

ATLANTIC YARDS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE  
Weeks of November 22, 2010 through December 5, 2010

In an effort to keep the Atlantic Yards Community aware of upcoming construction activities, ESD and Forest City Ratner provide the following outline of anticipated upcoming construction activities.

Please note: the scope and nature of activities are subject to change based upon field conditions. In addition, during the utility work water shut offs may be required; these shut downs are done under the oversight of DEP and property owners will be given advance notice. All work has been approved by appropriate City and State agencies where required.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our project Ombudsperson, Forrest Taylor, at: 212-803-3233 or [AtlanticYards@empire.state.ny.us](mailto:AtlanticYards@empire.state.ny.us)

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Long Island Rail Road/Vanderbilt Yard Work

- Contractor has completed the work required for the installation and load testing of piles. The contractor will now commence the work necessary to install 7'x7' spread footing and perform the required load tests. This work is taking place approximately 100 feet east of the Carlton Ave Bridge in block 1121.
- Work related to the demolition of the Carlton Ave Bridge and the associated piers located in the north side of the existing LIRR yard located within blocks 1120 & 1121 will continue during this period. Work consists of the abatement of the lead paint which will be limited to approximately one foot on either side of cut lines for the removal of the steel. A chemical peel process will be used; if this is unsuccessful the contractor will use a process involving needle scalers to remove the paint in these areas. In either case, the removed paint will be captured and disposed of appropriately.
- Contractors have commenced the construction of the AO1-2 concrete vault and transformer pad along with the associated electrical duct banks. This work will take place in the north side of Block 1120 just east of lot 19. This work activity has an estimated duration of 4 weeks.
- Work will commence to drill and install 17 solder piles required to remove the north abutment of the Carlton Avenue Bridge. These piles are required to be installed so that the demolition of the remaining portions of the bridge can be completed.

## Environmental Remediation

- Soil that has been classified as clean, contaminated or hazardous will be removed from the site as part of the excavation activities and brought to appropriate disposal locations.
- Where excavation and soil moving activities occur in areas of known VOCs (BL 1119, lot 1 & 64, BL 1118, lot 1 and BL 1127, lot 1) Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) monitoring will be performed as required in the Community Air Monitoring Plan (“CAMP”) and VOC Best Monitoring Practices documents.
- CAMP monitoring is continuing on all areas of soil disturbance per the project plan, including excavation, grading and demolition.
- Additional soil characterization soil borings to facilitate future soil disposal and disposal facility selection may occur within Block 1127. This work is dependent on site availability and access.
- In-situ chemical oxidation injections have been completed at Block 1119 Lot 1 and will likely commence during this reporting period at Block 1118 Lot 1 or on Block 1127 depending upon construction coordination.. These injections will be completed as a remedial action under jurisdiction of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation through temporary well points in order to facilitate coordination with construction activities.

## Infrastructure

- A new water trunk main will be installed along Atlantic between Flatbush and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and associated distribution mains will be installed in the Flatbush/Atlantic Avenue intersection, and approximately 200 feet south in Flatbush toward Pacific Street. Work related to an exploratory trench across Flatbush near Atlantic has been completed.
- The results of the above reference test pits indicated some unmapped or unclear conditions at four locations. Over the next two weeks the utility contractor intends to open four additional test pits on Atlantic. Three will be behind existing MPT and one, at the south side (eastbound) side of Atlantic will be done in the street at night under standard nighttime DOT stipulations. At other select test pit locations, for purposes of coordinating with work being done by other project contractors, night work may be performed behind barriers during this reporting period. Traffic will not be affected in these locations.
- During the course of utility installation work, the contractor may encounter unforeseen contaminants, underground storage tanks or other structures. In the event that this happens and where appropriate, notification will be given to the DEC, VOC monitoring will be continuously performed, and remediation steps will be implemented.

## Demolition

- All buildings in the arena footprint have been demolished and are awaiting sign off by the Department of Buildings. Arena Excavation will continue into the former demolition work zones as soon as sign-offs are received. Asbestos abatement is complete at 802 Pacific and 514 Vanderbilt.
- Demolition applications have been submitted to the Department of Buildings for 810 and 812 Pacific and 540 Vanderbilt and are in the review process. Demolition applications are being prepared for 802 Pacific and 514 Vanderbilt. Demolition will begin when permits are received.

## Arena

- Excavation for the arena perimeter foundation in the area of Atlantic Avenue and within the BL1119 portion (at the closed 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pacific Street) of the Arena footprint has been completed. Waterproofing and backfilling along the outside of the arena Atlantic Avenue foundation wall will continue during this reporting period. Excavation for the crane pad been completed. Excavation for structural steel lay down continues.
- Installation of SOE along the western portion of the arena building, continuing down Flatbush to Dean continues during this period; additional rakers and sheeting is required in this area, as well as revisions to some existing SOE to accommodate utility contractor underpinning of TA tunnel wall and place of sewer pipe. Within this same area, excavation will continue within the footprint of the arena (block 1127). During this period drilling for soldier piles and lagging will continue east of the Dean Street and Flatbush Avenue intersection at the Dean Street. .
- Work related to the SOE installation and related excavation within the southeast and southwest quadrants of the arena block, paralleling Dean Street, will continue during this reporting period. VOC monitoring as required by the CAMP, as well as use of enhanced personal protective equipment (PPE) in some instances, will continue during SOE installation and excavation work on Block 1127 Lot 1. A concrete slab of approximately 2'-4' (cap") will be placed at grade within the area where VOC releases have been elevated to allow work to continue without enhanced PPE and to limit as much emissions as possible at this location. Monitoring by Hunt as well as the Onsite Environmental Monitor (OEM) is being done on a real time, continuous basis to confirm a safe working environment as well as to confirm that there are no elevated VOC emissions migrating outside the project perimeter.

- Installation of concrete footings along the eastern end of BL1119 should be completed during this reporting period. Installation of footings along Flatbush Ave. in Bl. 1127 closing on the intersection of Dean St. and Flatbush continues.
- The application of waterproofing to the foundation walls from the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Pacific Street starting point north and then west down Atlantic Avenue will continue during this reporting period. Backfilling at these locations will follow the waterproofing and is expected to commence during this reporting period.
- The excavation for the west storm retention tank below the closed 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. area is complete and the concrete placement of the west storm retention tank and roof below the closed 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been completed. Waterproofing of the tank exterior, followed by backfilling, is expected to commence during this period.
- Layout/installation related to the underground plumbing will continue within the northeast quadrant (near Atlantic Avenue & 6<sup>th</sup> avenue portion of the site) and will proceed west down Atlantic Avenue during this reporting period. Underground plumbing is also expected to commence within the BL 1127 area this period.
- The removal of the retaining wall along the north side of the former Pacific Street and the creation of a new access ramp into the site from Pacific Street will continue this period. The retention wall removal procedure has been submitted and reviewed/approved by DOB.
- Underground electrical duct bank installation will continue during this reporting period. This work is taking place within Lot 1119 where the concrete foundations and footings are being poured. Work, formwork and rebar placement, related to the installation of the perimeter wall at the east end (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) will continue during this reporting period. Underground electrical placement within BL1127 is expected to commence during this period.
- Installation of the remaining portions of the 16' fence along and Flatbush Avenue will continue during this period. There is approximately 70' of fencing that remains to be place. Installation of gate on Dean Street will happen during this reporting period. Design of a 16' gate is being completed to replace the 8' gate currently in place.
- The maintenance of the site to accommodate the mobilization of the steel erector will continue during this period. During the course of this work, the contractor may encounter unforeseen contaminants, underground storage tanks or other structures. In the event that this happens and where appropriate, notification will be given to DEC, VOC monitoring will be continuously performed while excavating these materials and remediation steps will be implemented.
- Steel erection is scheduled to start during this reporting period.
- Coordination activity, including excavation to assist with the installation of the infrastructure piping at Flatbush Avenue and Dean Street will resume this period.

- There will be no work within the Arena site from November 24-27. Weekend work will be scheduled no later than close of business on the preceding Thursday, where makeup work due to weather or other delays makes it necessary.

Atlantic Yards is participating in the City's Urban Canvas program which is managed by the City's Department of Buildings; as such a decorative covering has been installed on a portion of the construction fence facing Atlantic Avenue (approximately 200 feet in length); it is one of four sanctioned designs selected by the City. To find out more information about the program go to the following website: [www.nyc.gov/urbancanvas](http://www.nyc.gov/urbancanvas)

### NYC Transit Improvements

- Pile load test is now complete and production piles are in progress within the project footprint (block 1118) Piles for the support of excavation along Atlantic Avenue have been substantially completed and excavation is now approximately 50% complete. Vibration and Tilt sensors have been installed and are being monitored per NYCT requirements. Pile installation will commence along the Flatbush Avenue side of the project during this period. Several piles will be drilled at night within the approved MPT area along Atlantic Avenue.
- Work related to the excavation of test holes at various points within the project footprint will continue during this period as well.
- Classification of soil will be completed for proper disposal, as selective excavation continues. The soil testing work has been completed, except for one area for which access is not yet available. All soil has tested as "non-hazardous".
- Demolition of the TA structures continues. IRT and BMT Tunnel inspections have taken place and repair work will be implemented during scheduled NYCT track outages during evenings and weekends. Minor repair and cleanup work will occur on selective evenings under scheduled NYCT flagging protection.
- Permits have been secured for the portions of the street immediately adjacent to the "Tip" of the project area (at the corner of Flatbush and Atlantic). This area has been opened up and will be re-closed with temporary decking to allow construction work to proceed below street grade. This work will be performed at night and traffic will be restored every morning according to DOT stipulations. The temporary decking placement work will continue until the beginning of December. This work will occur in conjunction with the pile work noted above.
- Minor mechanical, electrical and plumbing work within the subway station below ground is underway to accommodate new station configuration.

## Anticipated Night Time & Weekend Work

During this reporting period the following work will be performed either at night or during the weekend as noted. All work will be done pursuant to approved permits:

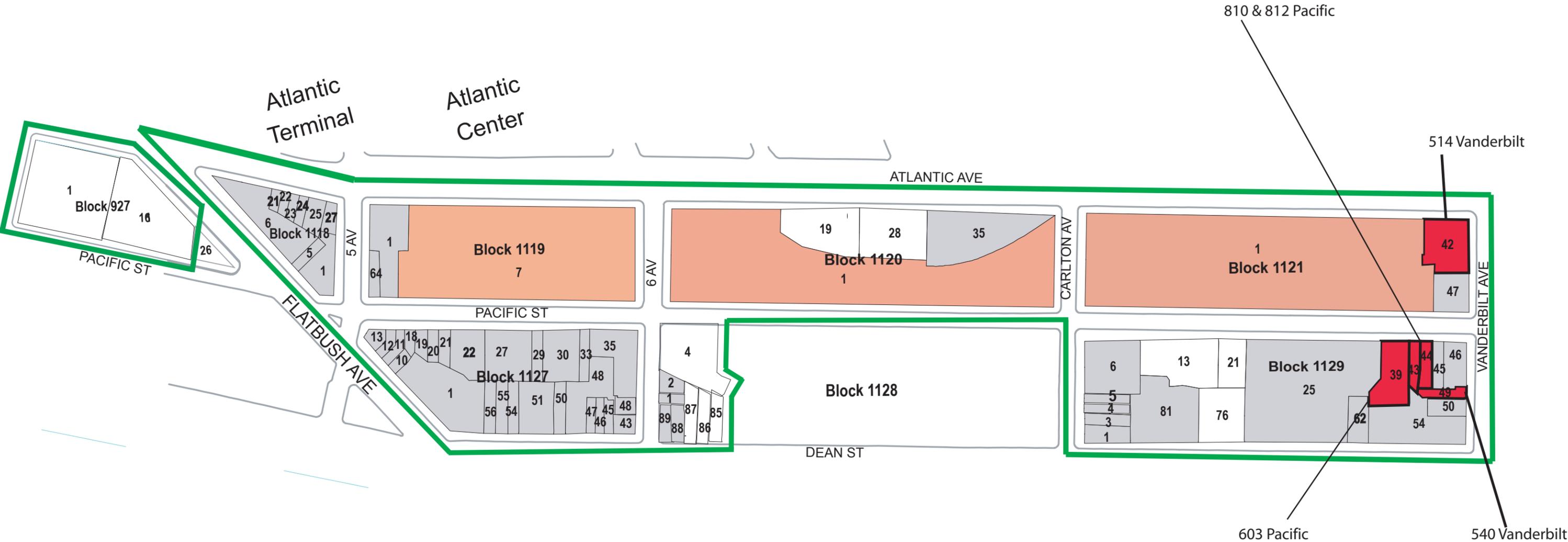
- **Arena Site:**
  - There will be no work within the Arena site from November 24-27. Weekend work will be scheduled no later than close of business on the preceding Thursday, December 2, 2010, where make-up work due to weather or other delays makes it necessary.
- **NYC Transit Improvements:**
  - Temporary decking that is being installed at the intersection Atlantic and Flatbush Avenue in connection with the Transit connection work will be performed at night per DOT requirements. Traffic will be restored every morning according to DOT stipulations.
  - Drilling of piles along the Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic Avenue will take place at night. Pile installed along Atlantic Avenue will be within the approved MPT area.
- **Infrastructure:**
  - In connection with the water main installation along Atlantic Avenue, several test pits are being done within the area of the existing MPT as well as in the east bound lane of Atlantic Avenue. While three of these pits are within the existing MPT area, this work may be conducted at night so as to coordinate with work being done by other project contractors. Work related to the test pit located within the east bound lane of Atlantic Avenue will be done at night under standard nighttime DOT stipulations.
- **Demolition:**
  - None anticipated at this time.
- **Block 1129 – staging arena:**
  - Contracting conducting night work may have cause to enter and exit this area as it serves as a staging and material/equipment storage area.

During the course of work conditions may be encountered at the site which may warrant the need for night and/or weekend work. Work will be done pursuant to approved permits. The above listing is not meant to be an exclusive list.

Community Liaison Office (CLO)

Persons seeking access should do so from Dean Street. Both the CLO phone line (866-923-5315) email ([communityliaison@atlanticyards.com](mailto:communityliaison@atlanticyards.com)) are operational and community residents are encouraged to use both when making inquiries about the project.

# Atlantic Yards Demolition Status

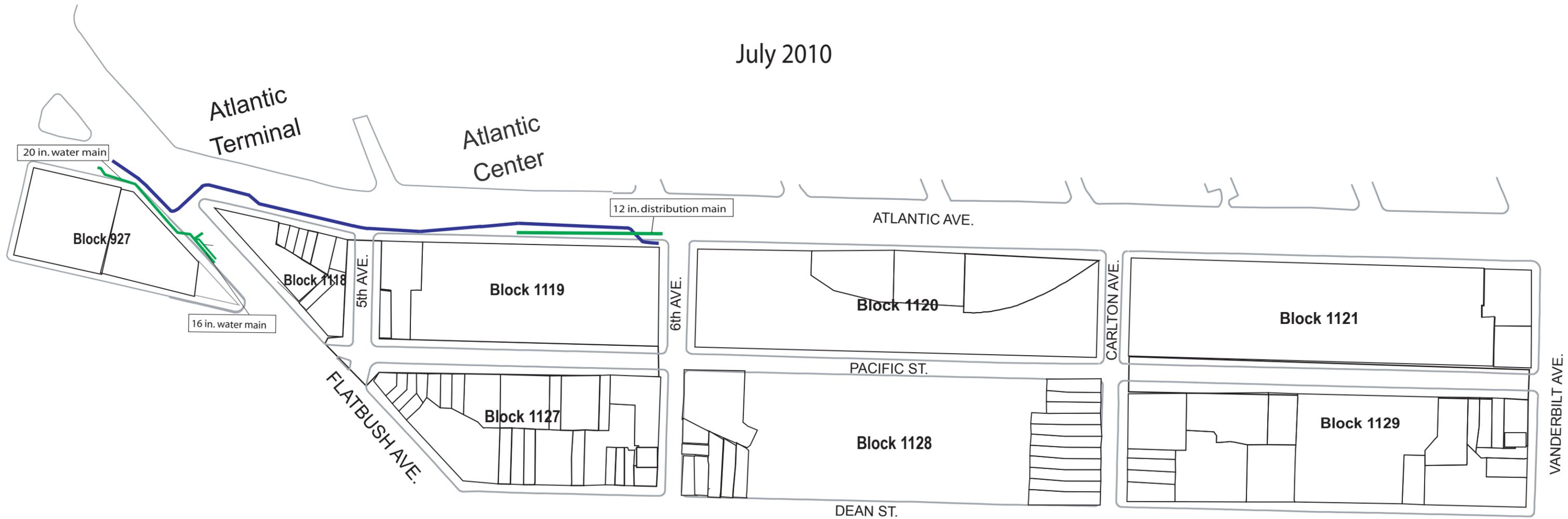


- vacant lot
- Abatement or Demolition Underway
- LIRR Yard

as of November 18, 2010

# Trunk & Water Main

July 2010



-  36"/48" trunk water main
-  12", 16", & 20" water main & 12" Distribution Main