Stormwater & GI – Wed. 11.4.15 CB8/BCEQ

Water Working Group of the Environment and Sanitation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 & the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality

Tour with the NYC DEP Green Infrastructure Team

Tour Guides

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11 am Amalgamated Area A

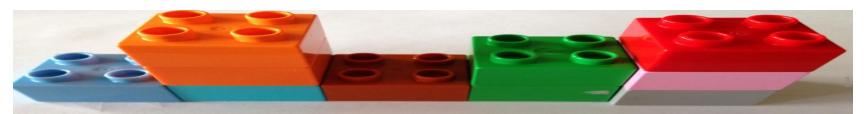
Doris Spencer, Amal
Al Brown, Amal
Council Member Andrew Cohen

12 pm Riverdale Neighborhood House Area B

Dan Eudene, ED RNH
Laura Spalter, CB 8
Robert Spalter
Dan Padernacht, Chair CB 8

12:30 pm Van Cortlandt Park Weir and Wetland Area C

Karen and Christina

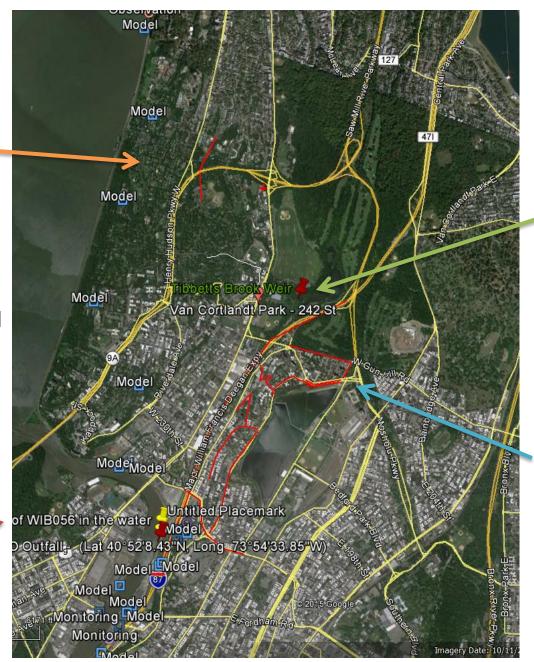


Sites and Times

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12 – 12:15 pm Mosholu Avenue In front of Riverdale Neighborhood House

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12:30 – 1 pm Van Cortlandt Park Weir and wetlands (at the Lake)

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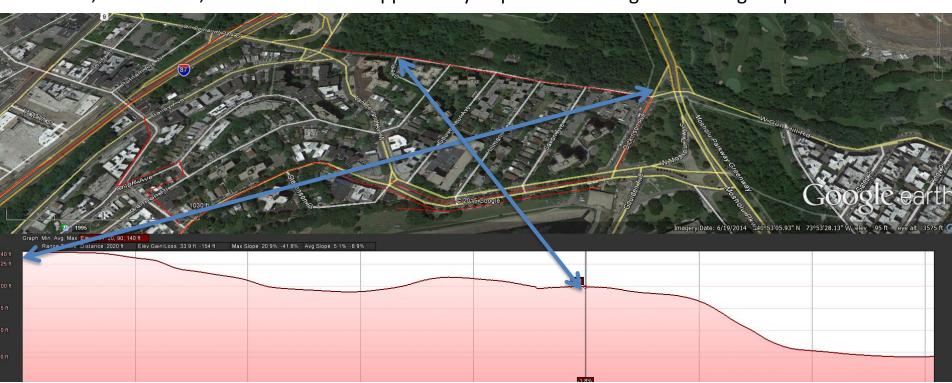
11 – 11:30 am Amalgamated X from St. Patricks





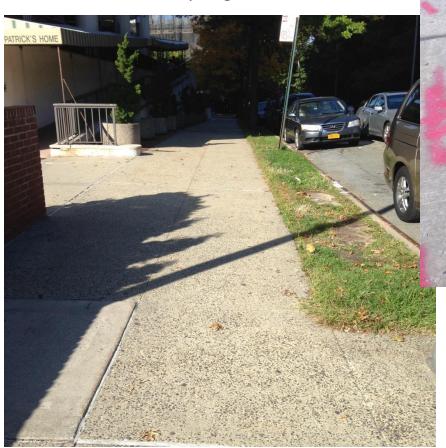
Van Cortlandt Park South starting from Dickenson (142 ft) to Gale (82 ft) & then to Bailey (20 ft) where it floods around 225th Street

Stormwater is so fast and fierce that it goes down hill and makes a left turn at Gale Place. Along VCPS there is room for Enhanced Tree Pits on both sides of the street. DEP could partner with Amalgamated to capture additional rainfall by adapting from using grass to other plantings, green roofs, rain barrels, etc. Consider this opportunity to partner with a great housing cooperative.

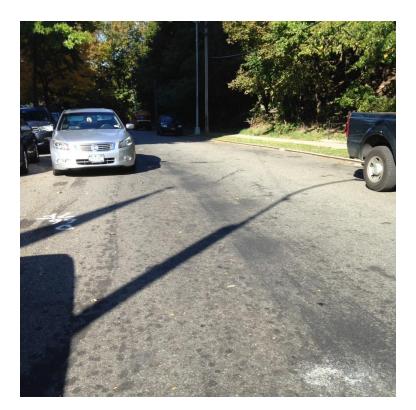


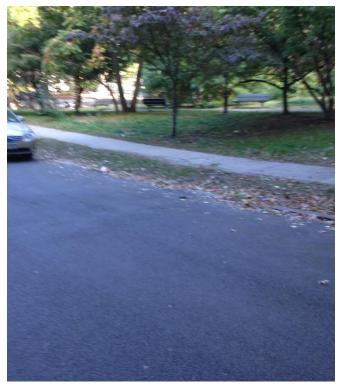


This is by St. Patrick's Home. It is another opportunity to do something creative on the street, with local institutions adopting the care.











This is VCP. Its plain to see the park side has its stressors which could be fixed with some bioswales, enhancing the tree pits, and other available options.











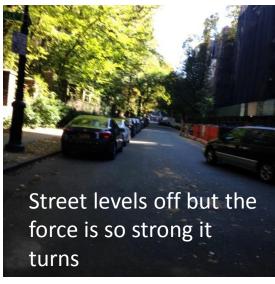


Below is a tree pit begging to be enhanced before it lifts the sidewalk.









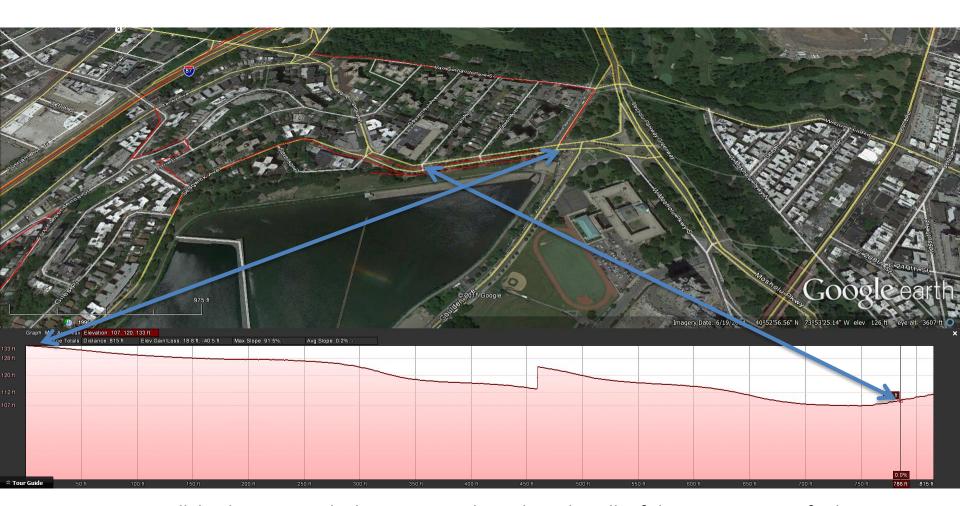








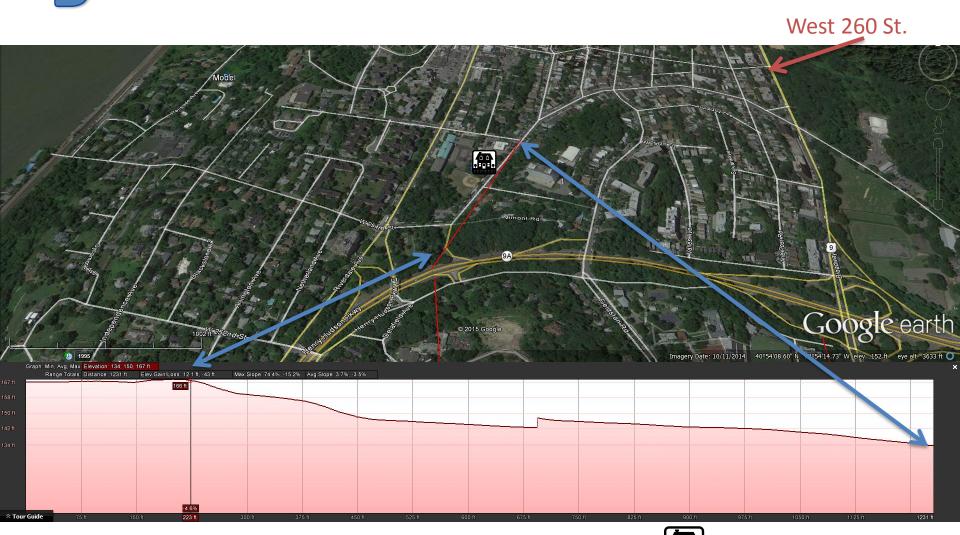
Sedgwick Avenue East from Hillman (134 ft) to Dickenson (142 ft)



On our walk back to your vehicles, we pass along the sidewalk of the JPR. Here we find plenty of places for retro-enhanced tree pits and new ones to capture rainfall.

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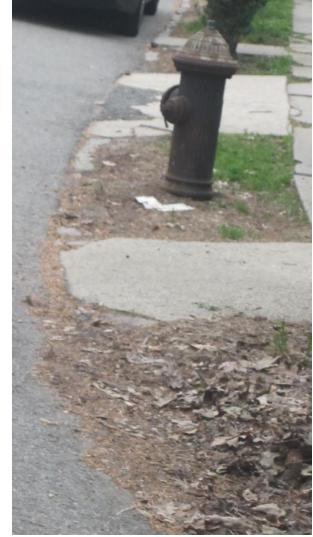
Mosholu Avenue from Route 9A (165 ft) to 256th St (134 ft) to Broadway at 260 and Mosholu where it floods



When it rains, the Riverdale Neighborhood House and the sidewalk and street in front of the building is flooded.

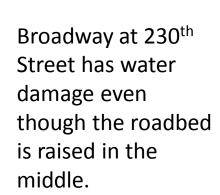


Stormwater runs down W. 260th Street







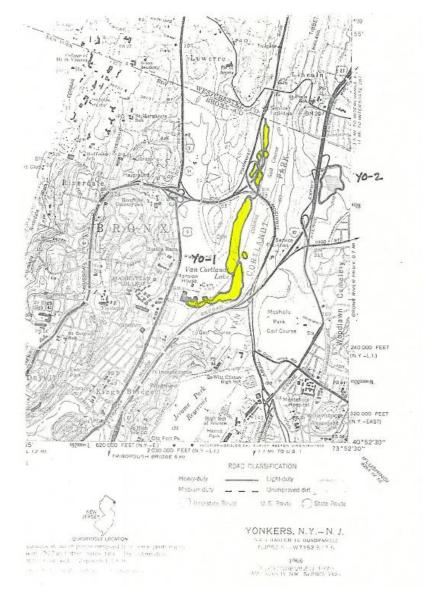




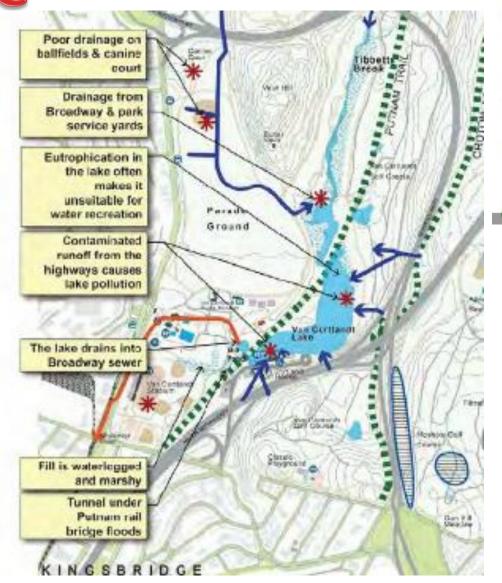
Van Cortlandt Park Weir and Wetland

Approximately 1.45 mgd flow into the Broadway sewer





From VCP Master Plan



Tibbetts Brook and Park Hydrology



- Tibbetts Brook needs to be reconstructed as a continuous series of pools and streams designed for ecological health and natural appearance.

 The DEP Bluebelt project, in design now, will reconnect the brook, deepen and restore the marsh.
- The highways block overland flows and are causing ponding of natural areas and athletic fields.
- The lake needs to be deeper to accommodate diving birds. This will require dredging, perhaps this can be accomplished by the Bluebelt project.
- There is a large pipe that discharges storm water from Broadway, the Parade Ground and the maintenance yard into the pond. This water needs to be cleaned and filtered, and the pipe needs to be concealed.



View of outfall from Broadway and park service yards



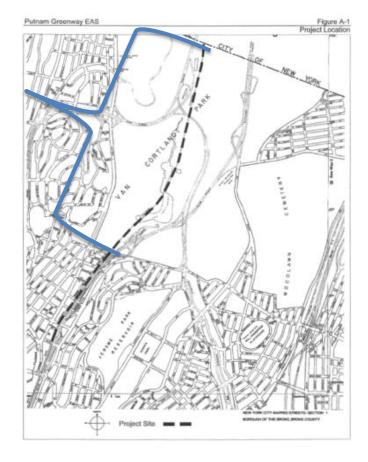




Existing condition has stormwater discharging into Van Cortlandt Park waterbodies: Tibbetts Brook, the Wetlands or the lake – the 56 acre NYS Class I Freshwater Wetland, known as Van Cortlandt Park Wetland.

Putnam Trail in the Park

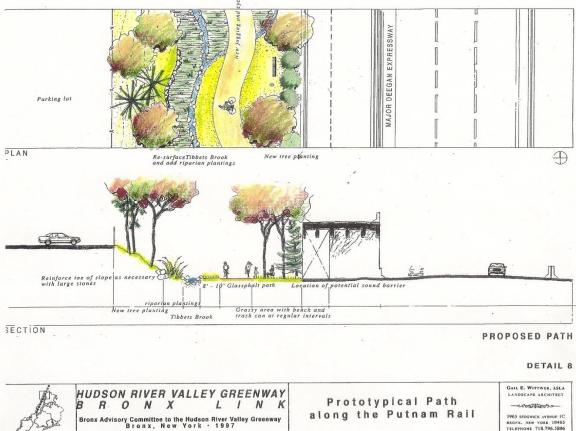
The NEW design for the trail can no longer discharge into the water body. SWPPP must be for design, as well as but not just construction and E&S.





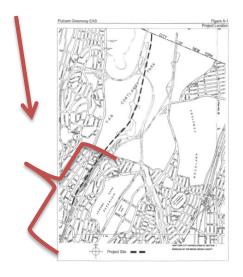
South of VCP in the rear yard of Broadway stores and along the Major Deegan





This area is lower than the Broadway stores. It is hard to reach, but it is easy to assume that it floods.

During Sandy the Harlem River surged to 238th Street.





What goes into the water





Thank you.