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Fort Greene Park (Without Borders)

A Vision for Fort Greene Park's North Side

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Parks Without Borders presents an opportunity to build a comprehensive community vision for the Myrtle Avenue streetscape that will complement the ideas set forward in the conceptual plan for Fort Greene Park. Fort Greene Park Conservancy and Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project are poised to leverage our track record in community engagement and expertise in planning to identify improvements that help achieve Parks Without Borders' vision to create landscapes and streetscapes that maximize the integration of park amenities with surrounding neighborhoods and draw communities into the park.



Creating a Place: Corner Plaza



The northeast entrance plaza provides an opportunity for people to enjoy the park and the lively Myrtle Avenue streetscape at the same time – a true manifestation of a “Park without Borders.” Imagine seating (temporary or permanent), lunchtime concerts, holiday celebrations, art installations, and more. Even something as simple as a name will help to launch its potential as an important place in our community.

Public Art Shapes Spaces



The installation of artwork changes the relationship between pedestrians and space. When artwork is here, people navigate the space differently, drawn to view, or even touch the artwork. Given the creative environment and culture encountered in Fort Greene (& Clinton Hill), the regular curation of public art in park space presents an opportunity to highlight and celebrate our community's character and proud cultural history.

From Hardscape to Greenscape



Dismissing conventional park boundaries and allowing for the park's greenspace to spill out into the sidewalk in an intentional manner will soften the physical borders.

Flexible Programming Space



Removing the cobblestone mounds and garden bed at the base of the monument staircase and replacing them with a more open, adaptable surface will allow us to better connect the North Side streetscape with the Monument Plaza as well as other spaces inside the park's walls, accommodate multiple year-round uses, and infuse more diverse programming into the space.

Amplify Existing Uses: Fitness and BBQ



By expanding existing amenities in the heavily-used exercise and picnic areas, we will show that our park can maintain its historical identity and still respond to the specific interests and needs of the community it serves. Enhancing the area's function as a space for active recreation will fortify the park's role within the community's larger biocultural mosaic, making it more than an island of greenspace in a dense urban matrix.

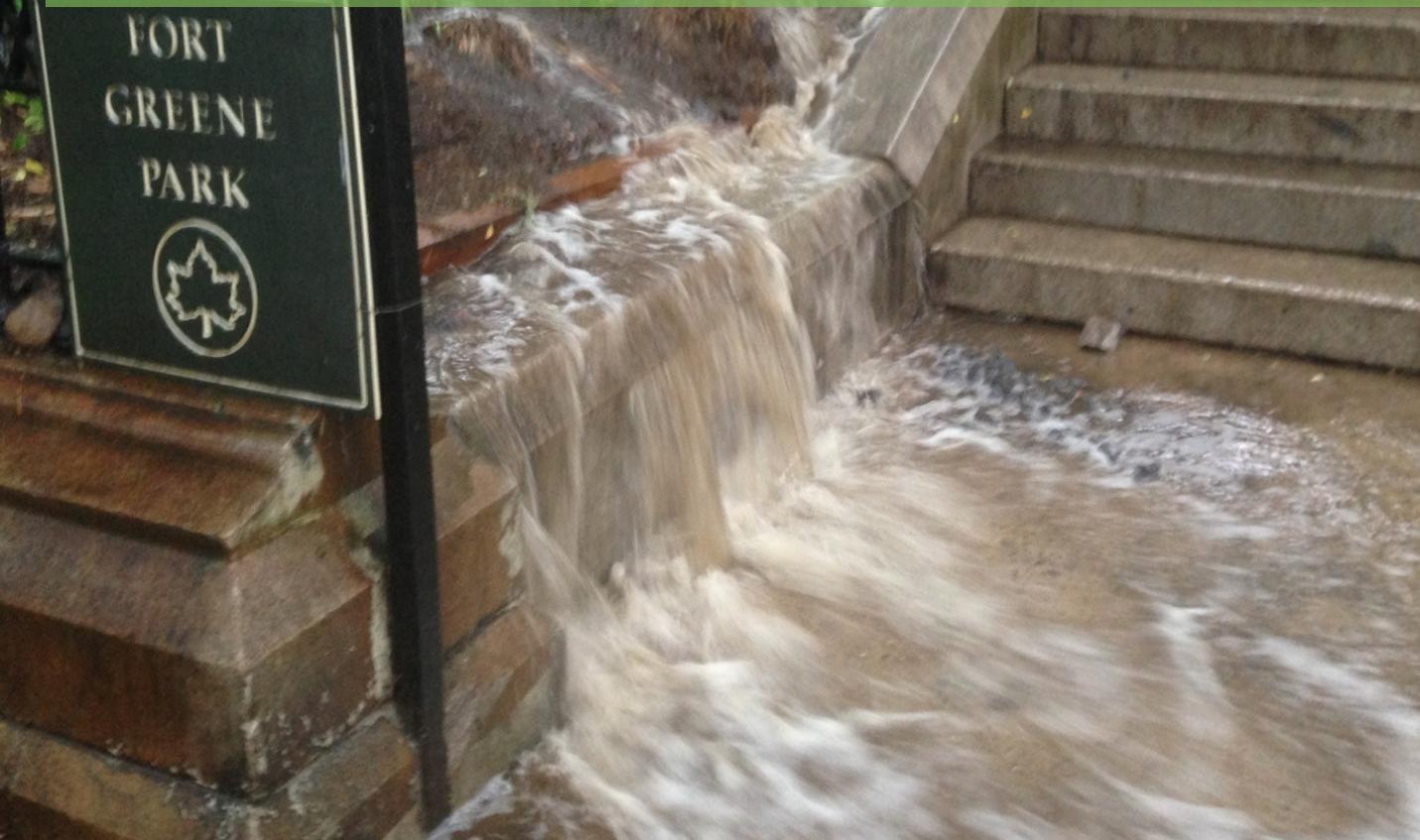
Seating Configurations Promote Interaction

Designing new seating configurations along the Myrtle Avenue sidewalk will build upon its longstanding use as a space for informal conversations and meetings and enhance street-level user experience.



Create Safe and Accessible Spaces

Parks without Borders provides the opportunity to upgrade decades-old sidewalks, pavers, stairs, and other hard surfaces that, while haphazardly patched through the years, are in dire need of capital reconstruction. An analysis by Nancy Owens Studio's Conceptual Planning Team found lighting to be inadequate along the busy corridor connecting Myrtle and Willoughby Avenues, and a need to enhance accessibility for persons of all levels of capability, especially around the park's St. Edwards Street entrances.



Informational and Educational Signage



By installing wayfinding and interpretive signage that will bridge the park-neighborhood border, we welcome visitors as they enter, and demarcate meaning in a journey across the park's entrances, through its landscape, and its place in the City.