

An aerial photograph of the Kingsbridge Armory in New York City. The large, historic brick building with a prominent arched roof and two towers is the central focus. A train is visible on the tracks in front of the armory. The surrounding area is densely packed with various city buildings, including modern high-rises and older structures. A large body of water is visible in the upper right corner.

Kingsbridge Armory

Public Engagement and Vision Planning

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Kingsbridge Armory Community Engagement

- Nine-month process that engaged residents, workers, and community groups to define a vision for the Armory's future.
- Culminating in a Vision Plan to be released this summer



Who is on the Community Working Group?

- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Council Member Pierina Sanchez
 - Sandra Lobo, Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC)
- **Elected Official Offices:**
 - Borough President Vanessa Gibson
 - Congress Member Adriano Espaillat
 - Senator Robert Jackson
 - Senator Gustavo Rivera
 - Assembly Member George Alvarez
- **Community Stakeholders:**
 - **Community Groups:** Community Board 7, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Gardiner Foundation, Mekong, Dominicanos USA
 - **Labor:** Central Labor Council, Local Union 79
 - **Small Businesses:** Kingsbridge Merchants Association, Burnside-Tremont-Jerome Merchant Association, Street Vendor Project
 - **Faith Based:** Our Lady of Angels
 - **Health:** Morris Height Health Center
 - **Academic:** Lehman College, Monroe College, School District 10
 - **Economic Development:** Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp, Bronx Cooperative Development Initiative- BCDI

Engagement Snapshot

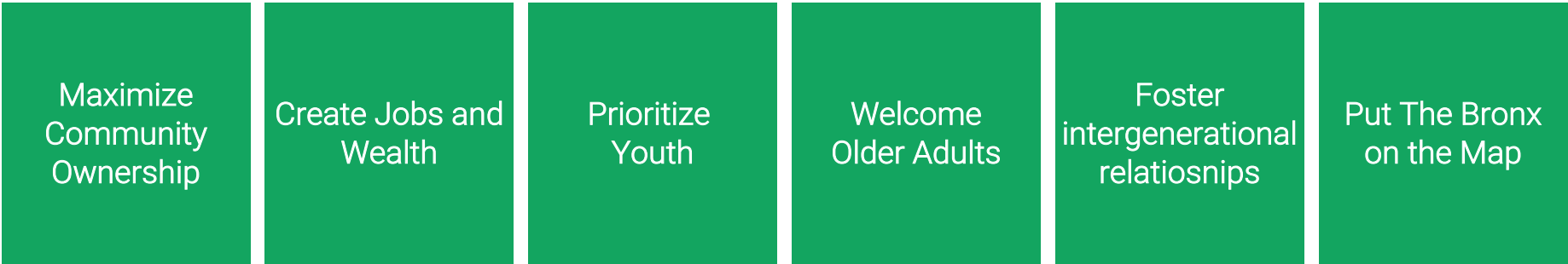
- 7 Community Board meetings
- 8 Community Working Group Meetings
- 15+ Small Group Discussions
- 200+ attendees at Town Hall
- 250+ attendees at 3 online events
- 500+ attendees at Armory tours
- 800+ Community Surveys
- 900+ attendees at 4 public workshops





What have we heard?

Community Strengths // Community Assets



Community Strengths

Resilience: The Bronx is proud, hardworking, talented, tight-knit, persevering, and inspirational.

“This community is resilient and supports the community through organizing, strong work ethic, and looking out for each other.”

Vibrant culture: The Bronx is socio-economically and culturally diverse, filled with creative people and entrepreneurs, making this borough such a vibrant and unique place.

“Authentically Bronx means unapologetic loudness, vibrancy and possibilities.”

Long + rich history: History of being home to generations of hardworking, immigrant families, fights for the housing, health, youth, and strong economy.

“The Bronx represents history that still lives until this day through culture and community.....the community is what makes this neighborhood thrive. From the sounds of reggaeton to the taste of the various Hispanic cuisines.”

Organizing power: History of fighting for civil rights and justice.

“Here in this community of Kingsbridge Road, we care and support each other and treat them like family”

Anchor Institutions: Home to some of the City’s most important educational, cultural, and employment institutions.

“This community is an education hub. There is also great diversity of cultures and backgrounds, along with a wide range of age groups.”

Guiding Principles

Maximize community ownership: The community should benefit from the development of the Armory through shared revenue and have an active, on-going role in how decisions are made.

Create jobs and wealth for existing workers and communities: The Armory should create good, living wage jobs for residents and workers. It cannot lead to displacement.

Prioritize youth: The Armory should offer support, learning, training, working opportunities, and safe spaces for children and youth.

Welcome older adults: The Armory should be inclusive of older adults and elders through programming and a variety of spaces.

Foster intergenerational relationships: The Armory should bring together all generations and provide opportunities to strengthen multigenerational family relationships through working and organizing together.

Put the Bronx on the map: The Armory should be a destination that uplifts the Bronx's culture, people, and its rich history.

Grow a regenerative local economy: The Armory can support its own infrastructure and address the neighborhood's economic, social, environmental needs

Primary Uses



Urban agriculture

Sustainable
manufacturing

Emerging
technologies

Film + TV
production

Community members identified these four industries as the top ones

Complementary uses

Vocational
Training + Small
Business
Incubation

Retail, Food, +
Beverage

Community
gathering +
organizing

Bronx Arts +
Culture Space

Recreation
+ Health

Sustainable Food
Production

Thank you!