

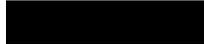
From: [Aisha McGainey](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO - RESILIENT EDGEMERE PROJECT
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 11:58:52 PM

Good evening,

I write to express my **strong** opposition to the Resilient Edgemere Project. I do not want this overdevelopment in my community because it will the ruin quality of life in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Aisha McGainey



From: [Amber Stone](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rejection to Resilient Edgemere Proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:08:51 AM

Thank you for your interest in our district 14 communities located in Queens. After initiating my preliminary research, I have come to a conclusion that HPD and its representatives have failed to take in to consideration the many concerns expressed by local residence, which is the attestation that HPD does not have the best interest for community and for that reason and many others I reject the proposal.

Sincerely,

Amber Clinkscles
Garden by The Bay, Member
Community Advocate

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From: [isaiah jackson](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO - RESILIENT EDGEEMERE PROJECT
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:19:38 AM

Good morning,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Isaiah Jackson

From: [Leonard](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resilient Edgemere
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 1:25:50 PM

Good Day. My name is Leonard Yarde and I live in Arverne, New York next to my neighbors in Edgemere. Given the saturation of housings zoned for this area, I am very concerned about the impact it will have on this peninsula. A peninsula that was devastated by Sandy in the horrific October of 2012 and seven years later suffer through the horrific pandemic of Covid 19, which exposed all of our health and medical vulnerabilities. Edgemere is a community which has a need for infrastructure, banking, transportation, food insecurity. There is a need for a trauma center and a school to handle the increase of population due to the massive housing structures which is indirect contrast to the hamlet or village this community should be. Community Board 14 whose vote is advisory in scope, overwhelming voted against this project. We need responsible and sensible homeownership. This should be the primary goal of the City of New York and it's representatives to ensure Edgemere is given the tools necessary to fulfill the promise which was previously made and must be a promise kept in homeownership. We cannot simply have HPD throwing subsidy money into the ocean without accountable and well built homeownership. I strongly appose the current Edgemere project which represents warehousing of people and not the proud homeownership that hardworking taxpayers deserve. Edgemere deserves better.

Respectfully,
Lenny Yarde

From: mmccalla@verizon.net
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Cc: edgemerealliance@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resilient Edgemere Proposal -- No To Proposal
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 9:25:24 AM

Good morning,

As a long time homeowner and resident of Edgemere, I do NOT support the Resilient Edgemere proposal. This overdevelopment will call for the over saturation of housing, the continuation and lack of infrastructure, transportation, schools, hospital (trauma center), 100% homeownership, retail and social recreational amenities, quality food, banking and quality of life.

My community deserves better! My and my neighbor's voices and interest should matter!

Michelle McCalla



Edgemere, NY 11691

From: [Alexis Foote](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Far Rockaway
Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022 1:42:42 AM

Dear Land Use Committee,

Edgemere needs 100% affordable homeownership for moderate and middle class families. Responsible community development that will enrich the quality of life for current community members is what Edgemere needs. We need present day flood mitigation and infrastructure built and strengthened now, not after the City increases the density and population over another 10 to 15 years with 20,000+ more people sandwiched on this low lying sandbar community. Complete the original Edgemere Urban Renewal that we brought into.

Restoring our community with real resilient protection and neighborhood amenities doesn't have to come at the expense of overdevelopment of low and extremely low affordable apartment units housing with false promises of resiliency. These are Federal dollars that were allocated for resilience measures in our community and its 10 years since Superstorm Sandy and we are still waiting for flood, sewer upgrades and storm protection. We are a small coastal community from Beach 35th to Beach 50th St. and it should remain as such.

We lack current infrastructure; Sewer and Storm Drains Upgrades, Transportation options, Police, Hospital, Schools, Emergency Evacuation Plan, Traffic Management and Flooding. Community Members along the bayside of Edgemere don't even know about the CLT, no community outreach was done by HPD. Just a few weeks ago, a Gas Main was struck on Mott Ave, no emergency plan was in place, people walking and carrying on the daily business with no knowledge of the presence of imminent danger.

Thank you for your time and understanding!

Mrs. Alexis Foote

Medical Assistant

Garden Member, The Garden By the Bay

Unit Assistant, Morgan Stanley Children's' Hospital

Associates of Arts in Human Services

Health Service Administration, BA Major

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From: [Amber Stone](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resilient Edgemere Proposal denied.
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 3:46:26 PM

Dear City Land Use Committee: Resilient Edgemere

I attended an HPD presentation May 6th 2022 which the representatives were uninformed on many of the concepts presented. The presentation leaves so many unanswered questions from HPD that I ask you to reject this Resilient Edgemere proposal. I have come to the conclusion that HPD and its representatives have failed to take into consideration the many concerns expressed by local residents, which is the attestation that HPD does not have the best interest for the community and for that reason and many others I reject the proposal. Many of these concerns are; lack of established sustainable infrastructures or storm and emergency management for current residents, schools are merged between elementary and middle schools, lack of sufficient transportation, retail stores, medical trauma center, green space and overdeveloped apartments buildings and the failure to encourage 100% homeownership for black and brown families to build generational wealth.

I would like to know if HPD will renovate or restore the zombie properties throughout District 14 so that local residents may acquire them?

Being aware of climate change, will HPD encourage developers to utilize sustainable materials?

Would it be possible for HPD to initiate a meeting with residents living next to vacant lots owned by HPD?

I am also requesting for HPD to send a representative that is knowledgeable of the current mosquitoes' problem and the need of mosquitoes mitigation throughout CB District 14 communities.

Sincerely, Amber Clinkscales
District 14 resident and Community Advocate

From: [Devin Murray](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] disagree with rezoning for the land for any type of apartment buildings.
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 1:00:37 AM

Good day to whom it concern,

My name is Devin Murray, I own a home of Beach 45th street in Edgemere. I have been living in my home for the pass 14 years.

Before they put these two Beach Green Dunes buildings with 228 apartments, across the street from my home I was living on one of the cleaniest niceses block in Edgemere.

Let me try to share with you what these two building being built across the street from my home have strongly effected my quality of life in a negative way.

Due to the people not having the same responsibility as a home owner.

I have become a full time trash man picking of all the trash the residents of Beach Green Dunes, throw along the whole block of Rockaway Beach blvd.

Every night I have to pick up trash to try to keep the block clean around my home.

Also the strong wind tunnel these buildings have cause have damaged my home causing my siding to come off.

Some of the residents have dogs, tuning the block into a dogs bathroom of cause not even cleaning up after their dogs.

The lack of care is real.

These are just a few issues I have and see what happens with you putting apartments buildings around private homes.

Also the loud noise, fighting in front of the builds and the police being called to come take care of the problems they cause.

Hanging out in front of the building is also another problem and the smoking so much I can't even spend time in my own yard due to not being able to breath from the smoke.

We need home ownerships, a trauma Hospital, Big box stores Costco, BJ's, Macy's, JC Penny's Saks 5th Ave, a real mall and shopping Center with quality Food and a movie theater.

We have to leave the Rockaways for everything and spend our money in other neighborhoods. There only three main roads to travel through the Rockaways, Beach Channel Drive, Rockaway Beach Blvd and Edgemere Ave most f these are only one lane in both directions.

Another reason these adding more building make no sense adding all these buildings with no safe way to even exit the Rockaways if there is another Flood are anytime of emergency.

I humbly ask you to please not add any more of these buildings to Edgemere.

We are already bleeding and we need help bring back our quality of life.

I love the Rockaways and have lived here most of my life and would like to keep living here.

What is happening with all these buildings is destroying the quality of life.

The facts are we are a peninsula it's way to small to handle adding more and more large amounts of people that don't have the same dreams.

Please, please hear us and helps us have the neighbor we need to make the Rockaways grow and

not turn into a nightmare to live here with all these buildings. Home ownership is the way. Real ownership that is the homes and the land.

Thank you for your time and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devin Murray
Home owner

From: [Emily Martyn](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to resilient edgemere program
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 4:42:02 PM

Hello NYC Council,

As a proud Rockaway resident, I am voting **NO** to the proposed Resilient Edgemere Program. Our tight-knit community is still healing/dealing with and recovering from Hurricane Sandy and previously failed city programs of "dumping people" into the community. Our community cannot sustain a larger population should another superstorm hit as it greatly affected the current number of residents! I was here when Hurricane Sandy hit. Please shift your city program elsewhere and leave our community out of your proposals.

Thank you for taking my vote into consideration.

Thank you,
Emily Martyn



From: [Folami Saunders](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Edgemere land rezoning
Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022 10:00:09 AM

Dear, city council

My name is Folami Saunders. I have owned a home in the Rockaway for 15 years on beach 41st. I was one of the people who took the risk to buy when wasn't yet the place to be with the understand that one day that our are of Edgemere would be a great place to live. However we have endorsed Hurricane Sandy and other setbacks as always the community thought of Lass in the rockaways we already overpopulated we have halfway houses shelters and we taken our share of what is needed to help everybody in our community with this new development I'm in disagreement not because of just development but the lack of infrastructure that would be here to facilitate all these new people we have no good Hospital 9 of schools it's a food desert. It's my understanding that it's almost 2,000 new units a couple of thousand people in one small area we already have housing developments with a lot of people and that is so supposed to be rentals it's my belief the people owning is the way we should go arverne was a homes for people to buy why is Auburn East rentals we need people to come in that have a higher income so that the amenities and come to Edgemere. The people who already live here and those of us who have bought homes and those of us who live in the apartment buildings we deserve a quality life to go up. Even those who live in the housing developments deserve for the quality life to go up and that only happens when you have middle class people an upper-class people moving into neighborhoods. Just because Rockaway has land doesn't mean that it should be developed with high buildings and multiple units we don't need that much people in the small area we need quality development with quality of life and amenities and we all know the only way to develop develop wealth in this country is to own so I am in this so I'm in disagreement other proposal 4 Edgemere.

Folami Saunders

From: [Howard Howard](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Voting no to Resilient Edgemere Program
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 2:09:27 PM

Hello NYC Council,

As a proud life-long resident of Beach 44th street, I am voting **no** to the proposed Resilient Edgemere Program. Our tight-knit community is still healing/dealing with and recovering from Hurricane Sandy and previously failed city programs of "dumping people" into the community. Our community cannot sustain a larger population should another superstorm hit as it greatly affected the current number of residents! I was here when Hurricane Sandy hit. Please shift your city program elsewhere and leave our community out of your proposals.

Thank you for taking my vote into consideration.

-Howard Herrarte



From: [Kenneth Herrarte](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resilient Edgemere NO
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 6:54:30 AM

Good morning,

As a life long resident of the Edgmere community, I am voicing my opposition to Resilient Edgemere proposal. We need to protect the natural space in Edgemere. Moreover, with the increasing threat of climate change, building further in the Edgemere community will be a bad investment for the future. There is a vacant lot owned by the city next to my house and I would like to inquire how I can be caretaker of this property and work towards making it a community garden. It is located on Beach 44th Street lot 465/467. A similar community garden was built on 43rd Street. We have many people in the community that would benefit from these types of projects.

Thank you,
Ken Herrarte



[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: outlook_10915805B9B4351C@outlook.com
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EDGEMERE RESILIENT EDGEMERE REZONING PROPOSAL
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 7:32:32 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I Laquetta Little have been an Edgemere resident for 20 years and was fortunate to purchase a home through the HPD affordable housing program. We were told to expect more affordable homes to be built and in my immediate area there are still lots of vacant lots. Edgemere residents are hardworking people that deserve and should be given the opportunity to purchase a home like I did. With homeownership there's a sense of togetherness and the willingness to keep the community safe and clean.

I therefore vote no to the rezoning proposal to build more buildings! This small coastal community between Beach 35th street to Beach 50th Street will be oversaturated with more apartments. More people sandwiched in a low lying community and we will have less vital sunlight and less open space that can have an adverse effect on our mental health. There will be an increase in traffic, which will be a nightmare because of reckless drivers that don't adhere to the stop signs in which we are currently experiencing.

Finally, we would love to see more development, yes please build more one to two family homes, no to building more apartment buildings!

Truly yours,

Laquetta Little

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Michael Connor](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resilient Edgemere
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 12:05:59 AM

As a resident of Beach 46 St and a member of the Garden by the bay, I'm writing to offer my testimony about the proposed zoning changes for the Edgemere neighborhood. While many aspects of the plan are attractive (new parks, etc) I feel that the zoning changes that have been proposed are likely to dramatically impact quality of life in this neighborhood—traffic, a sense of civic disorder wrought by a rapid influx of newcomers—and they have not been properly communicated to the community. Moreover, the coastal hazard zone downvoting will have an immediate impact on the property value of homes in that area, essentially taking capital out of the pockets of working families. This type of neighborhood makeover should be done with much more active input from the community, which for a community like ours requires much more direct outreach and explanation than this proposal has involved. I would advocate for further community consultation around the rezoning

Michael Connor

From: [richard clinkscales](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resilient edgemere
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 4:05:19 PM

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Sincerely,

Richard Clinkscales
District 14 resident and Community Advocate

From: [STEWART-LESTER SHERMANE](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resilient Edgemere
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 6:00:54 PM

My name is Shermane Stewart-Lester and I reside at 332 Beach 37th Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. This note is to say NO to the proposal. I also called CM Brooks-Powers office with the same response.

Thank you,
Shermane

Sent from my iPad