

Learning Places Spring 2017

NYPL Map Division



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INTRODUCTION

We visited the NYPL on March 22th. We looked at the map division inside the library and saw different maps from different time periods. It was interesting to see the transition from certain time periods to now. I'll be showing some different

maps of Brooklyn in this site report. I'm mostly focusing on Vinegar Hill and Dumbo.

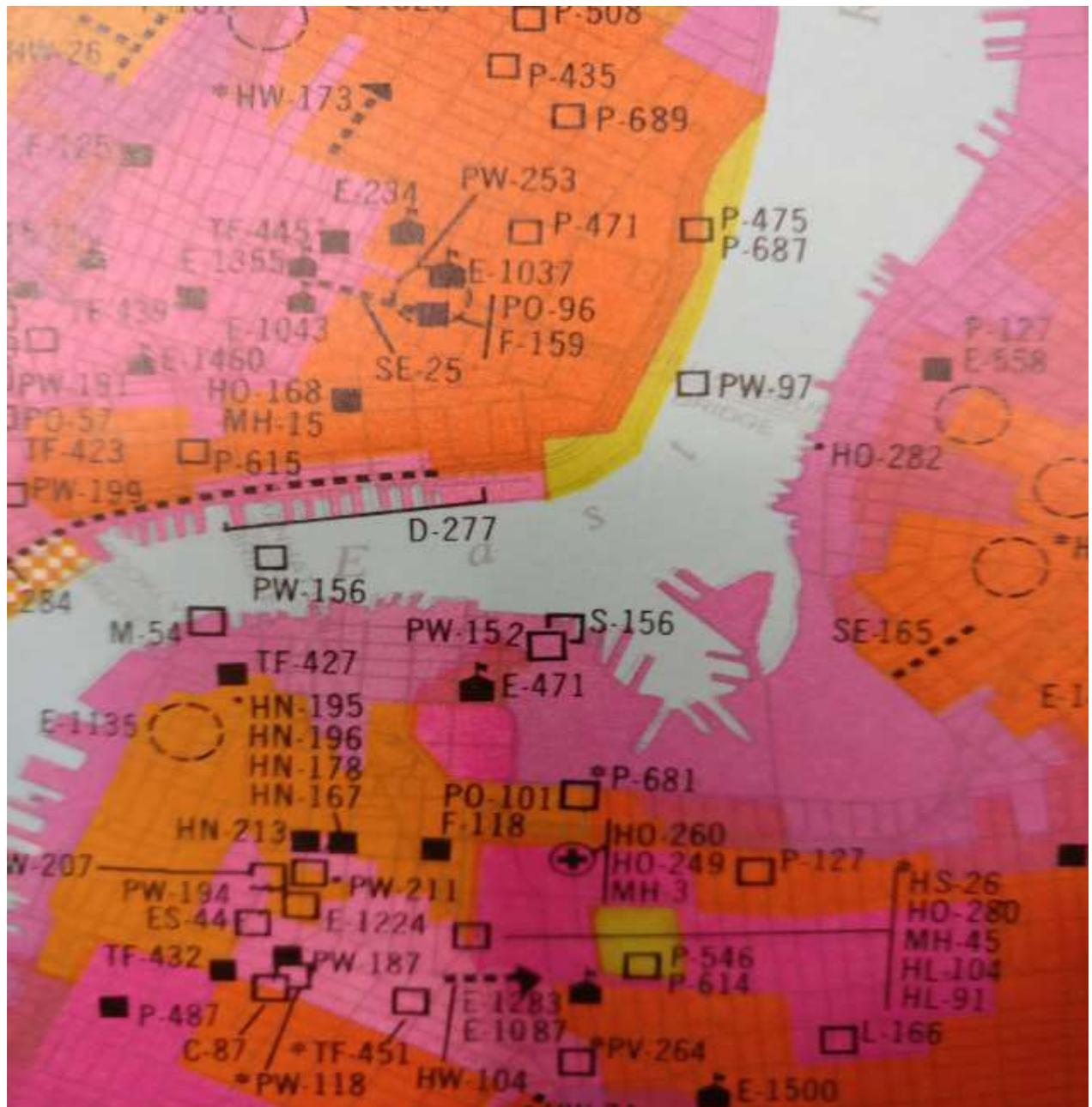
OBJECTIVES

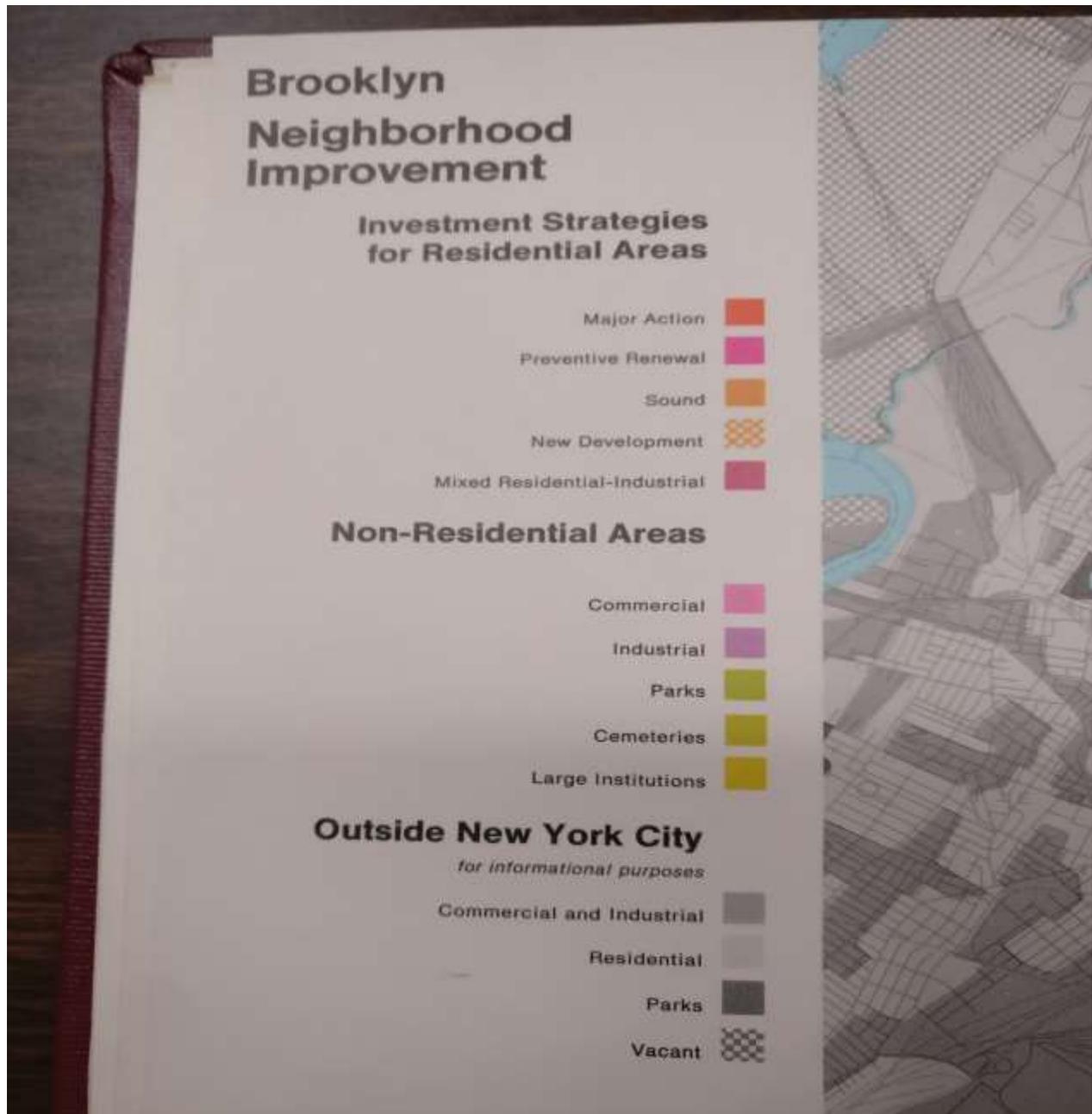
The objective that my group decided to investigate is the transitions of Vinegar Hill and Dumbo through maps and images from a certain time to now.

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

Before coming to this site visit, I had an idea of the types of maps we were going to see so I had a little bit of knowledge from our last visit to the Brooklyn Library.

SITE DOCUMENTATION: photos/sketches of 2 or 3 significant primary sources. Provide captions and explanations – why is the image shown significant for your topic of exploration?





The top map shows the neighborhood improvement around Vinegar Hill in 1969 from NYC Planning Commission. At that time, they were renewing some of Vinegar Hill.

SITE OBSERVATIONS: One or 2 general notes about the Brooklyn Collection, and 2-3 specific observations about how the primary sources you found are connected to the topic of your investigation

1. NYC Planning Commission map from 1969
2. Map of the Navy Yard area
3. Map of Vinegar and Dumbo from 1960

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

Subject	Data
Map	Maps on the Commission Planning, Vinegar Hill and Dumbo
Key	Key on different materials that were used to make some of the buildings in Brooklyn
Directory	There was a directory providing information and history about different parts of Brooklyn

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

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the purpose of the Commission Planning?
2. Did the Commission Planning stir up the residents that lived in Vinegar Hill.
3. Can this type of change happen again?

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

1. The purpose of Commission Planning was to restore some of the unused areas for more buildings.
2. I don't think it did. I think residents were all for this, to rebuild from unused and unwanted areas in Vinegar.
3. I can see this type of change happen again. There are some spots in Vinegar Hill that isn't being used for and can be used for a park, or just use it for another space for ConEd.

SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION / NEXT STEPS?

My next step would be, to use the information that my group and I gathered and use it for our group project on the transition of both Vinegar Hill and Dumbo. We can definitely use the maps we saw in the map division to help us with this investigation, so most definitely, we'll be back at the map division.

PRELIMINARY REFERENCES FOR PRIMARY SOURCES:

Record the essential information that you might use to create a citation for 3-4 primary sources you examined. Don't worry about creating a perfect or conventionally formatted citation; record the information that someone would need to find it again. Include a variety of sources: photographs, maps, articles, manuscripts, etc.

1. <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e2-49e7-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99>
2. <http://nyhistory.org/library/digital-collections>