NYC DOT PUBLIC SPACE

Open Streets

StreetSeats

Plaza Program

Open Restaurants

29-Day Concessions
DYCKMAN STREET

- In May 2020, the segment of Dyckman Street between Seaman Ave and Broadway was designated a NYC Open Street.

- *Open Street: Restaurants* was created to support economic recovery in response to the pandemic.

- In July 2020, the location joined the Open Street: Restaurants program.

- Of all the citywide locations participating in the program, Dyckman Street has been one of the most well used and actively managed.
EVOLUTION

• In November 2020, Dyckman Gardens, the organization overseeing the Dyckman Open Street, applied to the NYC Plaza Program.

• In April 2021, the location was accepted to the NYC Plaza Program, initiating the planning process.

• The proposed plaza builds on the success of the Open Street.

• NYC DOT has been engaging the community to identify issues and opportunities.
COMMUNITY PARTNER

- Dyckman Gardens Corporation is a conglomeration of local businesses that formed in 2020 to oversee the management of the Dyckman Open Street
- Dyckman Gardens is a non-for-profit organization that will maintain the new public space amenities, and help ensure public programming in the plaza.
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

1. Congressman Adriano Espaillat
2. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez
3. Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa
4. Washington Heights BID
5. Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance
6. Inwood Merchant Association
7. Dyckman Auto Leasing & Sales Inc
8. Martin Collins (Inwood resident)

Restaurants within proposed plaza block:
1. Dyckman Bar & Kitchen
2. Il Sole Restaurant
3. The Park View
4. Papasito Mexican Gril & Agave Bar
5. Sa’Tacos
6. Café Tabú
NYC Plaza Program + Dyckman Street
PLAZA PROGRAM

To create high quality public space in underutilized roadway, particularly in low to moderate income neighborhoods that lack open space. Plazas aim to enhance:

- Local Economic Vitality
- Pedestrian Mobility and Access to Public Transit
- Safety For All Street Users
- Added Value:
  - Bolster Civic Engagement
  - Enhance Public Safety

Bogardus Plaza, Manhattan
Diversity Plaza // Nepalese Earthquake Vigil
Flatiron Plaza // Typical Day
82 Plazas currently in development, construction, or complete, of those

66 Plazas open to the public

3 Plazas located within CB12’s district
DOT PLAZAS: PLAZA DE LAS AMERICAS (MN)
MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The maintenance partner would be responsible for basic maintenance tasks including litter removal, snow clearance, furniture maintenance, and horticultural care.
PROGRAMMING

- Partners are encouraged to program their plazas, particularly with community organizations and events.
- Site would be listed in SAPO (Street Activity Permit Office) as a plaza and not a street.
- Any organization can apply for a SAPO permit to program the new plaza.

Ave C Plaza // ArtBuilt Studio

Parkside Plaza // UNI Project
PLAZA RULES + SIGNAGE

- New Plaza rules have recently been passed and are part of the Administrative Code.
- With every new Plaza we install rules signage.

Pedestrian Plaza Rules Prohibit:
- Obstruction of pedestrian traffic
- Destruction, removal or tampering of any property or equipment
- Camping
- Unattended property
- A person or their belongings taking up more than one seat
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, except as otherwise permitted
- Skateboarding, except as otherwise permitted
- Feeding of undomesticated animals
- Spitting, urination, defecation
- Unreasonable noise
- Dogs off-leash

Permits are required for all events

Bicycle riding is only permitted on designated routes or where indicated by signage or markings

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

To learn more visit nyc.gov/plazas or call 311
Planning Process:
Community Engagement
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. **Online survey** (April 2021)
   - 565 responses
   - Dissemination via flyers, social media, and one in-person deployment

2. **In-person workshop @ Dyckman St** (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

3. **Virtual design workshop** (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

Goals:
- Learn how people have used the Open Street;
- Identify issues and opportunities;
- Discuss design solutions to increase street safety and expand public space amenities and gather programming ideas.
ONLINE SURVEY: FINDINGS

80% of respondents identified as residents

45% of respondents visit the Open Street daily

35% of respondents visit the Open Street several times a week
Would you like to see a plaza on Dyckman St between Broadway and Seaman Ave?

- Yes: 69%
- No: 19%
- Unsure: 12%
Activities that respondents performed & want to perform on the Dyckman Open Street

- **Outdoor Dining**
- *Strolling (walking leisurely, enjoying outdoor space)*
- *As part of my commute and other daily trips*
- **Exercise**
- **Biking**
- *Socially distanced outdoor group activities, community programming, or other types of events*
- **Driving**
WORKSHOPS

Bilingual staff & outreach material in Spanish and English

In-person design workshop @ Dyckman St
Saturday, May 15th, 11 AM to 3 PM

Virtual design workshop
Tuesday, May 18th, 6:30 PM - 8 PM
WHAT WE LEARNED

Top Concerns

1. Safety & quality of life issues created by dirt bikes and drag racing
2. Speeding vehicles
3. Vehicles double parking or illegally parked
4. Long-term privatization of the public space
5. Noise issues from different sources

Highlighted Opportunities

1. Positive reception to the idea of installing a public plaza.
2. Extending the 2-way bike lane through the public plaza.
3. Requests for a larger vision for Dyckman Street, such as creating a pedestrian and bike boulevard to connect the Hudson River Greenway to the new plaza.
4. Positive reviews on Dyckman Gardens maintenance work for the Open Street.
## WHAT WE LEARNED

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Plaza Proposal
EXISTING DESIGN
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

Northbound Bike Facility

Southbound Bike Facility

Dyckman St

Seaman Ave

Riverside Dr

Broadway
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

Northbound Bike Facility

Southbound Bike Facility
DESIGN PROPOSAL
DESIGN PROPOSAL: MAIN FEATURES

Shared Ramps

Shared Zone

Pedestrian Crossings

Bike Parking

Wave Delineators

Rumble Strip

Shared Zone
DESIGN PROPOSAL: BIKE LANE

- Protected 2-way bike lane
- Wave Delineators
- Rumble Strips
- 12” Bike Stamps
DOT PLAZAS: JOHNNY HARTMAN (MN)
DOT PLAZAS: HERALD SQUARE (MN)
2-way Conversion of Seaman Ave
PROPOSED STREET DESIGN: MAIN FEATURES

- Shared Bike Lanes
- On-street Parking Lane
- Removal of Parking
- Shared Bike Lanes

Diagram showing the proposed street design features.
VEHICULAR ACCESS

Current Condition

Proposed Condition
VEHICULAR ACCESS: 2-WAY SEAMAN AVE

Current Condition

Proposed Condition

nyc.gov/dot
BIKE ACCESS

Current Condition

Proposed Condition
CURB REGULATIONS: PLAZA + 2-WAY CONVERSION

- No Standing at Anytime
- 2 Hour Meter Parking
- No Parking at Anytime
- Alternative Side Parking

Existing Curb Regulation

Change to Curb Regulation
Next Steps
LOOKING FORWARD: SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Free programming on Dyckman Open Street through the summer.

• **Fitness & Wellness.** Starting in July 2021. To be held 2 times a week for 7 weeks. *Exercise program consisting of different anaerobic exercises.*

• **Arts & Crafts.** Starting in July 2021. To be held once a week for 3 weeks. *Art classes for children and adults of all ages. Local artist will teach painting classes. All materials will be provided.*

• **Theatre Shows.** Starting in August 2021. Total of 3-4 events (on separate dates). *Working in conjunction with the Times Square Alliance, Dyckman Gardens will host Broadway theatre shows.*
LOOKING FORWARD: PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

Summer 2021:

- Active Open Street Full Closure on Dyckman Street with public programming and outdoor dining
- DOT will continue traffic analysis and fine-tune any necessary mitigations

September 2021:

- Plaza implementation
- DOT to update CB12 on two-way conversion option