



NYCHA Riis Houses Community Planning Process:
Youth Workshop: Pizza + Planning – March 14, 2024

BFJ Planning + Riis Tenants Association + New York City Housing Authority

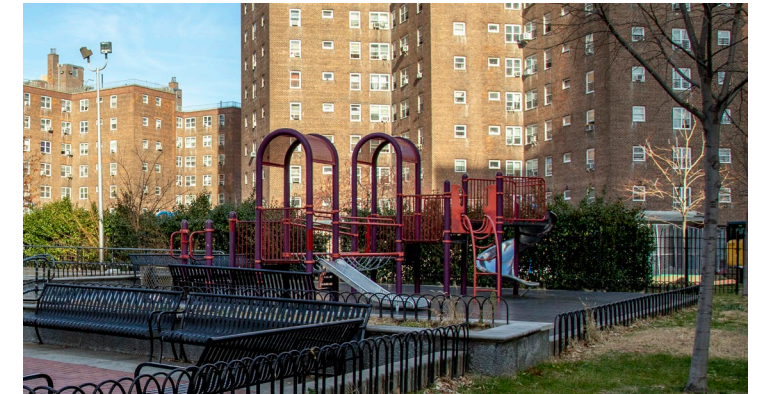


Image Sources: NYCHA, BFJ Planning, Pixar

About the Community Planning Process

What is this process all about?

- 🍕 The Riis Tenant Association Board, BFJ Planning, and NYCHA are working **with the Riis community** to find ways to make **Jacob Riis Houses a better place to live, grow, and play.**
- 🍕 **Everyone** that lives at Riis Houses will have the chance to **learn more** about this process and **share their opinions** on what makes **Riis Houses great**, and what **could be better.**
- 🍕 Over the rest of this year, **your community** will **create and decide** on a **plan for a better future at Riis Houses.**



Playground at Riis Houses



New Playground at Independence Towers

Image Sources: NYCHA, BFJ Planning

Workshop Objective

Why are we here today?

- 🍕 We're here to **learn more about Riis Houses** from you all!
- 🍕 We want to know what you **like about living here, what you don't like, what could be better, and why.**
- 🍕 It is **important** for us to understand what you think about life at Riis Houses, because it will help us make a **plan** that **includes all Riis residents** and best fits the **needs of the whole Riis community.**



In this process, no one is too young to have their voice heard.

Image Sources: Moms Rising, Raising a Legacy

Activity Instructions

Today, you all are the experts: you are the architects, the planners, and the community leaders!

Envisioning Community: Discussion Circle

Directions: Choose a seat in the circle, introduce yourself, and engage in **respectful, open, thoughtful** discussion of what life at Riis Houses is like.



Example: Socratic Circle at the Whitney Museum

Time: 45 Minutes

Team Architect

Directions: Use the arts & crafts materials to create your **perfect home, building, park, playground**, or whatever you want! Work in groups, or by yourself.



Example: NYC students presenting "Future City" model

Time: 45 Minutes

Be prepared to share out at the end!

Image Sources: The Whitney Museum, NYC.gov