

hLearning Places Fall 2019

SITE REPORT #3

City Hall Park site report



“How is it they have such a nice building to work from, yet get all of their apartment buildings suck.”

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SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. What are some general observations about the character of this place? What does it remind you of? How does it make you feel?

Seems pretty lively during the day, a lot of parents with their kids. Very open space that allows a lot of movement. Besides being cold, the park really reminds me of being able to relax and chill in my neighborhood park. If it weren't for the large building surrounding the park I would have forgotten that I was in the middle of the city

2. How does this place and its architecture relate to your performance? Think about the social meaning of the space (eg. civic, recreational, retail, etc).

We're right next to the nycha building, being the organization were protesting against, and the way the site was designed gives us a good flow of people from the subway entrances on both sides. Give me that there are entrances to the subway and both sides will park, it gives us a good flow of people using the paths to travel.

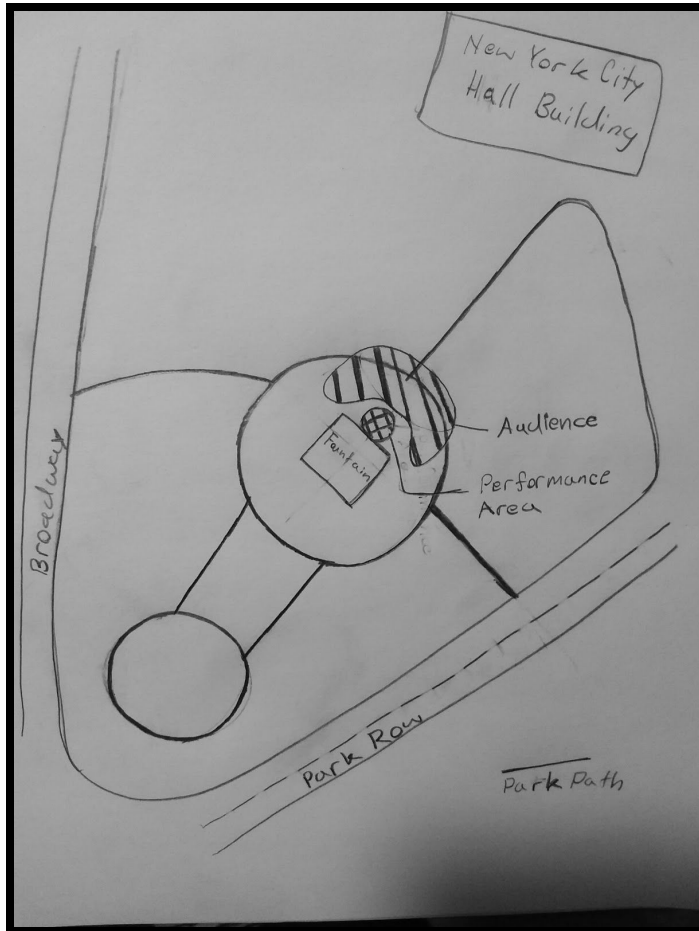
3. Discuss the program of this space. How are people meant to interact with one another and with the environment?

Being Park, its main purpose is to be a space of activity or calm, but given that there are subway stations on both sides it acts to direct pedestrian traffic during the busy times of the day. And the part that people are able to talk walk or play Given that there are open spaces along the paths. Most likely the way people interact with each other in the park will involve them talking and walking at the same time or simply sitting at one of the benches so that they can take a rest before continuing their busy day.

4. Describe some of the activities that people are currently engaged in. How might they interact with or respond to your performance when it is staged?

Kids like to play in the more open parts of the park, while Taurus center around the fountain, and parents just like to lay back and relax on the benches while observing their children as they play. The performance will probably attract the parents attention and the tension of people walking through the park to the next train station. Kids will probably just think that the box that were using for a performance is a toy or something.

5. Draw a ground plan of your space with the performance site and audience clearly defined in your drawing.



QUESTIONS for FURTHER RESEARCH. These should follow directly from your analysis section and be complex and specific enough to serve as the basis of a research project.

Questions should relate to information you will incorporate into your performance and / or share with audience members.

1. Question? What is the difference in rent between nycha residents versus non nycha residents?

2. Question? Does public housing have any notable effect on those who don't live in public housing?
3. Question? What reason should anyone have to actually care about affordable housing not being properly maintained or care for?

FURTHER RESEARCH

Choose and **revise** one of your research questions for further research. Refine your question following from examples that we've discussed in class.

Revised Research Question: What are some of the more harmful impacts caused by affordable housing being neglected that could affect those who aren't nycha residents?

Find and cite 2 sources that address your question in [MLA format](#). Respond to the questions below.

CITATION 1:

Ferr[ETH]-Sadurnl, Luis. "Housing System Is 'Lighting Money on Fire' as Rats Persist, Auditor Says." New York Times, 29 July 2019, p. A18(L). Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints, https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A594815932/OVIC?u=cuny_nytc&sid=OVIC&xid=df3a454b. Accessed 12 Nov. 2019.

Why did you select this source? How does it address all or part of your research question?

What does this article mainly because it talks a lot about how nycha is being mismanaged and it helps understanding how that is causing problems not only to the residents, but to the people of New York who don't live in the affordable housing. In terms of my research question it does help address it a great deal given how it points out a lot of the issues they have. Example of such, 8 of the roofs of the housing projects located in Staten Island were repaired my nycha, costing the city 4 million dollars when in fact they had still been under the warranty and could have been repaired completely free. Prime example of how nycha is literally burning away money.

Is the source credible? Why or why not?

I do believe the source is credible given that at no place in its text was it trying to sell me something or persuade my opinion in anyway. The article is from The New York Times newspaper which focuses more on stating the issues happening in the city.

CITATION 2:

"Housing-project tax-\$\$ vacation Tenants' 15G if I want to further research this question I'd need more information about other if I wish to further research this question I will need evidence of other effects that Mets at resort." New York Post [New York, NY], 24 Nov. 2013, p. 009. Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints, https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A350331351/OVIC?u=cuny_nytc&sid=OVIC&xid=0e6789fc. Accessed 18 Nov. 2019.

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This article that was a more direct example of how nycha employees mismanaged the funds that are given to them in order to support child care violence prevention and job training programs. The article stated "The president of the city's Drew-Hamilton housing project in Harlem treated herself and 24 other tenants to a getaway at a ritzy Poconos resort last weekend - costing taxpayers at least \$15,000,". Even more proof of how New York City citizens taxes are used for the wrong reason.

Is the source credible? Why or why not?

The source is from a newspaper here in New York, so it's very likely that any information I get from it is credible also none of the information on the page was meant to sell or persuade me in anyway, also it's not part of organization with any ulterior motive.

What further information would you need to answer your question? Where would you look for additional sources?

In order to further research this question I would need more evidence of how nitrous mismanagement and neglect is causing problems for other residents of New York who are not in affordable housing. In order to find said information I would need to look up scholarly articles that have done real research of all the negative effects affordable housing in New York has had.