



# Climate Strong Communities



6 December 2023





















# Agenda

- 1 INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT 30 MIN
- 2 NEIGHBORHOOD STORY ACTIVITY

**20 MIN** 

- 3 NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIFIC CLIMATE THREATS ACTIVITY
  20 MIN
- 4 **CONCLUSION & NEXT STEPS**10 MIN



"Climate-Strong Communities, a new citywide climate strategy, will boost resiliency throughout the five boroughs especially in high need areas that face deeper impacts as a result of climate change. Equity and environmental justice are essential to our climate strategy. For far too long communities have been left behind based on their zip codes and economics. Climate-Strong Community initiative will lead to model projects that protect these neighborhoods and can be replicated across the entire five boroughs."

**Mayor Eric Adams** Hurricane Sandy 10th **Anniversary Remembrance** 

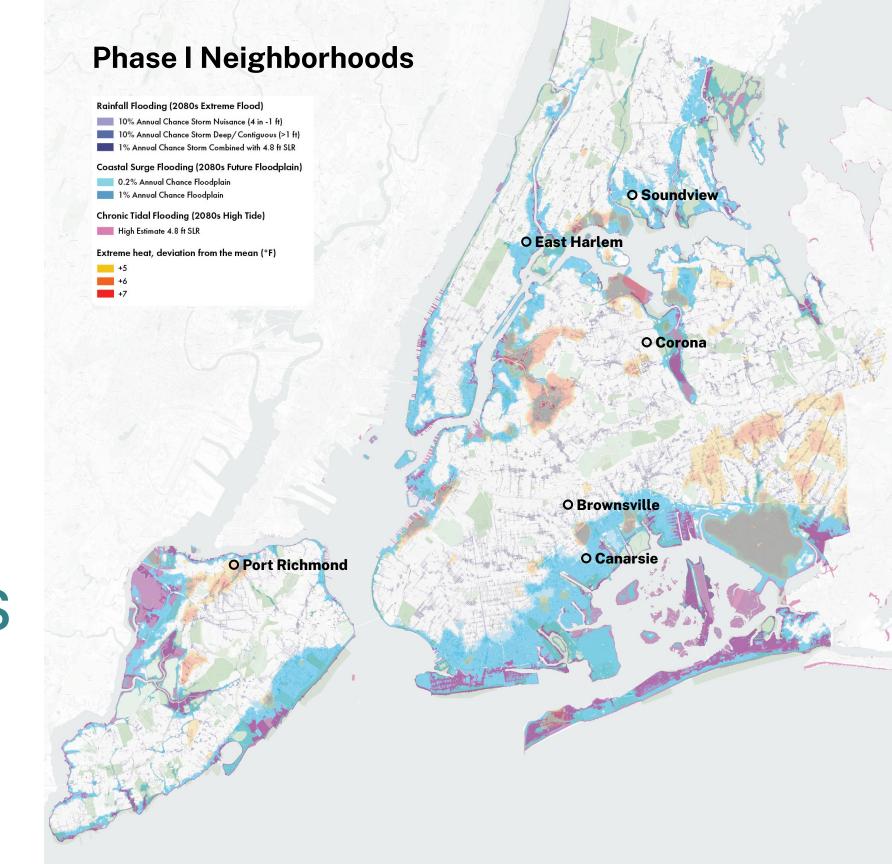


# Climate Strong Communities Program Summary

Climate Strong Communities (CSC) will launch the next generation of equitable, multi-hazard, resiliency and sustainability projects.

- → Develop a community-centered planning process by proactively engaging with stakeholders
- → Maximize federal and state funding opportunities
- → Invest in communities left unaddressed by limited Hurricane Sandy recovery funding
- → Leverage existing resiliency and sustainability planning and capital commitments

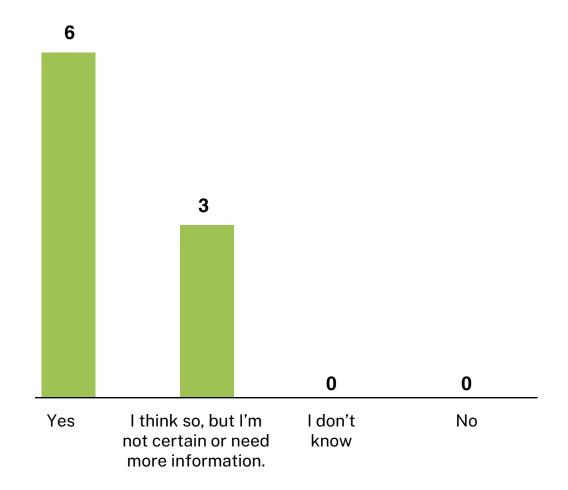
# Climate Strong Communities Year 1 Neighborhoods



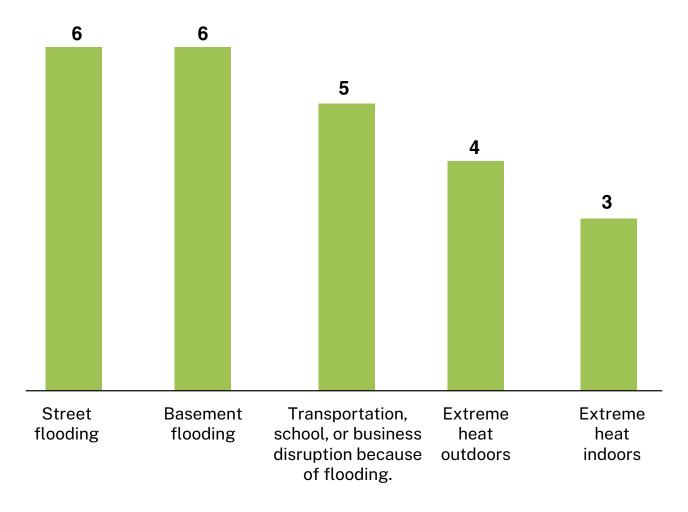


### What We've Heard

Climate change is impacting my neighborhood:



I have experienced the following climate change impacts or know someone in the neighborhood who has:



<sup>\* 12</sup> total respondents as of 12/6/23

# Public Engagement Goals

Engagement will be centered in equity planning principles.

- → Understand climate change through lived perspectives
- → Prioritize most impacted populations
- → Build long term trust and center neighborhood stories

# **Public** Engagement Structure

### **Community Partner**

- → Strong ties to neighborhood
- → Community based organization, faith based organization, or trusted institution
- → Collaborate with CSC team to facilitate engagement

### **Neighborhood Support Team**

- → 5-8 members recommended by the community partner
- Knowledgeable about neighborhood issues and diverse stakeholders
- → Provide feedback and input on community experience of climate risk
- → Help set resilience priorities
- → Help promote public workshops

# Neighborhood Support Team







# Port Richmond Site Walk | 11/08/23



1. PORT RICHMOND AVE



2. VETERANS PARK



3. PORT RICHMOND LIBRARY



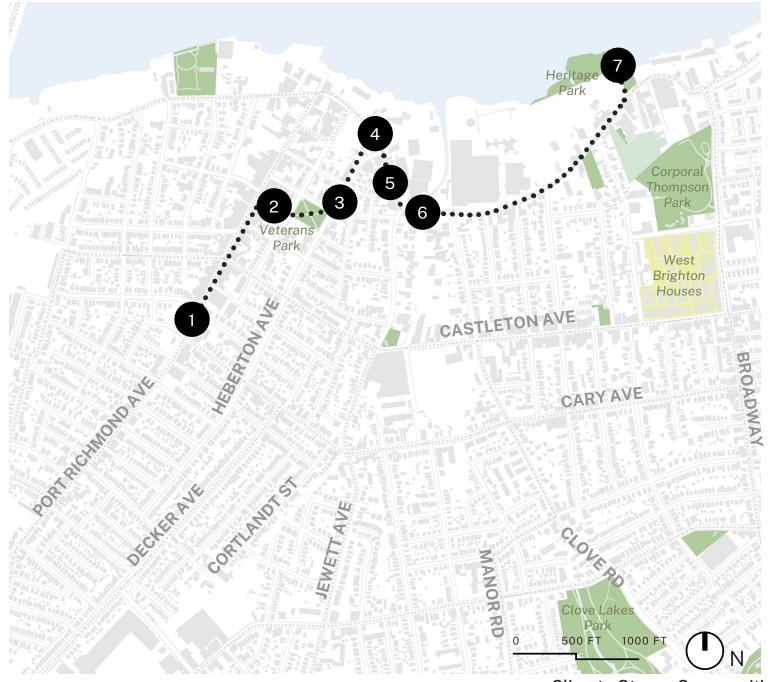
**5. RICHMOND TERRACE** 



6. RICHMOND TERRACE INLET



7. HERITAGE PARK



### Public Engagement Schedule

### 1. Understanding **Climate Risk**

Fall 2023

### Public Workshop

- → Open to general public
- → Build awareness of CSC program, discuss community perspectives, hazards, and risks

### 2. Introducing **Potential Climate Change Projects**

Winter 2024

### **Public Workshop**

- → Open to general public
- → Discuss potential project typologies for future funding opportunities

### 3. Prioritizing Potential **Projects and Funding Opportunities**

Spring 2024

### **Public Workshop**

- → Open to general public in all CSC neighborhoods
- → Discuss CSC experience



# Climate Hazards



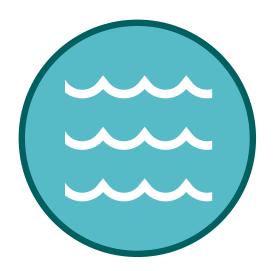
**EXTREME HEAT** 

PROJECTED 4X MORE HEAT WAVES BY THE 2080s



**EXTREME RAINFALL** 

UP TO 22% MORE PRECIPITATION BY THE 2080s



**CHRONIC TIDAL FLOODING** 



**COASTAL SURGE FLOODING** 

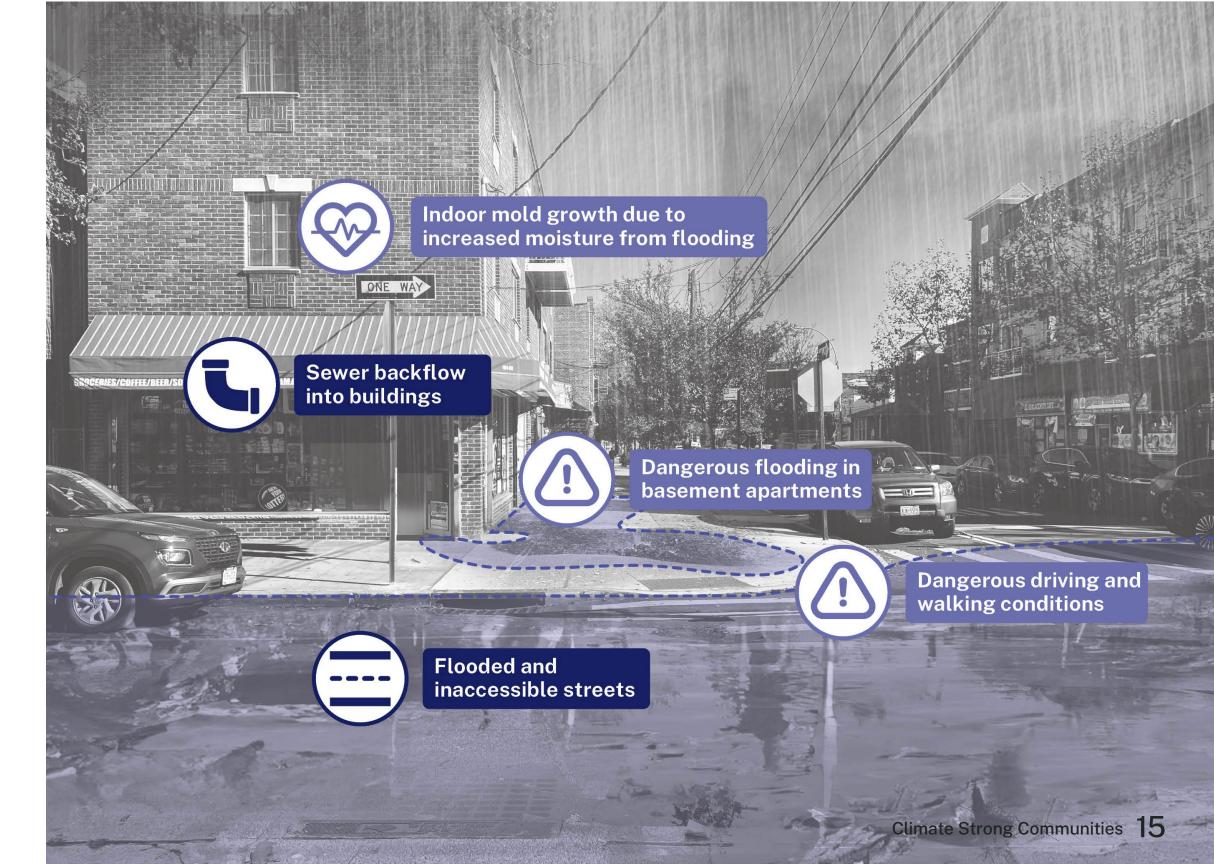
UP TO 3.75 FEET OF SEA LEVEL RISE BY THE 2080s

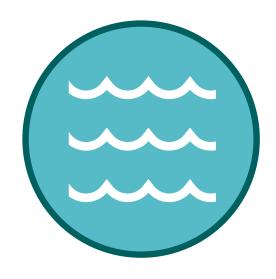


**EXTREME HEAT** 









CHRONIC TIDAL FLOODING





Indoor mold growth due to increased moisture from flooding Loss of trees due to Damage to homes saltwater flooding and businesses Flooded and Dangerous flood inaccessible streets levels Damage and disruption to vital infrastructure



### **Discussion Questions**

**Goal:** Understand what assets the community values.

- → What are important spaces in the neighborhood? What are community assets? What public / community spaces see the most use? Why?
- → Who do you turn to for information?
- → What are important moments in the neighborhood's history?
- → What is something you think the city doesn't understand about the neighborhood?

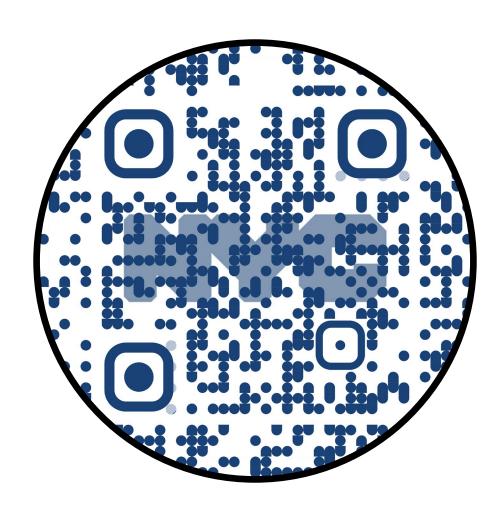


### **Discussion Questions**

Goal: Understand the community perspective of climate risk.

- → What climate impacts feel most relevant to this neighborhood?
- → Who experiences these climate impacts?
- → Is there a specific population most affected?
- → Which community assets are impacted by climate change?
- → Are there community-based initiatives that are addressing these climate impacts?

# **Next Steps**



The next public workshop will be held in late February - early March.

To stay in touch please contact: ClimateStrongCommunities@cityhall.nyc.gov

To share this follow up survey please scan the QR code or visit: https://bit.ly/3Gwrfgn

The survey will be live until the end of January.

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### FLOODNET NYC

A NETWORK FOR REAL TIME URBAN FLOOD **MONITORING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE** 

### **WHATIS FLOODNET?**

FloodNet is a cooperative of communities, researchers, and New York City government agencies working to better understand the frequency, severity, and impacts of flooding in New York City. We especially focus on neighborhoods that are vulnerable to high tides, storm surge, and stormwater runoff.



#### **ACCESS OUR DATA.**

Our data dashboard collects real-time data from our flood sensors and can be viewed at www.floodnet.nyc.



Flood sensors monitor flooding in NYC neighborhoods. They collect information that is used by local residents, researchers, city agencies, and others to better understand how flooding impacts NYC communities. They are not cameras and do not collect identifying information.





#### **HOW TO GET** INVOLVED.

If you experience flooding in your neighborhood, send suggestions for potential sensor locations. Contact us via our website: www.floodnet.nyc



#### **HOW TO STAY** CONNECTED.

Talk with our Community **Engagement Manager about** the project, collaboration, or meetings with your team. Email info@floodnet.nyc now!



### HELP COLLECT FLOOD DATA.

To submit a flood report with a photo, time, depth, location and impacts, download the 'MyCoast' app, register, and add a 'Flood Watch' report: mycoast.org/ny/flood-watch



#### WHO WE ARE.



FloodNet began in 2020 as a partnership between academic researchers at NYU and CUNY, and NYC agencies, including the Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, and NYC Office of Technology & Innovation.



#### **QUESTIONS OR** FEEDBACK?





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