Gowanus is a neighborhood of diverse uses in Community Board 6 undergoing change and new development. Housing remains a critical issue for all New Yorkers, and NYC agencies are charged with promoting the construction, preservation, and sound management of affordable, high quality housing for low- and moderate-income families in thriving and diverse neighborhoods.

The **NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)** makes strategic investments that improve and strengthen neighborhoods and preserve the stability and affordability of its existing housing stock. The **NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA)** provides low- and moderate-income New Yorkers with safe, affordable housing through its housing stock and NYCHA-administered Section 8 vouchers.

### Key Initiatives

**Develop HPD-owned land**
- HPD works with a variety of public and private partners in the planning, design, and review of development on HPD-owned land. Public Place is an HPD-owned, six-acre brownfield located on the Gowanus Canal. In 2008, a four-developer team was chosen to develop the site with a proposal for mixed-income rental and homeownership units, open space, community facilities, and retail.

**Implement NYCHA NextGeneration Neighborhoods**
- NextGen Neighborhoods is a city-wide mixed-income “infill housing” plan. The City has identified Wyckoff Gardens as one of its NextGen Neighborhoods. The new housing built at Wyckoff Gardens will be divided into a 50/50 split of market-rate and affordable units, and revenue from the market-rate units will fund capital repairs in NYCHA buildings.

**Preserve the existing affordable housing stock**
- HPD’s loan products and tax incentives help building owners rehabilitate their properties and preserve housing quality and affordability.

**Protect existing tenants**
- HPD educates tenants and landlords on their rights and responsibilities; detects and curtails harassment through the Tenant Harassment Prevention Task Force; coordinates with fellow agencies to refer tenants to free legal services; and ensures the quality and safety of all housing in NYC.

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**Median Household Income**
The median household income in DCP’s Gowanus Context Area is higher than the rest of Brooklyn and NYC.

**Residential Units by Building Size**
Almost half of the building stock in Community Board 6 is composed of small buildings with fewer than six (6) units.

**Affordable Units Financed by Method and Plan**
Since 2003, HPD has financed the construction and preservation of over 1,330 units of affordable housing in Community Board 6.

**Residential Units by Regulatory Status**
Almost three-quarters (73%) of the housing stock is unregulated in Community Board 6.

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**What do YOU want to see? Give us your thoughts and suggestions!**