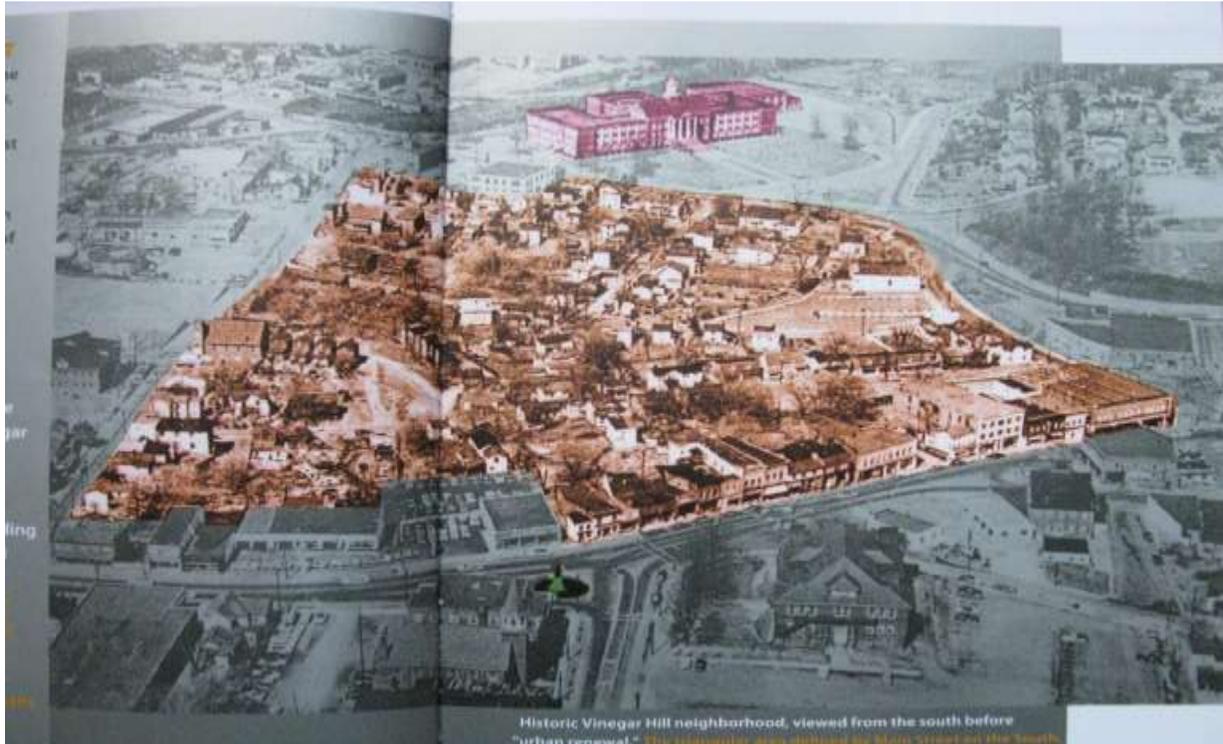


Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT # 1

Visiting Vinegar Hill



Historic Vinegar Hill neighborhood, viewed from the south before "urban renewal." The red building was destroyed by World War II.

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INTRODUCTION

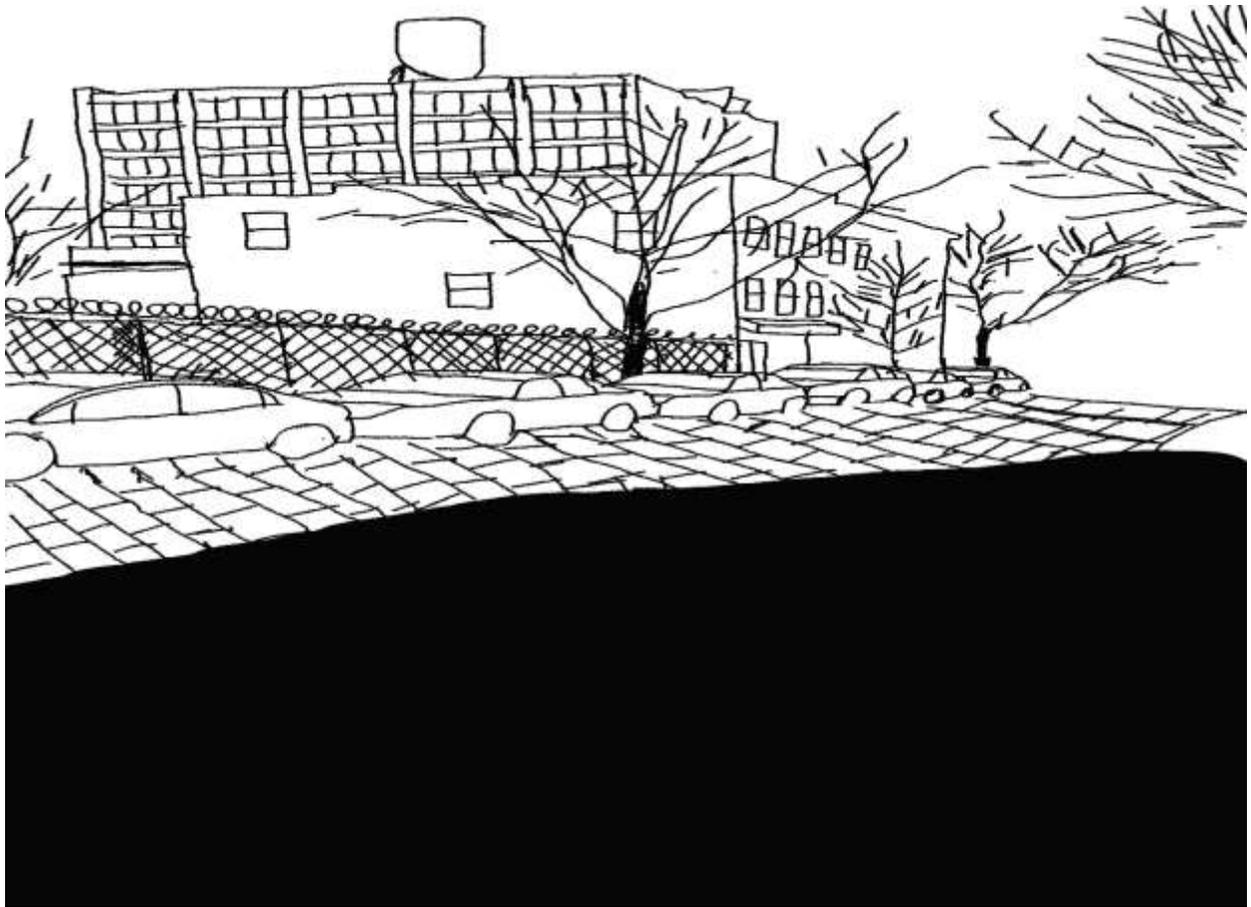
On Monday February 6, 2017, we visited a small neighborhood called Vinegar Hill. It was located in Downtown, Brooklyn, New York. It was an area the historic committee was trying to protect. This

small area gives a view of the history in New York. Vinegar Hill is one of those hidden places in New York City.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

At first my expectation was not high. I thought it would be like the neighborhoods we typically see. I thought I would see the typical neighborhood which includes parks, stores and multiple high-rise buildings for residential. The roads would be just like every road in the city. It was an area I have never visited or even heard of.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)



This sketch shows an old residential building in Vinegar Hill along with a storage building with all windows boarded up in the background. In the foreground, we see the old roads and the resident's cars.



This photo shows the oldest building in Vinegar Hill. It is important because after years the building is kept in good condition and well preserved. The Naval commandant's House which closed in 1966.



This photo shows another old building being renovated. The style is not typical of the area. The building is made completely out of wood.



This photo shows where the road is changed. The modern roads meeting the old style of roads. Also, it shows the big three story building for residents.



This is a photo of an old alley way which is on many maps but now is a private way. It is blocked by chained gated with a no trespassing sign.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Not many stores in the area
2. Few people walking in the neighborhood
3. A con Edison plant in a small neighborhood
4. Mix of modern and old buildings
5. Some of the buildings are fallen apart
6. The building with store fronts are now residential
7. The roads are not urbanized

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
School	Only one school in the area
Stores	About two stores in the Vinegar Hill area
Old Building	About 6-8 really old buildings

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was the power plant in the area?
2. Why are there no parks?
3. Why is the Naval Commandant's House not coming to the public?

HYPOTHESIS:

1. I think more people were moving into the city so the power plant was needed to provide the power needed.
2. I think nobody wants a park in Vinegar hill or there is no space.
3. I think the Naval House is now privately owned.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Vinegar Hill was one of the most unique places I have ever been in New York City. I have never seen brick roads in New York and the style of some of the houses. The firehouse transformed into a residential house is new to me. I have never seen that before and the office buildings into residential houses is also new. The train tracks on the road leading into another building is new. Overall Vinegar Hill is a secret historic location.

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