

SITE REPORT #3

COLUMBUS PARK

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The center of Downtown Brooklyn

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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?

One thing that I observed about Columbus Park is that it is located among many tall buildings and it is one of the few green spaces in the area. The park is located next to the Korean War Veterans Plaza, and Cadman Plaza Park. Compared to those two parks, Columbus Park is much cleaner even though it's busy. When at the park, there were some signs with the rules for the park, such as no skating in that area. However, I saw a bunch of teenage boys skating near the stairs of Borough Hall and near the entrance of Kings County Court. The park is often very crowded because there is a train station located in the middle, where people are often coming and going from. I notice that the people coming from the train are usually in a rush to get somewhere. Another thing I observed was that from the entrance of Johnson St there is a statue and on the other end of the park there is a water fountain that splits that path in two.

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).

This place is related to my performance because of all the buildings that surround it. The ratio of parks and green spaces is so much smaller than the ratio to buildings. It is also a good place because there are new buildings being constructed in that area. This can help us show people that we need to do something about building carbon footprint, because as more buildings are being constructed the more carbon footprint will increase. The park gets very busy so there are more people that we can communicate the message to. With the way that the path is designed it is easy to get the attention of the people walking by.

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

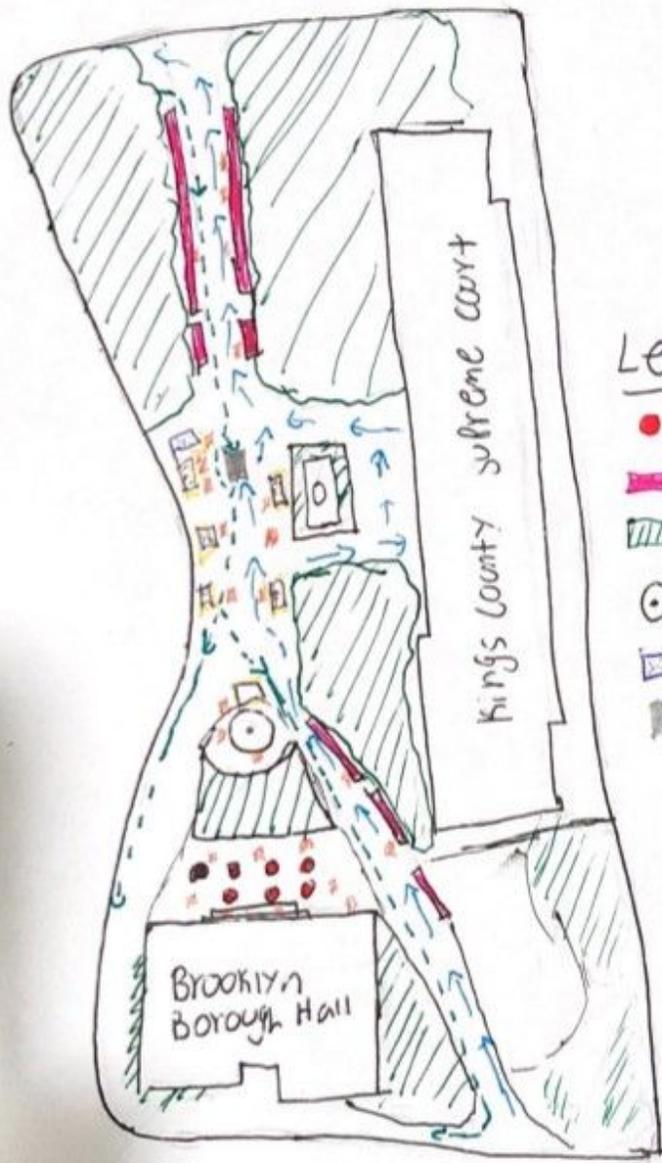
I feel like the purpose for Columbus park was to get a space that's open and add a few green areas to contrast to the busy city. It is a place to relax and disengage from the busy city, with the help of the trees that help cancel some of the noise of the city. It is also a good place for people to hang out and have lunch, especially when there is nice weather. Near Borough Hall there are some chairs and tables where people can eat, the tables are located near the steps and it's a less busy. People also like to hang out on the steps of Borough Hall and overlook the rest of the park. The park also has benches located under some trees that provide shade in the summer. People usually sit in the benches and watch the people who are passing by.

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?

When I visited the park I saw a lot of people sitting on the benches reading a newspaper or a book. There are also people skating even though the park rules say they aren't supposed to. Another activity is the farmers market that is there every Thursday, when the market is open the park gets more crowded. People go to the farmers market to get food and then eat it in the tables by Borough Hall. There are a few people casually walking or sitting and having a conversation. This can help with our performance since it is a crowded place it will be easier to get people to become engaged. Maybe even the people sitting down to have their lunch will be interested in our performance and come check it out. Our performance will be something that does not occur often around that area, which will make people more interested.

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

COLUMBUS PARK PLAN



Legend

● - Tables

▬ - Benches

▨ - Green areas

⊙ - Water Fountain

▣ - Farmer Market Stands

■ - Train Station

→ - Traffic from Stratton St

- - - → - Traffic from Johnson St

■ - Audience

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? Why is carbon pollution causing so much damage to the environment ?
2. Question? How are buildings producing carbon pollution?
3. Question? How can people stop carbon pollution?

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: Why is carbon pollution causing so much damage to the environment ?

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

CITATION 1: "The National Academies Presents: What You Need to Know About Energy." *The Cost of Energy, Environmental Impact* -, The National Academy of Sciences, 2019, <http://needtoknow.nas.edu/energy/energy-costs/environmental/>.

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

I selected this source because it states about what Carbon footprint is, and how it's affecting the environment and it's causing global warming. It also states how the carbon footprint has been increasing more and more over the years and the temperature of the earth is increasing. This is because it is melting the glaciers which is causing the sea level to rise. In general carbon pollution is bringing harmful effects to people.

Is the source credible? Why or why not?

Yes this source is credible because most of the information is based on research that they have gathered from records, where they kept track of the climate change. This source has been recently published, meaning it has the latest information of what is happening.

CITATION 2: “Global Warming Pollution in Maine: The Effects of Climate Change.” *Natural Resources Council of Maine*, 14 Nov. 2019,
<https://www.nrcm.org/programs/climate/global-warming-air-pollution/>.

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

I selected this source because it states about how global warming is affecting the population, and it's environment. The carbon pollution is producing many chemicals that are affecting the health of the people in maine. The source has information about how buildings are providing a negative affect to the environment because of a lot of buildings are using heating oils that are producing too much carbon into the air. A Lot of the chemicals are going into the waters and its contaminating the food that people it. The health of kids have gotten worse, medical records show that asthma has increased to its highest rate.

Is the source credible? Why or why not?

Yes this source is credible because it states information about how the carbon pollution is negatively affecting the people and their health. The source has also been recently published and it is a source that states the way to solve the problem.

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

Further information to answer my question could be what are the alternatives ways to solve the problem. I can also look into medical records that show how carbon pollution is affecting the people and how it was back ten when there was less carbon pollution.