

Learning Places Fall 2015

# SITE REPORT

## Farragut Houses



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## INTRODUCTION

Farragut Houses is a complex of projects located at 228 York Street in Brooklyn. According to the New York City Housing Authority, there are 1,390 apartments housing about 3,440 residents who live in ten buildings which have 14 floors. We were given a brief presentation of the area. This class assignment was for us to reflect about the area before we could come to the location and take a close look. Our next step was to assess the neighborhood with an open mind and write a post visit reflection.

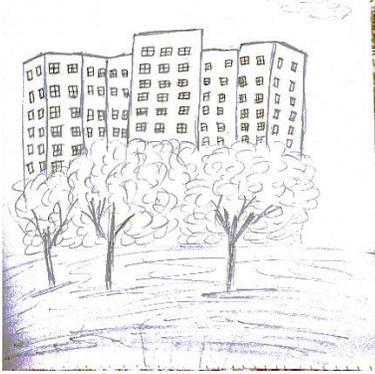
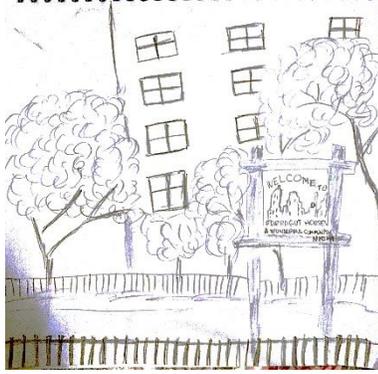
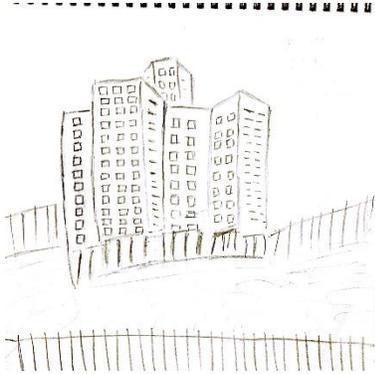
In this presentation, I uploaded pictures taken with my smart phone as well as sketches of the project buildings. For a better presentation of the area, I included pictures and sketches of other buildings nearby.

## PRE-VISIT REFLECTION

I am a little nervous about the project visit tomorrow as I have a poor space orientation. I expect to see a conglomerated neighborhood with limited green areas and poorly dressed people. I will try to draw some sketches, but I have no artistic talent whatsoever. I will try my best, but I know I cannot create art. Given the fact that we have already watched videos of how private houses were demolished in that neighborhood, I am thinking we might meet some people who were victims of demolition. Although there will be no human interaction, I will observe not only the surroundings, but also the affect of people; their facial expressions. I am looking forward of meeting everyone at the location.

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches)





# SITE OBSERVATIONS

1. Farragut Houses is a complex of ten projects who appear well maintained.
2. The grass in front of the buildings is mowed, the fence around the buildings looks the same everywhere.
3. There are playgrounds and green spaces in front the project buildings.
4. It is interesting to note the lack of diversity; the buildings from the complex look roughly identical.
5. The senior center is separated from the main building; the doors appear poorly maintained: rust can be noted from the street.
6. There is a wall across the street.
7. Each building from the project is surrounded by a fence.

# QUANTITATIVE DATA

Subject	Data
Number of buildings	There are ten buildings in the complex.
Number of floors	There are fourteen floors in each building.
Playgrounds	There is one playground for each building.
Number of apartments	The complex has 1,390 apartments.
Number of residents	There are about 3,440 residents.
Number of supermarkets	There is one supermarket and two groceries close to the buildings.

## QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESIS

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why was this area chosen for building this project?
2. Why is the shape of these buildings so unique?
3. Why are the metal walls from the senior center so rusty?
4. Why is there a fence around the buildings?
5. Why is there a wall across the street from the projects?
6. Are there groceries and supermarkets in this area?

### HYPOTHESIS:

1. The neighborhood was considered a slum and it was tried to improve the quality of lives of the people living there.
2. Each building looks like there were multiple building jointing each other, so there are a lot of apartments in a small place.
3. There are not enough money allocated for repainting.
4. The fence around the building is separating the people who live in the projects from the outsiders; people from outside of the projects are not invited to mingle with the ones from inside. It could also be for safety reasons.
5. The wall surrounds the Navy Yard.
6. There are two groceries and one supermarket in this area.

## SUMMARY / POST VISIT REFLECTION

Today we went to visit the area where Farragut Houses are located. The neighborhood looked from poor to low middle class. It appeared less conglomerated than expected. The shape of the project buildings looked like they were meant to occupy less space and have more apartments with windows. Poor neighborhoods are known to lack supermarkets. I was glad to notice one nearby. I was surprised to see a wall that was separating the Navy Yard from the street. This creates an unpleasant image to the people living around there. However, there were plenty of green spaces and playgrounds in the projects for children to enjoy. I am looking forward to seeing this neighborhood again, after I do more research about the area and the buildings.

## REFERENCES TO EXPLORE HYPOTHESIS

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