Gateway to Greenpoint

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Your North Brooklyn Business Exchange

Interval Projects

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Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund
Site and Context
Site History
Open Space Projects

- Manhattan Ave (6 min walk)
- North Henry Street
- Nature Walk
- Kingsland Wildflowers
- Gateway to Greenpoint
- McGolrick Park (10 min walk)
Newtown Creek Nature Walk Phase 1, completed 2007
Newtown Creek Nature Walk Phases 2-3, ongoing
Kingsland Wildflowers, completed 2017
North Henry Street, ongoing
A Network of Open Spaces
2007
Newtown Creek Nature Walk Phase 1 Opens

2013
Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Completed

2017
North Henry Street Project Planning (ongoing)
Kingsland Wildflowers Rooftop Completed

2018
July - September
Gateway to Greenpoint Initial meetings and research
November 26
Gateway to Greenpoint Community Workshop 1

2019
January
Gateway to Greenpoint Stakeholder Meetings
February
Gateway to Greenpoint Community Workshop 2
March
Gateway to Greenpoint Stakeholder Meetings
April - June
Gateway to Greenpoint Design and Planning

2020
Newtown Creek Nature Walk Phases 2 and 3 Completed
Gateway to Greenpoint Ongoing project development and implementation

Project Timeline
What did we hear and learn?
1 Creating Open Space
2 Environmental Benefits
3 Urban Mobility
4 Culture, Education, Recreation
5 Safety and Security
6 Connecting Communities
Creating Open Space

Natural, Quiet, and Restful
Contemplative, quiet setting
Lush, natural quality, with winding paths
Shade along paths from trees, umbrellas, and/or canopies
Trees, bushes, berms at edges/corners to separate from street

Providing Amenities
Places to gather, relax, play
Seating throughout site
Drinking water, bathrooms
Water feature for soothing sound, cooling effect
2 Environmental Benefits

**Natural Environment**
- Controlling storm water runoff with green infrastructure
- Permeable ground surface
- Native, hearty, flood-resistant plants and grasses
- Supporting migratory corridor for birds

**Human Environment**
- Creating shade
- Providing environmental education
- Working with seasonal cycles
- Compost collection
3 Urban Mobility

Pedestrians and Bicyclists
Creating a place to stop and relax, with bathrooms and water
Connections to existing bike lanes, pedestrian routes
Air for bicycle tires, places to lock bicycles

Cars and Trucks
Maintaining truck access along Kingsland Ave
Separating modes of traffic with clear wayfinding

Public Transit
A comfortable, sheltered place to wait for the bus
4 Culture, Education, Recreation

Art and Design
Inspiring, authentic, visually appealing design of open space
Public art work and murals

Neighborhood History
Signage telling history of the site along walking paths
Honoring history of the neighborhood

Recreation
Food trucks, concession stand, and outdoor lunch seating
Low-activity recreation: bocce, chess
5 Safety and Security

Site Security
Closed at night
Fencing with climbing plants / green fencing

Pedestrian Safety
Separating pedestrians/bicyclists from trucks/cars
Elevated footbridge across busy auto routes
Bollards around edge of space to protect from trucks

Accessibility
Making open space inviting and accessible for all
6 Connecting Communities

Serving Local Populations
Workers in local businesses
Neighborhood residents and families
Commuters, people passing through on bike or foot
Newtown Creek Nature Walk and Kingsland Wildflowers visitors

Engaging Local Communities
Area businesses and workers
Public schools and libraries
Universities and researchers
Art and design communities in Brooklyn and Queens
What’s next?
Community workshop  February 2019
Stakeholder meetings  March 2019
Design and planning  April - June 2019
Project design launch  June 2019
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