

# YOU'VE FOUND THE LOT IN YOUR LIFE

NOW WHAT?

WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WORK WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

## Research the lot.

GO TO THE MAP AT [596ACRES.ORG](http://596ACRES.ORG) AND TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

CALL OR EMAIL THE OWNER.

GO TO [596ACRES.ORG](http://596ACRES.ORG) FOR A SCRIPT TO HELP WITH YOUR CONVERSATION FIRST. ASK IF THERE'S A PLAN, & IF SO, ASK WHY IT HASN'T HAPPENED.

CONTACT 596 ACRES & TELL US HOW YOUR CONVERSATION WENT

WE'LL HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT THE ANSWERS YOU GOT ACTUALLY MEAN.

## FIND OUT WHO OWNS the LOT

IT COULD BE PRIVATELY-OWNED OR OWNED BY ONE OF 16 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

FIND OUT WHO'S INTERESTED & WHO ALREADY KNOWS THE HISTORY OF THE LOT.

Talk to your friends and neighbors

CONNECT WITH EXISTING GROUPS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

THIS INCLUDES BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS, CHURCHES, & COMMUNITY BOARDS.

KEEP THIS DIALOGUE GOING.

come to a LEARN FROM OTHER GROUPS 596 acres meeting

## have a meeting

ESTABLISH A CORE GROUP OF AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE. PLAN THE NEXT MEETING.

## GIVE YOURSELVES A NAME

YOU HAVE TO START TO BUILD A RECORD OF YOUR ORGANIZATIONS

## BUILD A RECORD OF SUPPORT

GET LETTERS FROM LOCAL & CITY ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE COMMUNITY BOARD & THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Draw PICTURES share them in a meeting

GET SOME PRESS WORK WITH A JOURNALIST YOU TRUST

USE FACEBOOK, MAKE A BLOG, GET IT OUT THERE

DISTRIBUTE FLYERS...

identify a shared vision WRITE A MISSION STATEMENT

Put it on GO TO [596ACRES.ORG](http://596ACRES.ORG) & LET EVERYBODY KNOW YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING.

the map

## Share your vision

PRESENT YOUR PLAN TO ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS. THIS INCLUDES THE COMMUNITY BOARD, YOUR CITY COUNCIL REP, THE DISTRICT LEADER, & THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, OF COURSE.

## MAKE LETTERHEAD

USE IT. WRITE THANK YOU NOTES AND EMAILS.

HOLD SOME MEETINGS FOR EVERYONE, SOME TO GET SPECIFIC THINGS DONE. YOUR GROUP'S IDEA WILL CHANGE. BE OPEN TO IT.

Meet regularly

MEET MORE PEOPLE IN YOUR HOOD. GET THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND CONTACT INFO.

start a petition

## PREPARE TO USE THE SPACE

FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR GROUP IS GOING TO DO IN THE SPACE FIRST & MAKE SPECIFIC PLANS. A WORK PARTY PERHAPS...

THIS MIGHT TAKE A LONG TIME AND YOU MIGHT HAVE TO TALK TO A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN N.Y.C. GOVERNMENT

## SIGN THE LICENSE AGREEMENT

YOU ARE TOTALLY LEGIT, OR ALMOST OR JUST ENOUGH ANYWAY...

USE [IOBY.ORG](http://IOBY.ORG). RAISE MONEY THEY ARE FRIENDS OF 596 ACRES AND A NON-PROFIT. THEY ARE SET UP TO BE YOUR FISCAL SPONSOR - AND HAVE A NICE WEBSITE FOR RAISING MONEY ONLINE. IT'S EASY.

GET INSURANCE 596 ACRES CAN HELP YOU GET INSURANCE FOR FREE.

# GET THE KEY grow something!

IT'S NOT ALWAYS A STRAIGHT LINE. IF YOU NEED HELP CONTACT 596 ACRES AT ANY TIME.

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