

Learning Places Fall 2015

SITE REPORT

FARRAGUT HOUSING/VINEGAR HILL VISIT #2



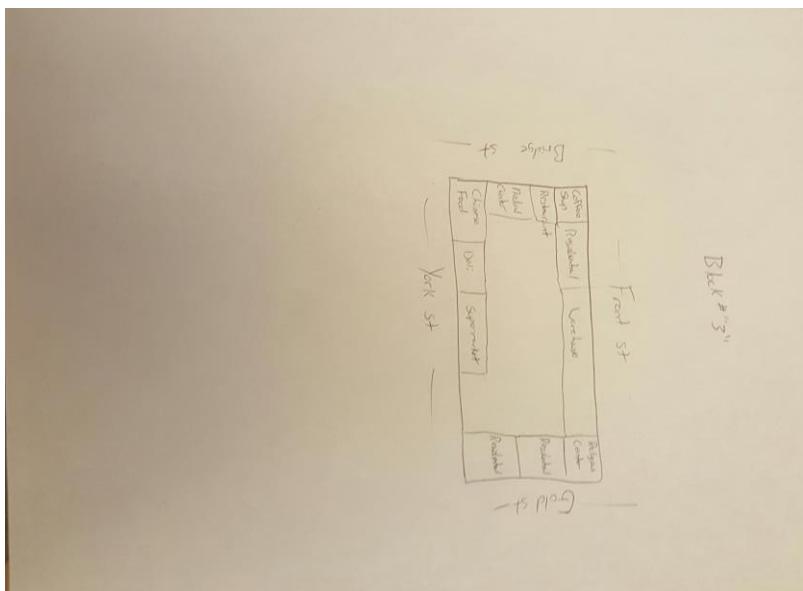
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INTRODUCTION

During this second visit to Vinegar Hill and the Farragut Houses, we were able to explore the area further and make more specific observations. It was a beautiful sunny day, so we were able to observe people around the area that we weren't able to last visit. We also observed in detail the block surrounded by Bridge, Gold, Front and York Streets. We noticed a small supermarket, along with multiple residential buildings.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)





SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. There were 2 police officers on foot patrol on the Farragut grounds.
2. There were 8 NYCHA workers cleaning and tending to the grounds.
3. Residents were hanging out near the entrances and bench area.
4. Hudson Avenue was busier with car traffic than last visit.
5. There were different size windows on the same walls.
6. There were a different number of windows on certain walls.

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Number of patrolling police officers	2
Number of NYCA workers	8
Number of nearby food stores	1
Number of Nearby food stores	1
Number of residential building on block "3"	3

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the responsibility of the NYCA workers?
2. Why were the Farragut Houses built where they were?
3. Why are the buildings spaced so far apart?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. To make repairs on the building as well as keeping the grounds clean.

2. The area at the time was run down and needed improvement. The building of the Farragut towers were believed to improve the area.
3. The buildings were spaced out to give more of an open space feel, as well as letting natural light hit each building.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

After visiting Vinegar Hill and the Farragut houses for a second time, I was able to obtain more detailed research and understanding of the area. Observing the surrounding blocks also helped me get a feel for the neighborhood and what it is lacking. We noticed the nearby residential buildings that were of high market value. Unlike the last visit, I came to this site visit with specific questions in mind that I wanted to answer or get information about. It was hard to collect data on some questions that I had, but what I did collect helped me understand the area even more.

REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESIS

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