

Working  
Together to  
Recover Stronger

Gerritsen Beach & Sheepshead Bay

7:00 PM, October 8, 2013

PS 277, Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn



# Community Reconstruction (CR) Plan

## Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- Understanding the CR Program
- Asset Inventory; Problems and Potential Opportunities
- Community Visioning
- Report Results to Group

# Project Team

## Gerritsen Beach/Sheepshead Bay Planning Committee

Co-Chairs: Doreen Garson  
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Barbara Berardelli	Theresa Scavo
Cliff Bruckenstein	Bob Banham
Ellis Wagner	Paul Sarubbi
Kathy Flynn	Laura LaPlant
Linda Cupo	
Melissa Hagerty	

## NY State Government

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NYC Lead Planner: Steve Ridler

**NY Rising: Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay Community Planners**  
Bonnie Devine and Amy DeGaetano

## Planning Team

URS/LiRO/AIM Development

# Understanding the CR Program

## New York State Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

- \$1.7 billion in supplemental federal funding for housing, infrastructure and business recovery activities for recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee
- New York State established the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
- \$25 million allocated for reconstruction planning in the most affected communities
- Additional funds will support projects and activities identified in Community Reconstruction Plans: Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay are each eligible for up to \$6.7 million in funds

# Goals of CR Plan

## Building a Stronger Future

- Assess the community's vulnerabilities to future natural disasters
- Identify economic development needs
- Identify projects and actions to increase resilience and further promote economic development
- Allocate reconstruction funding
- Identify other funding sources and partnerships to implement the full plan



# Recovery Resources Center

**Recovery HOTLINE**  
1-855-NYS-SANDY (1-855-697-7263)  
8AM-8PM weekdays  
**National Flood Insurance Program Help Line**  
1-877-568-9045

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**NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program**  
Click here to learn more about how New York is **Building Back Better**

**New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program**  
The New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program has been established to provide additional rebuilding and revitalization assistance to communities severely damaged by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

**Apply for Housing or Business Recovery Assistance TODAY!**  
[Apply here](#)

## Latest News

**September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Funding for Town of Upper Jay to Build new Fire Station After Hurricane Irene**

**September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Attends First NY Rising Community Reconstruction Meeting in Town of Jay**

**August 1, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Over \$1.3 Million in Federal Flood Mitigation Funding for Village of Greene**

## Fact Sheets

- [Multi-Family](#)
- [Smart Home](#)
- [Smart Rebuild NYS](#)
- [Small Business](#)
- [Coastal Fishing](#)
- [Seasonal Tourism](#)
- [Community Reconstruction Program](#)

## Resources

**Small Business Development Center Disaster Recovery Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs**

**Sandy Help Team Intake Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs**

# CR Plan Guidance



Governor's Homepage



Hurricane Sandy Insurance Assistance



Emergency Preparedness Commissions

- NY DHSES
- HCR
- FEMA
- HUD
- HUD in NYS
- NYS DOS
- ESD

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov>

# Planning Approach

- Community input is critically important. This is a “bottom-up” approach. CR Plan must reflect input and support of community!
- Planning Committee comprised of local people with personal knowledge, experience and concern for area.
- Planning Committee will guide:
  - Who else to involve
  - How best to listen
  - What’s important to focus on

# Planning Approach

- Consultant teams chosen for knowledge of planning process, disaster recovery, hazard mitigation, and the local area
- Teams are compiling detailed information on studies, plans, and projects at all levels of government: local, state, and federal
- Compiling asset inventories and performing risk assessment
- Combining best available data and analysis with community input

# Community Vision

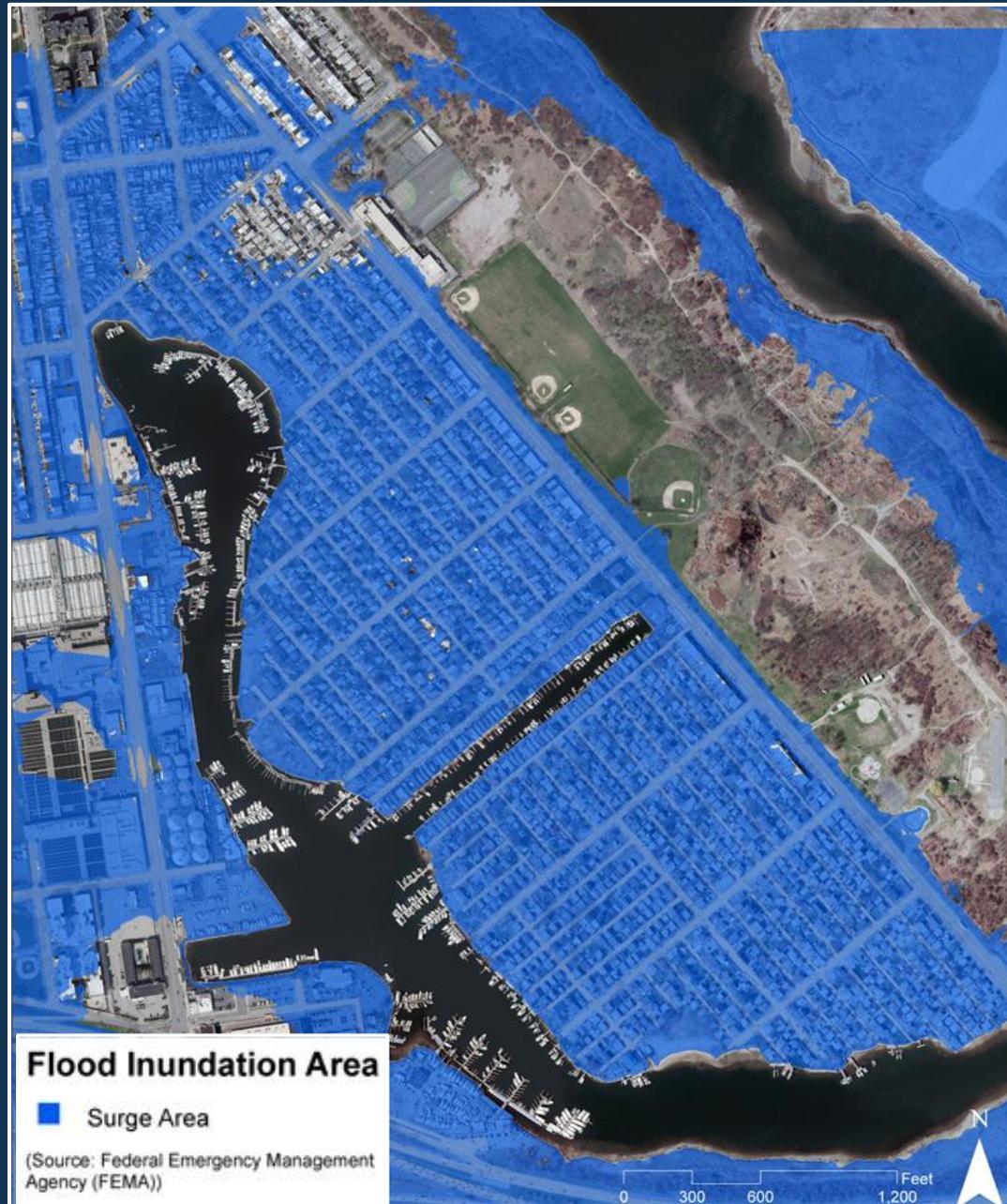
- Community Visions can be short, medium and/or long-term
- Visions:
  - Define hopes for the future
  - Capitalize on existing social and economic assets
  - Reduce risk and increase community resilience
  - Provide focus and direction

# Planning Area/Geographic Scope

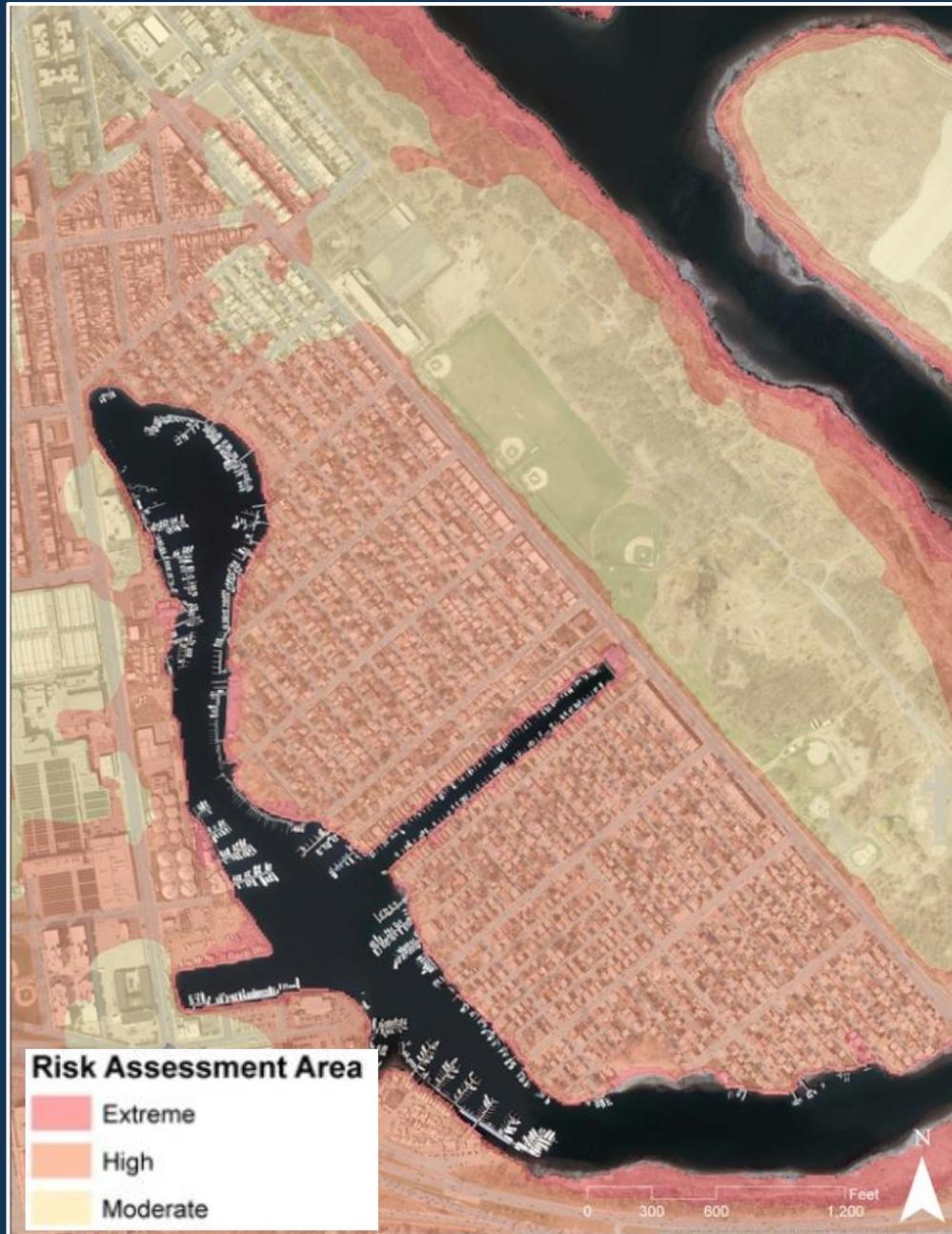
- Area where assets are most at risk
- Area in which reconstruction or future construction should be



# Gerritsen Beach: Sandy Inundation Area



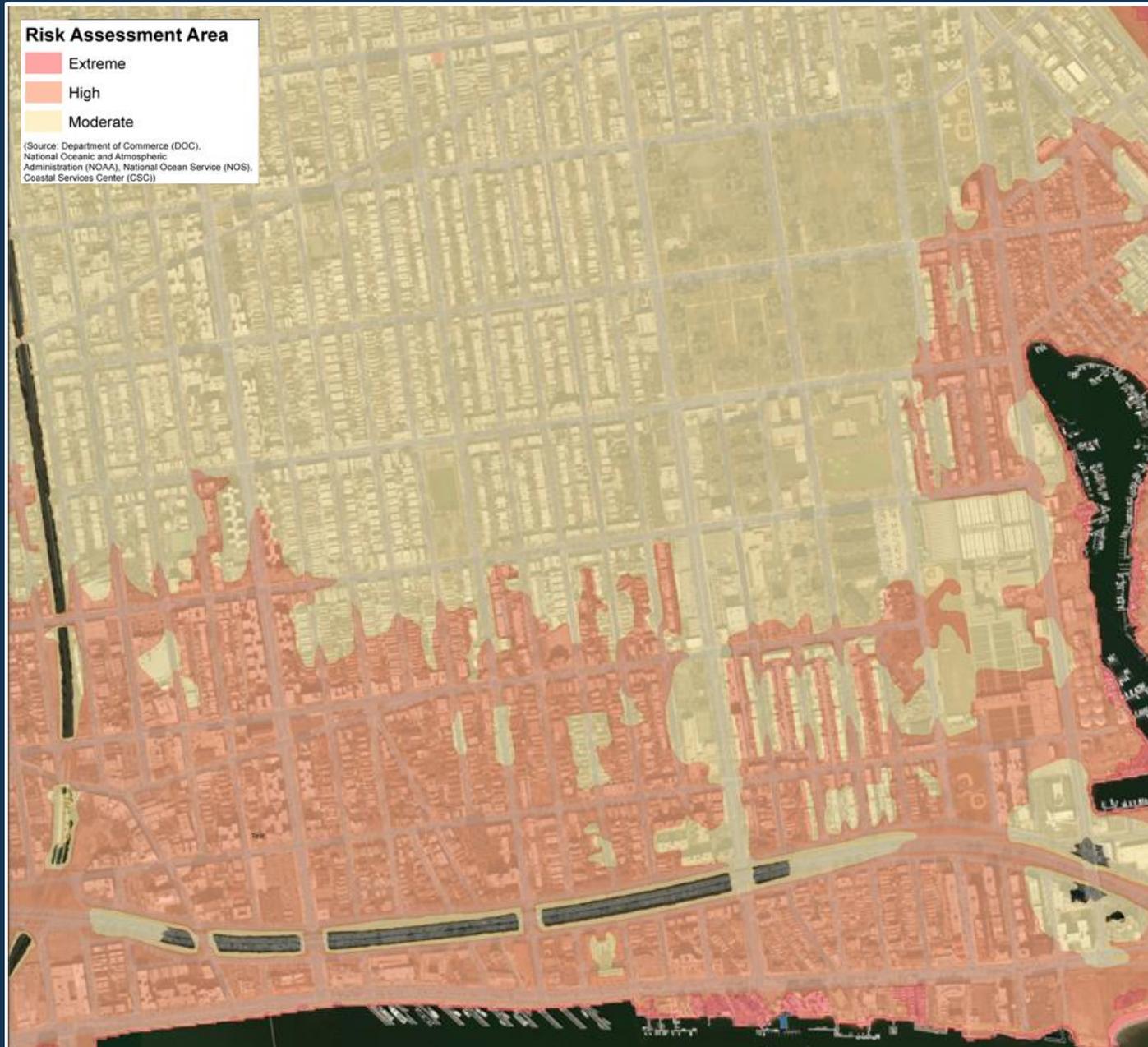
# Gerritsen Beach: Risk Assessment Areas



# Sheepshead Bay: Sandy Inundation Area



# Sheepshead Bay: Risk Assessment Areas



# Focusing Our Efforts

- Places and projects where can we have the greatest impact
- Projects that address the most important issues
- Actions that can leverage further investment by others and additional grant resources

## Reconstruction Strategies:

- Community Planning and Capacity Building
- Economic Development
- Health and Social Services
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Natural and Cultural Resources

# Elements of the Conceptual Plan

- The **community vision**
- The **geographic scope** of the plan
- **Key strategies** identified by the Committee
- **Potential key projects** identified by the Committee and from public input
- **Projects ready to go** as well as **big ideas**
- **Potential actions** that could be taken to implement the key strategies
- Description of how **the public** has been engaged

# Working Definitions

**Asset** - Key facility, system or area (e.g., natural) vital to the community's prosperity and/or quality of life

**Strategy** - guides project and investment decisions to gradually transition at-risk assets from high risk conditions to an acceptable lower level of risk

**Actions** and **Projects** – Implementation elements of strategy

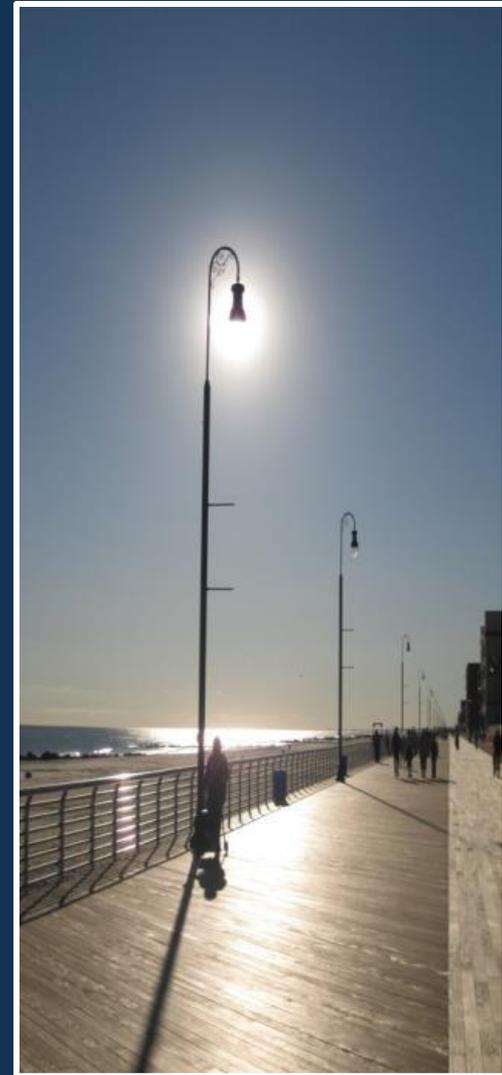
# Identify Assets at Risk

Identify assets potentially affected by each of the following:

- Coastal hazards
- Location in extreme and high risk areas

**Ultimate Goal: Reduce the risk to these assets AND make them more resilient**

**Six major asset categories...**



# Types of Assets

**Economic** - Office buildings, grocery, restaurants, banks, lodging, storefronts, downtown center, seasonal/tourism destinations

**Infrastructure Systems** – Power supply, pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular ways, transit, bridges, rail, ports, gas stations, water supply, stormwater, wastewater, solid waste and recycling

# Types of Assets

**Health and Human Services** - Schools, health care, day care, elder care, emergency operations, government and administrative services, media and communications, police, fire and rescue

**Natural and Cultural Resources** - Natural habitats, wetlands and marshes, recreation facilities, parks, public access, open spaces, religious establishments, libraries, museums, historic landmarks, performing arts venues

# Types of Assets

**Services for Socially Vulnerable Populations** - Assets predominantly providing services for people with disabilities, low and very-low income populations, the elderly, young children, homeless and people at risk of becoming homeless

**Housing** - Single-family and multi-family dwellings, supportive housing/group homes, senior housing and affordable housing

# Asset Inventory-Sheepshead Bay

## Sheepshead Bay

Oct 2013



- 1 King Highway Library
- 2 Kelly Park
- 3 Cricket Field
- 4 Marina Park
- 5 Mellet Playground
- 6 61 Precinct
- 7 Coney Island Hospital
- 8 Grady Playground
- 9 Homcrest Playground
- 10 Sheepshead Bay Library
- 11 Galapo Playground
- 12 Herman Dolgon Playground
- 13 Bill Brown Playground
- 14 JHS 14 Shell Bank
- 15 Sheepshead Bay HS
- 16 Yak Playground
- 17 Sheepshead Playground
- 18 Sanitation Sub Garage
- 19 Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 20 Holocaust Memorial Park
- 21 Lundy's Restaurant
- 22 Emmons Ave Seawall
- 23 Flam Gardens / Waterford Home on the Bay
- 24 Sheepshead Nursing & Rehab Center
- 25 NYCHA - Affordable Housing
- 26 Kings Bay Library
- 27 Homcrest Library
- 28 P.S. 209 Margaret Mead
- 29 P.S. 254
- 30 St Mark School
- 31 St Mark Church
- 32 Congregation Bnai Israel
- 33 Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- 34 The United Methodist Church
- 35 Yeshiva of Kings Bay
- 36 P.S. 52
- 37 Special Needs School
- 38 Brooklyn Amity School
- 39 Venice House Boats
- 40 Harbor View
- 41 Sunoco Gas Station
- 42 Brooklyn Yacht Club
- 43 UJA Theater
- 44 Parking Garage
- 45 Plumb Beach
- 46 Comfort Inn
- 47 Bay Family Center
- 48 Green Lawn
- 49 Sheepshead Bay Yacht Club
- 50 Miramar Yacht Club
- 51 Knights of Baron De Kalb
- 52 Il Fornetto
- 53 Varuna Yacht Club
- 54 Fishing Charters
- 55 Kings Bay Daycare
- 56 Roll-N-Roaster
- 57 Catholic Charities Home
- 58 Best Western Plus Brooklyn Bay
- 59 Strana Chudes Day Care Center
- 60 Bungalow Colonies

- Geographic Scope
  - Buildings
  - Parks
  - Water
  - Road
  - Bike Lane
  - Truck Route
  - Bus Lines
  - Business Corridors
  - MTA
  - Public/Private Schools
  - NYPD/FDNY
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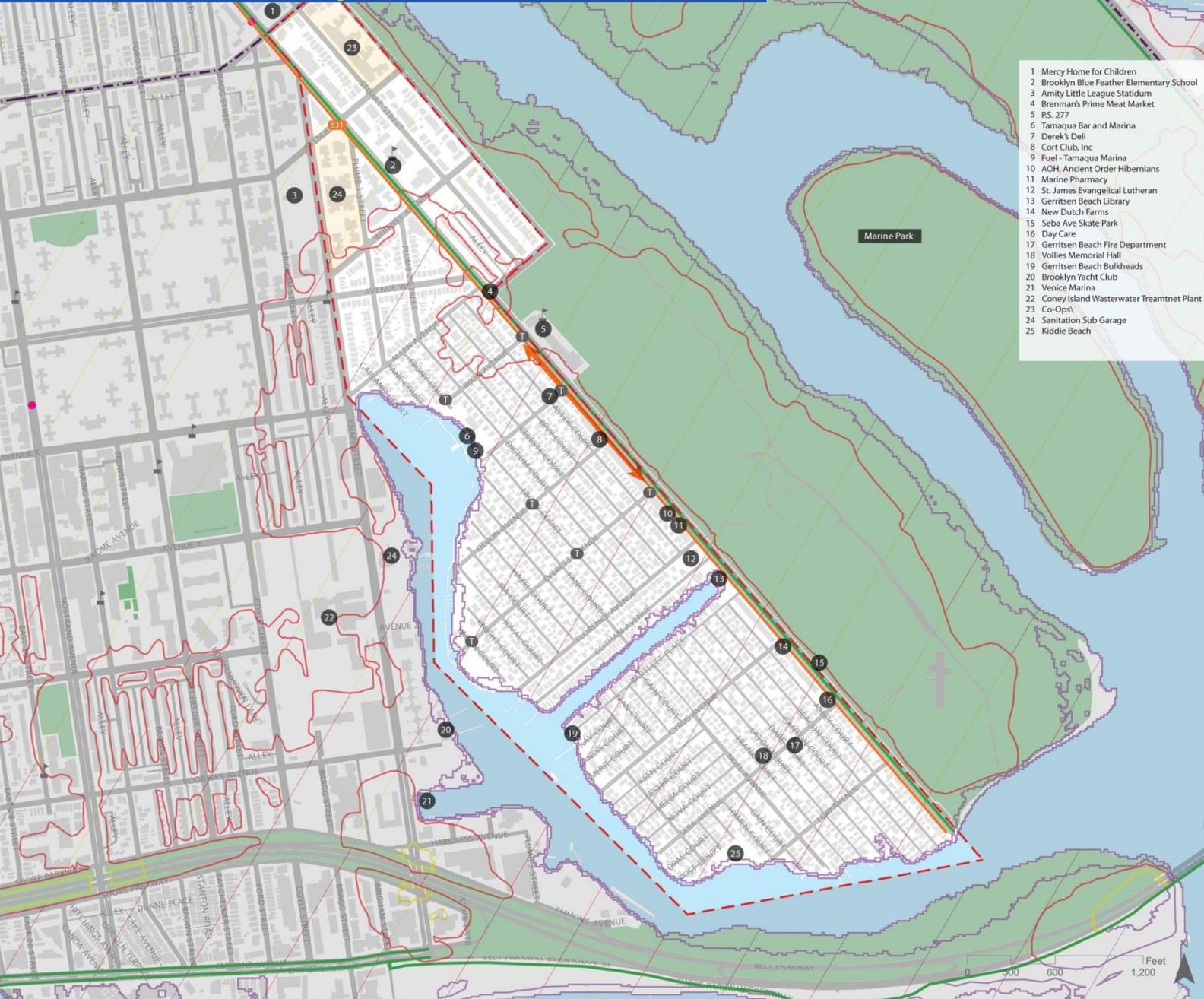
Source: NYC Department of City Planning, MapPLUTO



# Asset Inventory-Gerritsen Beach

## Gerritsen Beach

Oct 2013



- 1 Mercy Home for Children
- 2 Brooklyn Blue Feather Elementary School
- 3 Arny Little League Stadium
- 4 Brennan's Prime Meat Market
- 5 P.S. 277
- 6 Tamaqua Bar and Marina
- 7 Derek's Deli
- 8 Cort Club, Inc
- 9 Fuel - Tamaqua Marina
- 10 AOH, Ancient Order Hibernians
- 11 Marine Pharmacy
- 12 St. James Evangelical Lutheran
- 13 Gerritsen Beach Library
- 14 New Dutch Farms
- 15 Seba Ave Skate Park
- 16 Day Care
- 17 Gerritsen Beach Fire Department
- 18 Volles Memorial Hall
- 19 Gerritsen Beach Bulkheads
- 20 Brooklyn Yacht Club
- 21 Venice Marina
- 22 Coney Island Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 23 Co-Op's
- 24 Sanitation Sub Garage
- 25 Kiddie Beach

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**NOTES:**

**Population**

- Split between the elderly and families with young children

**Utilities:**

- Ave L Loop - No senior citizen facilities
- From Flatbush Ave., down Ave. U, then splits

**Can Edison**

- Wants to split into 4 zones for power delivery

**Power Outage**

- Sump pumps, gas stations, street lighting

**Natural Gas Lines**

- Lines infiltrated and broken - Destroyed boilers in homes

**Underground**

- Gas, Water, Sewers

**Overhead**

- Power and phone lines

**Infrastructure to improve**

- Streets
- Storm water system
- Power lines
- Underground lines
- Gas stations



Source: NYC Department of City Planning, MapPLUTO



0 300 600 1,200 Feet

## Breakout Groups

- Review Asset Inventory Maps—what else should be shown?
- Problem Areas: both before (long-term) and during/after Sandy
- Potential Project Opportunities

# Vision Statements

## Suggested General Guidelines

- Inform, Inspire, Energize
- Simple, Memorable, Clear
- Builds on History, Strengths, Resources, and Assets
- Creates a vivid picture of shared desired outcomes, goals and benefits
- Purpose-driven
- Includes a description of what the community will look like in the future

# Vision Statements

## Key Words Identified by Our Committee

Preparedness

Resilient

Stronger

Maintain  
Character

Historic

Healthy

Quality of  
Life

Transformative

Safer

Tight-Knit

Sense of  
Uniqueness

Part of City, But  
Different

Secluded but  
Not Isolated

Protect  
Assets

Eliminate  
Vulnerability

Future

*DRAFT VISION STATEMENT FOR GERRITSEN BEACH  
AND SHEEPSHEAD BAY*

Our vision is to restore the historical uniqueness of our waterfront communities by building upon our resilience which will ensure a stronger, safer, and brighter quality of life for future generations.

# Reconvene to Report Results

- Asset Identification
- Problem Areas
- Potential Opportunities
- Vision Statement

# Next Steps

- **October** – Preparation of draft Conceptual Plan, incorporating input from Planning Committee and the public, and research and analysis by consultants
- **October 16th** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Planning Committee Meeting at Vollies Memorial Hall, 43 Seba Avenue, Gerritsen Beach
- **October 28<sup>th</sup>** – Submittal of draft Conceptual Plan by Committee to the State and publication on-line. Copies to be put in community centers.

# Next Steps

- **November 20th:** Second public event to solicit community response to Conceptual Plan.
  - Tentative location: Brooklyn Amity School, 3867 Shore Parkway at Knapp St., Sheepshead Bay
- **Final Plan** due by March 2014

# Thank You!

Keep up with us on the Web

Community Reconstruction Program Website

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/community-reconstruction-program>

Gerritsen Beach/Sheepshead Bay Website:

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/community/gerritsen-beach-and-sheepshead-bay>

Or search for **NY Rising** and follow the links