Imagine A Greater Rockaway...

Where there is increased awareness and support for Rockaway’s past, present and future

• Public spaces and streetscapes
• Planning standards
• The real estate development sector
• Public spaces
• The greater New York City community

Where any investments are on the waterfront:

• Improving and extending boardwalks and beach facilities
• Connecting walking, biking, blueways trails through a comprehensive network
• Developing Edgemere Landfill as a park programmed for water safety and recreation
• Introducing “Beach to Bay” services at key transportation hubs
• Enhancing pathways, linking, bikeway hubs through a comprehensive network
• Improving and extending pedestrian and bike facilities
• Restoring Jacob Riis Beachhouse as a walker and public recreation center

Where real estate developers are out of scale:

• Creating sustainable design guidelines for new development
• Integrating climate change planning into all actions
• Developing sustainable design guidelines for new development
• Fostering sustainable retail, maritime, environmental and infrastructure
• Designing attractive waterfront as New York City’s premier beach destination via:

Where local residents and publics are making strides:

• PLANYC project process for Rockaway
• NYCDPR planners
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Planning for a Greater Rockaway

Rockaway Waterfront Alliance developed this document to identify and communicate priorities for investing in sustainable environmental conservation and economic growth of the 11-mile peninsula in the Rockaways, Queens. The area has several assets: historic parks and open space, access by mass transit subway line and the recent development investment of the Arverne by the Sea complex. But for many years the Rockaways have also experienced disinvestment and lack of protection of the ecological and built infrastructure. This document lays the groundwork for a community outreach and master planning process to improve access, mobility, economic development, environmental and open space conservation of this remarkable oceanfront resource in the heart of the New York region.