

Brownfield
Opportunity
Area Study

Southern Boulevard

Expanding the waterfront for an equitable,
resilient and healthy South Bronx.

What is a Brownfield?

Brownfields are properties or sites in a community that are negatively affected by real or perceived environmental conditions. For more information on Brownfields and the BOA Program, visit dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment



About YMPJ

The mission of Youth Ministries for Peace & Justice, Inc. (YMPJ) is to rebuild the neighborhoods of Bronx River and Soundview/ Bruckner Boulevard in the South Bronx by preparing community members to become prophetic voices for peace and justice. We accomplish this through political education, spiritual formation, and youth and community development and organizing.

For additional information, please email brownfields@ympj.org or visit the project website at ympj.org/boa or by scanning the QR code.

Building upon 30 years of transformative work, Youth Ministries for Peace & Justice (YMPJ), in partnership with The New York State Department of State, intends to complete a Nomination Study for an approximately 55.6-acre area with potential brownfield sites that are located on the east and west banks of the Bronx River in South Bronx.

Within the study area, the project will identify opportunities to:

- Improve waterfront access
- Increase public open space
- Reduce flooding
- Create jobs and workforce training
- Preserve Affordable Housing
- Drive economic investment

Most importantly, the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) nomination study will be developed based on input from the community to ensure the designation accurately reflects the community's vision and goals. The nomination study will be developed over the course of 18 months and completed by Late Summer, 2025.

Project Team

The Study is being led by YMPJ and supported by a consultant team led by Ennead Lab. The project team also includes experts in land use and planning, stakeholder engagement and landscape architecture, and environmental review, with services provided by HR&A, Grain Collective, and GEI Consultants, respectively.

Get Involved

The success of this BOA study hinges on robust community input from stakeholders such as residents, property and business owners, as well as guidance by a steering committee, comprised of local experts. Throughout the course of the project, the BOA team will provide updates, as well as opportunities to share thoughts and feedback. Please scan the QR code for the project website, which will have information on upcoming community workshops and events.



Website Link



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