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Neighborhoods

1. Staten Island South Shore
2. Brooklyn/Queens Waterfront (Red Hook, Gowanus, and Sunset Park)
3. South Queens (Mid & West Rockaway Peninsula)
4. Staten Island East Shore
5. Southern Brooklyn (Gerritsen Beach, Sheepshead Bay, Canarsie)
6. South Queens (Old & New Howard Beach, West Hamilton Beach and Broad Channel)
7. Brooklyn/Queens Waterfront (Northern Brooklyn/Long Island City)
8. South Queens (Far Rockaway)
9. Southern Brooklyn (Brighton, Manhattan Beach, Coney Island and Sea Gate)
10. Southern Manhattan
Key Observations

• Tight knit communities and neighborhood unity is best asset
• Unclear on insurance procedures
• Need better communication systems or plans
• Need for restore natural wetland environment for protection
• Sandy brought out overall community needs
• Coastal protection
  • Wetlands
  • Dunes
  • Beaches
  • Jetties
Staten Island South Shore

BEST ASSETS
• Outer Bridge
• Community Amenities

VULNERABILITIES
• Affordability to rebuild in flood zone
• Lack of seawall protection

TOP PRIORITIES
• Future protection plan
• Economic relief

FEEDBACK
• Lack of flood map
• Uncertainty over community protection
Brooklyn Waterfront (Red Hook, Gowanus, Sunset Park)

BEST ASSETS
• Geography
• Development Opportunities

VULNERABILITIES
• Communication
• Pollution

TOP PRIORITIES
• Gowanus Canal
• Sewage Infrastructure

FEEDBACK
• Community involvement plan
• “Playbook” instructions to prepare/respond
Mid and West Peninsula Rockaway

BEST ASSETS
• Tight knit community
• Boardwalk

VULNERABILITIES
• Transportation
• Tide protection

TOP PRIORITIES
• Jetties
• Beachfront Barriers

FEEDBACK
• Lack of communication
• Create online public forum/draft plan
Staten Island East Shore

BEST ASSETS
- Mom & pop shops
- Parks

VULNERABILITIES
- Evacuation Route
- Poor drainage and Infrastructure

TOP PRIORITIES
- Coastal Protection
- Economic Development

FEEDBACK
- Multilingual communication & info
- Incentivization program
Southern Brooklyn (Gerritsen, Sheepshead Bay, Canarsie)

BEST ASSETS
• Low crime
• Residential area

VULNERABILITIES
• One way in and out
• Sewage

TOP PRIORITIES
• Water treatment Plant
• Flood insurance plan

FEEDBACK
• No city plan
• Rebuilding plan
South Queens (Howard Beach, Broad Channel)

**BEST ASSETS**
- Tight Knit community
- Walkability/bikability

**VULNERABILITIES**
- Weak utility systems
- Flooding from Howard Beach Creek

**TOP PRIORITIES**
- Restore natural jetties
- Reinforcing Jamaica bay

**FEEDBACK**
- Unclear Evac Zones
- Lack of info from city
Brooklyn/Queens Waterfront (N. BK, LIC)

**BEST ASSETS**
- Proximity to City
- Ferry Access

**VULNERABILITIES**
- Inadequate Transit (#7, G)
- Pollution from Newtown Creek

**TOP PRIORITIES**
- Greenways to funnel flood water
- Create visible flood plane on poles and streetlights

**FEEDBACK**
- Concerned about environmental threat
- How dirty is the water? (Newtown & East river)
South Queens (Far Rockaway)

BEST ASSETS
• Tight Knit community
• beaches

VULNERABILITIES
• Lack of Hospital
• Constant flooding

TOP PRIORITIES
• Jetties
• Clean beaches for summer

FEEDBACK
• Storage facility for recovery supplies
• Training for residents
Southern Brooklyn (Coney, Brighton, Seagate)

BEST ASSETS
• Tight Knit community
• Infrastructure

VULNERABILITIES
• High water table
• Sewage and mold

TOP PRIORITIES
• Dealing with water table
• Mold remediation to prevent “Sandy Cough”

FEEDBACK
• No clarity on business inspections
• Community preparedness guidelines
Southern Manhattan

BEST ASSETS
- People
- CB 1&2

VULNERABILITIES
- Infrastructure
- Building Systems

TOP PRIORITIES
- Waterfront protection
- Building code changes

FEEDBACK
- Confusion on evac
- Where to move cars
Top Ideas for the Future

- Community and Neighbors trained in disaster relief (evac, recovery)
- Visible flood planes places on street lights and poles
- “playbook” for each area in different languages
- Coastal Protection (building bigger, stronger jetties)
- Storage facilities for recovery supplies
- Improve sewage systems
- Improve communication systems
- Better transportation after storm
- Restore natural wetlands