

**Gowanus Oversight Task Force
Quarterly Public Meeting
December 14, 2023**

NYCHA Investments and
Affordable Housing

+

Small Business and Workforce
Development

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6:00pm - 8:00pm
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1. Welcome and Agenda (5 min)

2. NYCHA Investments and Affordable Housing (50 min)

Presenting agencies: NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD); NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA)

- GOTF Housing Committee Opening Statements
- Agency Presentation: HPD (12 min)
- **Discussion and Public Q+A (8 Min)**
- Agency Presentation: NYCHA (10 min)
- **Discussion and Public Q+A (20 Min)**

3. Small Business and Workforce Development (40 min)

Presenting agency: NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

- GOTF Economic/Workforce Committee Opening Statement
- Agency Presentation: Small Business Support (5 min)
- **Discussion and Public Q+A (10 Min)**
- Agency Presentation: Workforce Development (10 min)
- **Discussion and Public Q+A (15 Min)**

4. Closing and Next Steps (10 min)

Gowanus Oversight Task Force (GOTF)

City Commitments by Committee

A. Accountability and Community Participation (Communications Committee)

Focus Area		City Commitment	Prime Agency
Accountability, Implementation, & Engagement	1.1	Support the Council, Community Board 6, and other stakeholders to form a Community Oversight Task Force.	DCP
	1.2	Work to create a Construction Committee at Community Board 6.	DCP

B. Housing Committee

Focus Area		City Commitment	Prime Agency
Public Housing	2.1	Fund comprehensive in-unit renovations at all apartments at Gowanus Houses and Wyckoff Gardens.	NYCHA
	2.2	Ensure tenant engagement and oversight of NYCHA investments.	NYCHA
	2.3	Accelerate implementation of Free/Low-Cost Broadband in Gowanus Houses and Wyckoff Gardens.	NYCHA
	2.4	Fulfill commitment to renovate and reopen the Gowanus Community Center and Wyckoff Community Center.	NYCHA
	2.5	Provide MAP services at Gowanus Houses and Wyckoff Gardens.	NYCHA
Affordable Housing & Tenant Support	3.1	Deliver approximately 950 units of affordable housing at Gowanus Green, with at least 50% of units at 50 AMI or below.	HPD
	3.2	Advance full remediation at Gowanus Green.	HPD
	3.3	Develop affordable housing at Mercy Home (487 4th Avenue).	HPD

	3.4	Assist local residents, including NYCHA residents, in preparing for and applying for new affordable housing.	HPD
	3.5	Host “know your rights” trainings, for Gowanus area tenants, including NYCHA residents.	HPD
	3.6	Inform property owners in the rezoning area of affordable housing preservation opportunities.	HPD

C. Economic and Workforce Development Committee

Focus Area		City Commitment	Prime Agency
Small Business Support & Workforce Development	4.1	Create a “Gowanus Program Manager” position, which will oversee all business and workforce strategies related to the Gowanus rezoning.	SBS
	4.2	Create a Gowanus Business Grant Program.	SBS
	4.3	Support M/WBE businesses through city programming.	SBS
	4.4	Work with Gowanus businesses to connect them to capital access services.	SBS
	4.5	Deploy the SBS Mobile Unit to the Gowanus neighborhood monthly.	SBS
	4.6	Design and Deliver Workforce Training for Local Residents.	SBS
	4.7	Connect Gowanus residents to construction and green manufacturing training programs.	SBS
	4.8	Conduct Workforce Outreach and Virtual / In - Person Recruitment Events.	SBS
Industrial Business Zone	5.1	Support the expansion of broadband internet access in the Gowanus IBZ.	OTI
	5.2	Continue to provide updates on sewer and draining infrastructure work.	DEP
	5.3	Help IBZ businesses and property owners meet resiliency and sustainability goals.	MOCEJ
	5.4	Conduct a study of traffic circulation in IBZ/3rd Avenue and additional improvements.	DOT

	5.5	Support access to industrial sector jobs for Community Board 6 residents.	SBS
	5.6	Continue engagement with local stakeholders on the Gowanus IBZ Vision Plan's framework and workforce and infrastructure recommendations.	DCP
	9.6	Target EDC Industrial Developer Loan Fund to facilitate potential Gowanus Mix spaces.	EDC

D. Open Space and Waterfront Access Committee

Focus Area		City Commitment	Prime Agency
Open Space & Waterfront Access Plan	6.1	Support the community's effort to create a Gowanus Waterfront Business Improvement District.	SBS
	6.2	Advance planning to remediate and renovate Thomas Greene Playground while maintaining public access to comparable facilities.	DPR
	6.3	Create a new city-owned waterfront park adjacent to Gowanus Green.	DPR
	6.4	Construct open space at the future Head-End CSO site.	DEP
	6.5	Provide open space and ecosystem restoration at the Salt Lot site following community engagement.	DEP
	6.6	Create a promenade connecting the Gowanus Esplanade to 9th Street.	DPR
	6.7	Renovate Boerum Park.	DPR
	6.8	Study potential pedestrian bridges at key crossing points.	DOT
	6.9	Open School Yards to Playground in the neighborhood.	DOE
	6.10	Create new open space at the Bond Street street end.	DPR
	6.11	Work to identify suitable and feasible locations for in-water recreational access and share design concepts with Gowanus Community prior to Waterfront Certification.	DCP

E. Sustainability and Resiliency Committee

Focus Area		City Commitment	Agency
Sustainability & Resiliency	7.1	Apply the new Unified Stormwater Rule to all new development that discharges to sewers in the rezoning area.	DEP
	7.2	Monitor changes in sanitary and storm water loading within the Gowanus Sewershed.	DEP
	7.3	Report on compliance with the Unified Stormwater Rule.	DEP
	7.4	Include Gowanus, Red Hook, and Gowanus IBZ in upcoming Cloudburst studies.	DEP
	7.5	Upgrade sewer infrastructure to alleviate flooding conditions.	DEP
	7.6	Comply with EPA's timeline for constructing CSO retention tanks as mandated in Gowanus Superfund ROD.	DEP
	7.7	Assist in continued provision of composting and temporary relocation of nursery site during Salt Lot CSO construction.	DEP
	7.8	Target outreach around green building infrastructure through NYC Accelerator.	MOCEJ

F. Public Infrastructure Committee

Focus Area		City Commitment	Agency
Transportation & Streets	8.1	Provide pedestrian and streetscape improvements at priority locations.	DOT
	8.2	Explore pedestrian improvements at Nevins Street.	DOT
	8.3	Increase pedestrian access and safety at 3rd Street and Carroll Street bridges.	DOT
	8.4	Improve design, permitting and construction coordination at street ends.	DCP
Community Facilities	9.1	Enhance the Old Stone House by upgrading facilities and improving accessibility.	DPR
	9.2	Renovate the Pacific Street Library.	BPL

	9.3	Construct a school at Gowanus Green.	SCA
	9.4	Require notification of development in school siting opportunities.	SCA
	9.5	Increase opportunities for public art and historic interpretation.	DCP

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