

Resilient Edgemere Community Planning Initiative Workshop 4 | Compiled Comments from Sept. 24, 2016

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Introduction

At the fourth workshop the City presented the community vision for the future of Edgemere. The City highlighted specific projects based on the community goals and strategies that emerged from previous community workshops and engagement opportunities. Below is the feedback from the participants of the fourth community workshop, organized by the four main goals informing the final plan for a Resilient Edgemere. The number after each comment indicates the number of people who felt it was a priority.

Open Space, Coastal Protection, and Neighborhood Ecology

Goal: Protect the Neighborhood from Flooding

With the aim to reduce flooding, new projects will increase coastal protection in high risk areas and improve neighborhood amenities, for example, the reconstructed Rockaway Beach Boardwalk. Feedback for this goal includes:

- Plant mosquito repellent plants such as eucalyptus and lemongrass (4)
- Ensure new homes have roof access for emergencies such as heavy rain or snow (4)
- Reinforce storm sewer system to reduce the risk of flooding during large storms (3)
- Raise the elevation of Beach Channel Drive so that the emergency route remains accessible in emergencies (1)
- Allow space for community gardens (1)

Land Use and Neighborhood Character

Goal: Create Resilient Housing and Maintain Neighborhood Character

In order to conserve the character of the community, strategies to create a more resilient Edgemere will be mindful of existing conditions. Feedback for this goal includes:

- Maintain low-density housing by building 1 and 2 family homes (7)
- Support the creation of market rate housing to promote economic diversity and encourage new businesses to open up in the community (3)
- Provide resources for local homeowners (2)

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Mobility and Access

Goal: Improve Streets and Transportation

To fulfill the need for better transportation, this goal focuses on improving the connectivity in the transportation including roads and public transit. Feedback on this goal includes:

- Expand the hours of operation and reliability for both bus and train routes (11)
- Implement designs such as speed bumps to reduce speeding on streets (5)
- Account for the growth of traffic and already limited parking upon building more housing (5)
- Narrowing of Beach Channel Drive makes travel difficult and poses a safety issue if residents have to leave due to severe weather (1)

Neighborhood Services and Amenities

Goal: Increase Neighborhood Amenities

In order to improve the quality of life in the community, there is a need to bring greater amenities to the neighborhood. Feedback on this goal includes:

- Provide public amenities such as more green space in the form of parks and a library (15)
- Bring stores that have an array of goods, particularly pharmacies to provide for the community's medical needs (13)
- Establish options for medical services such as doctors or a hospital within the community (11)
- Focus on bringing a quality supermarket to provide healthy food options (10)
- Support local business to ensure money stays within the community (2)
- Explore alternative site locations for a school within the community (1)