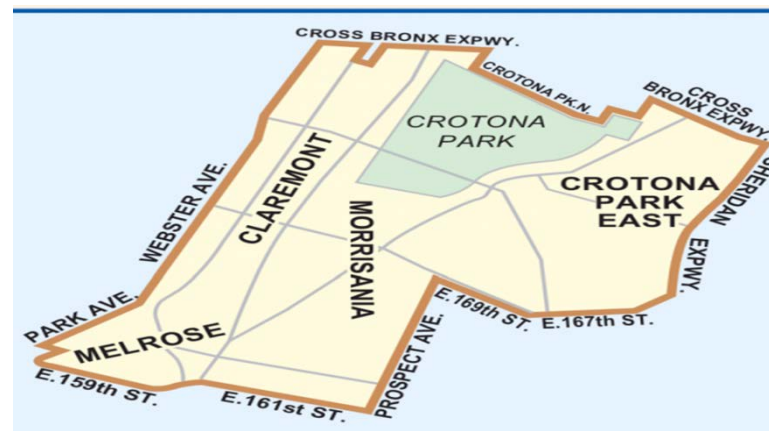
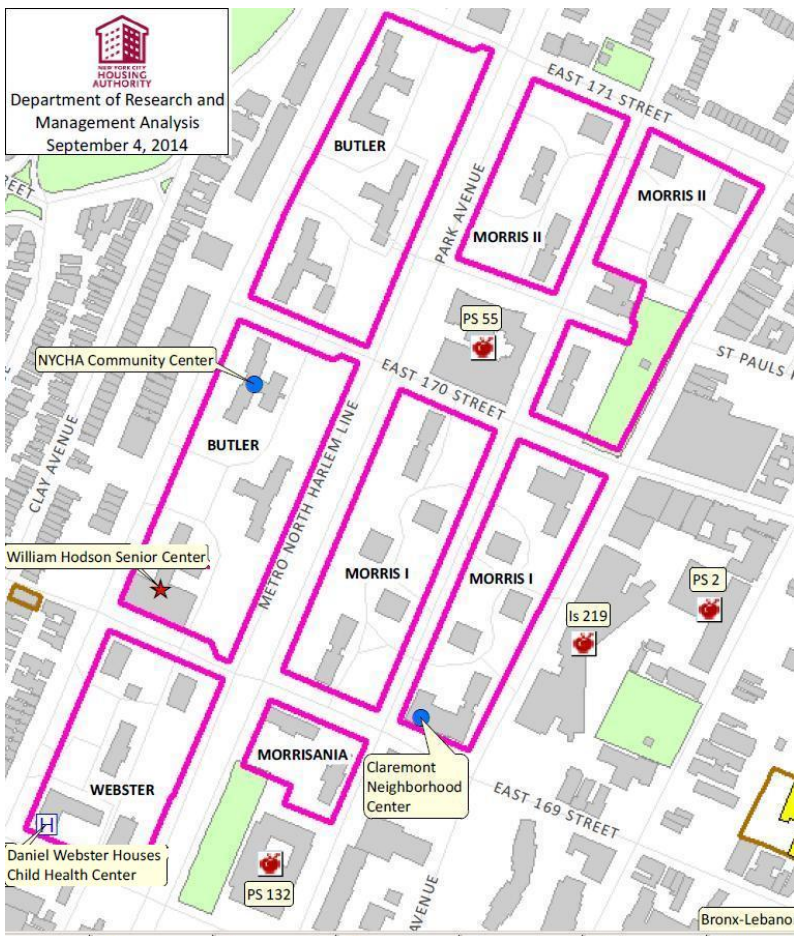


# Healthy Neighborhoods Fund Learning Collaborative Meeting

Claremont Neighborhood  
Center

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## Cross Sector Partners and Collaborators

- **Claremont Neighborhood Centers:** Project direction and community engagement and recruitment. A cornerstone to the Claremont development, CNC will serve as the main hub for all programs and activities.
- **GrowNYC:** Improve local food systems by training youth to give nutrition education and cooking workshops as part of the fresh food box program and new Youthmarket.
- **Casita Maria:** Improve open space and the built environment by using artists and youth as change agents to activate public space through the arts.
- **Bronx Documentary Center:** Activate open spaces by hosting youth-led outdoor monthly documentary film screenings in the summer.
- **Bronx Lebanon Department of Family Medicine:** Contribute curriculum for nutrition education, health and wellness education and services, resources to conduct classes, health-related youth internship opportunities; Project coordination.
- **Directions For Our Youth (DFOY):** Direct a Youth Council that will engage community youth to identify social and environmental issues with the goal of developing and implementing youth-led solutions.

## Long-term Goal

Briefly describe your project's long term goal

To create and maintain a culture of health and wellness in the Claremont community by expanding the utilization of open space, encouraging and educating on the importance of exercise and nutrition, expanding access and consumption of healthy food while forming an engaged community.

## 100 Day Goal

To develop a curriculum, recruit and initiate a community youth council.

## Top Accomplishments

- Partnering with Mapscorps to train and engage 20 youth in community assets mapping over summer 2015
- Partnering with local community members to plan and complete park and open space cleaning projects
- Successful development of a youth council that will engage community youth to identify social and environmental issues with the goal of developing and implementing youth-led solutions.

# Lessons Learned

## Lesson #1

The importance of getting to know the community. We recognize that, while the community is perhaps the most valuable asset, it is also a very delicate asset.

## Lesson #2

Keeping the community interested requires input and different strategies for different projects and programs

## Lesson #3

A systematic communication method between partners is necessary

## Key Challenge

Describe a key challenge your partnership is currently facing

Throughout the planning process various types of communication challenges arose. Between partners, contrasting internal and external communication cultures created difficulties.

## Question

Identify one question your partnership wants to ask and learn from other grantees

What lessons did you learn with regards to communication amongst partners?