

School Siting in New York City

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About NYLPI

Mission: “to advance equality and civil rights, with a focus on health justice, disability rights and environmental justice, through the power of community lawyering and partnerships with the private bar.”



- ◆ **Health Justice:** Ensures access to quality health care for people in medically underserved neighborhoods as well as those who face barriers due to limited English proficiency
- ◆ **Disability Law:** Protects the rights of people with disabilities; 3 Program areas: Deinstitutionalization, Opportunity and Access, Education
- ◆ **Environmental Justice:** Provides community organizing and legal assistance to low-income neighborhoods and communities of color that bear an unfair burden of environmental threats

Contaminated School Sites in NYC

- NYC Department of Education siting schools on contaminated property/brownfields
- Environmental Justice issue
- Mott Haven School Site, South Bronx
- Soundview Educational Campus, South Bronx



Mott Haven School Campus



Mott Haven Campus

- 2004: DOE announced construction of the Mott Haven School Campus
- Former railyard, manufactured gas plant; heavily contaminated
- State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP)

- Public Authorities Law
 - Community Board 4 Presentation
 - Little transparency
 - Community concern around contamination
 - City Councilmember calls NYLPI

- SEQRA: Site Management Plan (SMP) & Engineering Controls
- Lawsuit filed in April 2007



Questions?

