

# Hunts Point: A Shared Vision

Progress To-Date and a Look Ahead, from the City and Hunts Point Community

Expanding economic opportunity.

Improving quality of life.

Preserving what makes this area unique its community, cultural vibrancy, and thriving industry. In 2004, the City and community released the Hunts Point Vision Plan, a set of recommendations developed by the Hunts Point Task Force for the future of the peninsula, home to 12,000 residents, 18,000 workers, and one of the largest wholesale distribution campuses in the world. The release of the plan was followed by action, which delivered **new parks, safer streets, thousands of new jobs, and improved air quality**—progress that has been complemented by other City and communitydriven projects advanced in recent years.

But, there is still much to be done. Today, the City and community are **building on our partnership to develop a shared vision** to guide the next 15 to 20 years of working together.

# **Projects Progress and Commitment Updates**

### **Highlights from the 2004 Vision Plan**,

accomplished through partnership between the City and Hunts Point community:



Fish Market, opened 2005



Barretto Point Park, opened 2006



HP Riverside Park, opened 2007



**Optimizing how land is used** to support job growth and community amenities

- Created **new waterfront parks** equivalent to approximately three city blocks
- Created special zoning rules to separate the residential area from industrial uses, while also **encouraging food-related business**
- Remediated over 40 percent of the original Con Edison manufactured gas plant site to **foster job-intensive uses**
- Supported the creation of over 1,000 new industrial jobs
- Prevented new waste facilities from being created around the residential neighborhood

#### **Creating connections between destinations** to improve access and mobility for residents and workers

- Created Hunts Point Landing, Hunts Point Riverside Park, Randall's Island Connector, Anheuser-Busch Walkway, and Food Center Drive Greenway
- Built out pedestrian and bike paths along Spofford, Hunts Point, and Lafayette Avenues
- Created the Bx46 bus route to better connect the residential and industrial communities and improve commutes

#### **Improving traffic safety and efficiency** to enhance air quality and pedestrian safety

- Made 13 intersections safer for pedestrians
- Improved air quality through the Hunts Point Clean Trucks program
- Created new truck routes to increase the efficiency of trucks and **reduce the number of trucks in residential areas**
- Converted Food Center Drive to a one-way street with new, separated and landscaped bike lane
- Invested in upgrades to the Oak Point Rail Yard and produce market rail

#### Implementing Workforce Solutions to link residents to employment opportunities

- Opened the Hunts Point Workforce1 Career Center
- Over 4,000 residents of Hunts Point have been connected to employment opportunities through the Workforce1 System

### In addition to the 2004 Vision Plan recommendations,

the City and State are advancing several other projects in Hunts Point:

### Expanding affordable housing, industrial space, community amenities, and quality jobs

- Redeveloping the former Spofford Juvenile Detention Center into The Peninsula, a mixed-use campus with **740 permanently affordable housing units, open space, commercial and community facility space, and industrial jobs**
- Committed \$150 million across the Food Distribution Center in infrastructure investments to support a modern, resilient, and jobintensive campus

### **Enhancing resiliency and sustainability**

- Committed \$71 million to resiliency and sustainability, including:
- Providing **year-round energy and emergency back-up power** to critical facilities in the Food Distribution Center
- Implementing solar energy and storage at two local schools to provide year-round sustainable energy and allow the schools to serve as shelters during emergencies
- Establishing resilient Wi-Fi networks to support local businesses
- Committed \$67 million to **upgrade the Hunts Point Wastewater Treatment Plant and improve local air quality**
- Partnering with local community groups to promote climate-related emergency preparedness through the "Be A Buddy" Program

### Transportation infrastructure improvements

- Metro-North planning for a new station at Hunts Point Avenue that will connect residents to Penn Station and Connecticut; the City is working with the community to address needs around the station
- FreightNYC initiative planning for a new marine barge terminal to reduce truck miles traveled, create jobs, and improve air quality



BankNote Rehab, completed 2009



Hunts Point Landing, opened 2013



Spofford Redevelopment, announced 2016

The economic benefits of City and community investment in Hunts Point are real. Over the past two decades, the **unemployment rate has dropped by over 50 percent**, workforce participation has grown by almost 5 percent, and the number of residents with a high school degree or equivalency has risen by 15 percent. Further, over 1,000 new industrial jobs are being created.

Anheuser-Busch, opened 2009

# **Hunts Point Projects**



In Addition to the 2004 Vision Plan

South Bronx Greenway

FDC Bus Route (Bx46)



"For more than 15 years, the Hunts Point Vision Plan has served as a working collaboration between the South Bronx and the City to plan for the long-term success of Hunts Point"

> -Council Member Rafael Salamanca Jr.

## Acknowledgments









# What's Next?

We want to hear from you. The City and NYCEDC are actively working with the community to shape a comprehensive strategy across current and future projects—an updated vision for Hunts Point.

We will continue to regularly update the community on past commitments and work together to develop new opportunities for the future.

## Want to Be Involved?

To learn more about the past work or the current process, reach us at **huntspointvisionplan@edc.nyc**.

For more information about ongoing NYCEDC projects on the Hunts Point Peninsula, visit edc.nyc/HuntsPointVision.







