

Learning Places Spring 2017

SITE REPORT #4

**COVER IMAGE: PLACE AN IMAGE PRODUCED BY YOU THAT BEST EXPRESSES THE OBJECTIVES OF YOUR VISIT**

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A tour and research field trip to the New York Public Library. The map room being were we settled to understand more about zoning as well as fire insurance maps. The goal was to understand how the zoning laws have changed throughout Vinegar Hill in the last century and gentrification and art projects have any influence.

OBJECTIVES

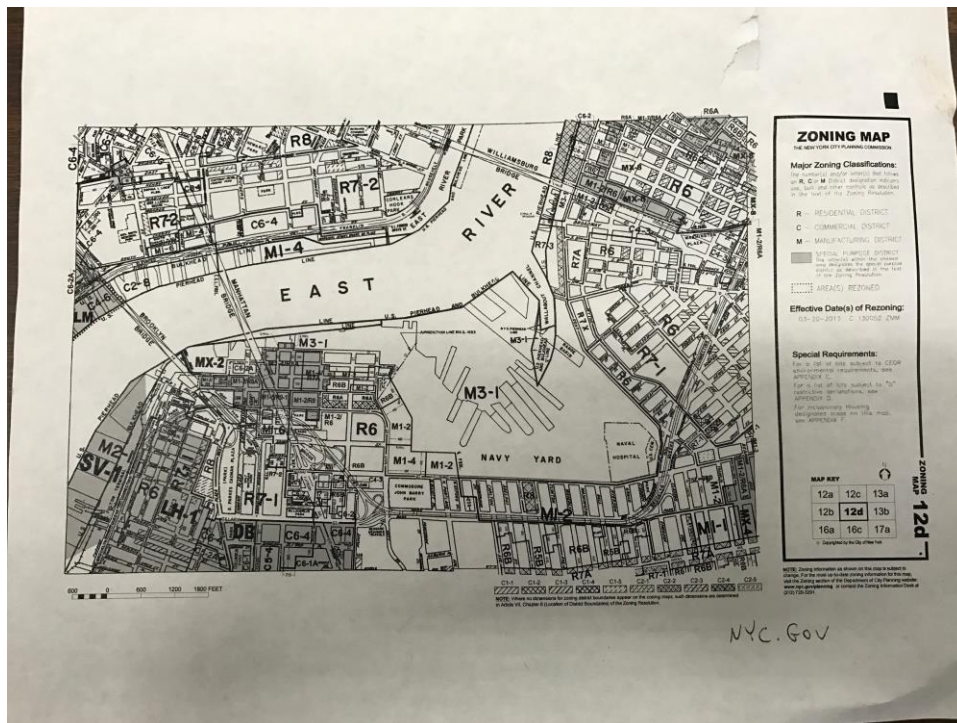
- To study the zoning laws in history of Vinegar Hill
- Research the fire insurance maps
- Study the neighborhood maps

PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

The NYPL is one of my favorite destinations in all of New York. So you can definitely say that I was excited and curious towards we were going to see, learn and research. How this visit was going to help our research and shape our hypothesis was definitely cool.

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?





SITE OBSERVATIONS:

- Most of the maps were close to a 100yrs old, and pasted with more updated maps on top of the pages (for the fire insurance maps).
- A number of zoning law books and guides, but quite confusing to understand.
- The guides provided definitely gave great brief information on the history and direction Vinegar Hill is headed.

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

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Data</b>
<b>Fire Insurance maps</b>	5 (most from have been paste on for the last century)
<b>Zoning Laws books</b>	3 ( all from the Brooklyn area)
<b>Neighborhood guides</b>	2 (for Dumbo and Vinegar Hill/ Farragut Houses)

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

QUESTIONS:

- Have zoning laws helped Vinegar Hill keep its historic identity?
- Has the fire insurance maps influence the façade of the street?
- Do the neighborhood guides provide the proper information that speak towards the history and appreciation of Vinegar Hill?

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.

- Zoning laws have definitely helped Vinegar Hill maintain its historic presence by making the neighborhood a historic landmark.

- I couldn't quite find exact proof, but the neighborhood is mostly built on brick buildings with the exception on the few storefronts.
- According to the research we've done towards Vinegar Hill, you can say that the guides are pretty .

#### SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION / NEXT STEPS?

The Brooklyn Library helped in a great way, it changed our hypothesis and molded our research to be able to focus on certain aspects of Vinegar Hill. The researched allowed us to look towards its sense of community and the tight relationships that surround. We now continue to search into recent changes and the gentrification influence.

#### 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.

- New York Times, real estate, "A Piquant Journey Through Vinegar Hill".
- Vinegar Hill, by L.J. Davis
- If your thinking of living/ Vinegar Hill, On Cobblestone streets, History lingers, by Dulcie Leimbach