



**Red Hook
Planning Committee Meeting #1**

September 18, 2013



Agenda for Planning Committee Meeting #1

1. NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

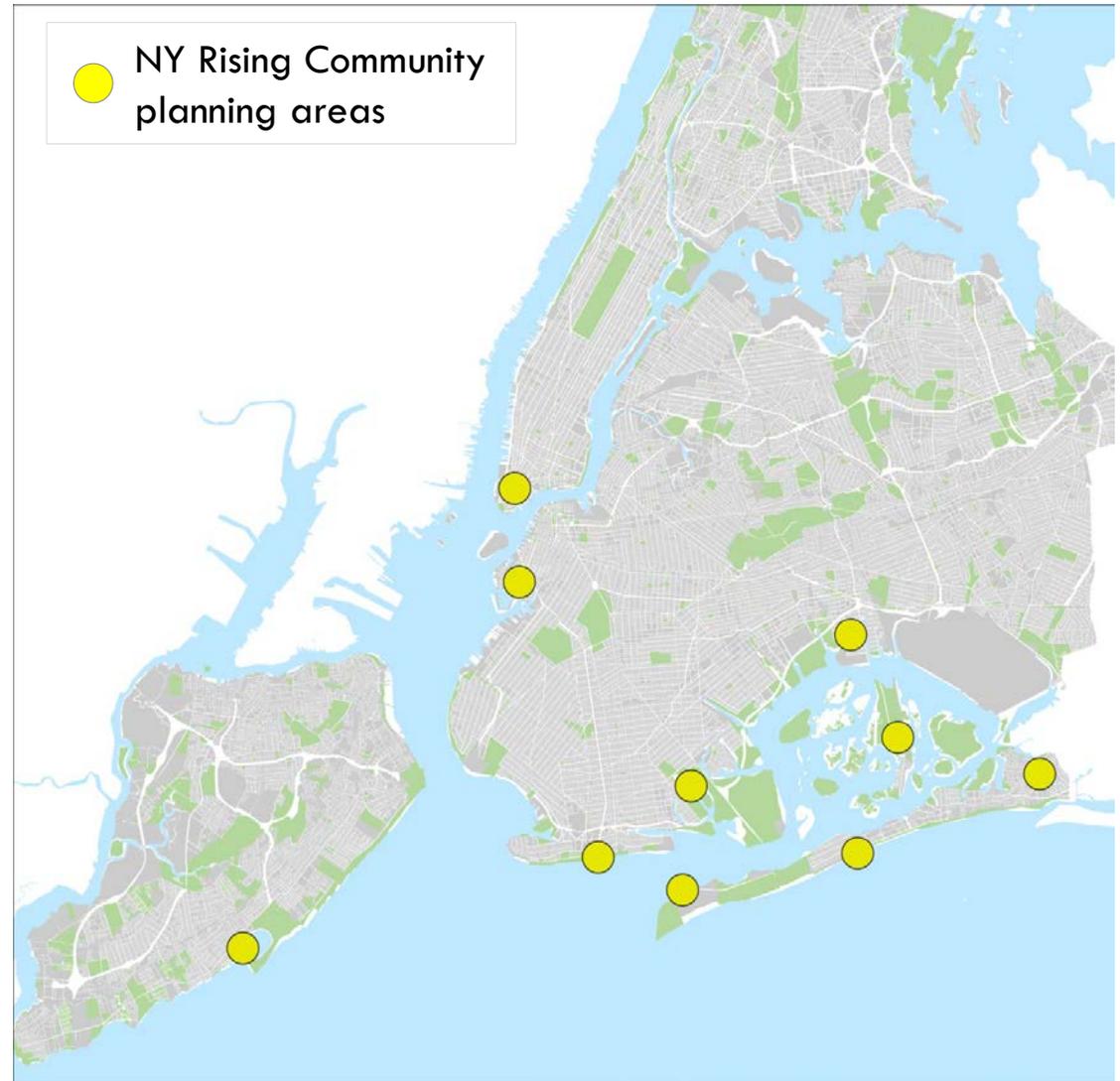
- Overview
- Team introduction
- Workplan

2. Red Hook Community Reconstruction

- Study area, asset inventory, and risk assessment
- Existing efforts and plans
- Needs and opportunities

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program overview

- **New York State assistance** for rebuilding after Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, Superstorm Sandy
- 10 NY Rising Community planning areas in New York City



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program overview

- Community-driven planning process to produce:
 - **Draft Conceptual Plan** by October 28
 - **Final Plan** by March 2014
- Communities eligible for **NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program funding**, as well as numerous other funding sources



The Committee will follow a thorough process for identifying projects and actions



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Goals and Components

Goals

- Increase resiliency of key assets
- Address short, medium, and long-term risks
- Balance costs and benefits
- Protect vulnerable populations
- Drive economic growth
- Coordinate with regional initiatives
- Outline steps for implementation

Community Reconstruction Plan

Six Recovery Functions

Community Planning
& Capacity Building



Economic
Development



Health &
Human Services



Housing



Infrastructure



Natural &
Cultural Resources



Diverse funding sources to be considered in the planning process

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Funds:

- Up to \$3 million for Red Hook
- Possible additional funds for exemplary public engagement, regional coordination and design innovation

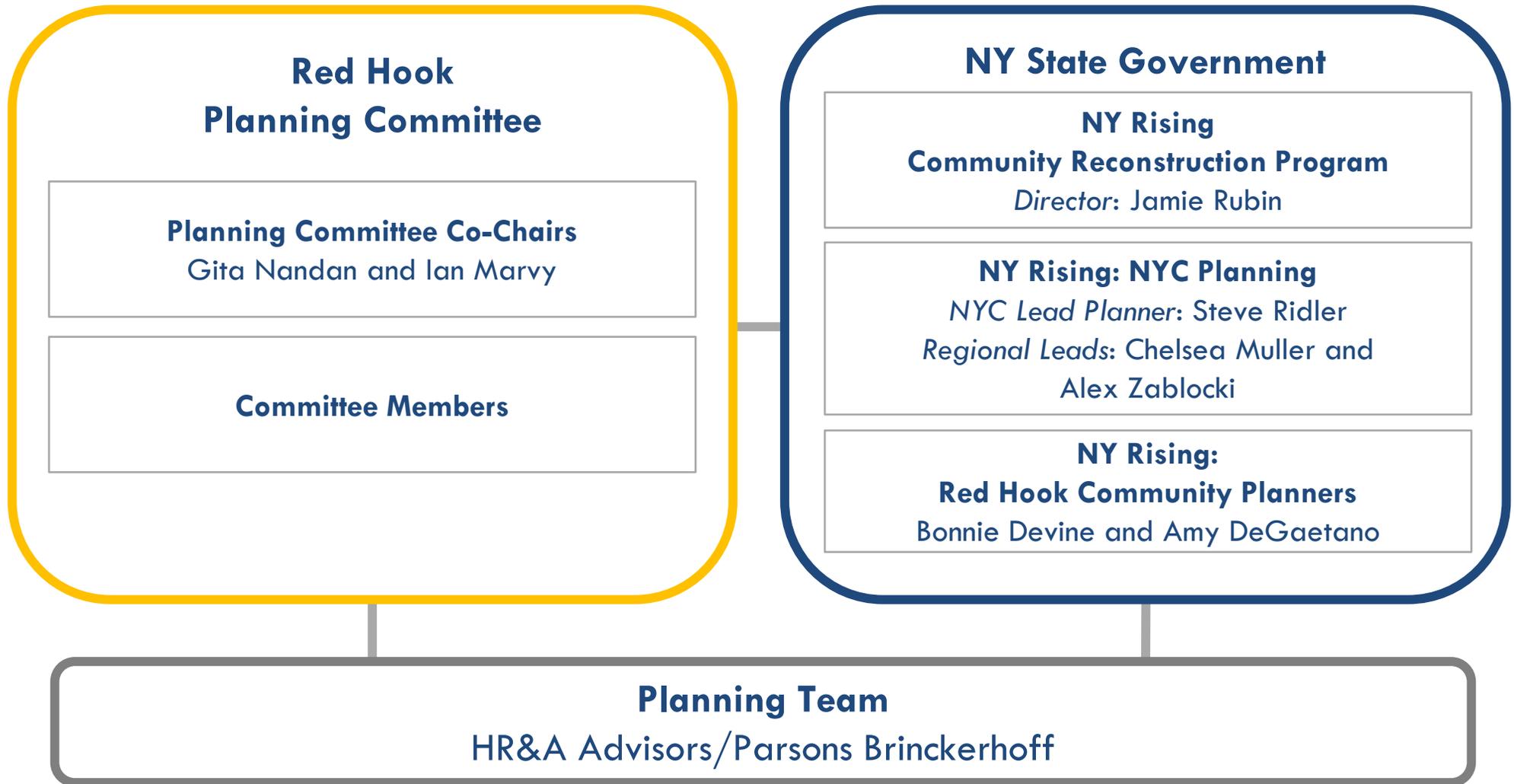
Additional select federal funds:

- CDBG-DR
- FEMA: Public & Individual Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grants
- Social Services Block Grants
- Federal Transit Authority & Federal Highway Administration Relief
- Clean Water & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

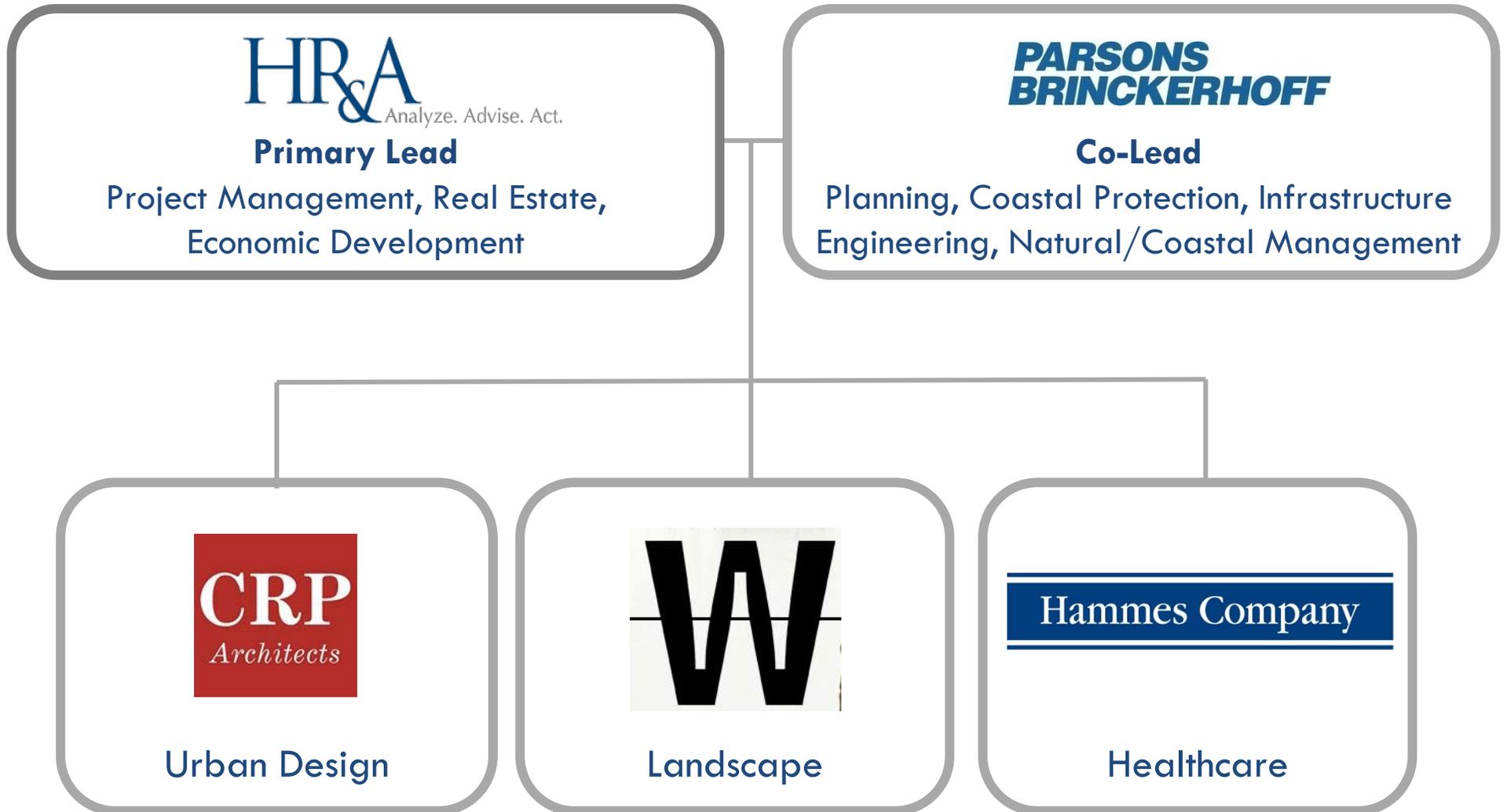
Additional select state and city funds:

- NYS - Recreate NY Multi-Family Housing Mitigation/Elevation Grant Program
- NYC - Build it Back (CDBG-DR)
- NYC - Small Business Matching Grant Program (CDBG-DR)
- NYC - Nonprofit Recovery Loan/Grant Program

New York State has appointed a Planning Team to provide technical assistance to the Planning Committee

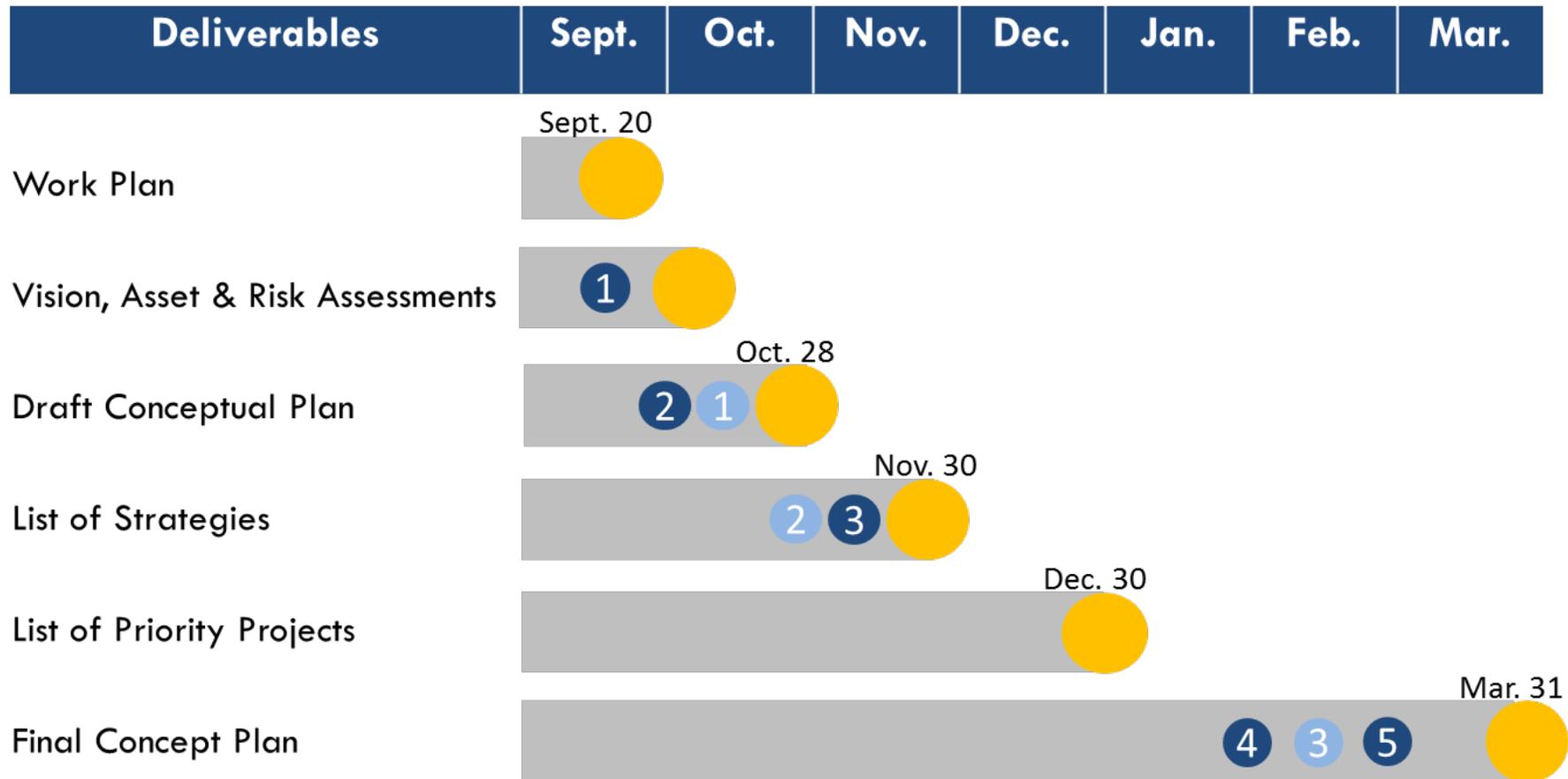


The Planning Team brings together multidisciplinary expertise



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program workplan

- Planning Committee Meeting
- Public Meeting
- Deliverable Due Date



Community engagement strategy

3 public meetings:

- 1 by October 28th
- 1 by November 10th
- 1 by February 16th

Community engagement strategy components:

- Role of planning committee
- Publicity strategy
- Public engagement techniques
 - Storefront charrette
 - Town Hall meeting
 - Online engagement



Open Plan interactive mapping

The screenshot displays the 'publicspace challenge' website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'ABOUT' and 'CONTACT US'. The main content area features a satellite map of Miami with numerous colorful pins (red, blue, yellow, purple) indicating user-submitted ideas for public spaces. A prominent idea by Shelly Baer is highlighted, featuring a photo of a scenic waterfront walkway and a text description of the proposed improvement: benches on Brickell Bay. The idea includes a title 'My idea to improve this place...', a detailed description of the location and the user's personal experience, and a section titled 'So that people could...' explaining the benefits of the proposal. The website footer includes logos for 'Our Miami The Miami Foundation', 'PPS PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES', and 'ioby'. Social media sharing icons for Twitter and Facebook are visible next to the idea's title.

publicspace challenge ABOUT CONTACT US

98 LIKE THIS!

Shelly Baer added this Shade and Public Comfort idea a month ago.

My idea to improve this place...

Benches on Brickell Bay- On Brickell Bay Drive there is a BEAUTIFUL walkway along the water, but with no where to sit, read, lounge and linger. My husband and I walk along here, well, he walks, i roll. He pushes me in my wheelchair. I have lived on Brickell for almost 20 years and always wondered why there were no benches on this beautiful path..

So that people could...

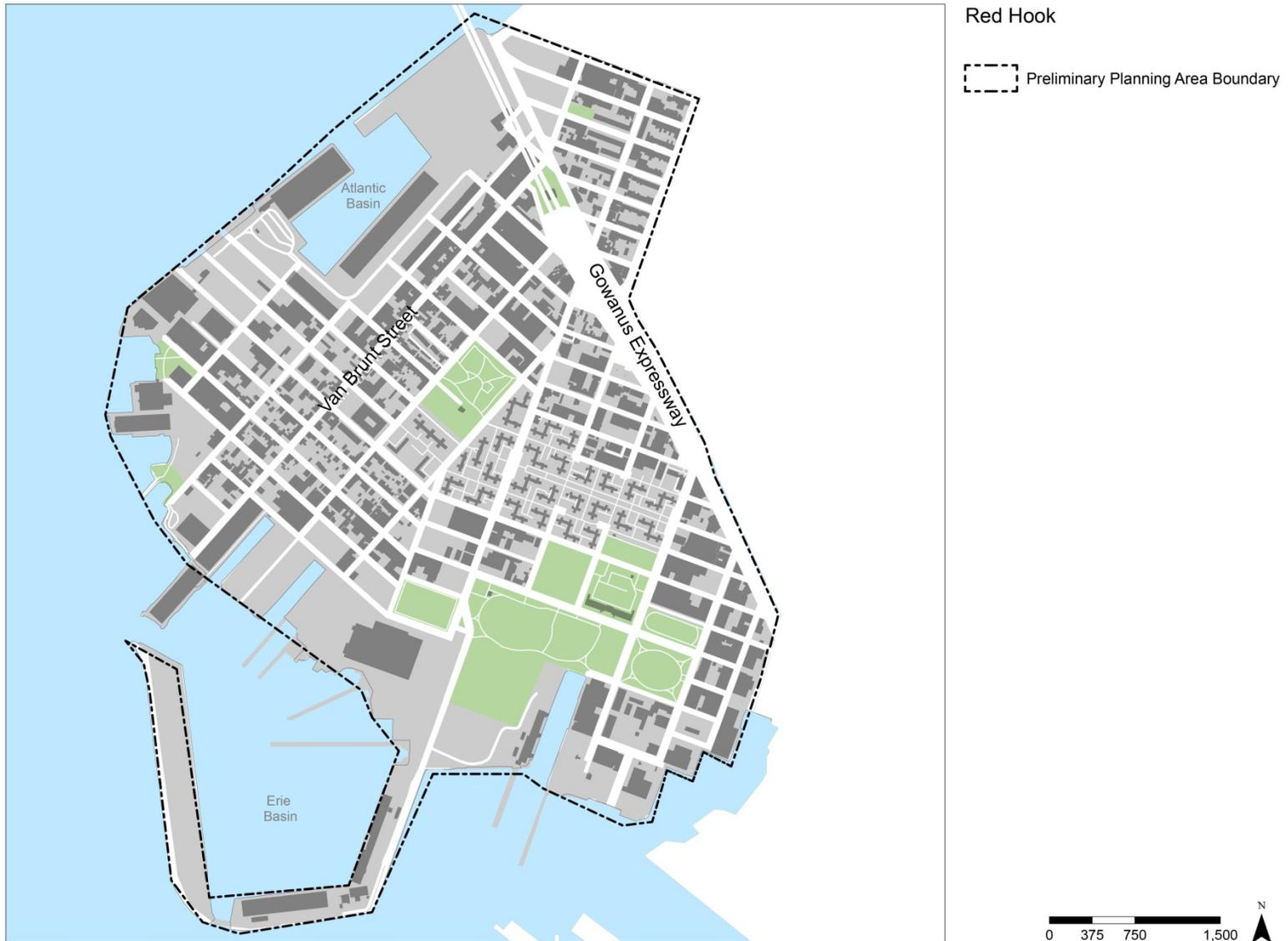
This would help make our Miami better by encouraging people to stay outside longer and enjoy the fresh air. Having benches would increase...

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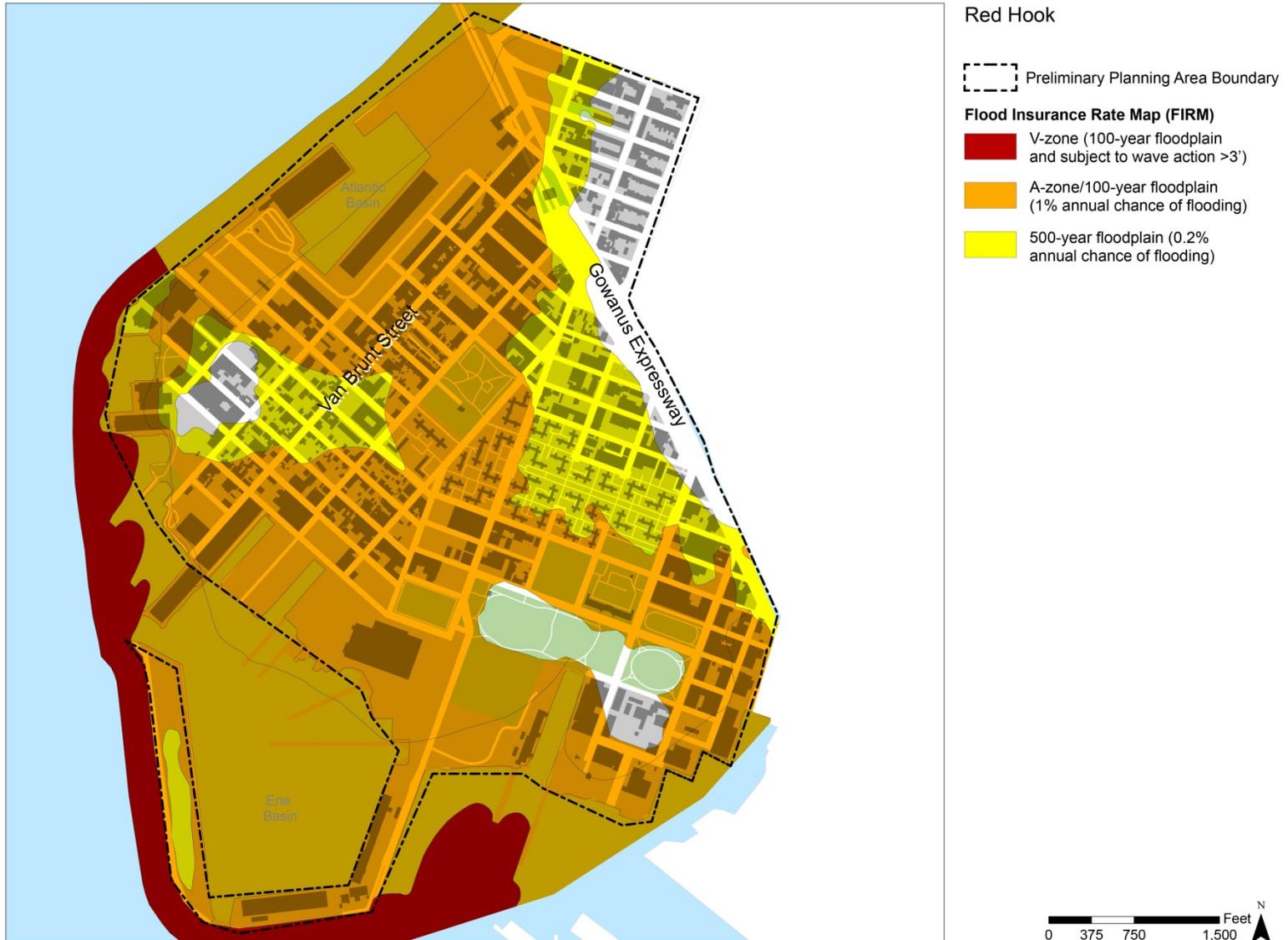


Red Hook Community Reconstruction

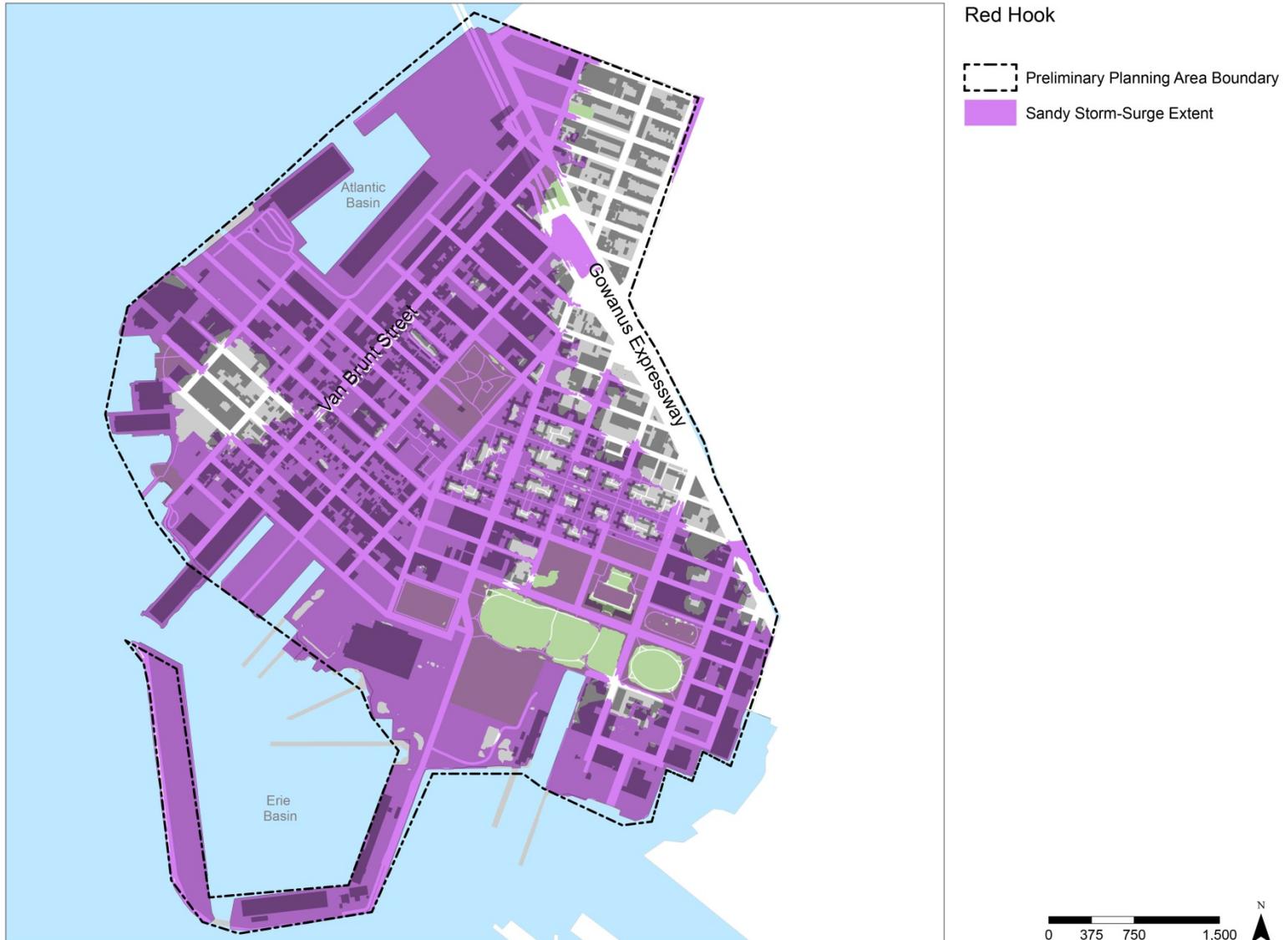
Red Hook preliminary proposed planning area



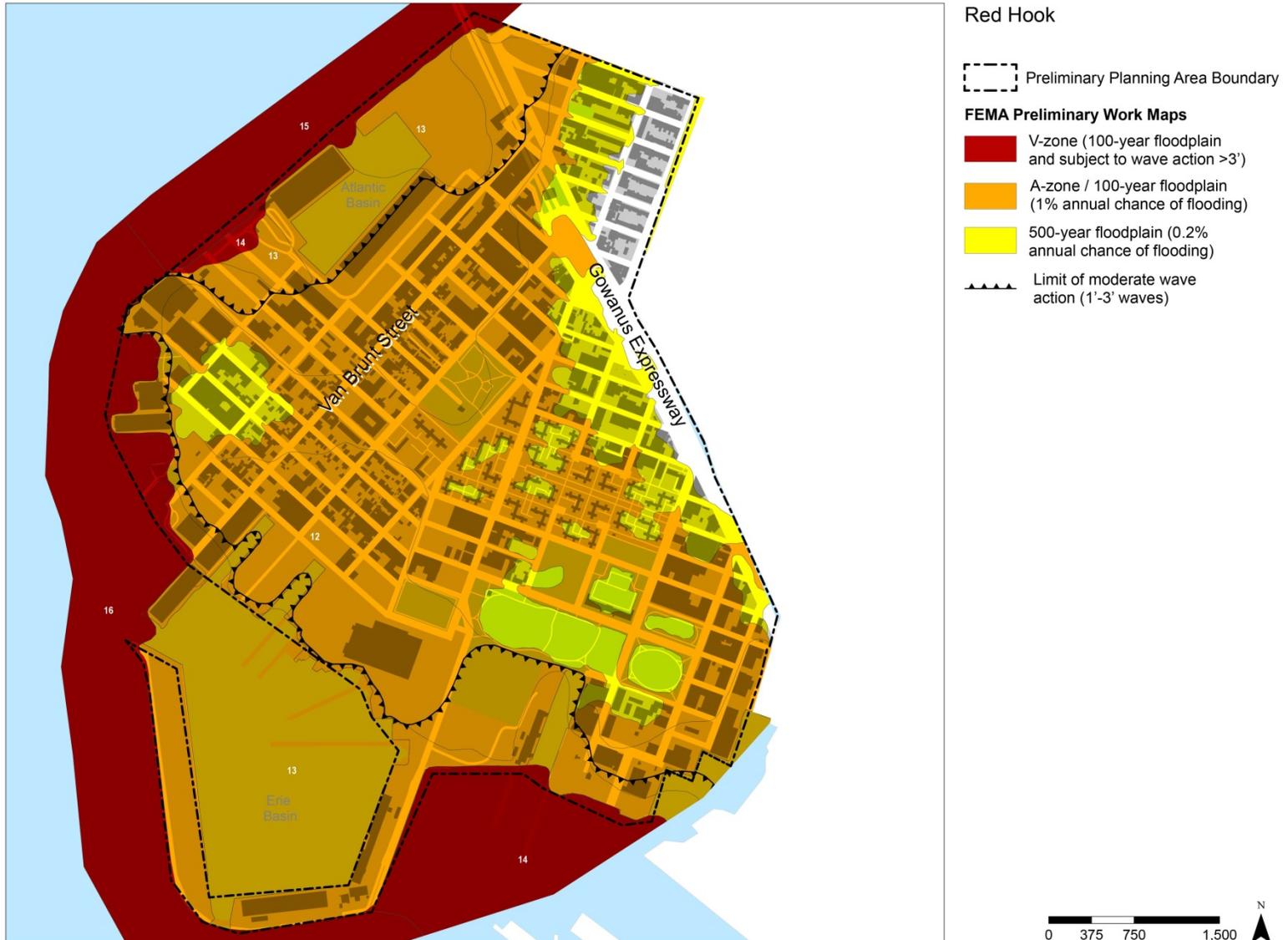
FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (1983)



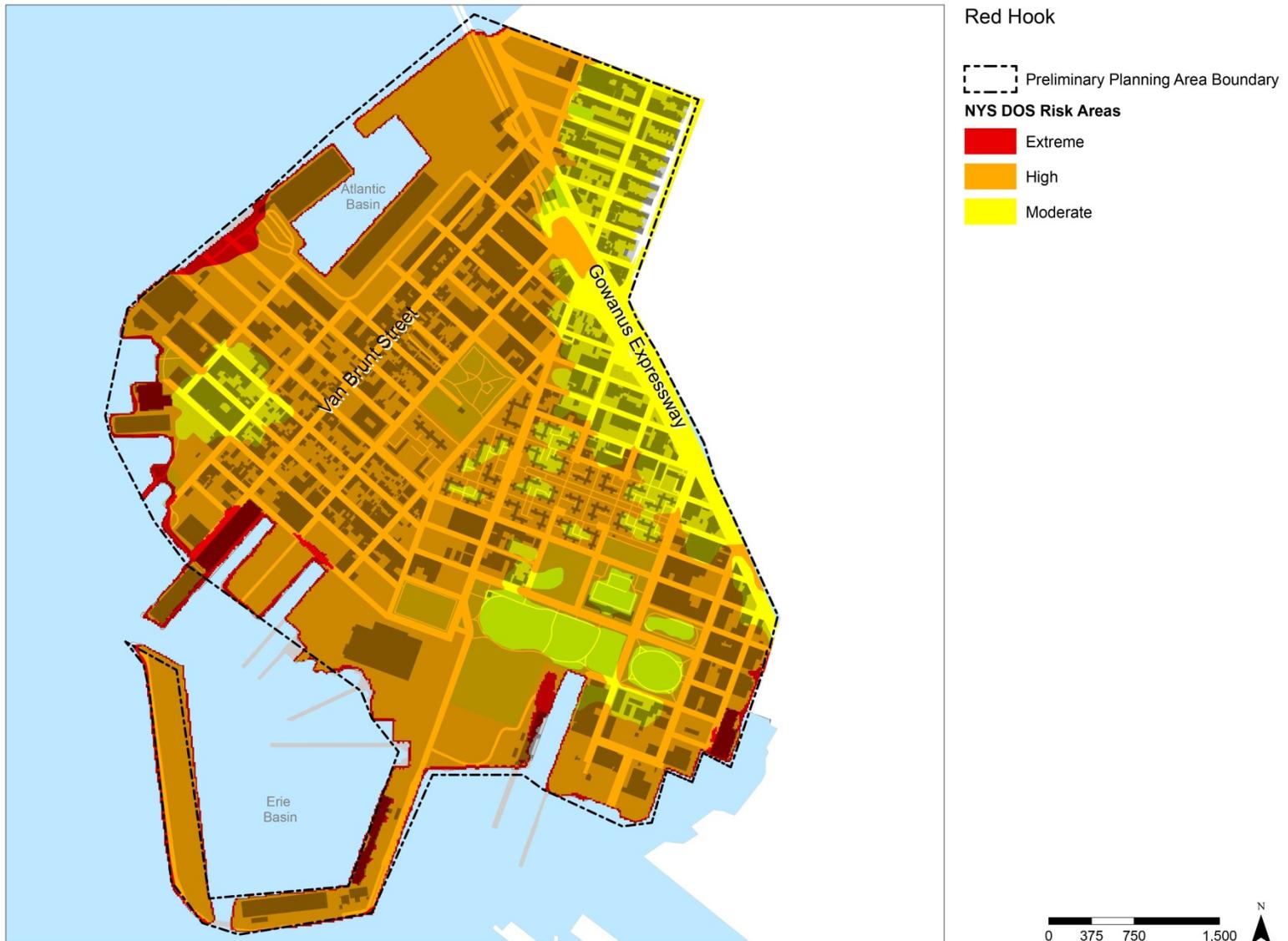
Inundation during Sandy



FEMA Preliminary Work Maps (June 2013)



NY State Risk Assessment Areas



Asset Inventory process for NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

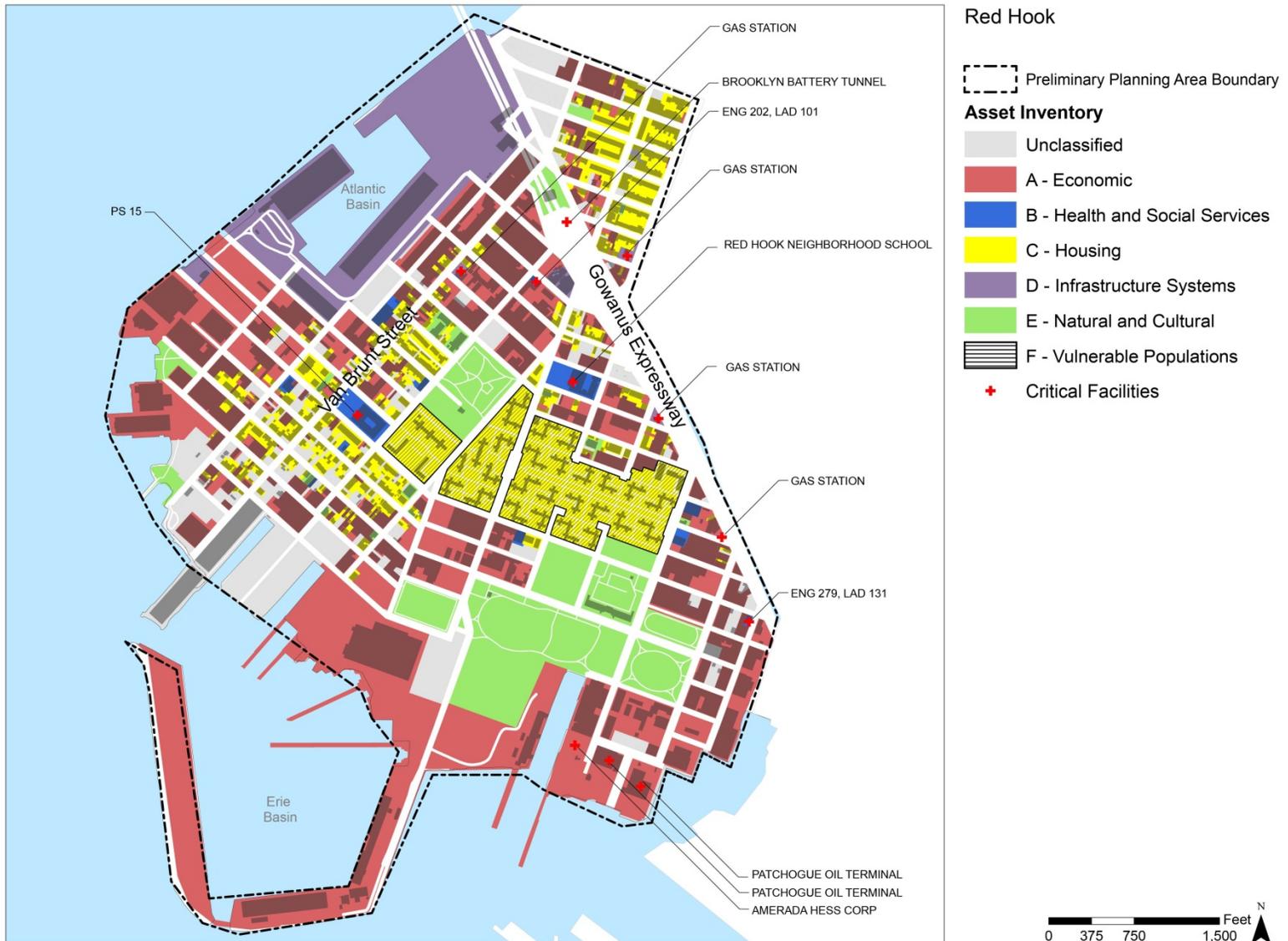
- **Identify all assets in extreme and high risk zones** based on NYS DOS Risk Areas

- **Categorize each asset** into one of 6 asset categories:
 - Economic
 - Health and Social Services
 - Housing
 - Infrastructure Systems
 - Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Socially Vulnerable

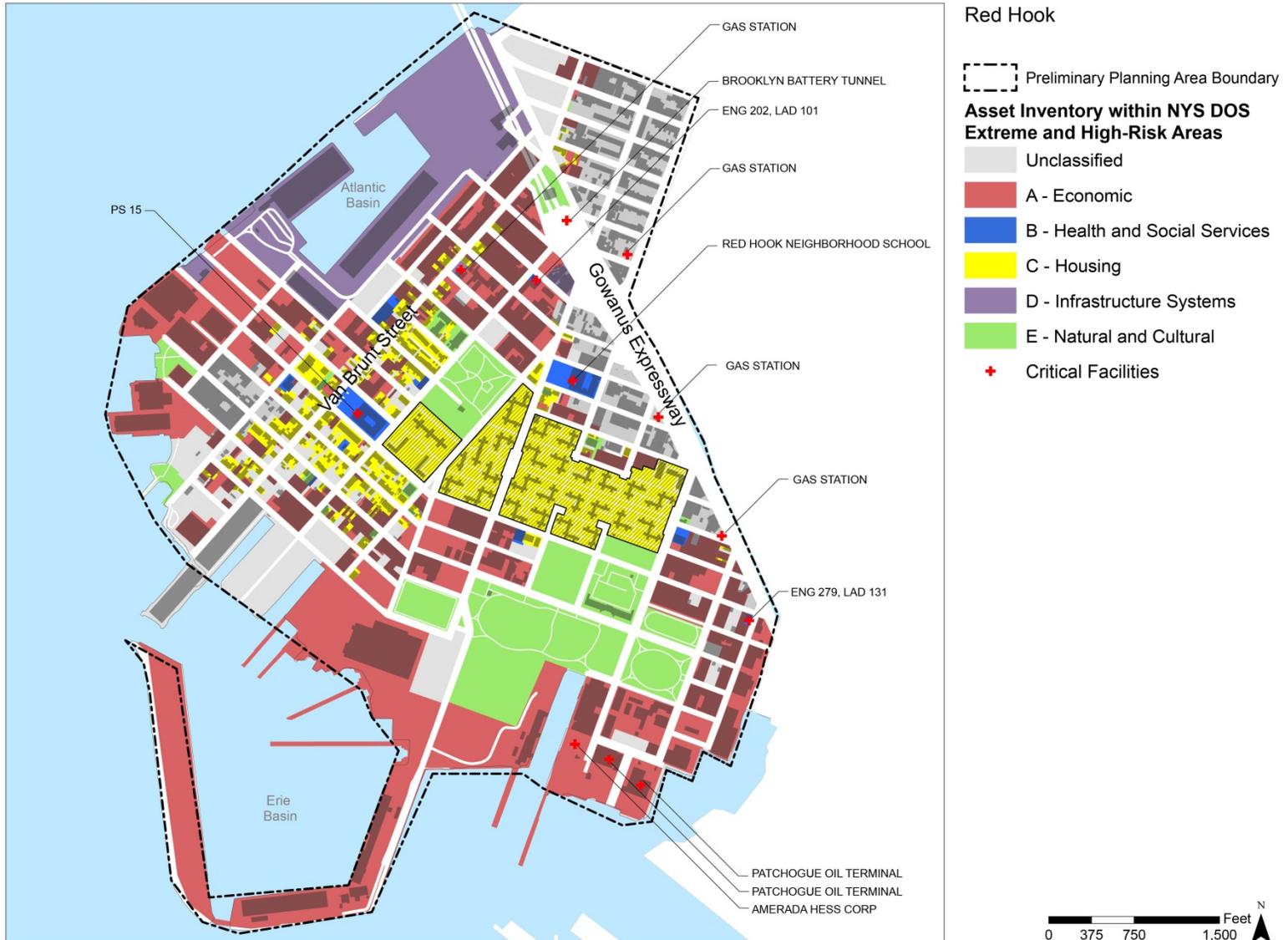
- **Identify additional critical assets** based on FEMA definitions, or as identified by another source (e.g., SIRR or local community plans)



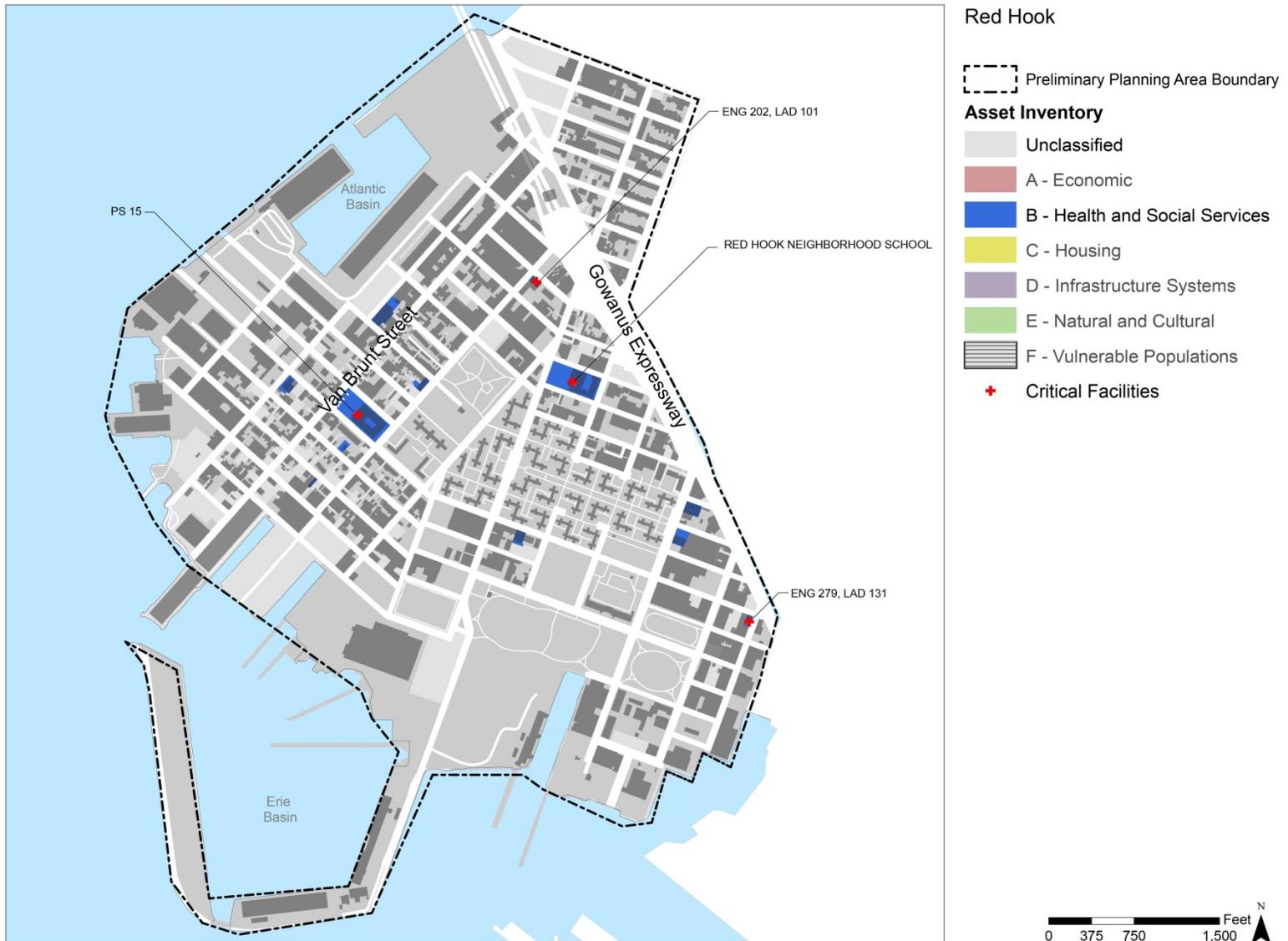
Preliminary Asset Inventory



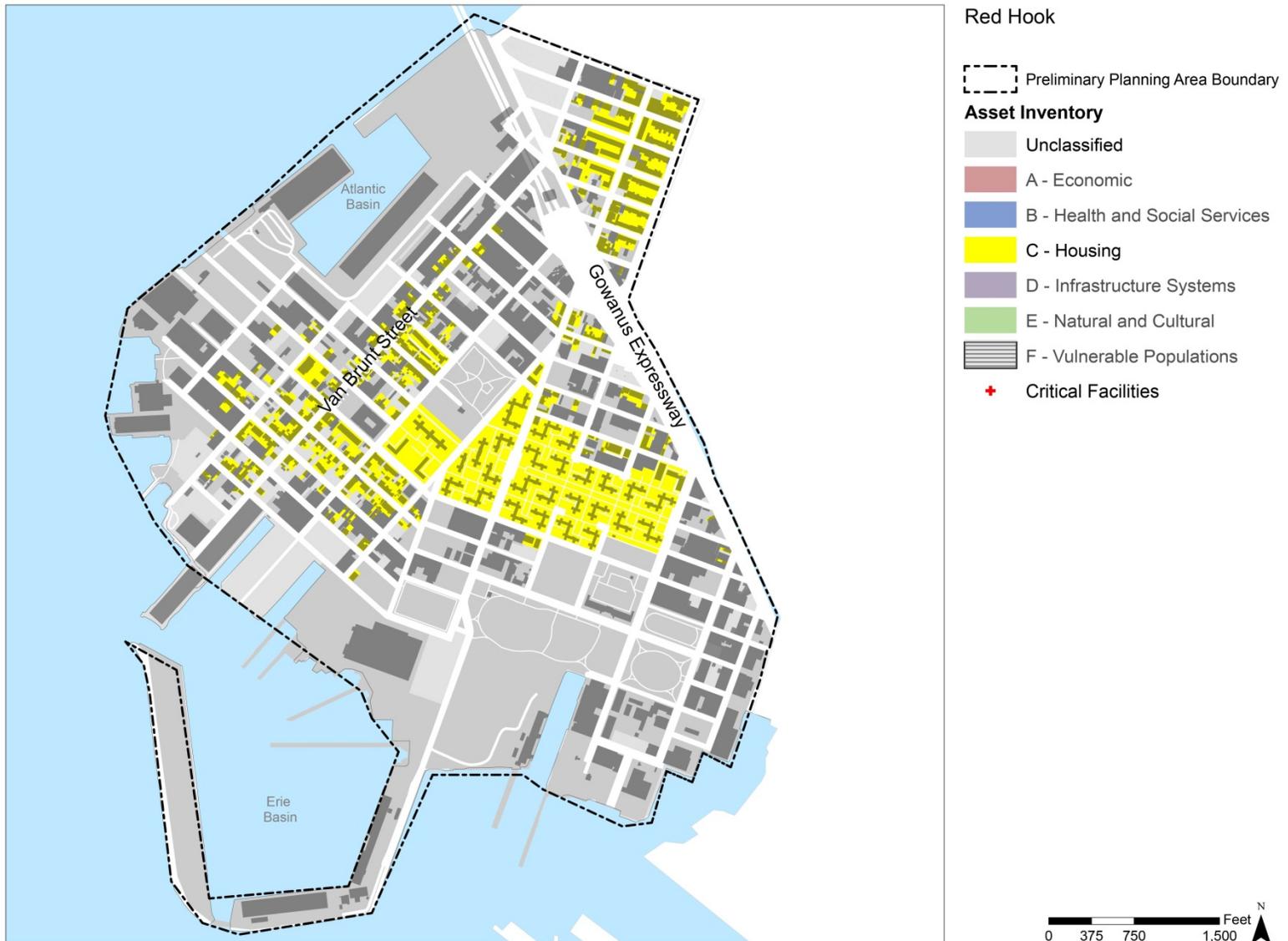
Preliminary Asset Inventory – Assets in high-risk areas



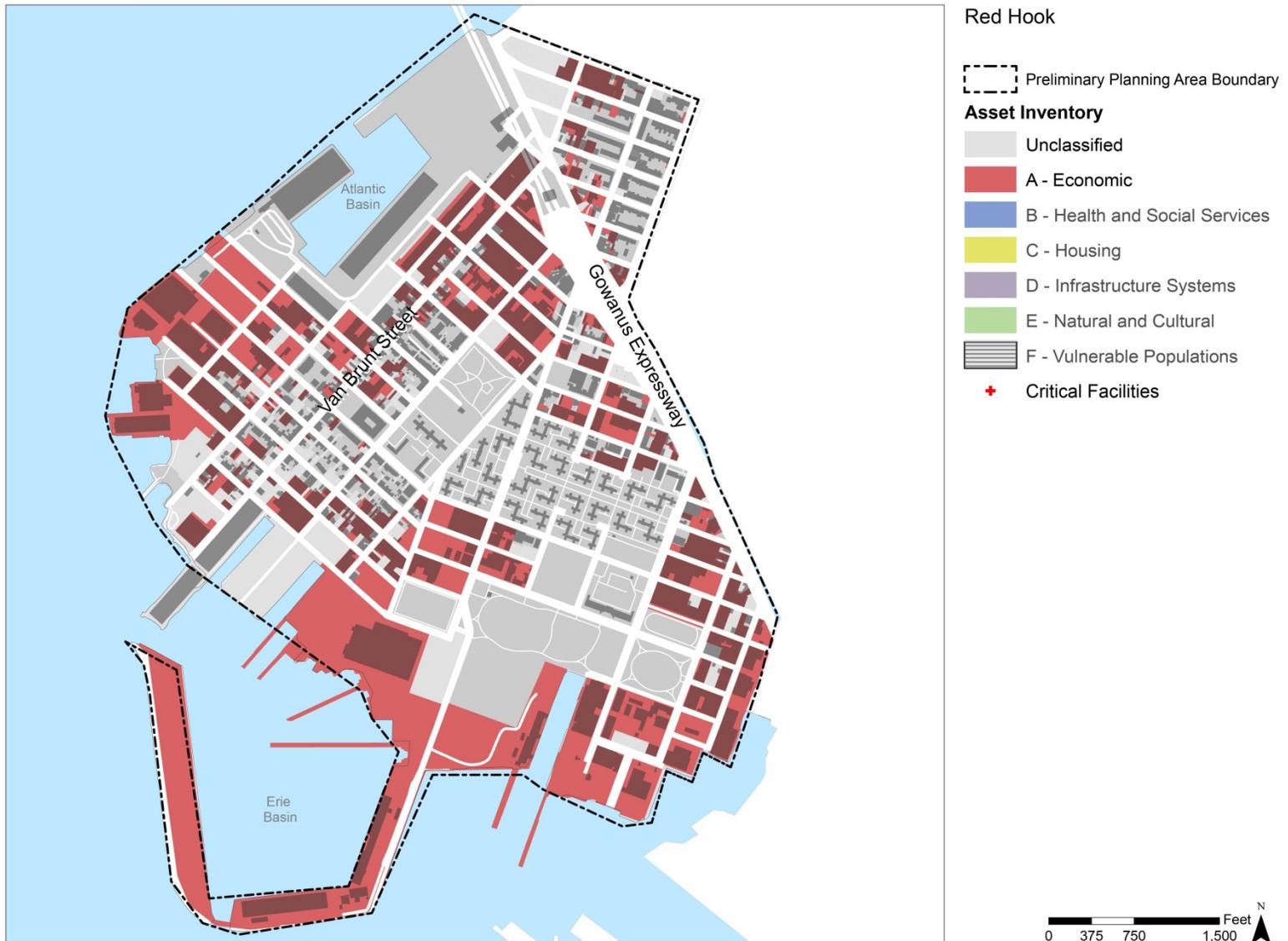
Preliminary Asset Inventory – Health & Social Services



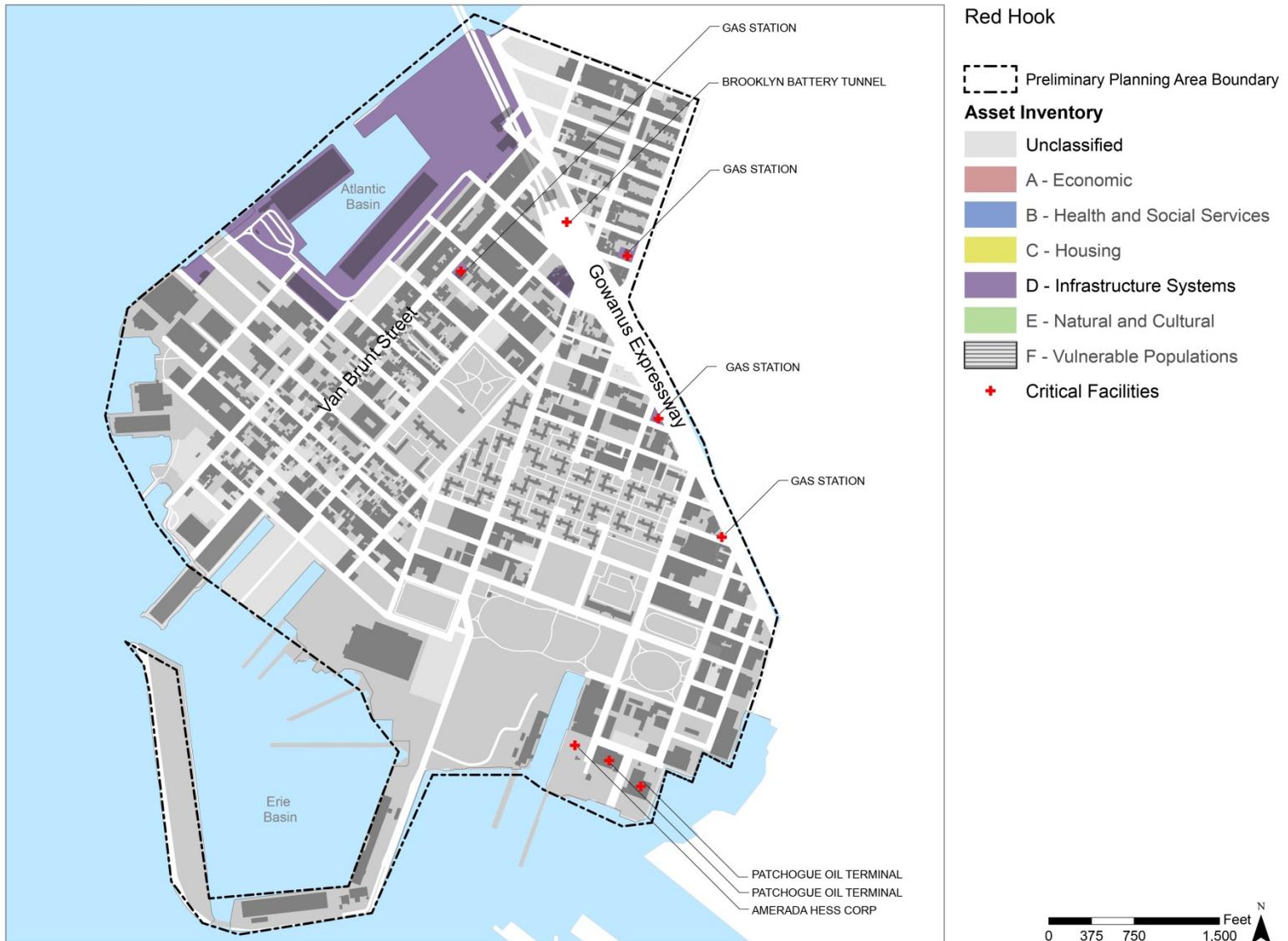
Preliminary Asset Inventory – Housing



Preliminary Asset Inventory – Economic



Preliminary Asset Inventory – Critical Infrastructure



Preliminary Asset Inventory – Natural & Cultural Resources



Recovery progress and efforts underway

Community Planning & Capacity Building

- Community capacity greatly increased through Sandy recovery

Housing

- Many individual homeowners still repairing flood damage to properties
- NYCHA repairing Red Hook Houses and launching resiliency efforts

Economic Development

- Retail and businesses along Van Brunt Street and other corridors still rebuilding, some establishments have reopened (e.g. Fairway grocery store, restaurants like Red Hook Lobster Pound, etc.)
- Waterfront industries are rebuilding, many have re-opened

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Road repairs have begun

Planning efforts underway

- NYC DCP Red Hook Transportation Study
 - Study of transportation needs in Red Hook and opportunities to increase resiliency
 - Public meeting Sept. 17th at Miccio Community Center
- Mill Street Underpass pedestrian improvement project moving forward
- Port Authority to study feasibility of Red Hook shoreline extension
- Brooklyn Greenway Initiative
 - Proposed route, enhancements, and capital projects in Red Hook



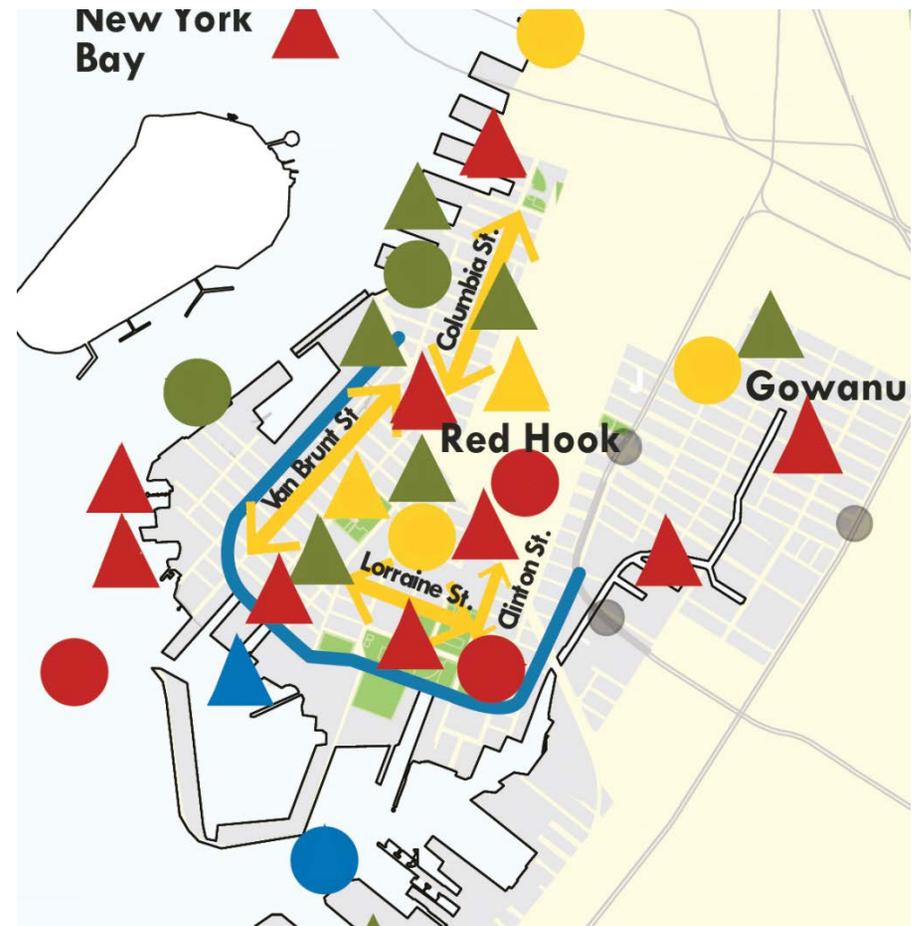
Previous study (Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resilience): buildings, community, and economic recovery

Community & Economic Recovery

- Call for Neighborhood Retail Recovery Program
- Create and implement revitalization for retail and community spaces in Red Hook Houses

Housing

- Retrofit and increase resiliency of public housing damaged by Sandy
- Increase resiliency of industrial properties



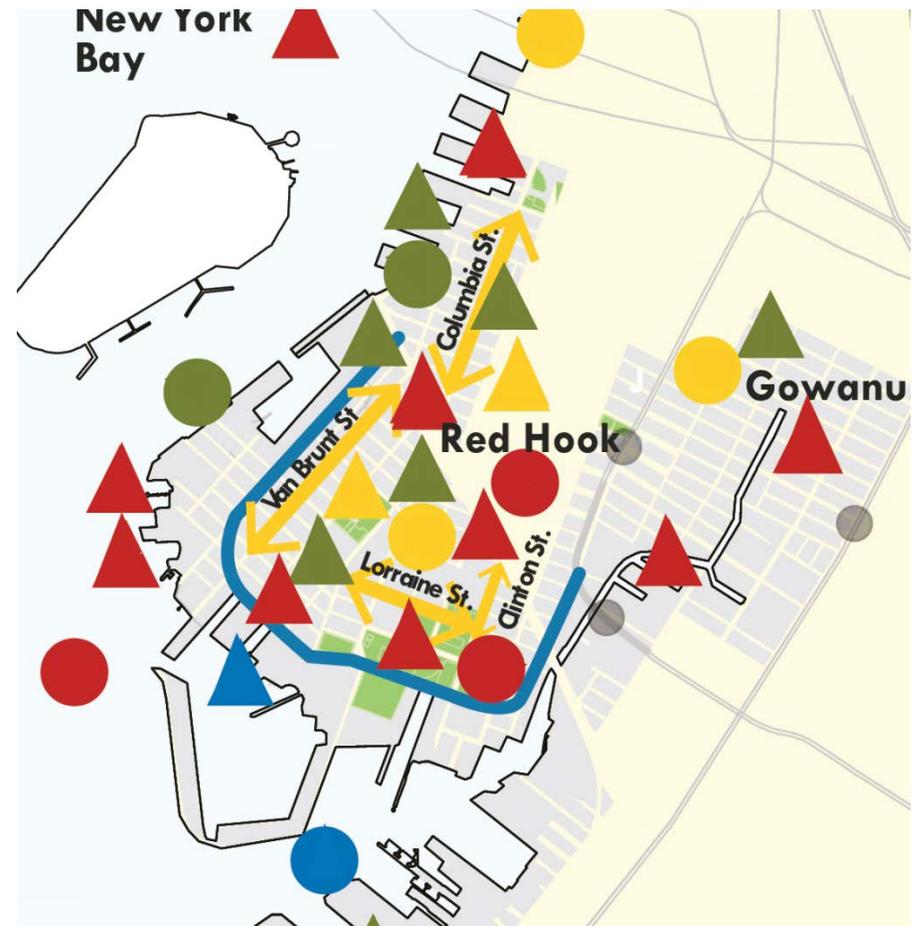
Previous study (Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resilience): coastal protection and critical infrastructure

Critical Infrastructure

- Improve connections between Red Hook and the rest of Brooklyn
- Protect private ferry terminals
- Supplement expanded free summer ferry from Manhattan to Red Hook
- Expand network of bus priority lanes
- Harden pumping stations

Coastal Protection

- Install integrated flood protection system
- Work with USACE to study local surge barrier along Gowanus Canal



Needs and Opportunities discussion

- What assets are the most valuable to Red Hook?
- Which are most at risk?
- Which present the greatest opportunities for recovery and resiliency?
- How can NY Rising Program be leveraged as an opportunity to address longstanding connectivity and transportation challenges of Red Hook?
- Are there other pressing needs that can be addressed synonymously with resiliency projects?



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