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Introduction
Amtrak approaches the city to study overbuild potential

Sunnyside Yard Feasibility Study

Launch of Sunnyside Yard Master Planning Process

Anticipated Master Plan Completion (18 mo.)

Public processes to advance to approvals phase for future project
We are here!

Tentative Public Meeting Schedule:

**Ongoing:**
Stakeholder Engagement (Steering Committee, Public Meetings, Workshops, Interviews, Pop-up Events)

**Part 1:**
Due Diligence & Background Analysis

**Part 2:**
Using input from stakeholder engagement meetings, identification of site scenarios for the Master Plan

**Part 3:**
Develop master plan concept and identify Phase 1 location.

**Part 4:**
Final Production for Public Release

Master Plan Schedule
Stakeholder Engagement Update
Stakeholder Engagement Update: Interviews

Since August 2018, the team has conducted 75+ interviews with local stakeholders and dozens of small group discussions - another 25+ interviews are planned over the next 3 months.
Stakeholder Engagement Update: Public Meetings

375+ People attended the first Public Meeting.
Stakeholder Engagement Update: Public Meetings

200+ People attended the second Public Meeting in March. There will be two more in 2019 scheduled for May and October.
Stakeholder Engagement Update: Workshops

Today is the first of four workshops. Upcoming workshops include:

4/9: Open Space
4/30: Sustainability & Green Infrastructure
5/1: Transportation/Mobility 6-8PM
Community Engagement Update: Summer Events

The team will be present at events throughout the summer. Please let us know if there are any you think we should attend!
Guiding Principles

Sunnyside Yard: A 21st Century Neighborhood for Western Queens

1. Design infrastructure and transportation systems to meet current needs and anticipate future trends

2. Address the neighborhoods’ needs for affordable housing, commercial, industrial, community services, and cultural spaces

3. Ensure sustained economic diversity in the community

4. Pilot and incorporate innovative approaches to technology, sustainability, and climate change adaptation

5. Create public spaces that support health, creative expression, community-building and quality of life

6. Create more good jobs that lead to careers and workforce development strategies like union jobs, MWBE, local hiring, etc.

7. Support creative approaches to education, careers, and industries that envision how we want to live and work in the future

8. Respect and build on the heritage and diversity of the surrounding neighborhoods

9. Ensure high-quality, human-centered design at every scale

10. Adapt to evolve with the needs of Western Queens and NYC over time
Master Plan Update
Why Deck Over Sunnyside Yard?
Sunnyside Yard is the largest site available in one of the most important cities in the world.
Located at the center of the NYC region.
Easy access to all three major airports makes the Yard a perfect site for potential world class institutions.
Its position within regional rail networks gives it potential to become a hub for innovation.
Sunnyside Yard is large enough to accommodate numerous neighborhood needs including major public spaces, affordable housing, and jobs.
Sunnyside Yard provides an opportunity for New York to define the future of cities by the public, for the public.
1. Planning for Open Spaces at Sunnyside Yard
1.1 The Importance of Planning for Open Spaces
1.1 Open Space Types from Public Meeting 01

- Passive Parks
- Ecological Parks
- Active Recreation
- Program + Arts
- Play and Adventure
- Gathering Places/Promenades
- Plazas
- Courtyards
1.2 What We Heard at Public Meeting 01

Votes for Public and Open Space Typologies

- Passive Parks
- Ecological Parks
- Program + Arts
- Gathering Places
- Active
- Play and Adventure
- Promenades
- Courtyards
- Plazas

1st Choice 2nd Choice 3rd Choice
2. The Scale of Open Space
2.1 Small, Medium, Large Scale Parks

LARGE PARKS
- ATTRACTS USERS FROM FAR AWAY
- PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL SERVICES
- PROGRAM: ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION, LARGE EVENTS, NATURAL SCENERY, ECO-DIVERSITY, ACCOMMODATES BUSINESSES AND REVENUE GENERATORS

SMALL PARKS
- SUPPORTS DAILY USERS
- PROGRAM: PLAY, FOOD, CIRCULATION, PUBLIC ART
- TYPES: PLAZAS, SQUARES, POCKET PARKS, PLAY FEATURE, CAFE, FOOD TRUCKS

MEDIUM PARKS
- SUPPORTS DIVERSE USERS AND PROGRAMS
- DRAWS REGULAR USERS FROM UP TO 1/2 MILE
- PROGRAM: SPORT COURTS, LARGE PLAYGROUNDS, PASSIVE RECREATION, PICNICS, SMALL EVENTS
- TYPES: NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS, LINEAR PARKS AND GREENWAYS
2.2 Open Space Scale Comparisons

WASHINGTON SQ. PARK | 9.7 AC
UNION SQ. PARK | 9 AC
MADISON SQ. PARK | 6.2 AC

MANHATTAN PARKS
Total Open Space | 24.9 acres
2.2 Open Space Scale Comparisons

BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK
Total Open Space | 85 acres
2.2 Open Space Scale Comparisons

HUNTER’S POINT + GANTRY PLAZA STATE PARK
Total Open Space | 23 acres
2.2 Open Space Scale Comparisons

HIGHLINE
Total Open Space | 6.7 acres
2.3 Open Space Scales for Sunnyside Yard

Large Park
- Large-scale open space (approx 7+ acres)
- Mixed active recreation and passive recreation
- Playgrounds
- Attracts visitors from the surrounding neighborhoods

Medium Park
- Mid-scale open space
- Attracts nearby residents and visitors on a daily basis
- Combines passive recreation and small scale park activities

Small Park
- Small-scale open space
- Unique moments of respite or play within the city grid

Connector Park
- Provides passive recreation
- Connects across continued blocks and neighborhoods
2.4 Active Recreation Scale Comparisons

SCALE OF ACTIVE RECREATION DIAGRAM

Diagrams of illustrating how active recreation fits within a variety of park sizes.
3. Open Space in Western Queens
3.1 Open Space in Western Queens

Sunnyside Yard Masterplan Public Workshop
4. Building Open Space on a Deck
Rail Ownership and Uses

Sunnyside Yard Master Plan  Urban Design Workshop
4.1 Soil Depths Required on the Deck

- **PLANTS ON TERRA FIRMA**
- **PAVEMENT**
- **LAWN AND LIGHTWEIGHT SOIL**
- **SHRUBS AND LIGHTWEIGHT SOIL**
- **TRES, SHRUBS, DAWN, AND LIGHTWEIGHT SOIL**
- **PLANTS ON TERRA FIRMA**

**Layers:**
- **DRAINAGE LAYER**
- **CONCRETE SLAB**
- **UTILITY ZONE**
- **CONCRETE DECK ABOVE RAILS**
- **RAIL ZONE**

**Dimensions:**
- **30**
- **42"**

**Notes:**
- Converting soil layers to appropriate units for the deck's requirements.
4.2 Site Specific Complexities
5. Open Space at Sunnyside Yard
5.1 Breakout Activity

PART ONE
EACH GROUP GETS 50 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE STICKERS

10 ACRES

5 ACRES

2 ACRES

PART TWO
ADD STICKY NOTES TO EACH OPEN SPACE ZONE INDICATING DESIRED ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM FOR EACH OPEN SPACE LOCATION

LEGEND

COMPLEX DECK CONSTRUCTION AREAS

THIS MAP AND STICKER DESIGNATION ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE AND ACTIVITY PURPOSES ONLY.

Sunnyside Yard Masterplan