

Connecting Staten Island's Waterfront

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Presentation Overview

- I Workshop overview
- 2 Initial research
- 3 City plans & new developments
- 4 The arts & Staten Island
- 5 Community engagement
- 6 Finding opportunity sites
- 7 Focused site analysis & recommendations





I. I Workshop Scope

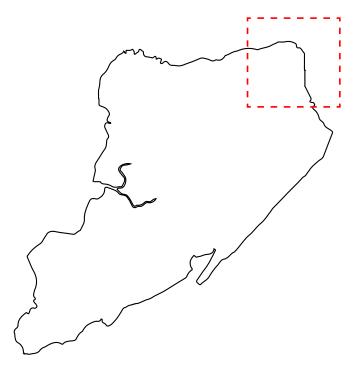
Workshop Goals:

- Examine the spatial, social and economic factors surrounding the North Shore
- Specific focus on St. George and Stapleton
- Considers both current and future development
- Recommend ways the North Shore's existing cultural assets could contribute to greater connectivity in its public realm





1.2 Geographic Scope











1.3 Timeline & Process

Process

Three phases:

- I. Initial site research and data collection
- 2. Identifying opportunity sites
- 3. Focused site analysis

Client meetings & Site visits

09/07	Staten Island Seisiún at Flagship Brewery
09/11	Initial client meeting
10/02	Client meeting
10/04	Lighthouse Museum with Mark Anderson St. George site walk
10/09	St. George & Tompkinsville
10/18	Stapleton
11/08	Community Meeting Second Saturday, Staten Island Artists Building
11/13	Snug Harbor & Staten Island Museum
11/17	Client meeting
11/25	St. George Theater
12/9	St. George Promenade
12/12	Bay St. intersection



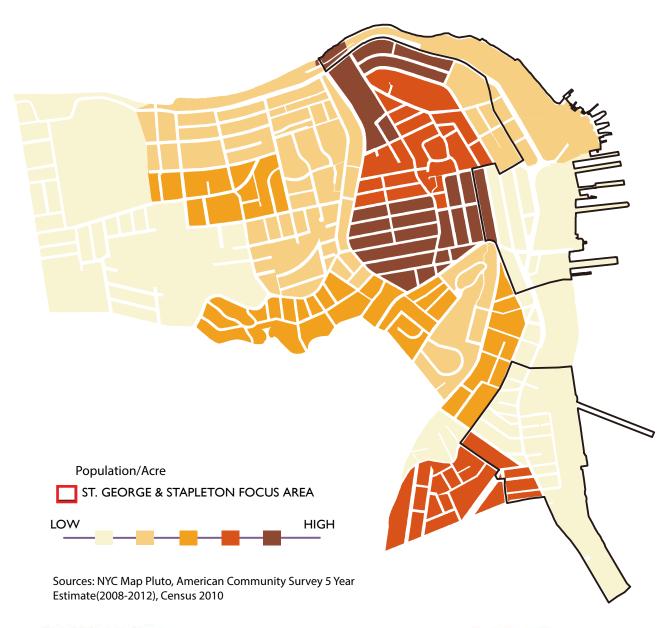




Initial Research



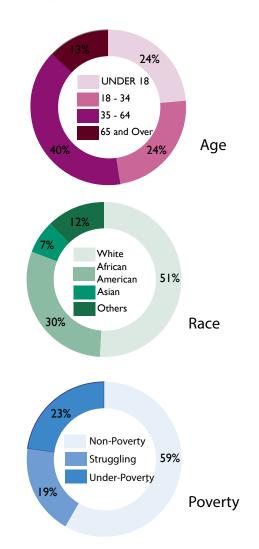
2. Demographics
Population Density/Household Characteristics



14,885 RESIDENTS AS OF 2011

9% RESIDENT GROWTH BETWEEN 2003 AND 2011

\$67,392 AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

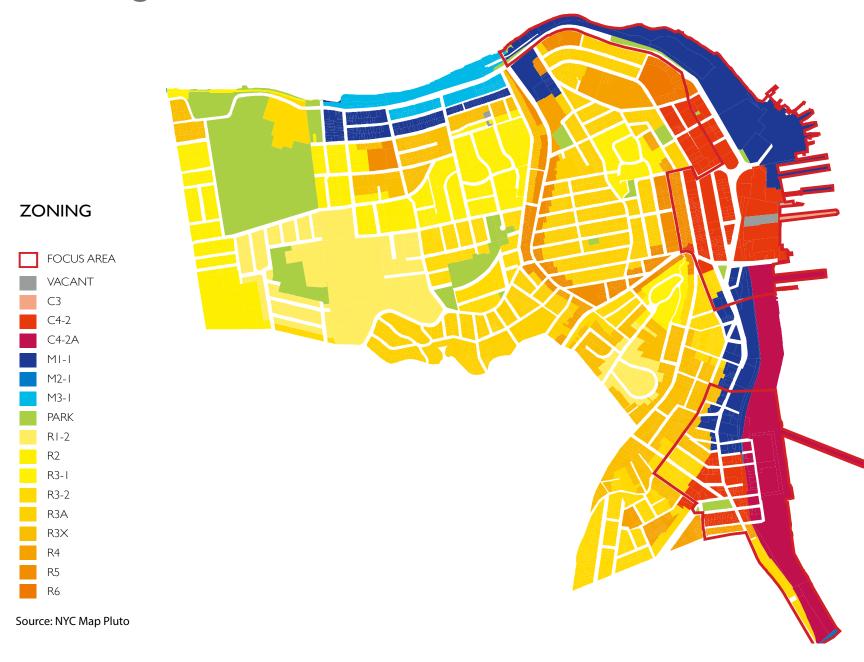






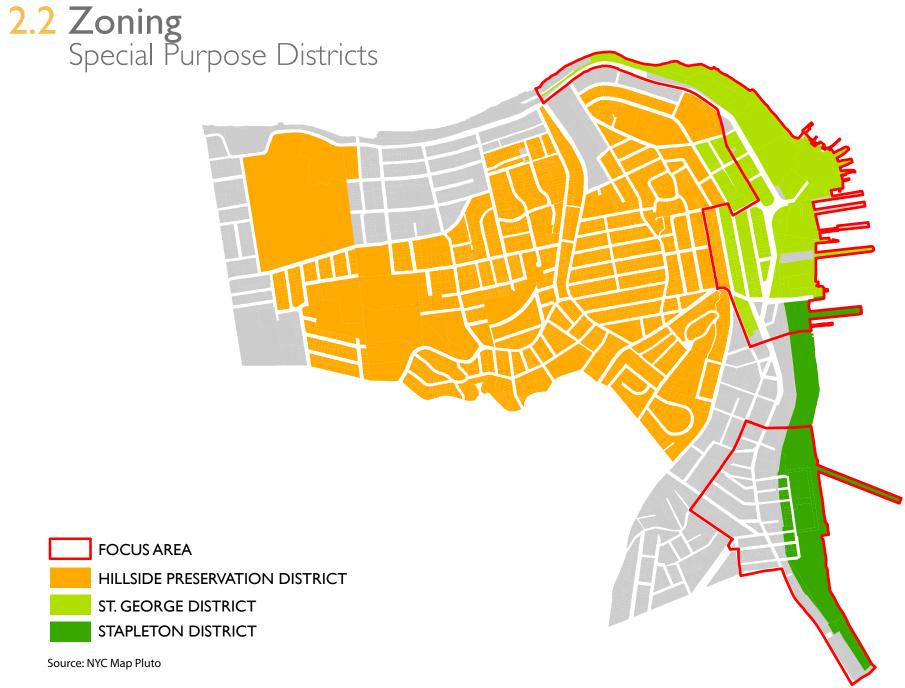


2.2 Zoning









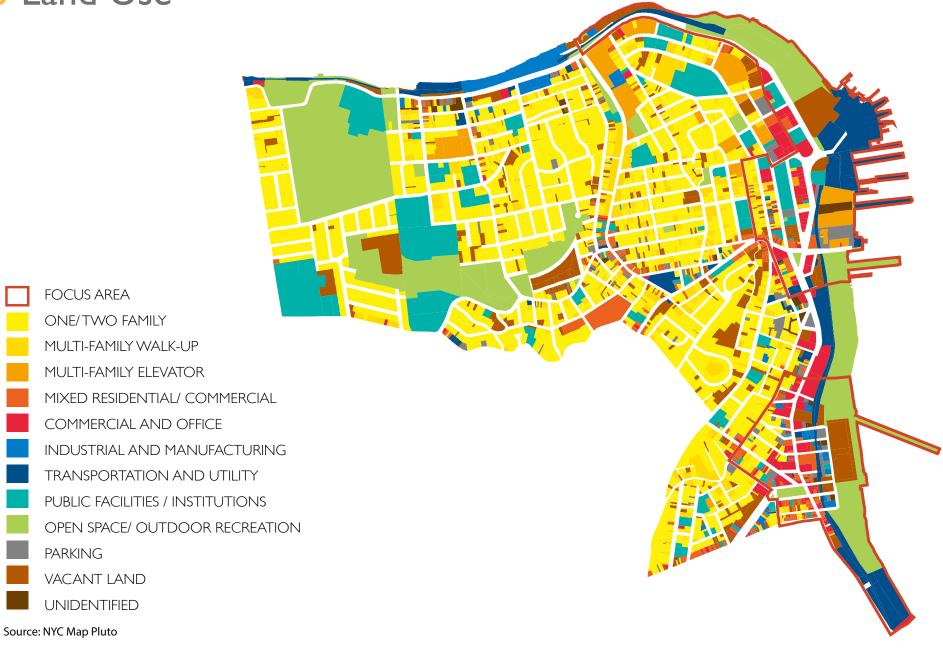


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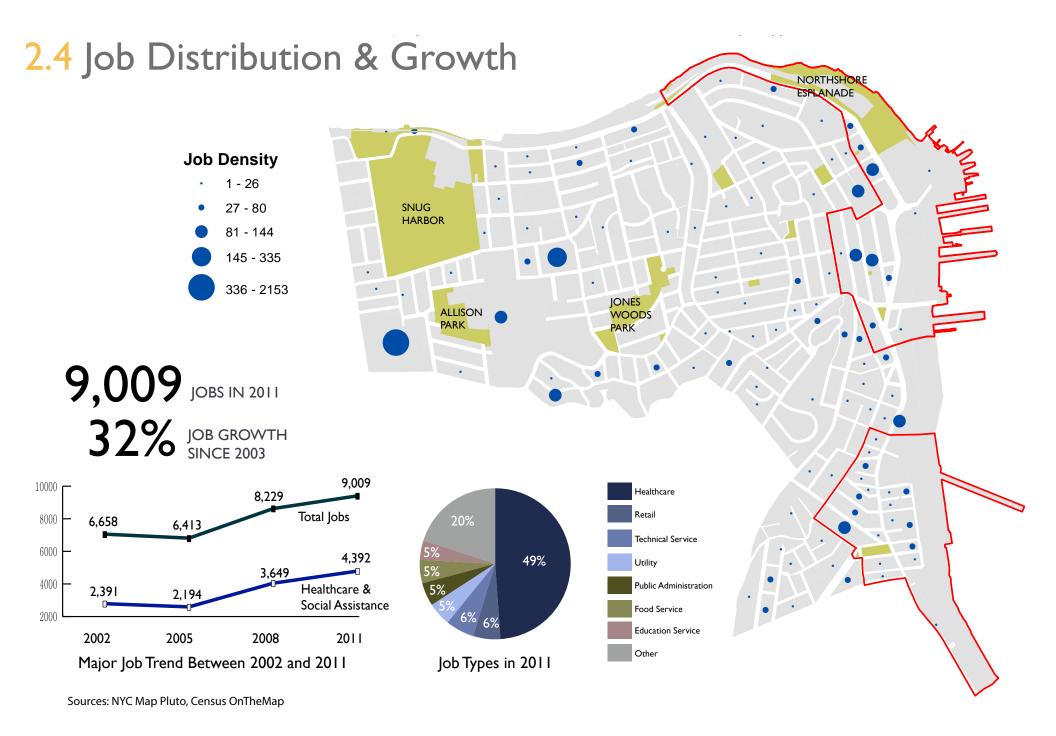


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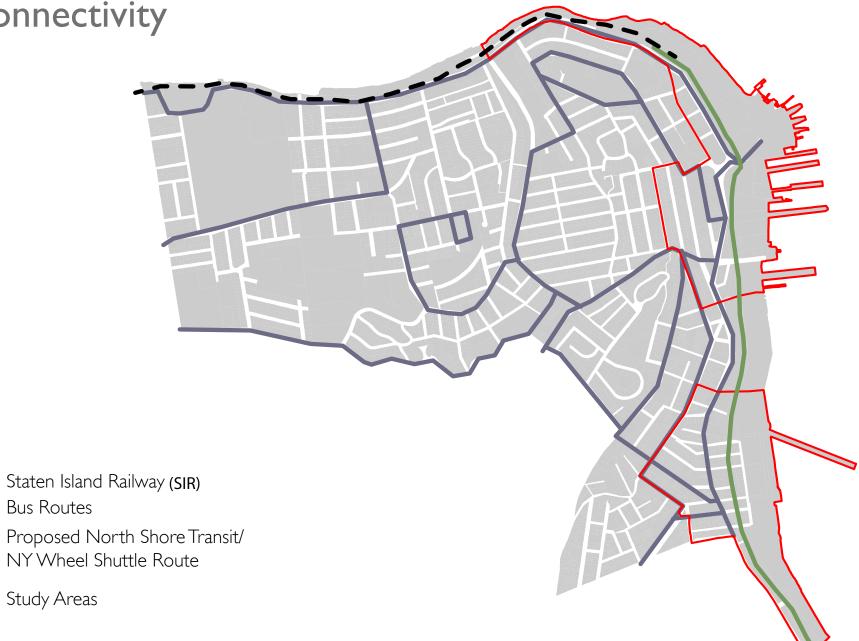








2.5 Connectivity



Sources: NYC Map Pluto, NYC Open Data, NY Weel, MTA

Study Areas

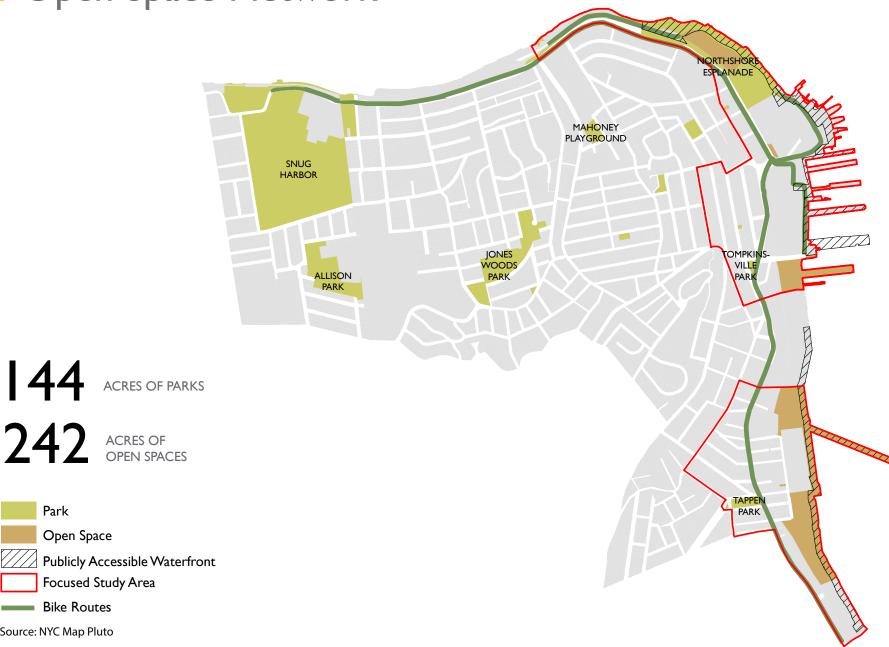
Bus Routes







2.6 Open Space Network





Source: NYC Map Pluto

Park

Open Space

Bike Routes

Focused Study Area





2.7 Resilience



Sources: NYC Map Pluto, NYC Open Data



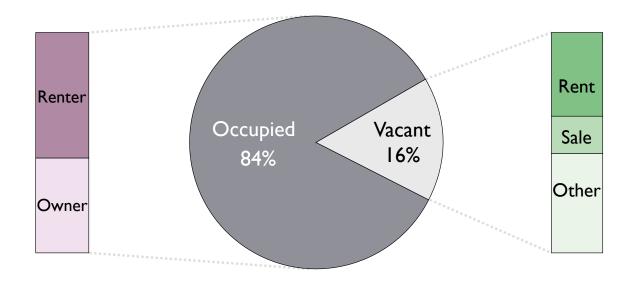






2.8 Residential Real Estate

Staten Island Residential Real Estate Occupancy Rate



15,249 Occupied Units
57% Renter Occupied
43% Owner Occupied

2,826 Vacant Units
45% Vacant Renter Units
17% Vacant Property on Sale

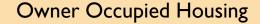
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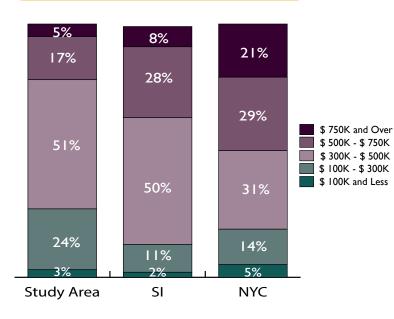




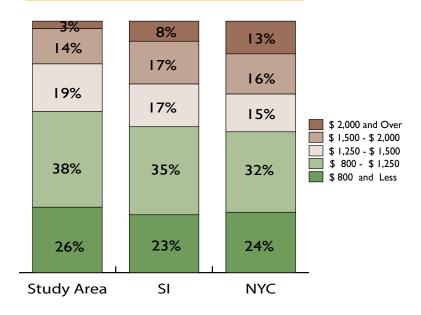


2.8 Residential Real Estate





Rental Occupied Housing



Median Owner-Occupied Housing Value

Broad Study Area \$ 374,276 Staten Island \$ 449,400 NYC \$ 500,790 Median Rental-Occupied Housing Rent Price

Broad Study Area \$ 1,100 Staten Island \$ 1,160 NYC \$ 1,167 Median Gross Rent as a % of Household Income

Broad Study Area 34.8 % Staten Island 32.6 % NYC 31.6 %

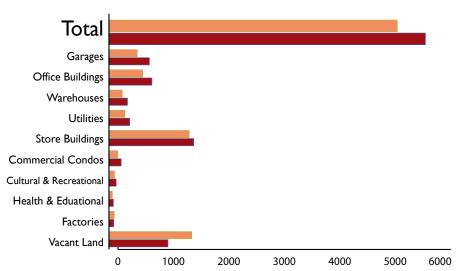
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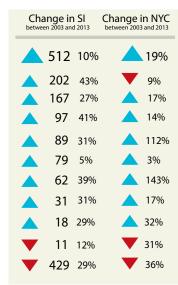




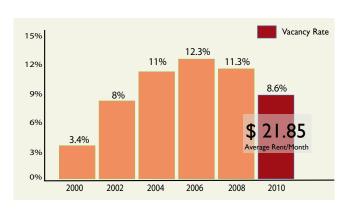


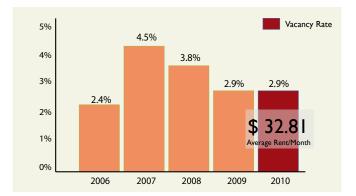
2.9 Commercial Real Estate





Staten Island Commercial Market Trend





OFFICE MARKET Vacancy Rate and Average Monthly Rent

RETAIL MARKET
Vacancy Rate and Average Monthly Rent

Sources: Annual Property Tax Report from Department of Finance, CoStar, Center for Urban Future





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City Plans & New Developments



3.0 Overview













URL Staten Island

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3.1 North Shore 2030 & Downtown Staten Island



North Shore 2030 Plan

Land use & transportation study by EDC & City Planning Goals:

Improve connectivity, protect the environment, create jobs, enhance neighborhoods, increase waterfront access

Vision & Strategy for St. George

Improve streetscape + pedestrian experience
Increase waterfront connection
Create "24/7 downtown" through mixed-use development
Strengthen the capacity of local organizations to promote the district

Downtown Staten Island CBD

St. George, Tompkinsville, Stapleton and Clifton

One of the Central Business Districts promoted by NYC EDC

City Initiatives: SBS offers commercial incentives, EDC ran Staten Island Storefronts: Race for Space

Storefronts: Race for Space

Also includes EDC's St. George Waterfront Redevelopment Project, site of Empire Outlets and the New York Wheel









3.2 New York Wheel

New York Wheel LLC



NYC EDC & NY WHEEL LLC Perkins Eastman MPFP



PLAN 0 80' 160' SITE PLAN







3.2 New York Wheel





Total land area:

6.9 acres of the wheel and commercial, retail, restaurants, theater and exhibition space

Project cost:

\$420 million investment from NY Wheel LLC

The Wheel:

625 ft. tall, 1,440 passengers each cycle 38-minute ride

Construction dates:

First quarter 2015

Projected opening date:

Early 2017

Projected number of visitors:

Expect 30,000 riders/day, estimated 4.5 million per year

Parking spaces:

950 (820 existing)





3.3 Empire Outlets BFC Partners







3.3 Empire Outlets





Total land area of the project:

7.9 acres

Project cost:

\$380 million

The Outlets:

340,000 SF of retail, food and beverage 125 designer outlets, restaurants, cafes and catering facility

Hotel:

130,000 SF with 200 rooms

Construction dates:

Dec 2014-2016

Projected opening date:

End of 2016

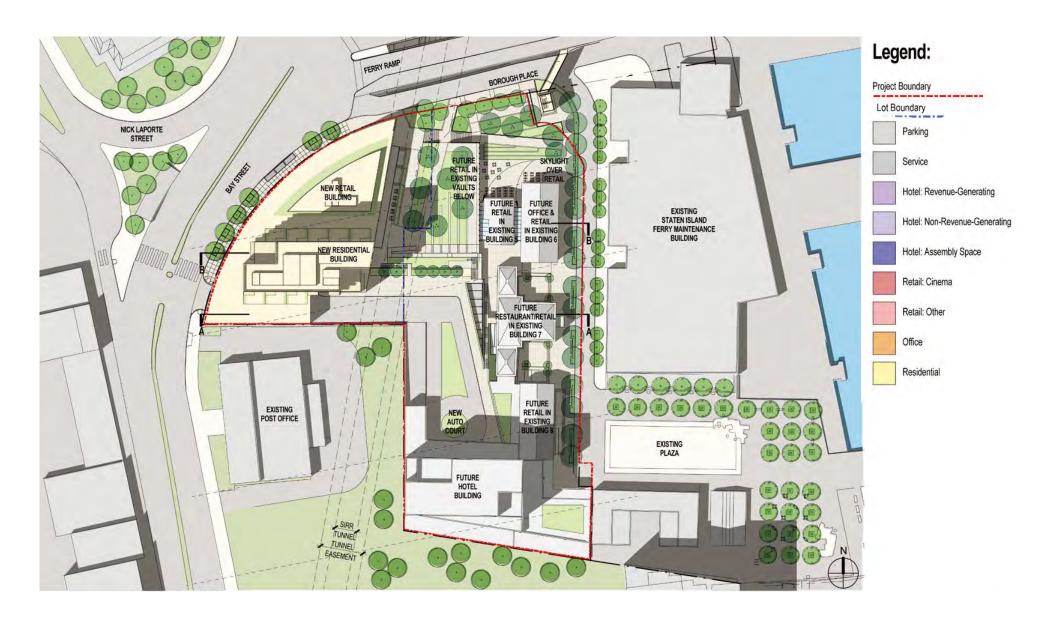
Parking spaces:

1250





3.4 Lighthouse Point Triangle Equities







3.4 Lighthouse Point





Project cost:

\$200 million

The Development:

85,000 SF retail with restaurants and entertainment space 94,000 SF residential (96 units, 20% affordable) Urban beach and outdoor recreation

Hotel:

164 rooms

Construction dates:

Fall 2014 - 2019

Projected opening date:

2019





3.5 EDC's New Stapleton Waterfront



35-acre Homeport site

GOAL:

Reactivate waterfront through housing, retail + improvements in public infrastructure

DEVELOPING THE PLAN

2004

Task Force on Homeport Redevelopment makes recommendations

2006

Special Stapleton Waterfront District created

2009-2011

Ironstate Development selected to lead the project, acquires site

2013

Groundbreaking

Source: NYC EDC

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CITY COMMITMENTS

\$32 million:

Infrastructure improvements Waterfront esplanade

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

"Community-driven and economically feasible" Reopening public access to waterfront Resiliency:

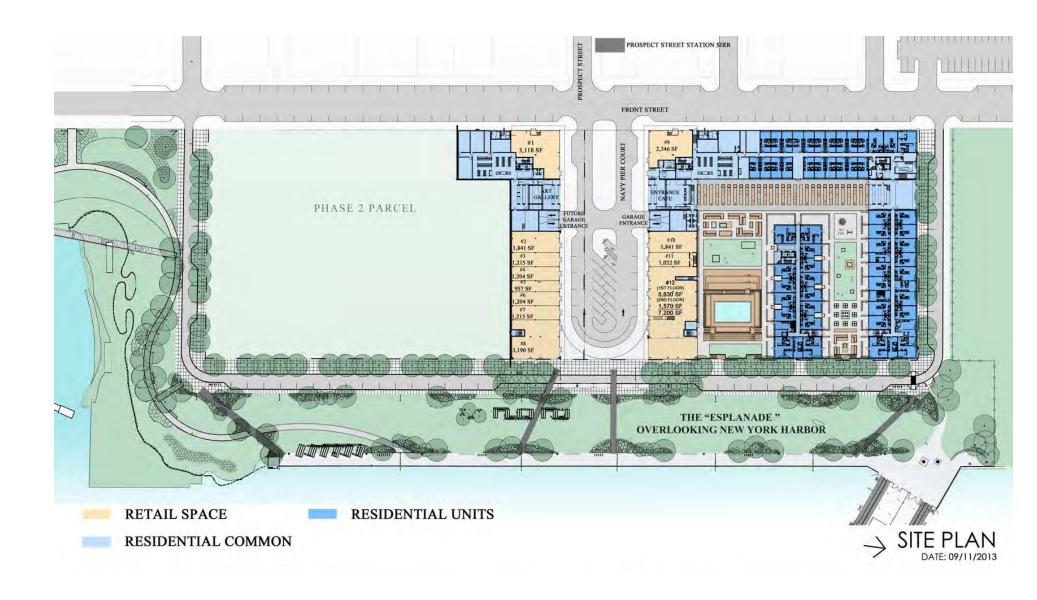
2-ft building elevation Tidal wetlands





3.6 URL (Urban Ready Living) Staten Island

Ironstate Development









3.4 URL Staten Island





Total land area of the project:

7 acres

Project cost:

\$250 million

The Development:

30,000 SF ground floor retail 900 LEED-certified residential units 600 parking spaces

Construction dates Phase 1:

June 2013-2015

Construction dates Phase 2:

Early 2016 -2017

Projected opening date Phase I:

2015

Projected opening date Phase 2:

2017

LEED:

Targeting LEED Silver, LEED ND

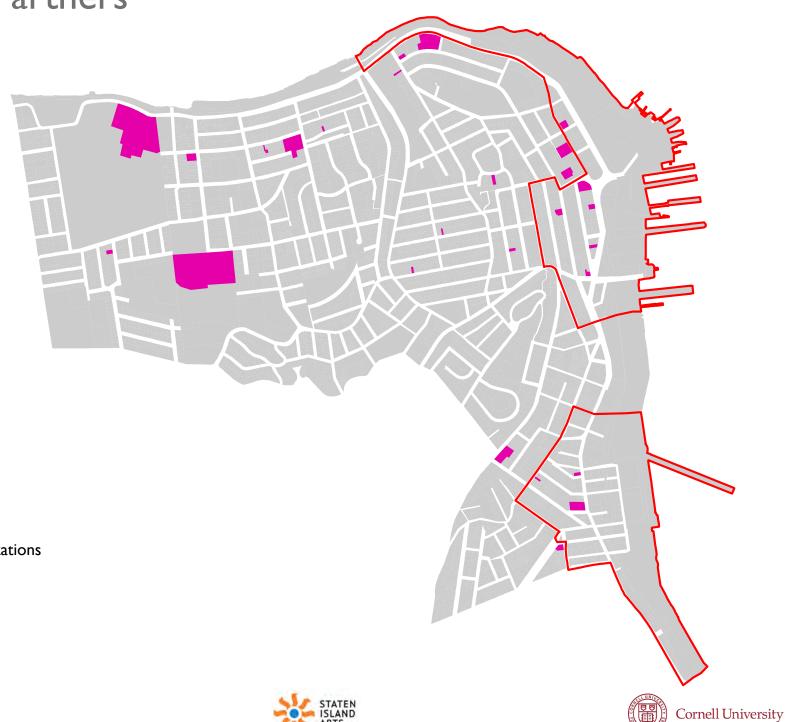




The Arts & Staten Island



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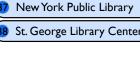


Arts Organizations
Focus Area

Source: Staten Island Arts

4.2 Cultural, Community & Civic Institutions

Civic Institutions Staten Island Family Court 20 Richmond County Supreme Court Ferry Terminal Borough Hall **New Courthouse** Community Institutions 24 St. Peter Elementary School **PS 373R** 26 Saint Peter's Boys High School Public School 17 PS 31 William T Davis PS 74 Future Leaders **Elementary School** PS 16 Curtis High School Ralph R. McKee Career &Technical High School 33 PS 59 Harbor View School PS 65 The Academy of Innovative Learning Saint Frances High School Miraj Islamic School 7 New York Public Library St. George Library Center



Proposed Developments

- New York Wheel
- **Empire Outlets**
- Lighthouse Point
- **URL Staten Island**

Cultural Institutions

- 5 September II Memorial
- Staten Island Museum
- Staten Island Yankees
- St. George Theater
- Farmer's Market
- Lighthouse Museum
- III Staten Island Childrens Museum

Parks

- Lyons Pool
- Tompkinsville Park
- Tappen Park
- Snug Harbor
- Allison Park
 - Jones Woods Park

 - Northshore Esplanade

Source: Google Map





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Community Engagement



5. I Interviewees

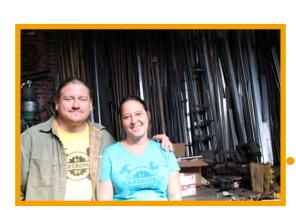












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5. Interviewees

Developers

Joseph Ferrara

BFC Partners

Marco Auteri

David Barry

Rich Marin

Ironstate Development

Josiah Wuestneck

New York Wheel LLC

Elysa Goldman Triangle Equities

City & Elected Stakeholders

NYC EDC Munro Johnson

Parks & Recreation Jennifer Lantzas

Tom Cocola

Department of Transportation

Emily Colasacco

Matthew Titone New York State Assemblyman

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with additional thanks to:

Caroline Woolard **New York Commons**

> Zaro Bates Ironstate Development

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Community Members

Leslie Brown Michi Yamaguchi

Bay Street Landing Homeowners Association

Neil Madero

Exercise My Mutt

Kamillah Hanks

Historic Tappen Park Community Partnership

Lorie Honor

Honor Wines

Richard Hardt

NYC Arts Cypher

Melissa West

Second Saturday Staten Island

Lynn Kelly

Snug Harbor Cultural Center

Nan Smith

St. George Greenmarket

Vincent Innocente

St. George Theatre

Calvin Motte

Staten Island Artists Building Corporation

Linda Baran

Staten Island Chamber of Commerce

DB Lampman Scott Van Campen Staten Island Makerspace

Cheryl Adolph

Staten Island Museum

Jennifer Wright

Diane Matyas

Staten Island Yankees

Donald Steinman

70 Bay owner





5.2 Key Themes

Need for coordination among artists & arts organizations

Coordination & advocacy in programming spaces (public & in new developments)

Building on existing community efforts

Small business development

Improving transit connectivity and frequency





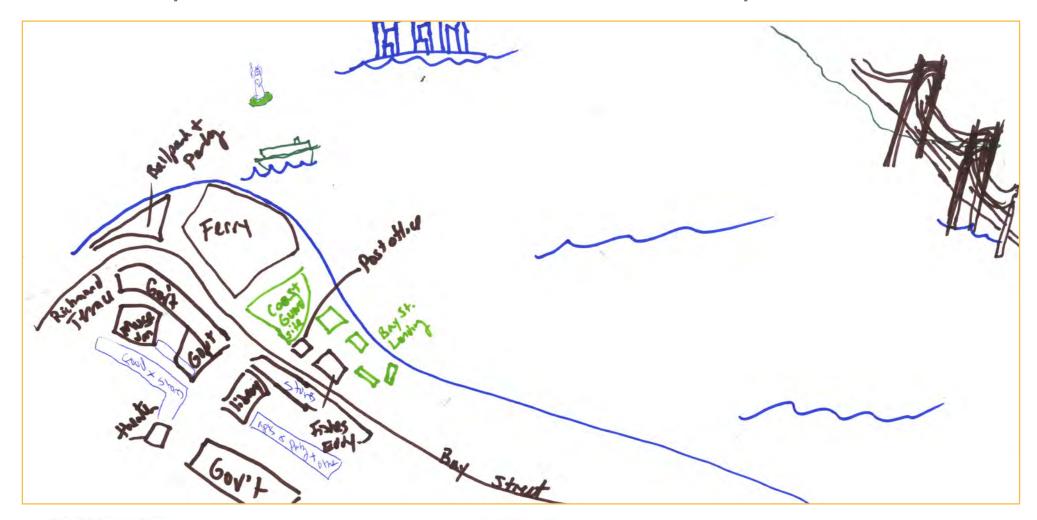






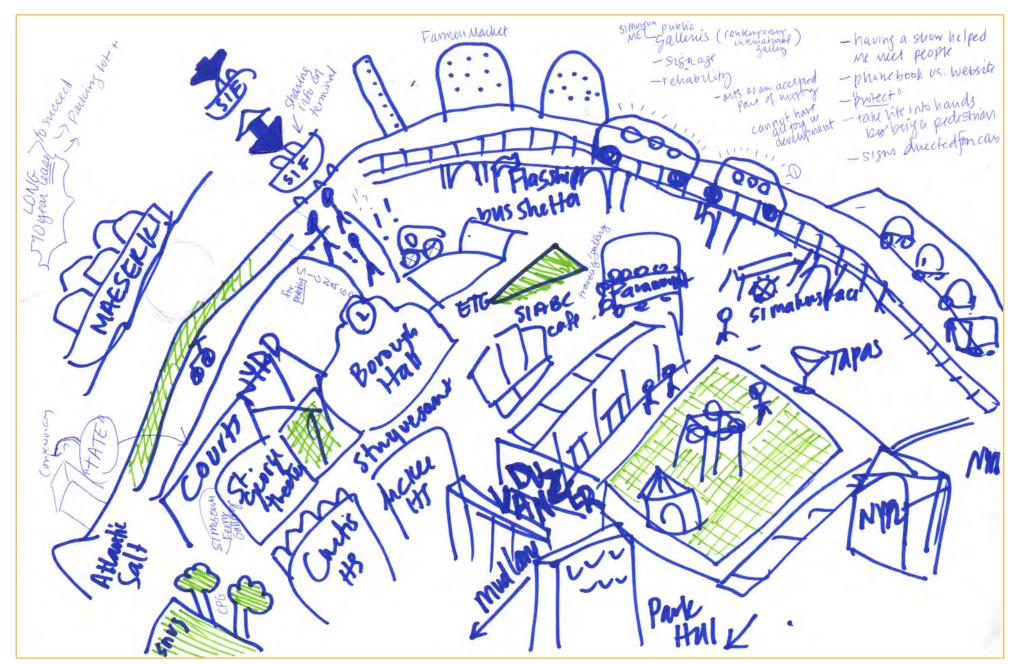
Mapping Exercise

- Please draw a quick map of St. George and Stapleton.
- When you think of these areas, what stands out in your mind?



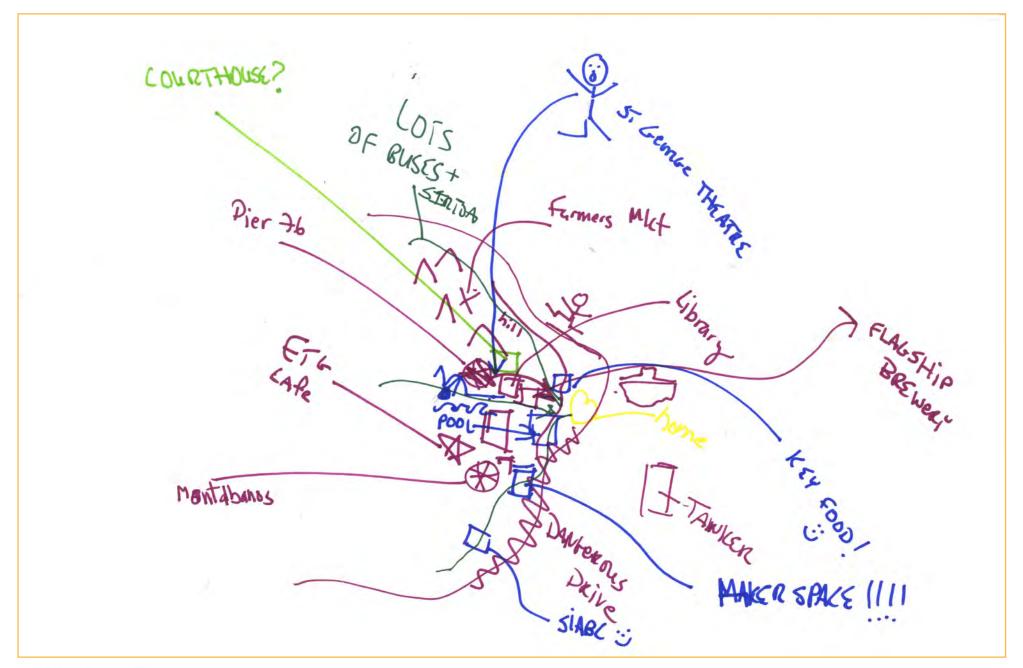




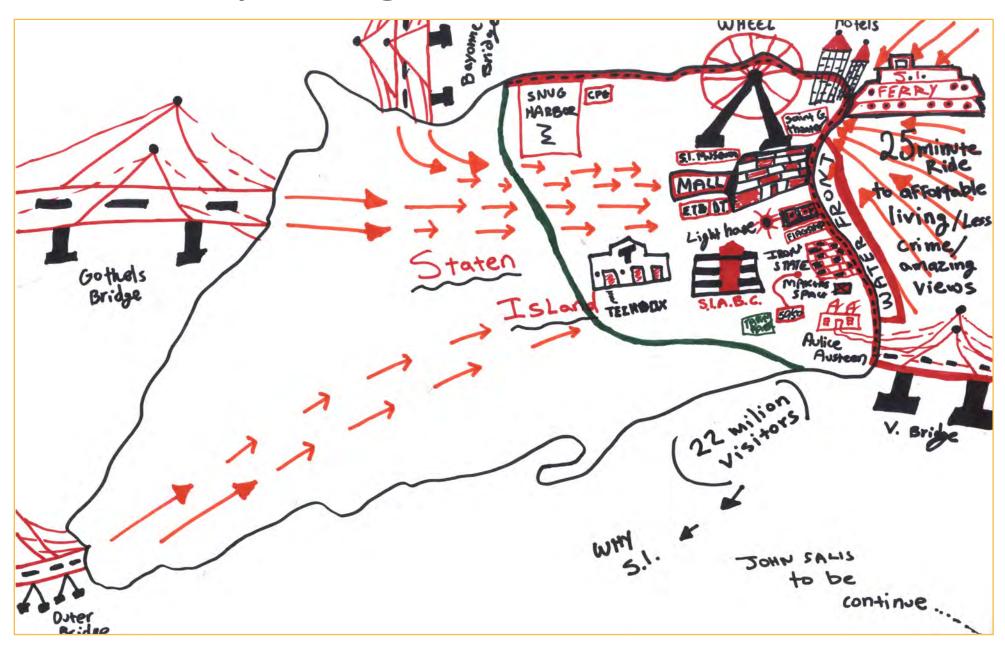








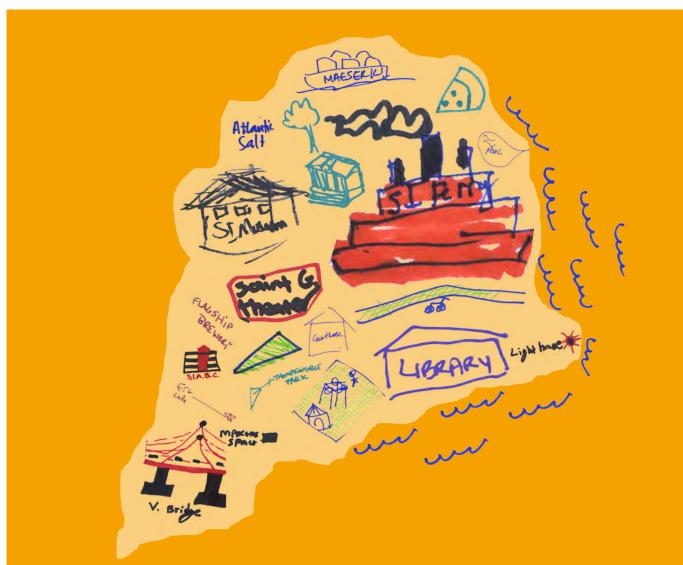
















Times Represented















Location	Intensity	Location	Intensity
Ferry Terminal	П	Verrazano Narrows Bridg	ge 3
Snug Harbor	7	Atlantic Salt	3
Richmond Terrace	7	Everything Goes Cafe	3
Bay Street	7	SI ABC	3
St. George Theater	6	Lighthouse Museum	3
Ballpark	6	Makerspace	3
Staten Island Museu	m 5	Bay Street Landing	3
Library	5	Tompkinsville Park	3
Waterfront Park	5	Lyons Pool	3
Tappen Park	4	Flagship Brewery	3
Courthouse	4		
Shipping Boat	4		
NYPD	3		





Facilitated Discussion

Small group discussion:

- What types of art do you produce?
- What do you prefer to have or work near?
- Where is your work located?
- What are your current working conditions? Challenges?
- Does the real estate world impact your work or life?
- What opportunities and challenges might the new developments bring?

Large group closing:

What key challenges and opportunities were identified?









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STATEN ISLAND ARTS

Challenges

- Physical connectivity
- Conceptual connectivity between North and South shores
- Transportation and car-centric culture
- Wayfinding for pedestrians
- Quality support and space for the arts
- Communication across arts organizations

Opportunities

- Strong sense of community
- Commitment to the arts
- Lightrail and waterfront initiatives
- Art insertion in the ferry





6. Site Analysis Methodology

I. Walking the sites

Gain a better understanding of the neighborhood + pedestrian experience

Photograph underutilized or clearly vacant spaces

2. Match lots to addresses to create database

Database collects key information about the lot

3. Identify site qualities that create opportunity

Publicly or privately owned?

Close to key commercial corridor or key neighborhood feature? Is the site underbuilt?

What opportunities did we find?





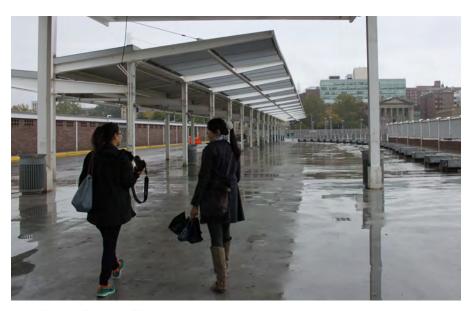


6.2 Site Visits

9 visits in 14 weeks in St. George, Tompkinsville & Stapleton















6.2 Site Visits













6.2 Site Visits

Public spaces with potential for activation

Vacant storefronts, especially along major corridors

Vacant lots

















6.3 Mapping Analysis

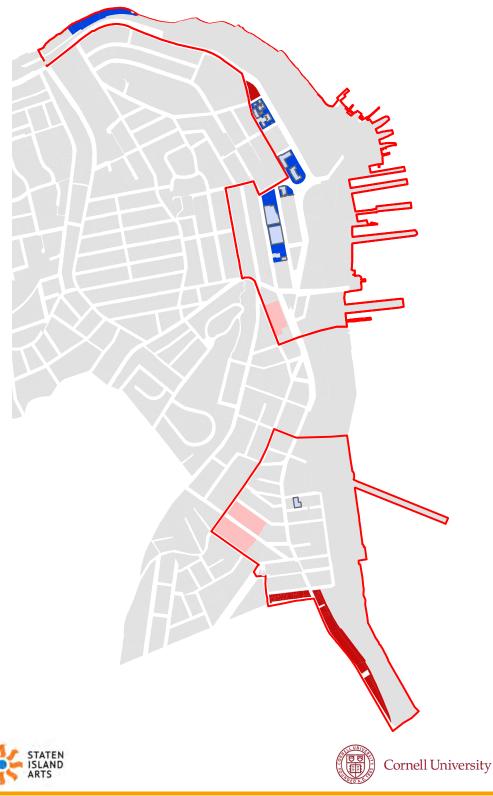
Publicly owned/ Commercial Zoning overlay

8.6 ACRES OF PUBLICLY OWNED LAND PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDINGS

Publicly Owned Buildings Publicly Owned Land Commercial Overlay (C1-2) Commercial Overlay (C2-2)

Source: NYC Map Pluto







6.3 Mapping Analysis Under-Utilized Lots

36 ACRES OF UNDERUTILIZED LOTS

83 VACANT LOTS

30 GARAGES

6 WAREHOUSES

Low Use

Warehouse

Garage

Miscellaneous

Vacant Land

Focused Study Area

Source: NYC Map Pluto







6.4 Initial Opportunity Sites

- Limited Mobility
- Significant Activation Potential
- Underused Spaces betweenOpportunity Sites







6.5 Limited Mobility





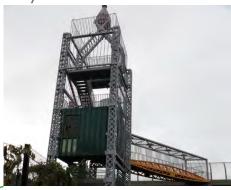


Dangerous for pedestrians

Opportunity:

Prime location outside Ferry Terminal - entry way to St. George

Ferry Terminal Viaduct



Challenge:

Inaccessible

Opportunity:

Create clear connection to waterfront and lighthouse point

Victory Blvd. toward waterfront



Challenge:

Grade change, barriers

Opportunity:

Neighborhood connection & access to waterfront





Challenge:

Inaccessible

Opportunity:

Amazing public space





6.5 Limited Mobility

Prospect Street



Challenge:

MTA-regulated area

Unclear signage to the train station

Opportunity:

Important corridor connecting Tappen Park and URL development

Streetscape with art infill opportunities

Water and Canal Street







6.6 Significant Activation Potential



Tompkinsville Park



Challenge:

May need city permission for events Currently dominated by homeless users

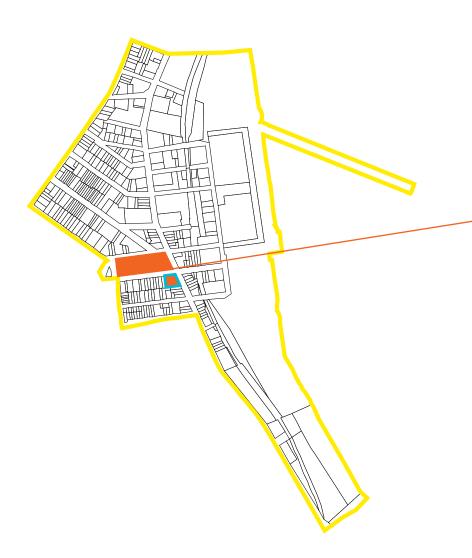
Opportunity:

Highly visible from Bay Street Amenities: Bus stop, parking spaces





6.6 Significant Activation Potential



Tappen Park



Challenge:

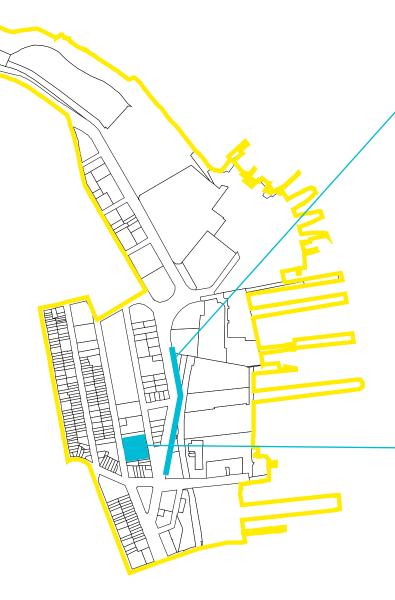
May need city permission for art events Opportunity:

Identified as a key neighborhood space Community efforts on improving the space Amenities: Bus stop, parking spaces

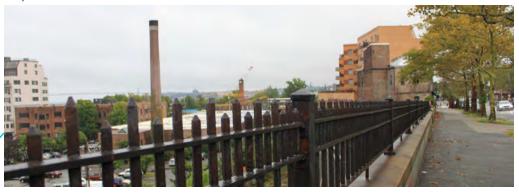




6.7 In Between



Bay Street



Challenge:

Lack of engaging streetscape for pedestrians, despite great view

Opportunity:

Improved way-finding and opportunity to create neighborhood identity through design

108-128 Central Avenue



Challenge:

Private owner, long-term vacancy

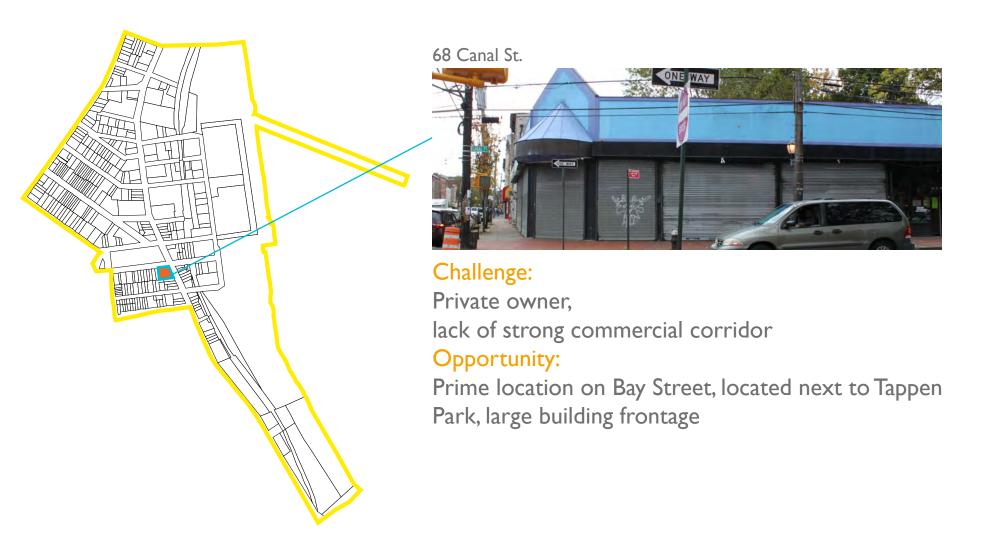
Opportunity:

Close to Tompkinsville Park
Potential for temporary activation or purchase





6.7 In Between







Sites for Focused Analysis







7. Overview

Where is there opportunity for the greatest impact? Where is there greatest need? Where are there existing community partnerships?

Waterfront Promenade - St. George



Opportunity:

Critical link between Ferry Terminal/Lighthouse Museum south towards Tompkinsville (and Stapleton)
Existing community effort - potential to partner and collaborate

Significantly underutilized community amenity

Tappen Park - Stapleton



Opportunity:

Potential town center

Broader neighborhood impacts: activating a neighborhood through activating a public space

Existing community efforts - potential to partner and collaborate

Significantly underutilized community amenity





7. Overview

Bay St. & Richmond Terrace Intersection - St. George

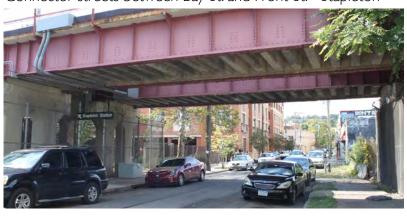


Opportunity:

Public safety: unsafe pedestrian and cyclist conditions Key location - a visitor's first introduction to the St. George neighborhood

Opportunity for goals to do "double duty": develop wayfinding suggestions and a neighborhood identity

Connector streets between Bay St. and Front St. - Stapleton



Opportunity:

Critical link between Tappen Park and URL Staten Island Uncomfortable streetscape





7.2 Waterfront Promenade







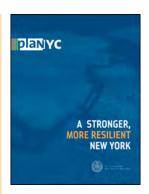
7.2 Policy Background- City Initiative

PlaNYC

Protect waterfront assets along the coastline more effectively

Strategy:

- Coastal Protection Initiative 6: Raise bulkheads in low-lying neighborhhoods to minimize inland tidal flooding
- Building Initivative 2: Rebuild and repair housing units destroyed and substantially damaged by Sandy
- Building Initivative 7: Encourage existing buildings in the 100-year floodplain to adopt flood resiliency measures through an incentive program and targeted mandate



The New Waterfront Revitalization Program

Preserve, protect and maintain existing physical, visual and recreational access to the waterfront

Strategy:

- Protect and maintain infrastructure, including roadways and shoreline protection structures, which support public access and recreation facilities
- Maintain in good repair existing public access areas to ensure public safety and enhance enjoyment













VISION 2020

Expand public access to the waterfront and waterways on public and private property for all New Yorkers and visitors

Strategy:

- Support improvement of connections along waterfront from St. George to Stapleton, including such areas as Bay Street Landing Promenade
- Extend North Shore Promenade
- Explore opportunities for kayak launch

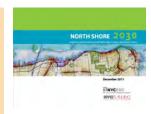


North Shore 2030

Reconnect people with the waterfront Improve connections and mobility

Strategy:

- Facilitate restoration and protection of privately-owned waterfront pathways to ensure continuous waterfront access
- Improve pedestrian connections between St. George and waterfront development sites to the south with safe and inviting crossings, signage, and multiple access points



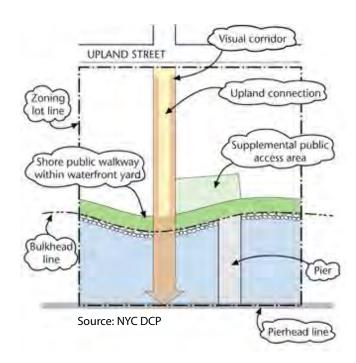




7.2 Policy Background- Zoning

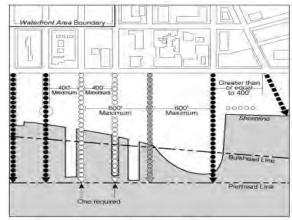
Waterfront Public Access Requirement (1993)

- 1. Shore Public Walkway
- 2. Upland Connection
- 3. Supplemental Public Access Area



Visual Corridor

Visual corridor intervals would not exceed 600 feet



 Designated Visual Corridor or Mapped Street Seaward of the First Upland Street (Mandatory Location for Visual Corridor)

Mapped Street Terminating at First Upland Street (Alternative Location for Visual Corridors Mandatory at Maximum Intervals of 400 Feet).

No Upland Street (Visual Corridor Mandatory at Maximum Intervals of 600 Feet)

■■■ Mapped Street Terminating at First Upland Street (Distance Greater than or Equal to 400 Feet: Mandatory Location)

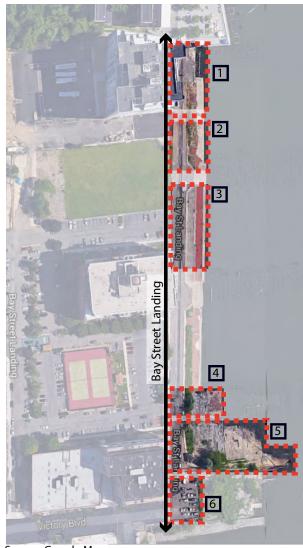
Source: NYC DCP





7.2 Physical Analysis

Underutilized Waterfront















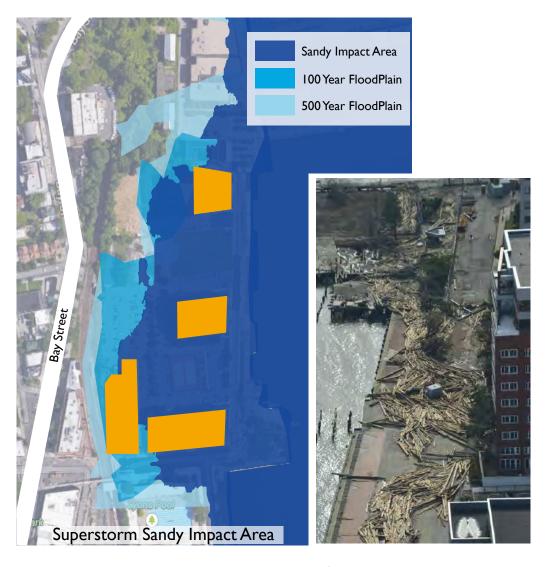








7.2 Physical Analysis - Hurricane Sandy

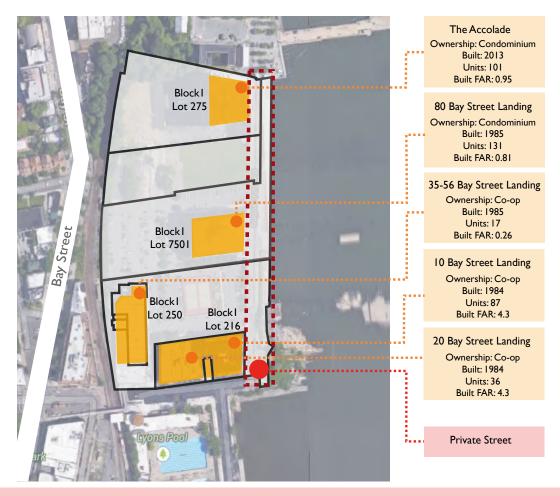


Sources: NYC Map Pluto, NYC Open Data, NYC Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR)





7.2 Physical Analysis - Ownership



Private Ownership Responsibility

Esplanade along Upper New York Bay with seating, lighting and trees, privately owned and maintained for public use in conjunction with the city approvals for the Bay Street Landing development, the conversion of the adjacent industrial loft space for residnetial uses and the construction of townhouses pursuant to a restrictive declaration.

- Bay Street Landing Esplanade, NYC Department of City Planning Website

Sources: NYC Department of City Planning, NYC Map Pluto, baystreetlanding.com





7.2 Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- I. Wayfinding
- 2. Unwelcoming Pedestrian Access
- 3. Site Constraints

















7.2 Challenges and Opportunities

Main Opportunities

I. Connecting Waterfront

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- 2. Connecting Public Assets
- 3. Enhancing Waterfront Experience



7.2 Short-term Recommendation







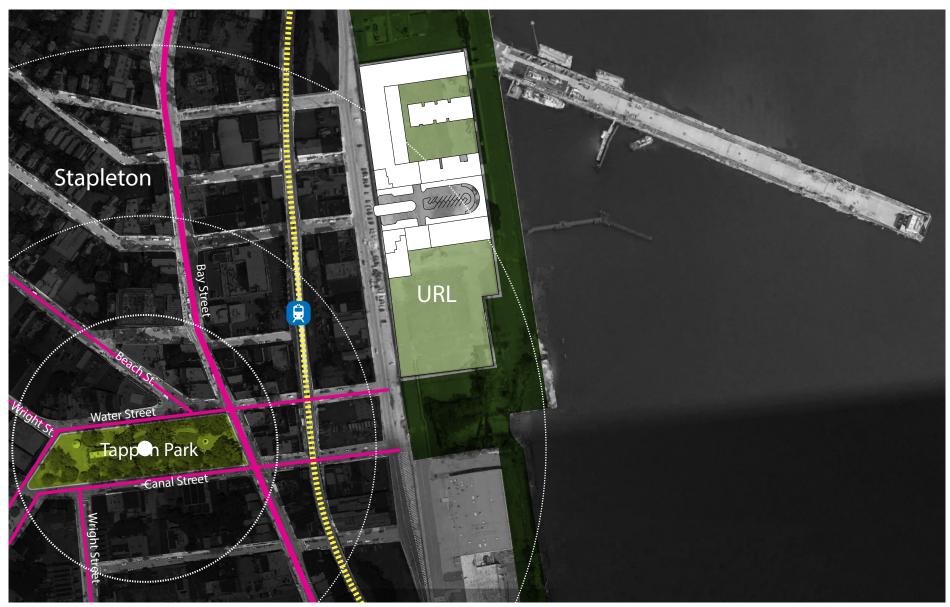
7.2 Long-term Recommendation







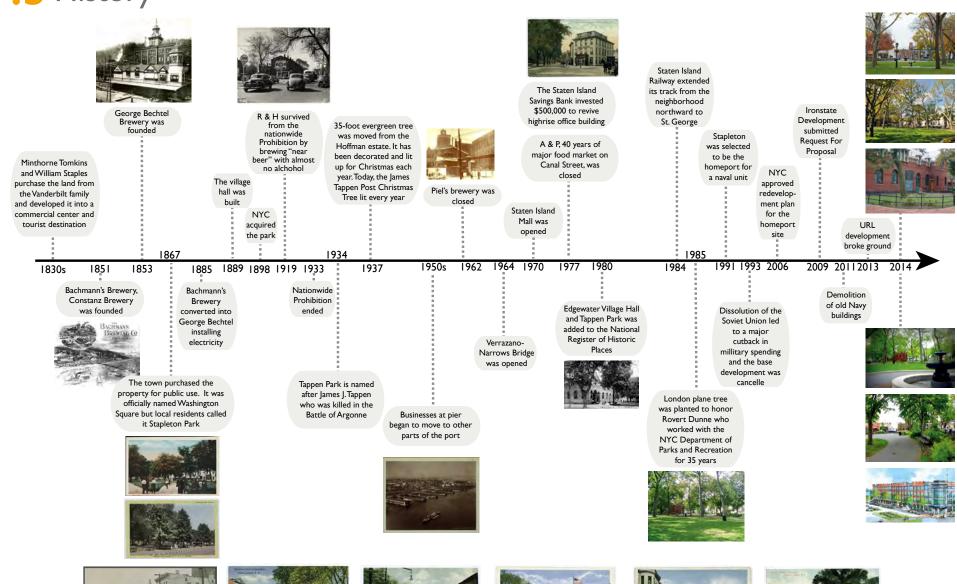
7.3 Tappen Park and Surroundings







7.3 History







Shopping area on Bay Street



Bay Street looking north from the Tappen Park



Bay Street from Canal Street



Bay Street in Stapleton



Water Street in front of the Tappen Park, village hall, and shops







7.3 Current Status



Community Efforts: Historic Tappen Park Programs

I. Maintaining the space

Park Beautification

"It's My Park Day!" Planting NYC Daffodil Project Peas & Carrots Horticulture Program

Source: Historic Tappen Park

DESIGN TRUST

FOR PUBLIC SPACE

2. Program the site

Arts, Cultural & Community Events

Stapleton Soap Box Derby International Music & Dance Festival Oktoberfest/Fall Festival Street Games

3. Activate the neighborhood

Community-Based
Development Activities

Stapleton Village Merchant
Association
Capacity building, marketing &
promotion
Retail Recruitment Program:
Broker's Brunch







7.3 Current Status



The Dance - DB Lampman



Karlis Rekevics - All-Too-Familiar Tangle (City of New York Parks & Recreation Clare Weiss Emerging Artist Award)

DESIGN TRUST FOR PUBLIC SPACE



Challenges to Arts Programming

Great space, interesting history with both paved & ground surfaces, but:

Location

Difficult for non-SI artists to access

Opportunity:

Local artists should take advantage of the space to showcase their art, gaining both an exhibit space & contributing to the "community" feel of the park

Funding

None available through Parks.

Opportunity:

Local organizations - such as Tappen Park & SI Arts - can achieve their goals by supporting artists through funding works

"Tappen's great - I'd love to program it more. ... A lot of organizations don't know how to interact and get people to interact with them, whereas artists have already done the process, honed in - they know how to create a successful project to activate a space."

- Jennifer Lantzas City of New York Parks & Recreation



7.3 Physical Analysis



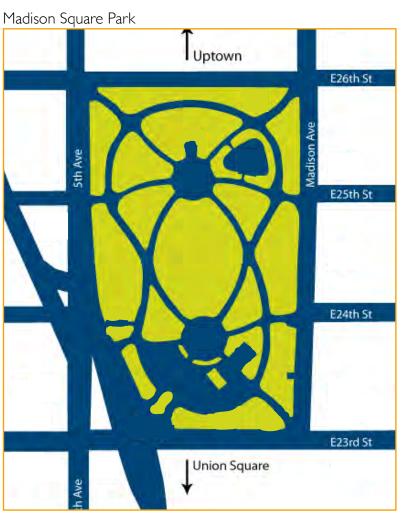






7.3 Case Study: Madison Square Park

3.5x larger, but similar layout and grounds



Madison Square Park Fall Kids Fest 2014



Tappen Park Street Games 2014



Tappen Park



7.3 Case Study: Madison Square Park

Madison Square Park Conservancy

Grows from 5-year capital campaign



Responsible for maintenance, landscaping & programming

Three-pronged appraoch to revitalization: art, food and programming

Art



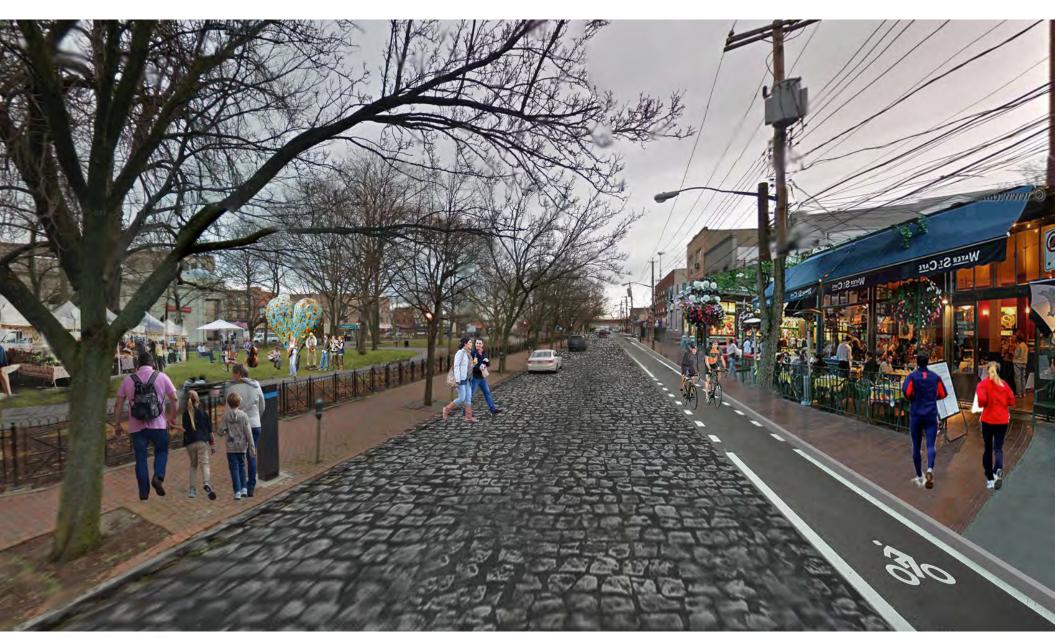
Food



Programs



7.3 Long-term Potential







7.4 Waterfront Access in Stapleton







7.4 Policy & Background



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Under the Elevated: "The Boogie Down Booth" in the Bronx

Under the Elevated installation on Division St. under the Manhattan Bridge

Design Trust & DOT: Under the Elevated

Interviewees identified working with MTA-owned sites as challenges MTA security concerns & response rate limits scope of interventions

DOT piloting Under the Elevated project
Staff dedicated to coordinating agencies & streamlining process to bring design interventions to these spaces

Opportunity for community to rally & advocate for city attention to the space





7.4 Current Status







Source: NYC Map Pluto









7.4 Improve Pedestrian Experience







7.5Bay Street/Richmond Terrace Intersection













7.5 Policy Background

Vision Zero NYC

Collaboration between:

NYPD

DOT

Taxi & Limousine Commission

Citywide Administrative Services

Department of Education

Department of Health

Measures:

Expanded enforcement against dangerous moving violations

New street designs and configurations to improve safety

Broad public outreach and communications

Legislative measures to increase penalties for dangerous driving

Source: Vision Zero



Approximately 4,000 New Yorkers are seriously injured and more than 250 are killed each year in traffic crashes.







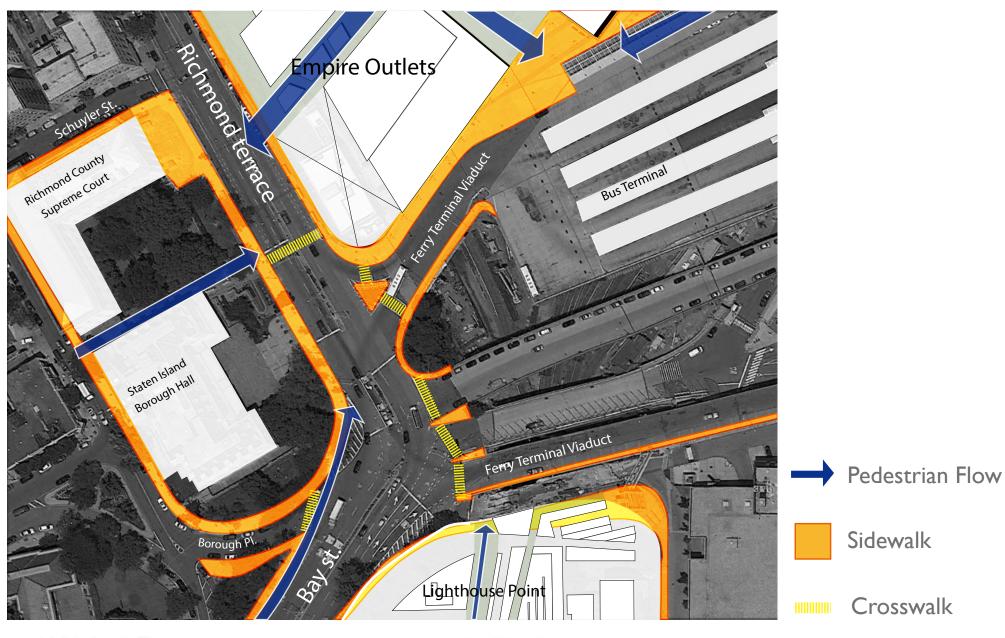
7.5 North Shore Street Safety One fatality Two fatalities Source: CrashStat, Vision Zero







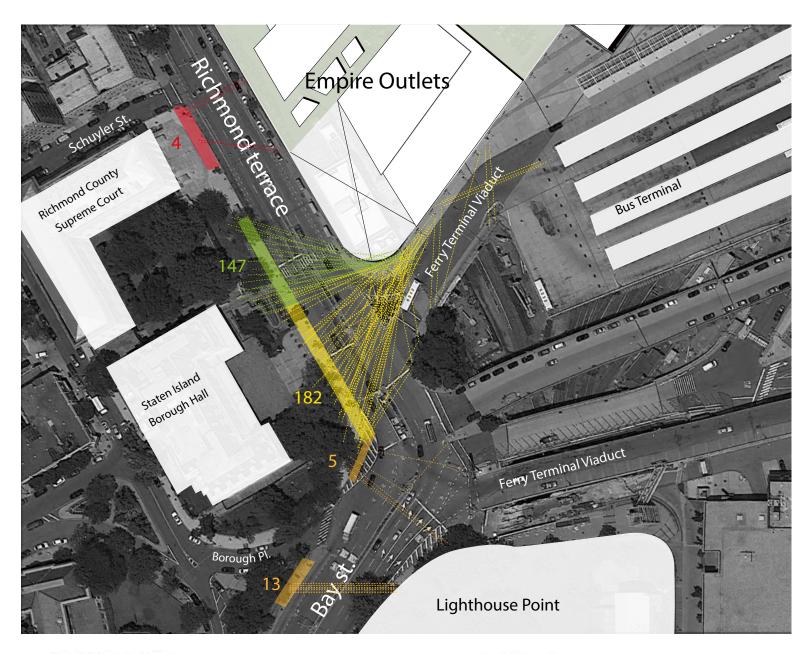
7.5 Physical Analysis







7.5 Pedestrian Count

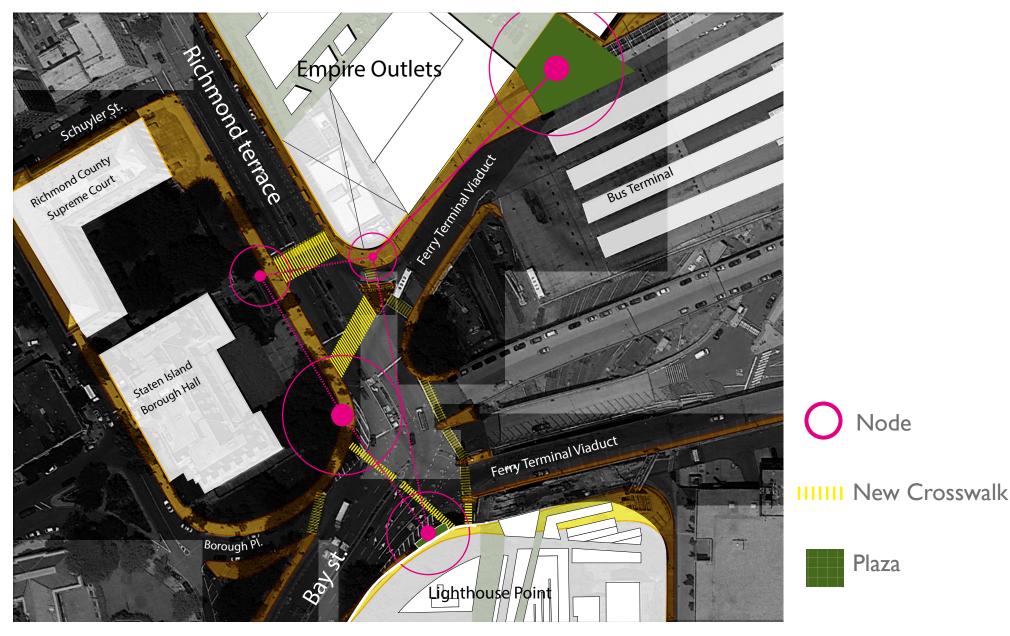


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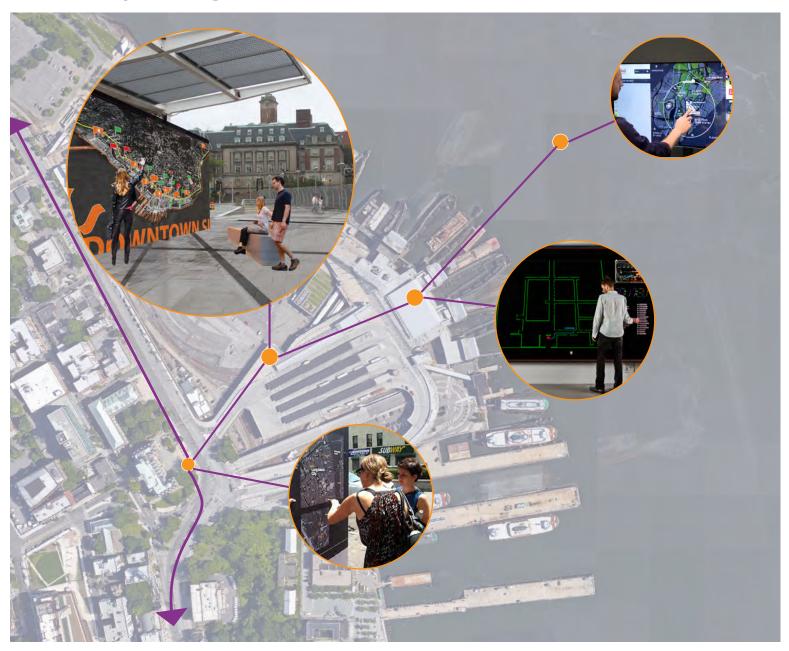
7.5 Design Analysis







7.5 Wayfinding







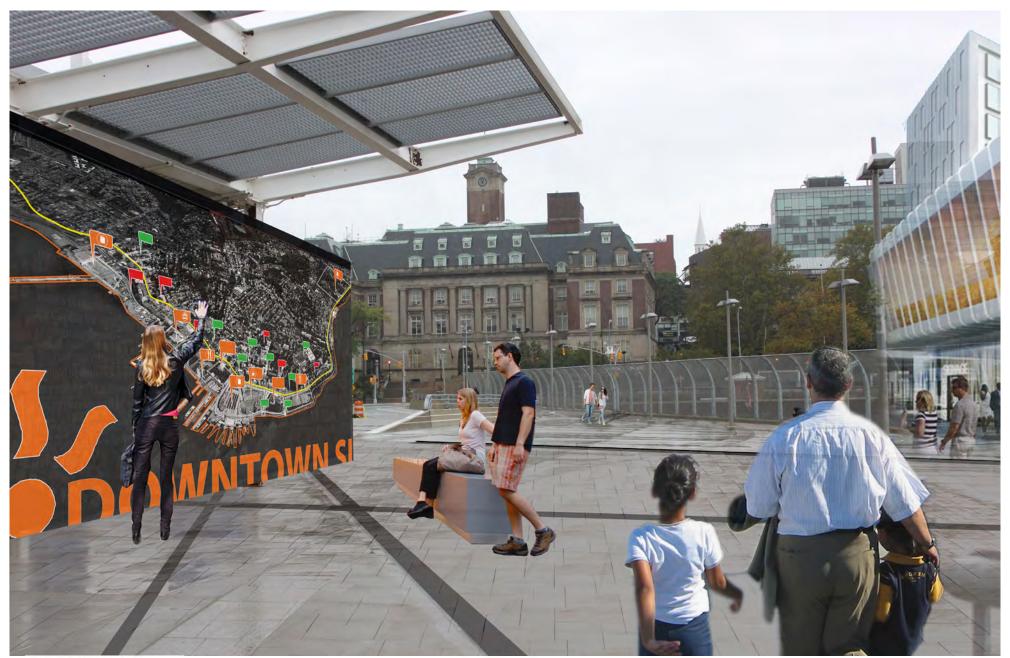
7.5 Wayfinding







7.5 Wayfinding and Neighborhood Identity







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