# RED HOOK & COMMUNITY PLANNING & PROCESS

Community
Introductory
Meeting

**September 16, 2025** 







### **AGENDA**

- Introduction
- About PACT
- Existing Conditions
- Goals and Opportunities
- Activity & Discussion

### **HELLO!**



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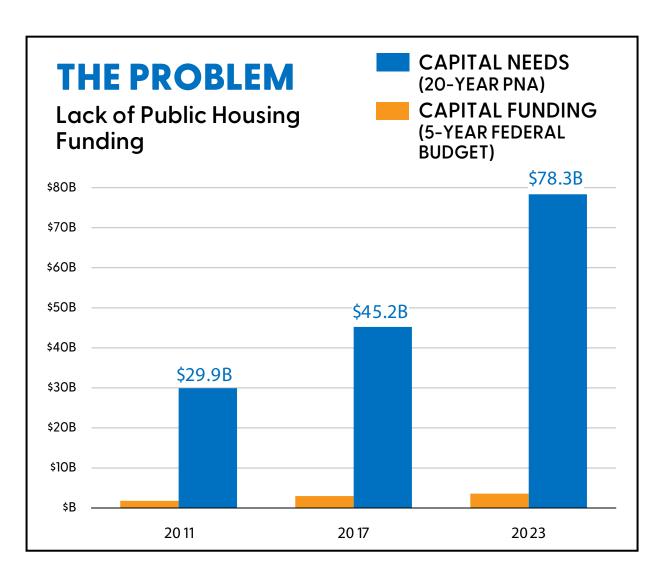
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### WHAT IS PACT?

- NYCHA needs \$78.3 billion to fully renovate and modernize its housing, but the federal government has provided only a fraction of the funding needed.
- Through PACT, developments are included in the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) and convert to a more stable, federally funded program called Project-Based Section 8.
- PACT unlocks funding to complete comprehensive repairs or build new modern buildings, while keeping homes permanently affordable and ensuring residents have the same basic rights as they possess in the public housing program.



### **HOW PACT WORKS**

PACT depends on partnerships with private and non-profit development partners, who are selected by resident leaders.

# COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENTS

Development partners bring design and construction expertise. They address all physical repair needs.

# PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT

Property management partners are responsible for the day-to-day operation and upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

# **ENHANCED SERVICES**

Partnerships with social service providers help improve on-site services and programming through input from residents.



Independence Towers



Ocean Bay (Bayside)

### **PUBLIC CONTROL: NYCHA & RESIDENTS**

Developments will remain under public control. After conversion, NYCHA will continue to own the land and buildings, administer the Section 8 subsidy and waitlist, and monitor conditions at the development. Where needed, NYCHA can step in to resolve any issues that may arise between residents and the new property management team.

### PACT RESIDENT RIGHTS & PROTECTIONS

### **RENT CALCULATION**

Residents continue to pay 30% of their adjusted gross household income towards rent.\*

\*Exceptions may apply to households who pay flat rent; are current tenant-based Section 8 participants; are a mixed family as defined by HUD; or who signed a non-public housing over-income lease.

### **FEES & CHARGES**

Residents do not have to pay a ny a dditional fees, charges, or utility expenses that are greater than what they currently pay.

### **SECTION 8 ELIGIBILITY**

Federal rules prohibit the rescreening of current households for Section 8 eligibility. This means that all existing households residing at the development will a utomatically qualify for the Project-Based Section 8 program regardless of their income eligibility, criminal background, or credit history.

### **AUTOMATIC LEASE RENEWAL**

Households will sign a new PACT Section 8 lease, which emulates the Public Housing lease; it a utomatically renews each year and cannot be terminated except for good cause.

### **TEMPORARY RELOCATION**

In some cases, due to the extent of the construction work, temporary moves may be necessary. Residents have the right to return to their original apartment after the renovations are complete, and the PACT partner will pay for any packing and moving expenses.

### **RESIDENT ORGANIZING**

Residents continue to have the right to organize, and resident associations will receive \$25/unit in Tenant Participation Activity (TPA) funding.

### **GRIEVANCE HEARINGS**

Residents continue to have the right to initiate grievance hearings with a third-party mediator.

### **JOB CREATION**

The PACT partner is required to set aside 25% of all labor hours for NYCHA residents seeking employment in construction or property management.

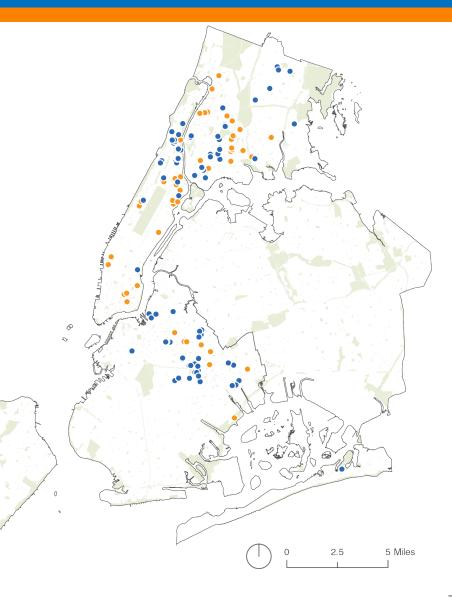
For more detailed information, please scan the QR code or visit the Resident Resources page on the PACT Website: on.nyc.gov/nycha-pact



# **PACT PROJECTS**

Over \$7.3 billion in capital repairs already completed or underway.

Total	145	39,158	\$13.8B
Planning and Resident Engagement	52	13,697	\$6.4B
Construction In Progress or Complete	93	25,461	\$7.3B*
	# Developments	# Units	Capital Repairs*



<sup>\*</sup> Capital Repairs for PACT projects that are complete or under construction reflect the combined hard and soft costs. For PACT projects in the planning and resident engagement phase, we use the 20-Year PNA (2023) as an estimate.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO PACT?**

# **COMPREHENSIVE MODERNIZATION**

- Funded by NYC government
- Only two sites were selected
- Currently no new developments are being selected for Comprehensive Modernization

# NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC HOUSING PRESERVATION TRUST

- Limited resources mean that larger developments like Red Hook West are not offered the Trust
- Only four developments have voted to enter the Trust, and none have completed renovations to date

### **SECTION 9 STATUS QUO**

 Existing deficits in Section 9 funding prevent NYCHA from making muchneeded capital investments and providing adequate management of all properties.

# PACT INVESTMENTS: Sites and Grounds







# PACT INVESTMENTS: Building Systems

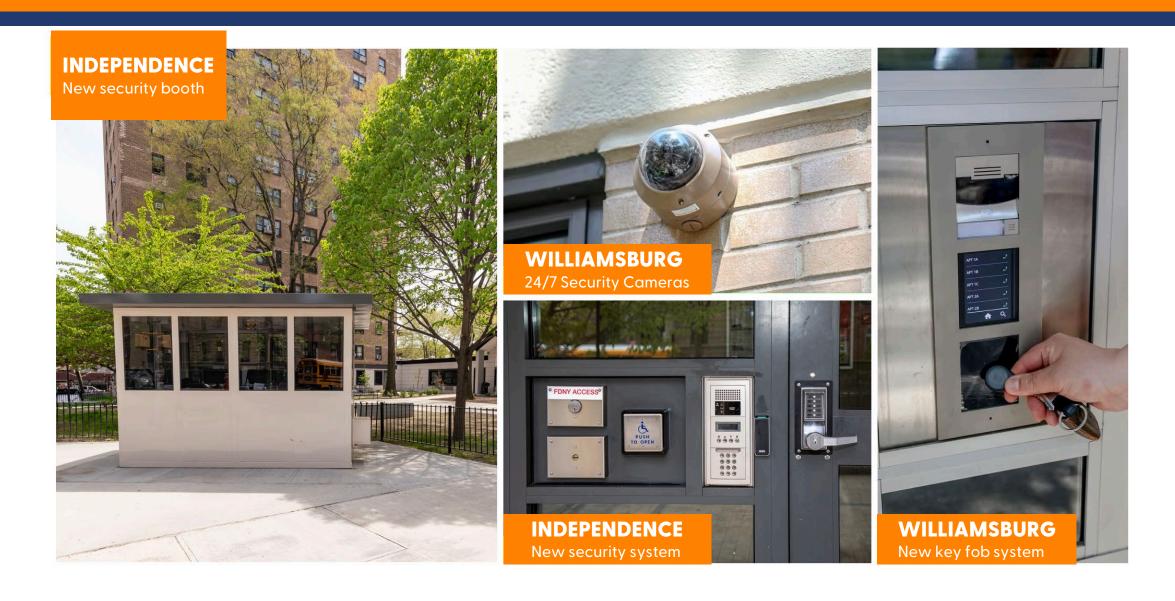




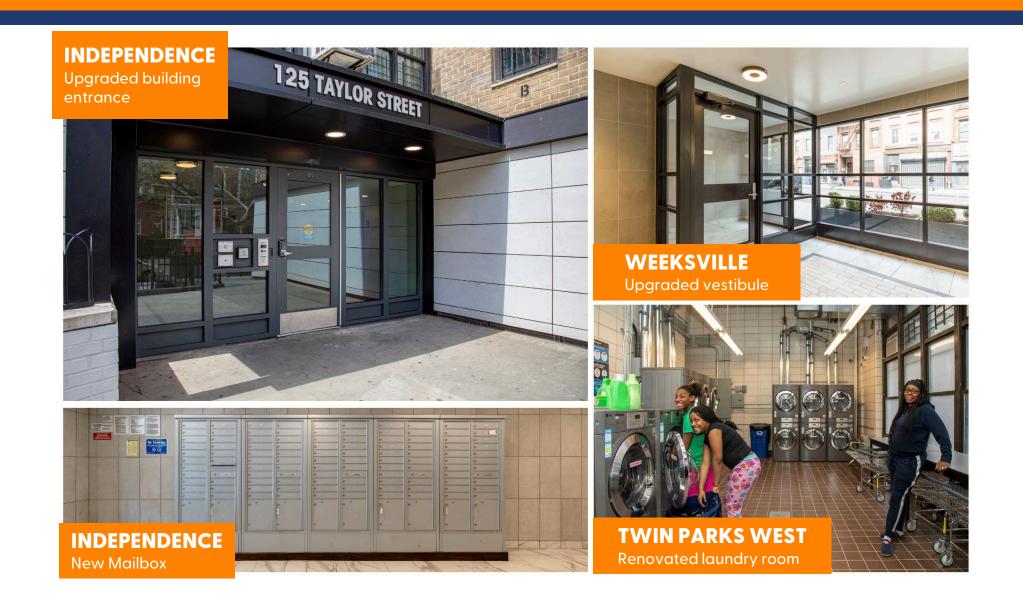
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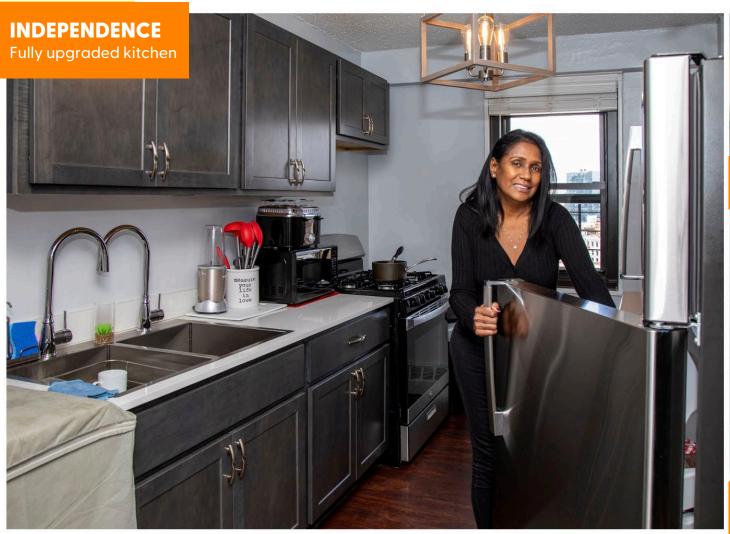
# **PACT INVESTMENTS:** Security Systems



# PACT INVESTMENTS: Buildings and Common Areas



# **PACT INVESTMENTS:** Apartments





# PACT INVESTMENTS: Health and Safety



# **PACT INVESTMENTS:** New Construction







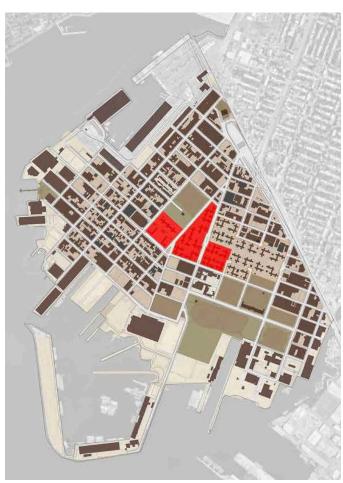


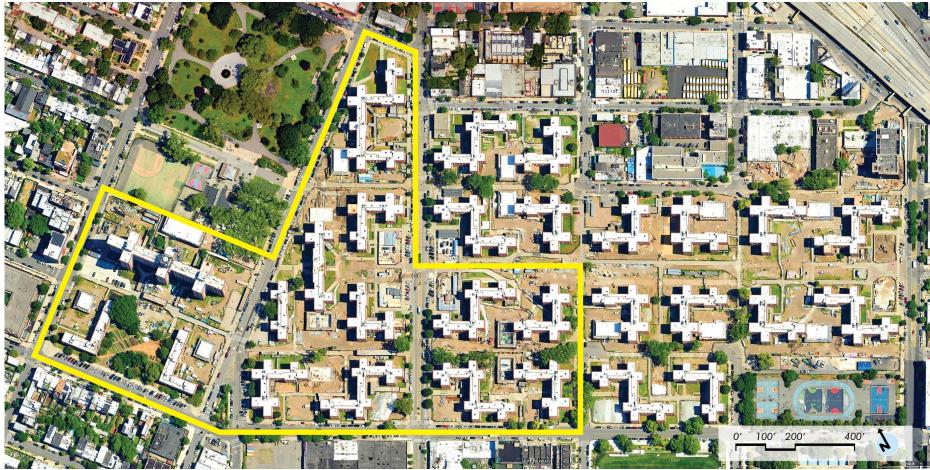






# RED HOOK WEST: Site Context and Aerial Photograph





Context Map

Site Aerial Photo

# **RED HOOK WEST:** Summary Development Information

### **Red Hook West Houses**



2,792
Total Population



**14**Total # of Buildings



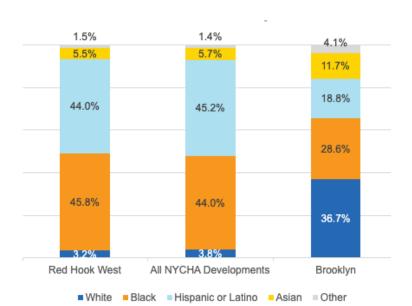
**1,464**Total # of Units

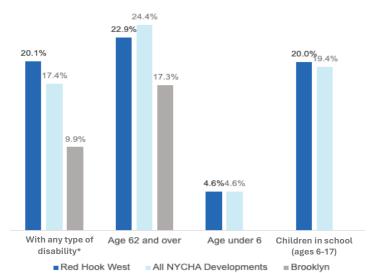
### **Race and Ethnicity**

Race and Ethnicity	Total #	Total %
White	90	3.2%
Black	1,280	45.8%
Hispanic or Latino	1,228	44.0%
Asian	153	5.5%
Other	41	1.5%
Total	2,792	100%

### Age Breakdown

	Total #	Total %	
Persons with any type of disability *	560	20.1%%	
62 and over	639	22.9%%	
6 to 17	558	20.0%	
5 and under	128	4.6%	
* Disability data as of 12/2024			





# RED HOOK WEST: Summary Development Information

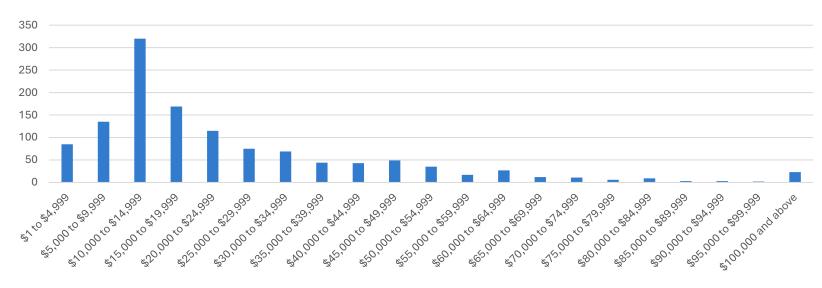
\$17,129
Median Household Income

2.1
Average Family Size

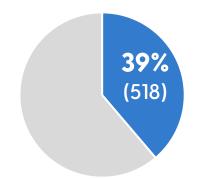
26.3

Average # of Years in Public Housing Per Person

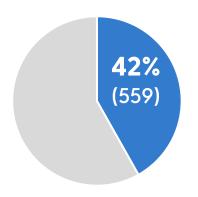
### **Household Income**



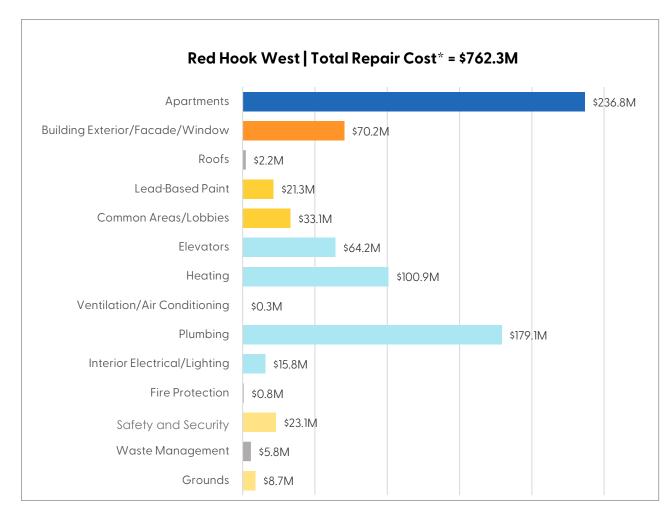
### **Working Families**

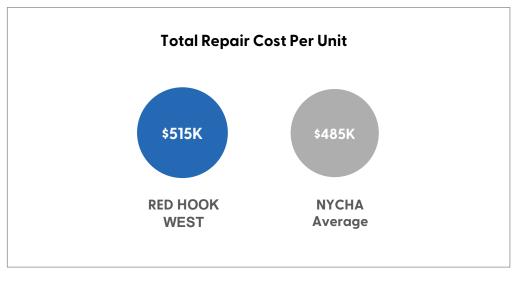


### **Fixed-Income Families**



# **RED HOOK WEST:** Repair Needs





### Recent 5-Year Capital Investments | Red Hook West

Capital Projects (2021-2025)	Status	Year Complete	Commitment
Brickwork & Facades	<b>Under Construction</b>	2025	\$7.9M**
Gas Risers	Completed	2024	\$800K
Recycling Assistance Program	Completed	2021	\$11K
	\$8.7M		

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect 20-year physical needs assessment (2023)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Estimated Budget

# **RED HOOK WEST:** Site Investigations



- The existing conditions analysis is based on site visits with visual inspections of 5 units in 4 buildings, common areas in buildings, roofs, a utility pod, the East Plant, and a development outdoor area walkthrough.
- The goal of the visual investigation is to assess the current state of vital building elements at a high level and use it to determine recommendations for rehabilitation or replacement.





All analysis is based on visual inspections and desktop analysis. Invasive investigations will be performed after the selection of a development partner.

Building Common
Areas and Exteriors

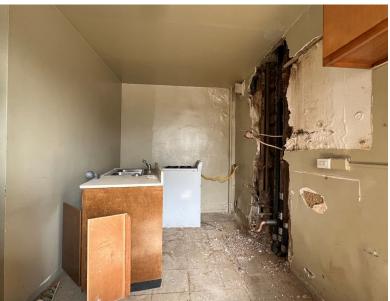


# **RED HOOK WEST:** Residential Units

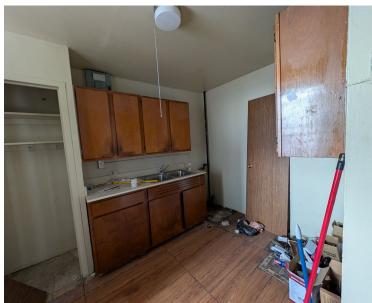
- Residential units are in varied states of disrepair and will need extensive investment for upgrades.
- The layouts of the units are inefficient.
- Several units have deteriorating elements such as lights, electrical outlets, bathroom finishes, wall and floor finishes, and more.
- A minimum requirement for ADA (wheelchair)accessible units, doors, and common spaces will
  be needed to meet current code requirements.
  This will ensure hallway widths, door widths,
  bathroom sizes, elevators, and unit fixtures are
  ADA compliant.
- Interior / hidden pipes and electrical wiring are assumed to be in varied conditions based on the ages of the different buildings but will likely need extensive repair, if not full replacement, due to corrosion.

A more accurate condition of each unit and the level of renovation needed will be determined pending a thorough investigation by the development partner that will carry out the work at a later stage.





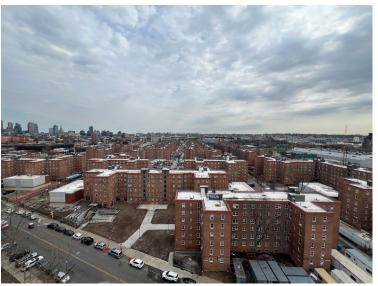




# **RED HOOK WEST:** Building Common Areas and Exterior

- Main entrances, lobbies, and hallways are cluttered and often lack lighting and wayfinding. Common areas will need to be renovated to comply with current standards for accessibility, egress, and fire safety.
- Mail systems do not currently meet USPS standards and do not have a package reception area.
- Elevators are lacking and unreliable. Six-story buildings without elevator access to the top floor will require realignment of units to provide for the extension of the elevator shaft.
- Façade conditions included cracked or spalled brick, deteriorating mortar joints, cracked concrete at the exposed foundation wall, and more.

While the FEMA investments have repaired the roofs and some entrances, the interior building lobbies, common areas, and facades remain in bad condition.

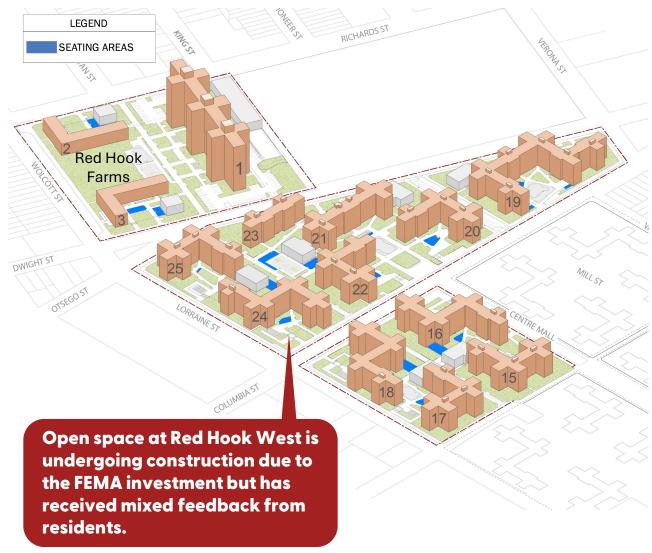








### **RED HOOK WEST:** Sites and Grounds





The Red Hook Farms is a community asset and well-loved by the residents we've spoken with.



The new ramps are not preferred by residents since they have long walking distances. The location of seating next to residential windows prompts issues of privacy and safety.

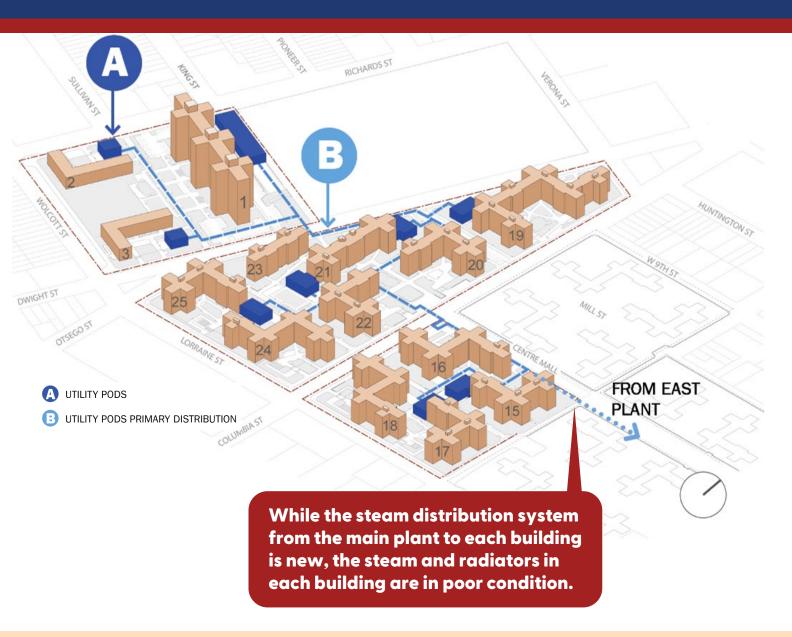


Six new playgrounds throughout the development are currently underused.



New lighting is not bright enough and does not adequately light the building entrances.

# **RED HOOK WEST:** MEP / FP and Building Systems



- Utility pods installed post-Hurricane Sandy house elevated mechanical, electrical, and plumbing equipment, protecting critical systems from future flooding.
- East Plant supplies hot water to utility pods for steam heating and domestic hot water.
- The buildings are not equipped with any type of permanent or centralized cooling system, and they lack fire alarm systems.



### PLANNING PROCESS GOALS

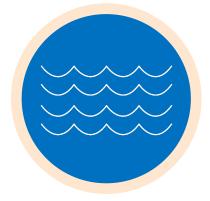
Guarantee Red Hook West residents access to high-quality, modern, safe, and affordable housing for generations to come.

This process will comprehensively address the

- outdated buildings,
- deteriorating conditions,
- environmental concerns, and
- quality-of-life issues

at Red Hook West, while expanding opportunities for residents.

# PACT Benefits: Opportunity for Investment



PACT investments would complement FEMA work by improving building interiors and living spaces.



PACT investments would bring modern apartment living, with new building infrastructure, and improved accessibility.



PACT is an opportunity to diversify housing stock to meet community needs for different types and tenures of housing.



Different types of housing that cater to different needs like workforce, young adult, and senior housing.



PACT can build on existing investments to improve overall quality of life for Red Hook West residents.



New buildings could provide important amenities like community space or space for resident assistance programs.

### VISION FOR PACT AT RED HOOK WEST

- PACT investments at Red Hook West will create attractive, functional, and permanently affordable housing that meets residents' needs.
- With input from the community, Red Hook West's homes and shared spaces will be thoughtfully designed to support the diverse needs of all residents.
- New social and educational programs will help residents grow building skills, confidence, and a stronger sense of community.

### **TIMELINE**

### 1. PROCESS KICKOFF ~ September-October

- Information Sharing
- Community Outreach (+ Community Survey)
- Tours of Completed PACT Projects

### 2. COMMUNITY PLANNING ~ November-December

- Goals and Objectives
- Guidelines & Principles

### 3. COMMUNITY VISIONING ~ January-March 2026

- Concepts and Options
- Draft Future Community Vision Report

### 4. COMMUNITY VISIONING REPORT ~ April 2026

- Community Guidelines & Principles
- Future Vision & Options

### 5. RFEI Process ~ May 2026







### **ACTIVITY**



Stop by any station, jot your ideas on a sticky note, and add them to the board. Visit as many (or as few) stations as you like, in any order. ±40-minutes

Our staff will be there to help you and answer questions

Once everyone's had a chance to share, we'll come back together for a community conversation (Q&A) ± 20-minutes







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