

LOOKING FORWARD TO BETTER DAYS THAN...



... travelling along the East River waterfront to find pier after pier of decayed and deteriorated wood and concrete. Only by cutting through barbed wire can one obtain access to what was once vibrant and full of life.

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL CHILDREN, LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PLAY, FIND THEIR OWN SECRET ACCESS WAY?

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL BARBED WIRE PREVENT ACCESS TO GREENPOINT'S HISTORIC WATERFRONT?

The Friends of the India Street Pier are looking to reconstruct India Street Pier. This spring seven Greenpoint residents fell into the frigid East River as a section of the

pier collapsed.

A possible clean up could occur under the Army Corps of Engineers' Drift Removal Project. The project is a clean up (not rebuild) project aimed at preventing drift material from hindering navigation. The key is "Cost Sharing" - 2/3 Federal, 1/6 State and 1/6 City. Political initiative is required to get this project moving. If funding is appropriated by the Federal Government, the work can be accomplished.

Members of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum have met with political representatives in an attempt to initiate action with respect to this relevant Project.

Historic Bushwick Inlet is located between two sites of industrial significance - the development of the oil industry at Pratt Oil Works and the development of Naval History at the Continental Iron Works, home of the U.S.S. Monitor. **WILL THIS HISTORIC SITE BE SAVED FOR A U.S.S. MONITOR PARK? THIS IS OUR GOAL.**



BUSHWICK INLET



LOOKING FORWARD TO BETTER DAYS ALONG THE NEWTOWN CREEK THAN...

... watching garbage barges traversing its polluted waters and oil laden sediments.

Committed to its purpose of monitoring and disseminating information relating to the environmental cleanup efforts within the community, the Museum together with the CONCERNED CITIZENS OF GREENPOINT invited Brookhaven National Laboratory, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District, EPA Region II and Rutgers University to advise the Greenpoint Community on the progress of their Sediment Decontamination Demonstration Project. The meeting took place on May 18, 1996. This project is of particular importance to Greenpoint in that the Newtown Creek was selected to gather sediment samples for testing various methods of sediment decontamination. The ultimate objective is to recycle sediments into safe and reusable material such as construction aggregate for road beds, manufactured soil for superfund sites, landfill, etc.

Greenpoint's waterfront and environmental issues have been studied by such renowned universities as

NOBLE ST. PIER - EAST RIVER

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Columbia University, Cornell University, Hunter College, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Pratt Institute, to mention a few. Pratt Institute, at this time, is assisting the community in preparing a 197-A Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this plan is to guide City agencies as to how Greenpoint can best be developed. The plan covers such topics as demographics, labor force, housing, industrial and commercial uses, environment, land use and zoning, parks, services, transportation and infrastructure.

The Museum secured the assistance of the New Jersey Institute of Technology for the transportation portion of the Plan.

This February Stella Harmatiuk, Irene Klementowicz, Janice A. Lauletta, Stanley Radzietta and George J. Weinmann, representatives of The Greenpoint Monitor Museum and the Concerned Citizens of Greenpoint visited Cornell University's Department of Landscape Architecture in Ithaca, New York. Prof. Roger Trancik and his graduate students from the Graduate Collaborative Urban Design Studio: Designing Cities in the Electronic Age presented to the group their Greenpoint Projects. Drawings shown on pages 2, 3, 4 & 5 are samples of their outstanding work.



GARBARGE BARGES ON NEWTOWN CREEK



SEDIMENT COLLECTION - NEWTOWN CREEK