

# Housing

Support individuals and families to achieve economic stability, live in safe and healthy homes, and enjoy a sense of community that allows people of all different backgrounds to call Gowanus home.

## Advance affordable housing development on publicly-owned land

- On November 1, 2018, HPD, in collaboration with the designated development team and other City agencies, held a public workshop to re-engage the community and to update the vision for development on Public Place.
- HPD, DCP, DPR, and representatives from the designated development team led workshop participants through a series of activities including: a visioning exercise where participants discussed their ideas for the site and how to achieve them through tangible goals; a site plan activity where participants learned about updated site conditions and provided feedback on a draft site plan; an interactive building massing activity where participants used wooden blocks to envision future buildings on the site; and an open space activity with images of existing open spaces throughout the city for participants to discuss how they might or might not be applied on Public Place



Public Place Site

## Educate tenants about their rights and available resources to prevent displacement

- Throughout Gowanus and the surrounding area, the Tenant Support Unit (TSU) has been deployed to educate tenants about their rights and available resources to prevent displacement and harassment. Outreach specialists conduct door-to-door outreach to inform tenants of their rights, identify any housing-related issues and connect tenants with a range of resources, such as emergency repairs and the Human Resources Administration's (HRA) free legal services.
- As of January 2019, TSU specialists have knocked on over 4,100 doors, made over 1,280 calls, and assisted over 320 tenants in Gowanus and the surrounding neighborhoods (zip codes 11215, 11217, and 11231, which covers parts of Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens and Park Slope).

## NEW! Educate and engage residents on fair housing issues

- On December 4, 2018, HPD and stakeholders held a public meeting on fair housing to facilitate a dialogue about the neighborhood's history and how ongoing planning processes – including Bridging Gowanus, the Gowanus Neighborhood Study, and the District 15 Diversity Plan – can actively work to promote fair housing, inclusion, and access to opportunity for all residents. During the meeting,
- HPD presented on Where We Live NYC, the City's collaborative fair housing planning process, and provided historical background on how Gowanus has been shaped by fair housing issues. See the updates on ongoing engagement board for an overview of the meeting.

# NYCHA

Support NYCHA residents and to strengthen the Gowanus Houses, Wyckoff Gardens and Warren Street Houses NYCHA communities through better integrating them with the Gowanus neighborhood through improved physical, social and economic connections to other neighborhood resources.

## Gowanus Houses Community Center



- In 2017, the Mayor pledged to add additional funds to renovate and reopen the Gowanus Houses Community Center. The Community Center will be operated in partnership with DYCD as a Cornerstone Program to provide engaging, high-quality, year-round programs for young people and adults. The administration has committed to provide \$4 million in funding for the project and is putting together a plan to meet with local stakeholders about programming, prior to the renovations being completed.

## NEW! - Latest Physical Needs Assessment Info

- NYCHA's Physical Needs Assessment is an accounting of the short-term and long-term capital needs, including apartment, architectural, electrical, mechanical, and site needs for each development. These estimates help inform the capital planning for infrastructure improvements, modernization, and other systematic upgrades.

	Gowanus Houses	Wyckoff Gardens	572 Warren St
Five Year Major Needs Total Cost	\$24.1 million	\$62.5 million	\$28.5 million
Number of Buildings/ Dwelling Units	15 buildings / 1,137 units	3 buildings / 529 units	1 building / 200 units
Key Priorities	Exterior (roofing, windows, stairs), Building Systems (boiler replacement, piping, elevators, compactor, alarm system), Interiors (kitchens, bathrooms, doors and flooring, lighting, finishes, stairs), and Grounds (piping system, parking, open areas and lighting)	Exterior (windows), Building Systems (boiler replacement, water tanks), Interiors (kitchens, bathrooms, doors and flooring, lighting, stairs), and Grounds (parking and paving areas)	Exterior (fire escape), Building Systems (boiler replacement, elevators, lighting, alarm system), Interiors (kitchens, doors and flooring, lighting, finishes, stairs), and Grounds (parking and lighting)
Recently Completed Work	Brickwork and facade, roofing system, security cameras, emergency repairs due to Hurricane Sandy	Brickwork and roof, elevators, security enhancements, lighting and water conservation	Brickwork and security cameras
Planned Work	Boiler replacement, fire alarm and Sandy-related repairs and mitigation	Security lighting, community center and toddler play area renovations	Improvements to play Area, parking and day care center