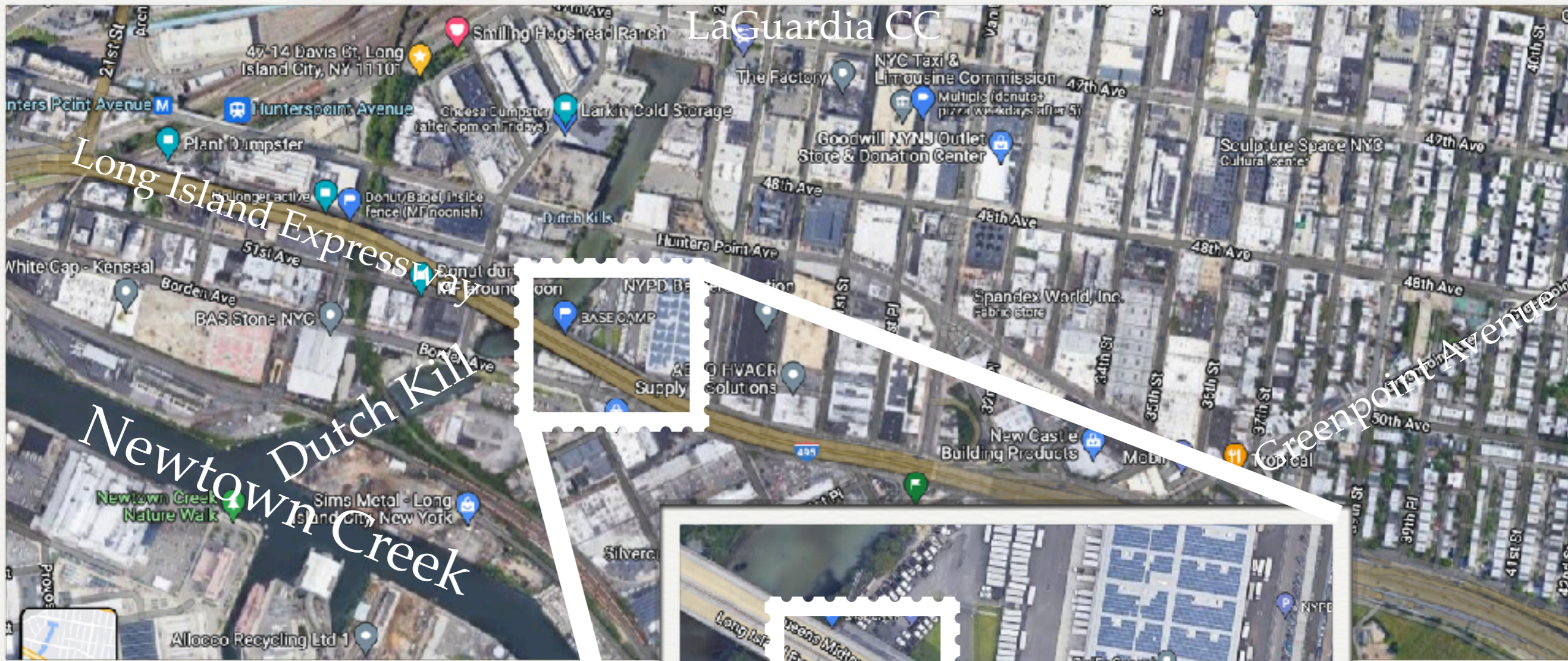


Brief on Concerning Environmental Issues in CB2

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Land Acknowledgment

- We are based in the traditional territory of the Munsee and Canarsie Lenape, now called LIC / Astoria / Sunnyside, Queens. We acknowledge these Indigenous Custodians of the place which we live, work and play. While colonization has largely extirpated these peoples, we recognize their continuing connection to land, water and community and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. Our intention today is that this presentation will help bring honor and dignity back to lands and waters of Lenapehoking. We are asking for support in bringing the highest and best use of our shared resources. Our acts both here and in broader community are done to serve a shared mission towards community control, repatriation and Land Back.



Parcel is under the elevated roadbed so it doesn't have a block and lot number.

It is also on an unmarked street so it has no address.

We believe it is managed by City DoT

Borden Ave under the LIE

Location Map

Previous Site Uses

- Commercial squatters parking trucks and trailers for 30+ years
- Illegal dumping of commercial and environmental wastes by squatters and their associates.
- Illegal dumping of household waste by others accessing the site.
- The current users have been complicit, allowed and/or actively participated in violating environmental law in the past.



Worst Offenders

- Cobra Scrap Oil was fined by DEC for illegally dumping thousands of gallons of waste oil into the creek from this location in summer 2014. This company still operates on site

<https://www.brownstoner.com/queens/long-island-city/thousands-of-gallons-of-oil-dumped-into-the-dutch-kills-tributary-this-summer/>

- Illegal waste oil transfers have been witnessed here as recently as Winter 2021.
- Other site users have been stealing vehicles, stripping and dumping automotive fluids here to sell off parts.





Borden Ave under the LIE
Before November Cleanup



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Before November Cleanup



- (7) 30 cu yd dumpsters of waste removed
- 2 flatbeds of scrap metal recycled
- A boat, an H2 Hummer and a box truck removed
- Extensive soil tests taken from Creekside and auto fluids dumping area



Borden Ave under the LIE

November 2021 Cleanup

No Public Land Licensed without Public Benefit

The current users are for-profit entities with no public benefit. They have benefited from use of public lands, receiving 30+ years of free parking and waste disposal. We admonish the idea of licensing these lands for continued commercial use for private gain and public detriment.



Our Ask

Ask DoT to not license this site to any commercial business before hearing from other potential community uses.

Let DoT know that the current informal users of this site are not the only ones who want to use the site.

RIVERKEEPER. SWEEP

11th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep

Borden Avenue (Street End), Long Island City

Join Newtown Creek Alliance and Riverkeeper for a cleanup project at the end of Borden Avenue for the 11th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep.

As part of registration, please fill out this [waiver for Newtown Creek Alliance](#).

The cleanup will take place about 300 feet behind Sparks Deli (2831 Borden Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101). Once at Sparks Deli, continue walking under the expressway. Turn left and walk towards the bank of the Dutch Kills. You will be working in the area that is just beyond the skateboard ramps. The street-end can be tricky to locate, so NCA will have signs and a volunteer present in an NCA hat or shirt to direct Sweep participants to the site just around the corner. The ground is pitched and unpaved, making it tricky to traverse for some. On-street parking may be available. *There are no bathrooms on site.*

We ask all Sweep volunteers to bring a hat, sunscreen, a full reusable water bottle, and a face mask, work gloves and hand sanitizer. NCA will be bringing some gloves for volunteer use.

Light food and drinks will be provided, including a large water cooler for bottle-refilling.

This site is not suitable for elementary-aged children with adult supervision.

Questions? Contact Riverkeeper at sweep@riverkeeper.org or Lor at

- Another cleanup scheduled
- May 7, 2022
- Anticipating 50+ volunteers