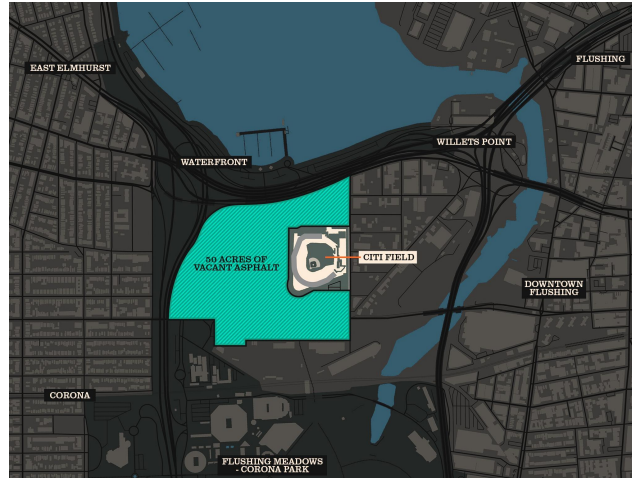


Steve Cohen Invites Queens Community to Visioning Session At Citi Field

Series of sessions to hear directly from community on how to re-imagine the space around Citi Field



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Queens, New York - Today, Steve Cohen is inviting the people who live and work in Queens to the next visioning session at Citi Field on January 7, 2023. This visioning session builds on months of discussions with community groups and leaders, and kicks off the next series of sessions Cohen's team will host to hear directly from those who know what is best for their community about how to re-imagine the space around Citi Field.

For too long the area around Citi Field has been 50 acres of vacant asphalt and wasted opportunity that isn't serving the community to its full potential. This area is a barrier that divides neighborhoods from each other and the nearby communities from the waterfront.

Over the last two decades, many cities have realized the potential of connecting ballparks with the community. Great ballparks across the country have created meaningful experiences for not only fans but the surrounding communities as well with open spaces for parks, different forms of entertainment and recreational activities.

"For months, we have been listening to the local community who keeps telling us there is more they want from the area. Everyone agrees that the status quo isn't acceptable," **said Steve Cohen**. "We are committed to putting forward a vision for the area that will create a shared space that people not only want to come to and enjoy, but can be proud of."

In his first press conference as the new owner of the Mets, Cohen made it clear that he views owning the team as a civic responsibility that extends beyond the walls of Citi Field. He has made investments in the team, the ballpark and the surrounding communities his number one priority. Cohen is committed to creating a space that people can come to every day of the year to hang out by the waterfront, enjoy green space, listen to live music and have plenty of options to eat and drink.

This vision is grounded in a set of core principles:

- **Putting community first**
We are and always will be good neighbors, and the community is our first and most important partner in re-imagining this space.
- **Building dedicated open space for the public**
Parks and public space are essential to any community. We all need dedicated green spaces to enjoy and relax and the area around Citi Field shouldn't be an exception.
- **Connecting surrounding neighborhoods to the waterfront**
We have an opportunity to connect the surrounding neighborhoods, create easy and safe waterfront access, increase walkability and cycling access, and improve transportation options.
- **Bringing year-round entertainment to life**
Entertainment is the economic engine that will make this area a destination every single day of the year— regardless of the weather or if it's baseball season.
- **Creating good-paying local jobs and economic opportunity for local small businesses**
Turning this space into usable parks for the public and an entertainment destination with live music, restaurants and bars will create thousands of good-paying jobs throughout the construction process and for years to come. We are committed to hiring local, supporting minority and women owned businesses, and providing on-going workforce training programs.

Capacity will be limited. For community members looking to RSVP, more information can be found here: www.queensfuture.com

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