

Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT

COVER IMAGE: PLACE AN IMAGE PRODUCED BY YOU THAT BEST EXPRESSES THE IDEAS OF YOUR QUEST



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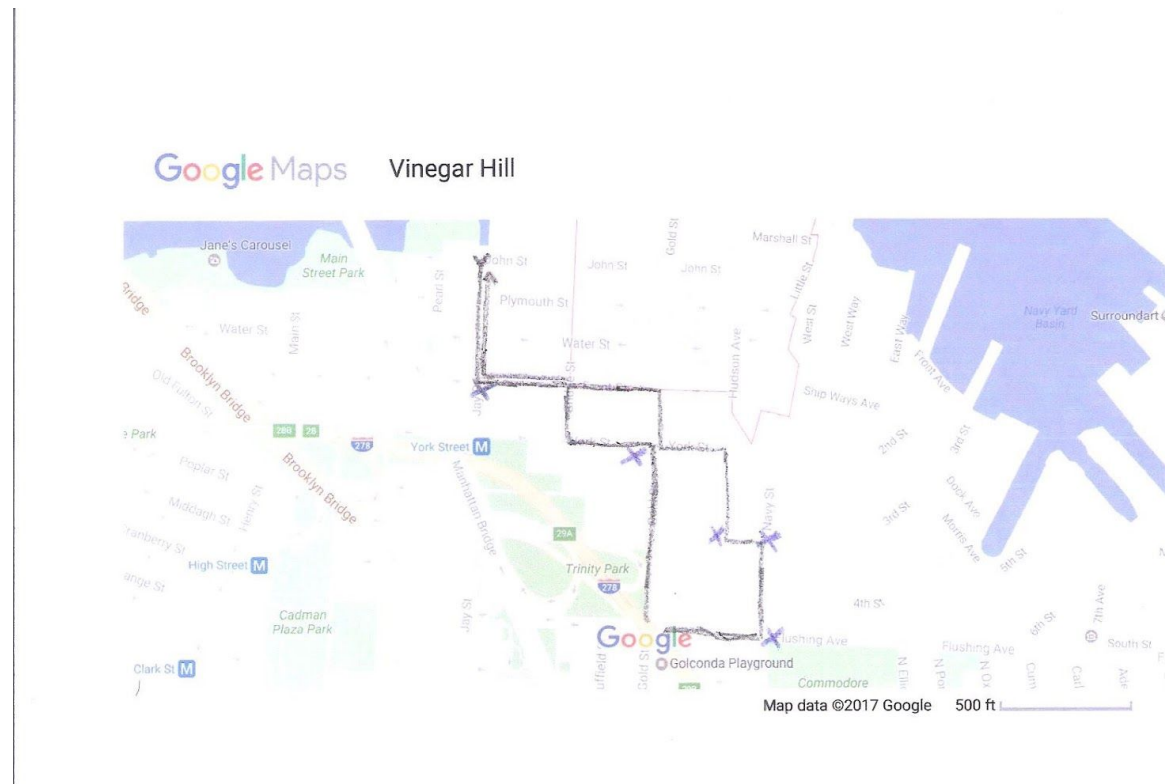
INTRODUCTION

During the second site visit, I observed the various apartment buildings within the Farragut House community. Also, I walked through parts of DUMBO and I compared my findings in both areas. Both neighborhoods have distinct traits about themselves that weren't seen during the first visit and it allowed me to get more clarity as to how the respective neighborhoods truly are.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Before I returned to the areas, I thought that I would simply see the same things that I saw previously, but that was not the case at all. Although I did see some things again, there were new features to the two places (farragut houses specifically) that weren't there before and stood out to me and allowed me to realize how similar these neighborhoods are to other New York neighborhoods. By that I mean that the interactions and buildings within the communities allowed me to feel a sense of relatability to them and be more comfortable walking around.

SITE DOCUMENTATION I: MAP OF AREA OF INVESTIGATION -- ON THE MAP CHART YOUR ROUTE AND MARK THE FOLLOWING: (a) significant stops; (b) Locations and directions of photos and sketches



SITE DOCUMENTATION II: photos/sketches for 2-3 significant stops. Provide captions and explanations – why is the image shown significant for your topic of exploration



Farragut Houses: Dead shrubs but lively trees.

This is a picture of one of the many apartment buildings in the Farragut Houses community and as you can see, the general greenery of the area is somewhat polarizing. You can see a small part of the grass towards the left that looks to be well kept, but the shrubs and bushes of the area look dead and dried. However the trees for the most part look healthy and well grown. This is a common trend in the Farragut houses in regards to their plant life.



This is a community recreational center with the neighborhood of the Farragut Houses. This is one of the numerous things that I did not see during the first visit. I did not expect to see a building like this considering I've never seen one outside of tv shows. I noticed that Farragut Houses has a lot of activities for the youth as opposed to many other communities throughout Brooklyn. It was also interesting to see that kids were actually using the center so clearly it was doing what it was made to do.



This is the front of the Church of the "Open Door". Ironically, the church was closed, also the church did not give off the vibe of a church, rather it felt as if it was any other building in the community with

some random purpose.



This is a picture of one of the many different parks within Farragut House district. There are numerous parks scattered all around the apartment buildings, however you don't really see much kids playing in the parks. The park above specifically looked very empty; There was no people inside and there was just a gap in the park of nothing but concrete and gravel.

SITE OBSERVATIONS: Note conditions you found and explain how they relate to the topic of your investigation

- 1. There were playgrounds connected to each apartment building and I think it is to allow the parents to let their kids have something to do as opposed to just staying within their homes.
- 2. There were many murals on the walls of the borders of the neighborhood. They allowed you to get a better understanding of the mindset of the people within the community and where the common consensus of the people.
- 3. DUMBO had varying Apartment Buildings whereas the Farragut Houses were all the same.
- 4. The interactions in Vinegar Hill going towards the Farragut Houses was very reminiscent of other neighborhoods in brooklyn. It felt as if I was in my own neighborhood looking at how the people hung out in front of stores conversing.
- 5. xxx
- 6. xxx
- 7. xxx

QUANTITATIVE DATA: under “subject” list the topic; Under “data” describe your findings and the quantity found

Subject	Data
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Parks and Recreation	There were countless things for the youth to do within the community which is not seen in other neighborhoods especially not my own. Also, the fact that these places were being visited by young kids and teenagers shows that this is something that should be done in other neighborhoods with high volumes of families
Uniform Structures	Every Apartment complex within the Farragut houses were all structured the same which I believe to be to be able to mass produce the homes for people as opposed to DUMBO which has smaller more distinct residences.
Community	There were a ton more people walking around the respective neighborhoods all doing something and interacting with each other. As opposed to the former visit which barely had any people walking around, this visit had many people outside, there were even some that interacted with us as we observed the communities.

QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS Consider the data found during your site visit and review the material you included so far in this report.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is such a community such as Farragut Houses given so many recreational activities for the youth but other neighborhoods which are more populated have very little to none?
2. Would the property value of the houses closer to the border of DUMBO and Farragut houses be less than the houses further away considering they're closer to low income housings?
3. Do you think that DUMBO would spread to the Farragut houses?

HYPOTHESIS: From the question you wrote above - select the most important question for your own research. Propose an explanation made on the basis of the limited evidence you have so far as a starting point for further investigation

1. Because it is so close to such a historical area, there needed to be extensive efforts to make the residences as open and friendly as possible.
2. Probably not because the buildings there are not in bad conditions rather they're well kept.
3. The Farragut house community has many good things going for them and could possibly become a default blueprint for other communities to come.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION / NEXT STEP? --

Overall, I enjoyed the visit to the Farragut Houses more than the first visit. I saw a lot more this time

around and got a better clarity of the neighborhood and the interactions there. I think that it has a good mix of things for everyone of all ages to enjoy and honestly speaking I think that Farragut Houses are a very progressive neighborhood and other neighborhoods in brooklyn should use some of the concepts shown there.

PRELIMINARY REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESES:

List articles, websites, public or government documents, or other information resources you have found that might help you explore your hypothesis. Try to find a variety of sources; 2 newspaper articles, 2 magazine articles, 2 websites, 2 public documents, etc.

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