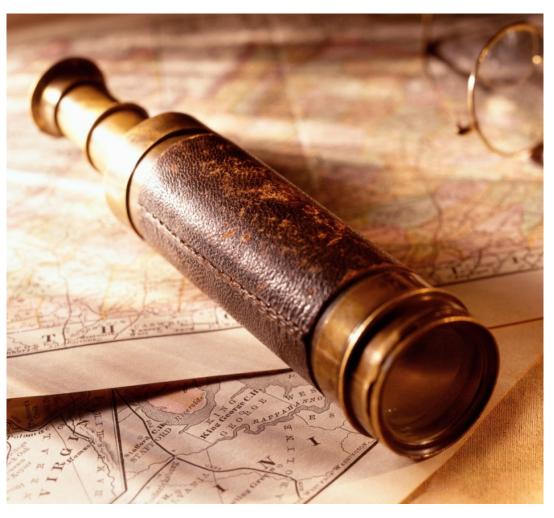


#### **Overview**



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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 lowincome 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?**

