

# Gowanus Study

## Resiliency and Sustainability Meeting Format and Goals

Welcome! Thank you for coming to the Gowanus Neighborhood Planning Study Resiliency and Sustainability Meeting!

- **Meeting Purpose**

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to share info about resiliency and sustainability topics in Gowanus and across the city, give the public an opportunity to meet with agency staff working on these issues, discuss the upcoming public engagement process, and provide a brief recap of last month's kick-off event.

- **Meeting Agenda**

The meeting will begin with opening remarks, a recap of the previous meeting and a discussion of the engagement approach and working group structure, followed by a question and answer period. There will then be a presentation on sustainability and resiliency initiatives affecting the Gowanus neighborhood, including topics of environmental remediation, flooding risks and green infrastructure. After the presentation will be an open house with tables and boards set up around specific topics, where attendees can interact directly with city agency staff.

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

- What does sustainability and resiliency mean to you? Tell us specific topics and priorities you would like the neighborhood study to address.
- How do projects and initiatives get implemented? What's the role of various city, state and federal agencies?
- What ideas or suggestions do you have for making Gowanus sustainable and resilient?

### **Next Steps**

Over the next few months, public working groups will be established on the topics of 1) resiliency and sustainability, 2) housing, 3) economic development, 4) public realm and 5) and arts and culture in order to engage stakeholders and develop targeted recommendations.

### **Stay Involved!**

We look forward to working with you throughout the study. Sign up to our mailing list on our website ([nyc.gov/gowanus](http://nyc.gov/gowanus)) to receive news and updates. Feel free to email the team at [gowanus@planning.gov](mailto:gowanus@planning.gov).

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### Station Area Guide

- Welcome and Introduction (DCP)
  - Process, Feedback and Recap of Oct 27 Kick-Off Event
  - Next steps and proposed working group structure/process
- Sustainability (DEP, MOS, DCP w/ CB6, GCC, FAC)
  - OneNYC “global” context and community initiatives
  - What is the City doing that affects Gowanus?
  - Several agencies have undertaken initiatives in and around Gowanus
- Remediation (OER, DEC, EPA)
  - Superfund process and timeline
  - What is a brownfield? And how do they get cleaned up?
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- Resiliency (ORR, DCP, NYCHA, EM)
  - Current and future flood risks
  - Zoning and building code regulations
  - What is the City doing that affects Gowanus?