

Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT

Vinegar Hill | Ferragut Housing



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INTRODUCTION

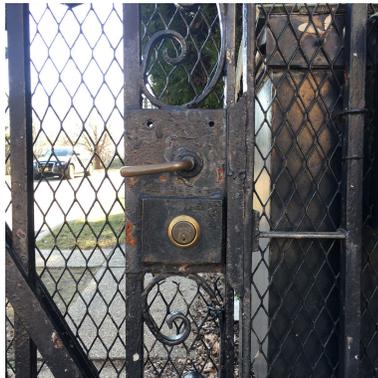
The class met up at Plymouth and Hudson in Vinegar Hill to experience the community. After walking through various streets, there were different styles of architecture that defined the time period of the neighborhood. Some streets were older than others, others were wealthier than others, and others were destroyed by developers. It is the task of the student to perform an in depth analysis of this neighborhood to understand why it is the way it is today and predict what the future will bring this community.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I expected to see warehouses and new architectural styles. I expected more start up businesses being here after overflowing DUMBO.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)







SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Deserted neighborhood
2. Closed off from society, stuck between major urban walls
3. Fighting for neighborhood, constant
4. quiet
5. Lots of shade between blocks
6. New construction right over borders
7. Forgotten in time

QUANTITATIVE DATA | DURING TOUR

Subject	Data
Unused lots	7
Playgrounds	3
Business	9

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. Why does the neighborhood not take better care of itself?

2. Why is there a lack of community?
3. Why is the city not doing anything to improve the neighborhood quality? (remove ConEd, merge communities)

HYPOTHESIS:

1. Because they are forgotten? No one cares about the neighborhood, why should they care about themselves?
2. There are three different worlds living in Vinegar Hill
3. Money, developers are the crutches the city rests on. If community doesn't allow developers in, developers expect community to die out?

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

From this site visit, I realised there was much more to Brooklyn. Many times I have been to the Dumbo portion but I never went on the opposite side of the manhattan Bridge. I feel this neighborhood needs help becoming a community again. It is lost in time, and we need to merge the centuries.

REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESIS

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