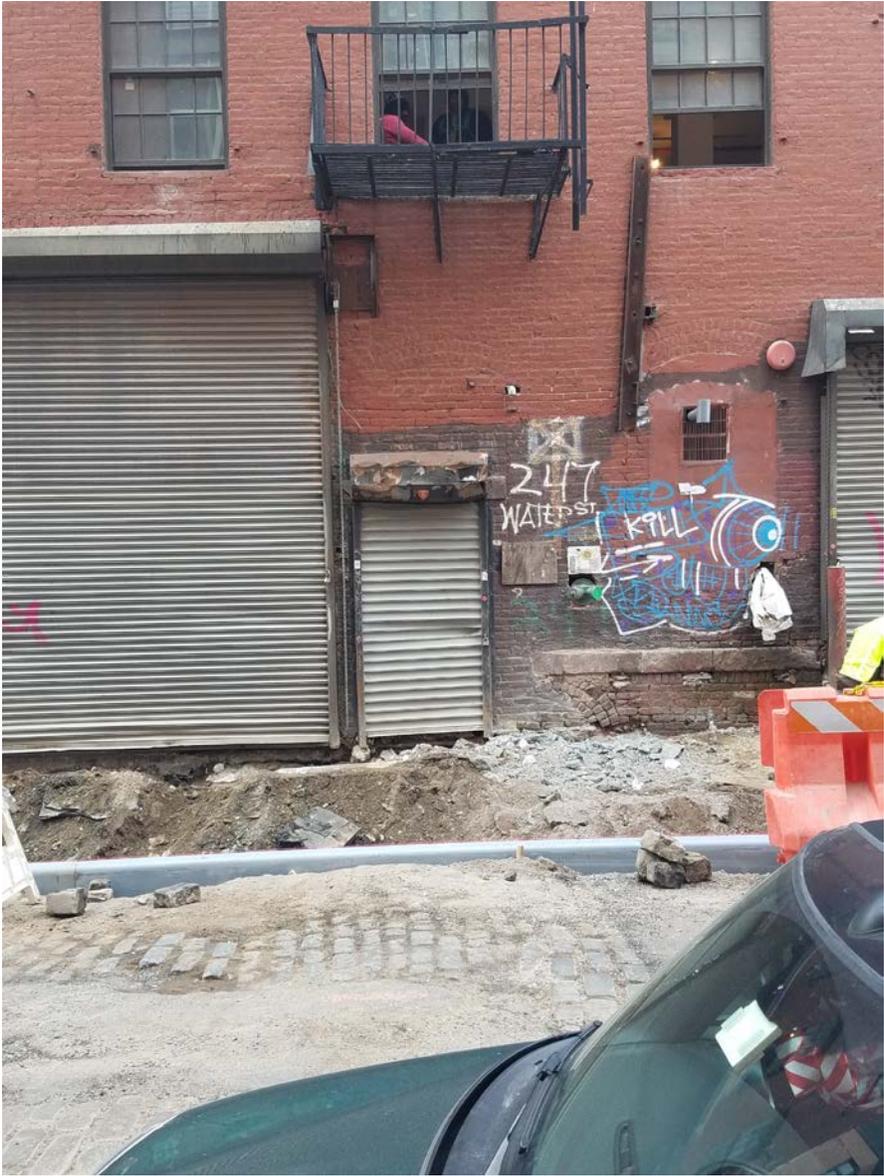


SITE REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

We were assigned to a group. For our group we were assigned to analyze the preservation and development primarily in Vinegar Hill.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Before going on the second visit I wanted to walk around different streets than the ones that I walked during my first site visit. During the first site visit I had only seen a closed down coffee shop at the corner of (Water St & Hudson Avenue) and a Chinese food and a small super market on (York St and Bridge street.) I didn't really think there was any other commercial spaces in Vinegar hill. I thought that Vinegar Hill was mostly a residential neighborhood with a lack of commercial spaces.

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



The Red circle Marks the starting / ending point (John St & Jay St).

The red lines represents the path that my group members and I walked in our second site visit.

The Green circle and square marks all the existing commercial spaces as well as the empty lots that could be used to make a new residential or commercial space.

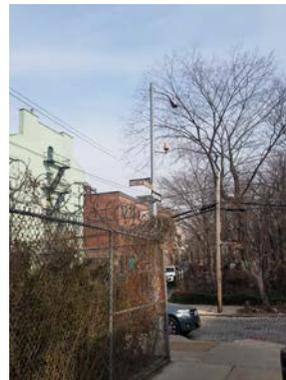
SITE DOCUMENTATION II: photos/sketches for 2-3 significant stops. Provide captions and explanations – why is the image shown significant for your topic of exploration



Most building owners aren't selling the building instead they are renting spaces charging either daily or monthly to earn profit.



This was one interesting advertisement in Vinegar Hill. It says turning your driveway into cash. They want to make people turn their driveways into rentable parking spaces for people to pay to rent. I believe this will make Vinegar Hill development worse and will affect Vinegar Hill severely. Instead of using the spaces for a better purpose they will de-value the community.



the last two images belong to Caitlin McManus

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

1. Many empty lots that are not being used or are used as parking spaces to generate income.
2. One Abandoned house that had a toxic keep out sign on 189 York Street. House is across the NYCHA housing, which makes the neighborhood have the feeling of being unwelcoming.
3. Very little functioning commercial spaces I would say because they aren't in a functioning neighborhood.

4. Rentable art space. The spaces are trying to invite certain type of people artistic and maybe more wealthy people to inhabit or at least form the community.
5. 1 Community Garden. It's a small start to try and make the community to be a community.
6. One entire block (Front St & Jay St) that is completely empty and not being used it seems like it is being surveyed to find the type of soil but now at the moment seems to be functioning as a parking lot.
7. xxx

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

Subject	Data
New development	1 new bar that will open the corner of Hudson Ave & Water St.
Unused spaces	About a total of 8 unused lots with no structure and a minimum of 5 parking lots in Vinegar Hill.
Rentable spaces	Approximately 8 places that are renting spaces for commercial use.

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 don't businesses seem to prosper and function?
2. Why are there many spaces that function as a parking lot instead of having a new building or home built on the lot?
3. Why did they place the NYCHA and Con Ed power plant in Vinegar Hill.

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. Resident most likely go to DUMBO or Downtown Brooklyn instead of helping the Vinegar Hill businesses.
2. It might be cheaper and people rather get some money generated by using that ad that is promoting to use their lots as a garage.
3. I believe that after the navy yard the navy yard shut down the so they made the NYCHA Houses for the people who lost their homes. The Con Ed power plant most likely came after the NYCHA housings. The space was most likely cheap to buy so they took advantage of the

cheap water front space. They probably got put an order to rezone the space as I could see their isn't much of a community based on the garden they probably they don't have community leader that fought against the power plant.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION / NEXT STEP? --

Vinegar Hill could be a developed neighborhood. If the right investments are made then it can attract many people to come to the neighborhood. I would like to see if I could find more history of Vinegar hill. I want to see the different types of business that were in the neighborhood and how the neighborhood has changed demographically. I want to do the same investigations to DUMBO. I want to see the developments that were made in DUMBO and see how we can apply them to Vinegar hill to make it better.

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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