

Gowanus Study

Tonight's Meeting Format and Goals

Welcome! Thank you for coming to the Gowanus Neighborhood Planning Study Community Resources Meeting.

- **Meeting Purpose**

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to share information and get your ideas and thoughts on schools and transportation planning in Gowanus along with providing an update on the study to date including the Working Groups process and in-progress projects and components, like CSO facilities and tenant outreach and support.

- **Meeting Agenda**

The meeting will be an open house format with stations dedicated to general study updates, transportation planning, urban design and working group updates, DEP/CSO facilities, tenant support, and planning for public schools. Agency staff will be available at each station to interact directly, answer questions you may have, and take notes and feedback to help inform the study.

Here are some sample questions to help you get the conversation started:

- What current school or transportation needs and issues do you see? Tell us specific topics and priorities you would like the neighborhood study to address.
- How do projects and initiatives get implemented? What are the roles of various city agencies in planning for schools and transportation?
- What ideas or suggestions do you have for making Gowanus an inclusive and thriving neighborhood?
- Did we miss anything? Tell us!

Stay Involved!

Sign up to our mailing list on our website (www.nyc.gov/gowanus) to receive news and updates. Go to www.PlanGowanus.com to share your input, whenever and wherever, on a variety of topics in new, interactive ways. As always, feel free to email the team at gowanus@planning.gov.

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Station Area Guide

Use this guide to check out all the stations tonight. They are listed clockwise from the gym entrance.

- **Welcome and Introduction** (Department of City Planning)
 - Information on the Gowanus Neighborhood Planning Study process
 - Updates from PlanGowanus.com
- **Transportation** (Department of Transportation)
 - Updates on DOT projects in the Gowanus area
 - Data and discussion on street safety, freight traffic, public transit, and more
- **Working Groups** - Urban Design & Land Use Principles
 - Information on the Working Groups' processes and summit, including sketches and graphic visualization of Working Group Outcomes. Some key principles discussed and shared included:
 - The Gowanus IBZ will not be rezoned to allow for residential development.
 - Anywhere new residential is allowed, MIH will be applied.
 - A draft planning framework should take a fine grained approach, including treatment of corridors versus midblocks; responsive to context and clusters of economic activity. It should also support a mixed-use neighborhood through identifying ways for largest sites to include some amount of non-residential, "maker" space and areas to preserve industrial and commercial uses. And encourage connections and activity to and along the Canal.
- **CSO Facilities Updates** (Department of Environmental Protection)
- **Tenant Support Resources** (HRA)
- **Schools** (Department of Education, School Construction Authority)
 - Information on the School District 15 Diversity Plan initiative
 - Current and future projects to address school capacity needs
- **Other Ideas and Suggestions**
 - Map of community resources in the Gowanus Study area
 - Share thoughts on how this study and the City can support community resources