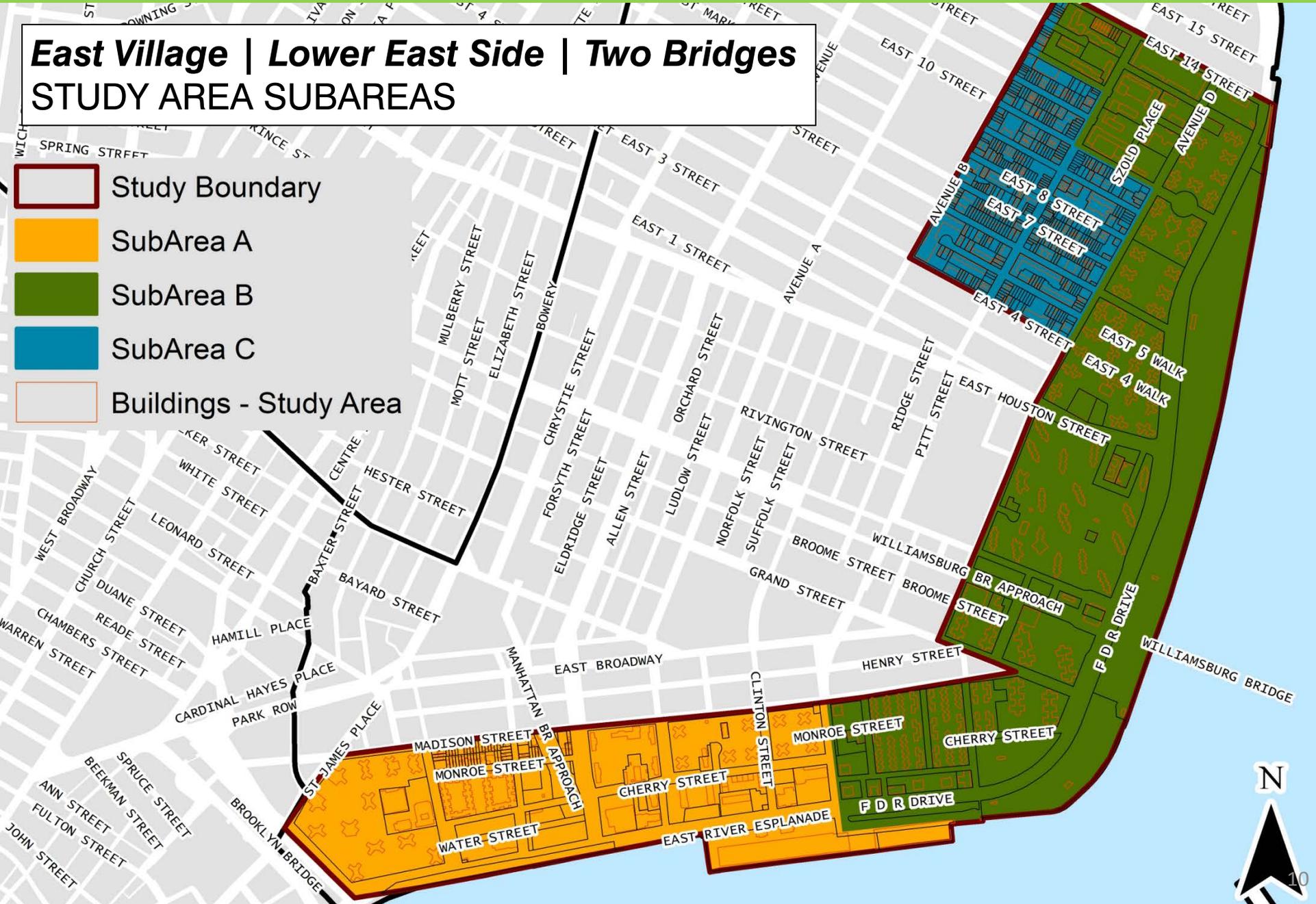


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-  Study Boundary
-  SubArea A
-  SubArea B
-  SubArea C
-  Buildings - Study Area



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WHAT'S BENEATH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Range throughout study area:

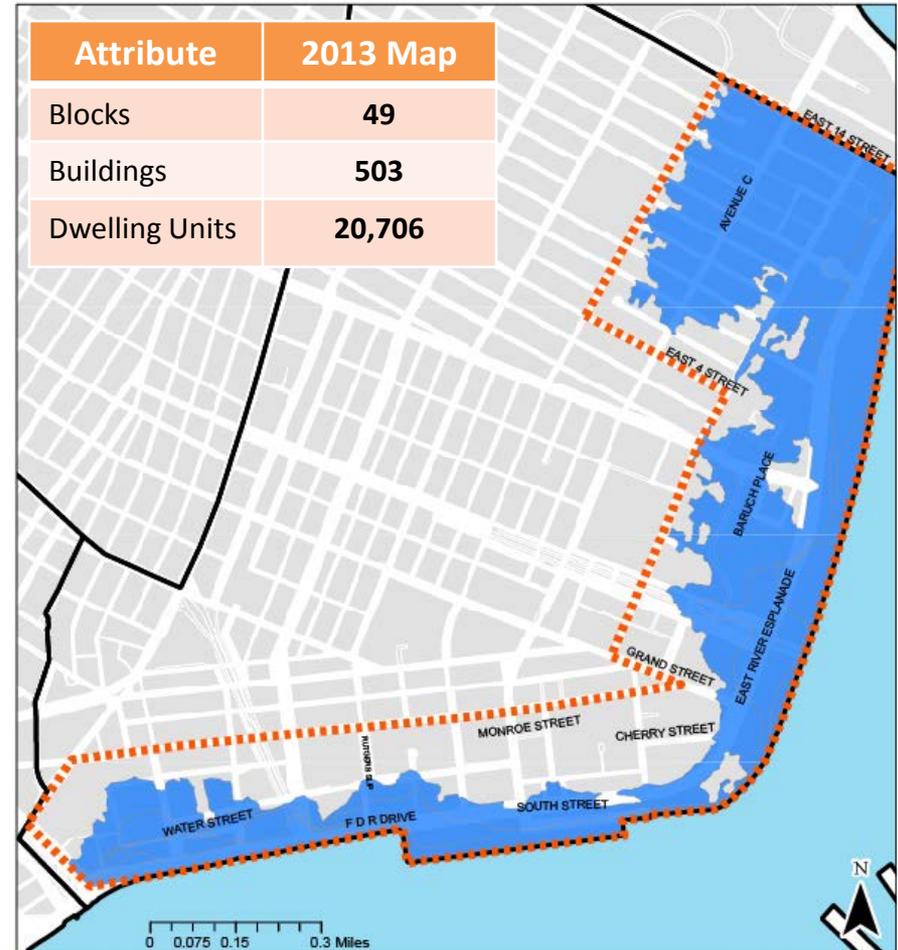
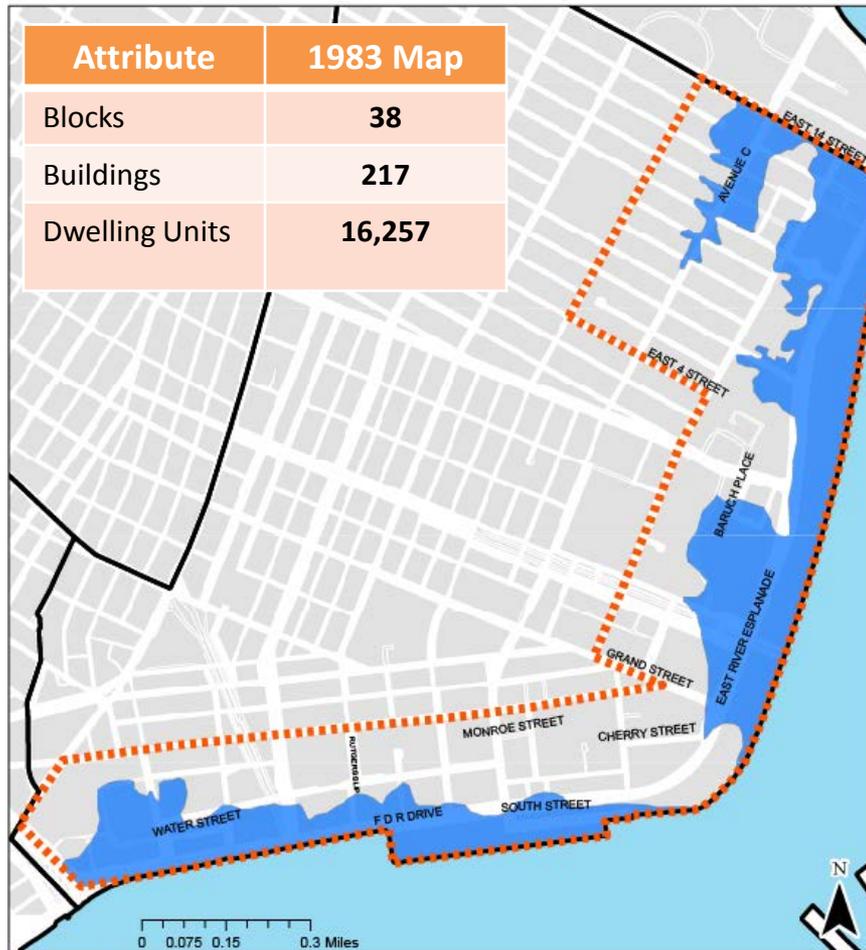
Below 5' to Over 20'

- Much of the study area is low-lying
- Most of the study area has a ground elevation ***below*** 10 feet



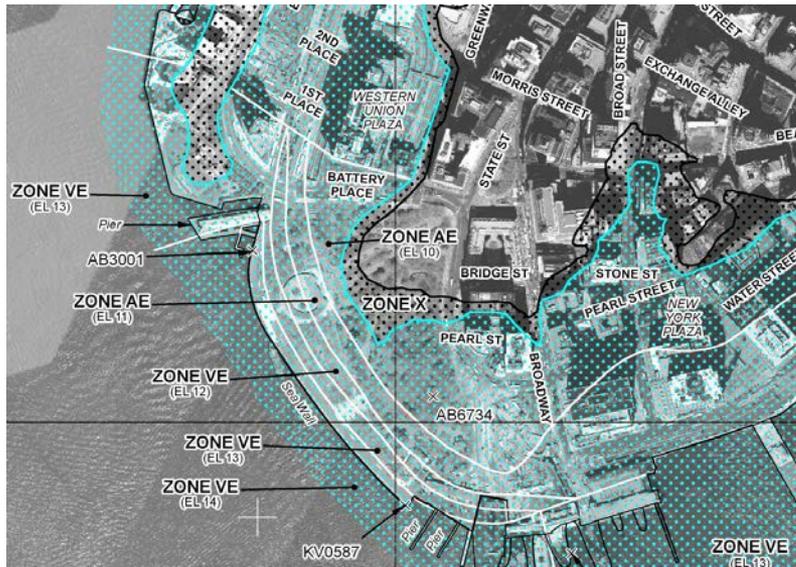
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HOW MUCH HAVE FLOOD ZONE BOUNDARIES CHANGED?

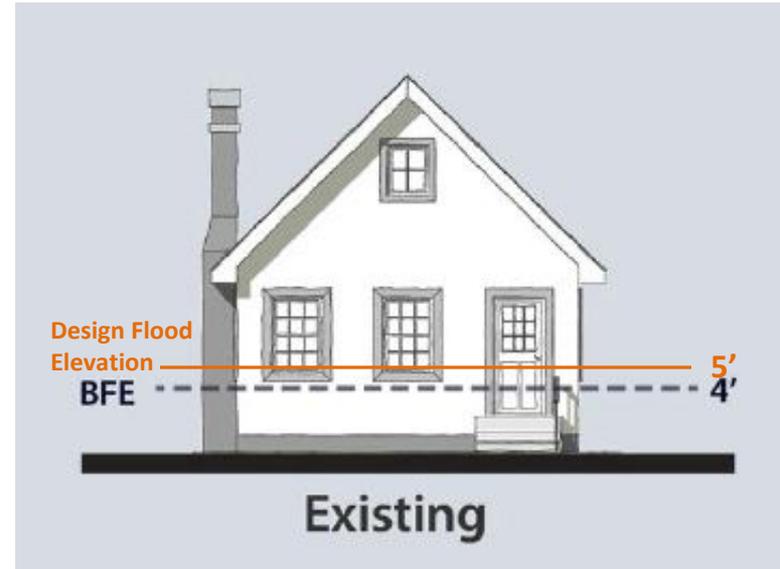


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KEY FUNCTIONS OF FEMA MAPS



An example of the FIRM for Lower Manhattan



Source: New York City Economic Development Corporation

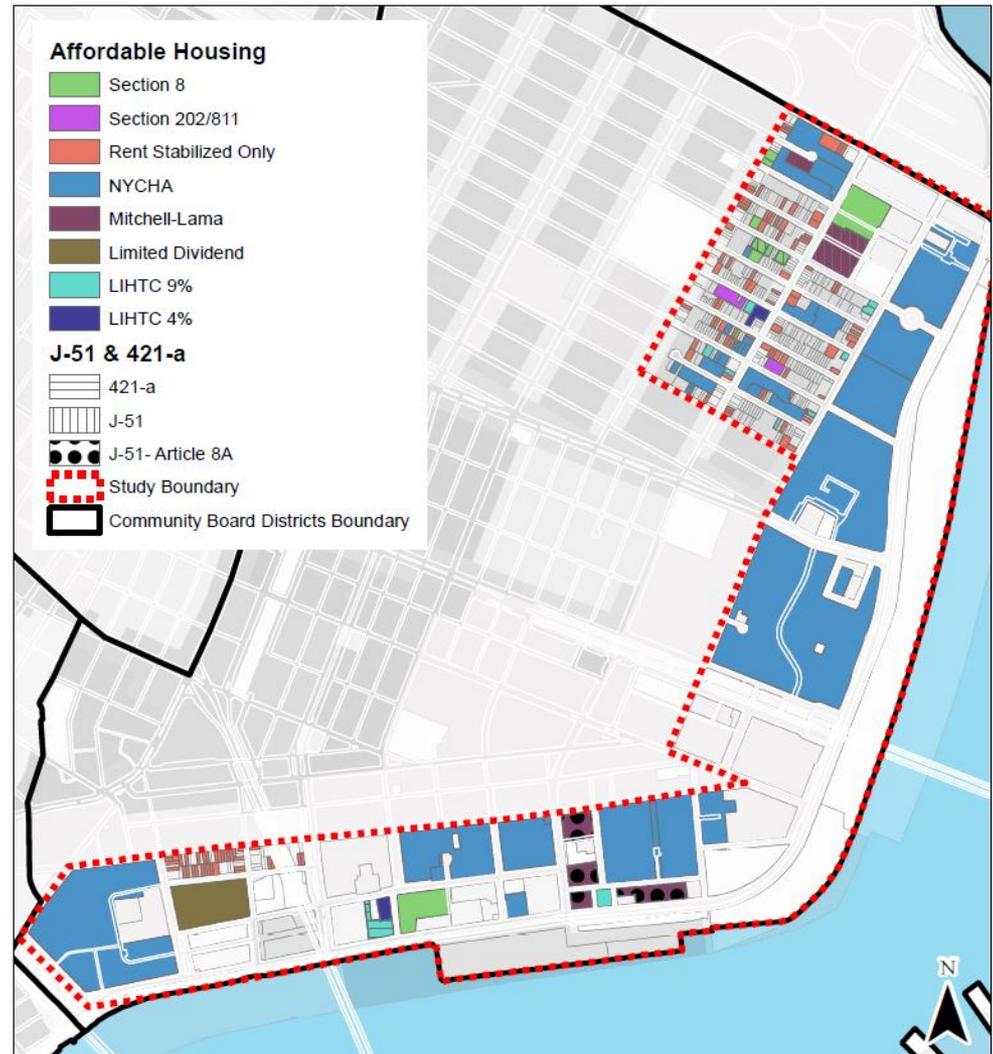
- Developed as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Basis for understanding current flood risk
- Inform building code standards

NYC's first FIRMs were issued in 1983

- 1983 maps based on outdated topography and weather data
- Post Hurricane Sandy FEMA issues PWMs
- FIRMs to be adopted 2016

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- Fixed income
- Aging in place
- Limited mobility
- Deep-rooted
- Affordable housing is a key asset



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To Be Studied

- Insurance and retrofitting costs for multi-family affordable housing developments
- Retrofitting options for multi-family affordable housing developments
- Identification of zoning modifications to support retrofits



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To Be Studied

- Insurance and retrofitting costs for local retail
- Retrofitting options for local retail
- Identification of zoning modifications to support access to local retail



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Initiatives

- Rebuild by Design
- New York Rising
- LESReady!
- City Agencies



THE BIG "U"

**REBUILD
BY
DESIGN**

BIG TEAM

one STARR WHITEHOUSE
jamesLIMA level Buro Happold
Green Shield Ecology Project Projects
SCHOOL OF CONSTRUCTED ENVIRONMENTS PARSONS THE NEW SCHOOL



Schedule

