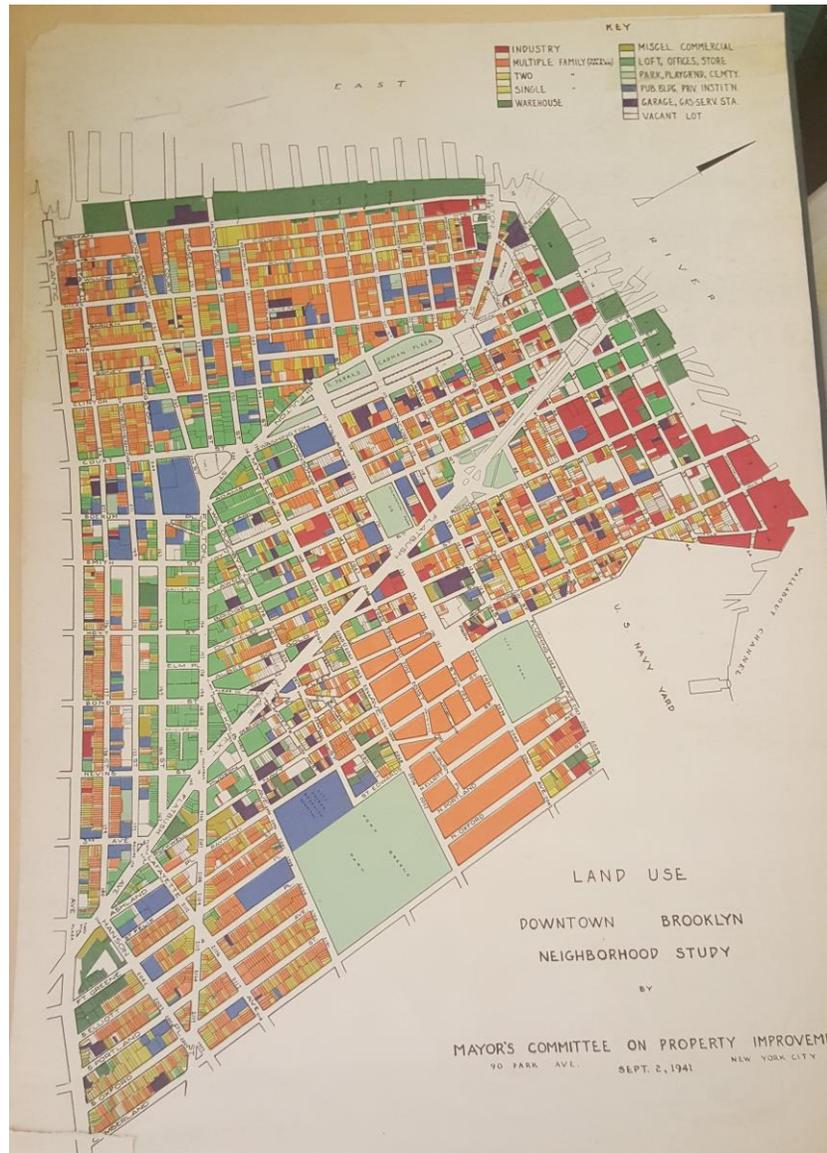


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SITE REPORT

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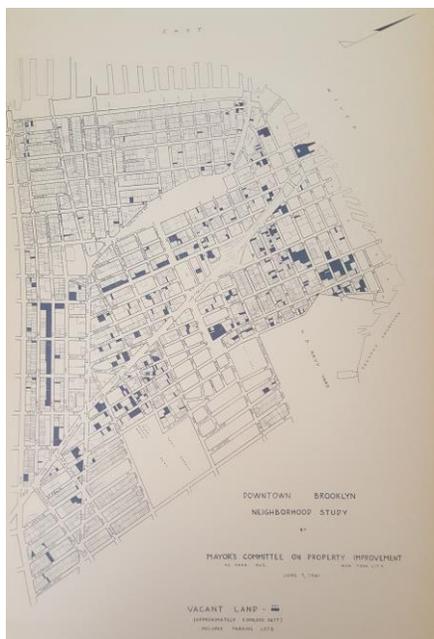
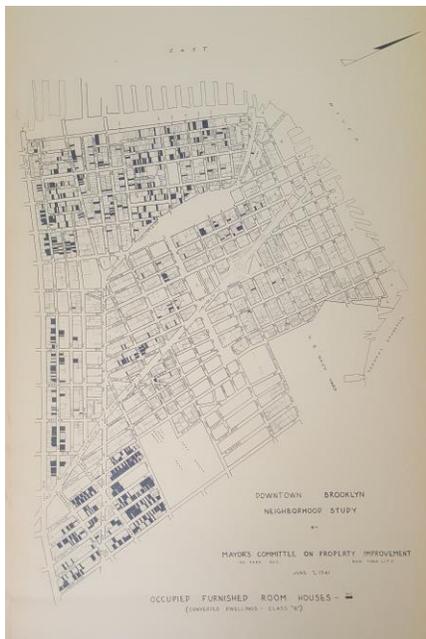
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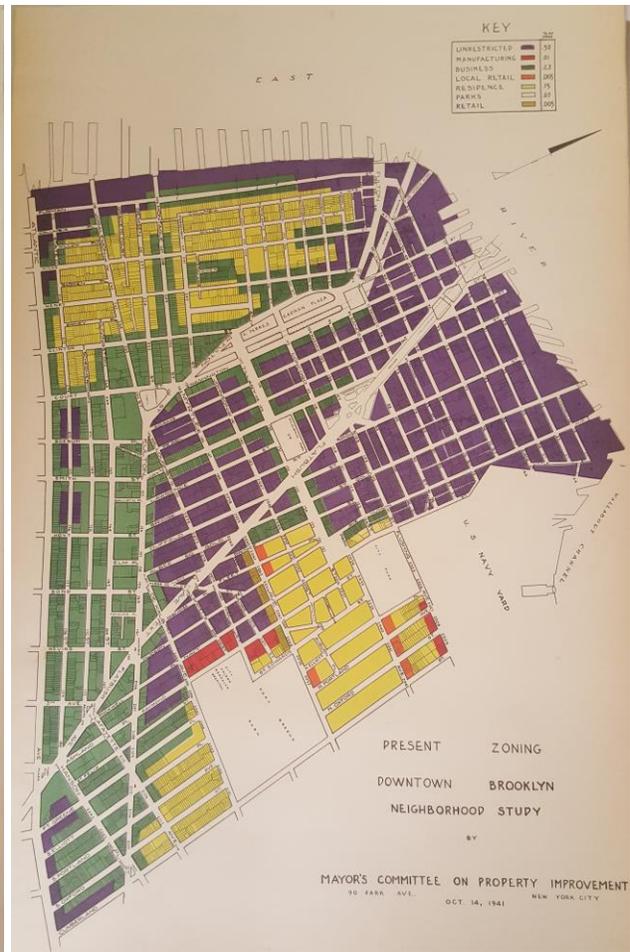
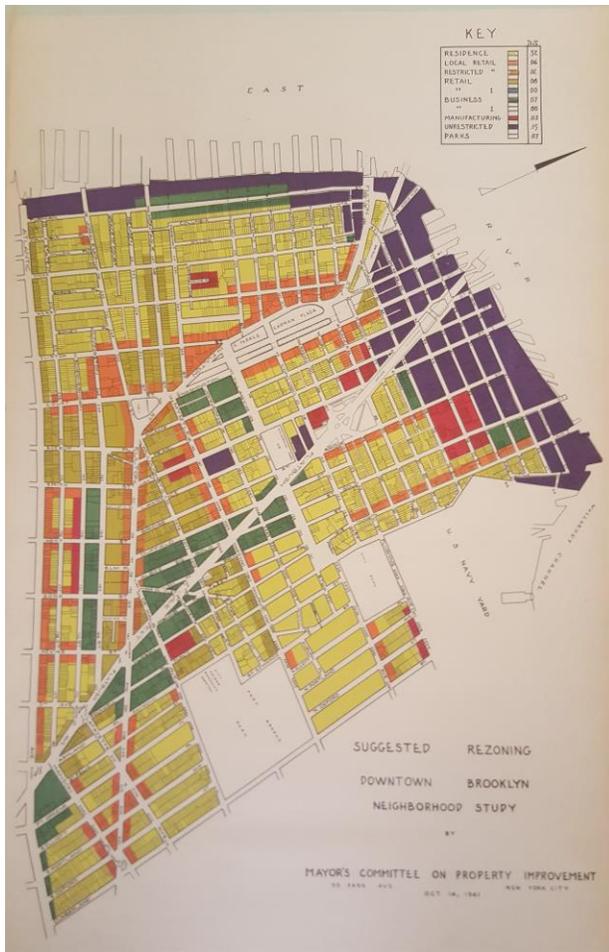
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INTRODUCTION

During our visit to the New York Public Library on October 21st, we were able to closely examine historical maps of Brooklyn. The librarian brought a total of six books that were filled with maps, along with some background information. A few of these books had maps that illustrated block by block what each building was used for, and what it was made out of. This information was extremely important towards our research.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)





SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. The library had a whole room dedicated to maps.
2. The maps we looked at were recorded in great detail.
3. Some of the maps were old and falling apart.
4. Other maps were in very good condition.

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Number of maps collected	21

Number of sources collected from	2
Number of pictures collected	8

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. How many other maps does the library have related to our topic?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. The library has thousands of maps, so there has to be a lot more than we saw on Brooklyn.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Our visit to the NYPL turned out even better than I expected. Like I said in the pre-site reflection, I have never been to a library bigger than the one at City Tech. The amount of information I was able to collect in that one hour was amazing. My research topic is the built environment of the area, specifically what was there before the Farragut Houses. In the one map book alone, I was able to record with great detail what each building was at the site in 1941. These maps also told us what the buildings were made of, and if there were any commercial spaces in the building. This was exactly what we needed, since the demolition of this area occurred only a few years later. I hope to have the opportunity to go back to the NYPL and look at other maps and resources to further help our research.

REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESIS

1. <http://www.nypl.org/about/divisions/map-division>