

# Program for Bushwick Disclosed

Mayor Koch toured Brooklyn's Bushwick section yesterday and announced a \$43 million plan to redevelop its empty lots and abandoned buildings.

The plan, detailed by city officials at a meeting of community residents following the mayor's tour, would create or rehabilitate nearly 1,000 or more housing units and revitalize the shopping area on Broadway, hard hit by looting during last summer's blackout. Its chief features include:

¶ Building 330 units of housing on two huge vacant blocks between Central and Wilson Avenues and Linden and Menahan Streets—a \$17 million project of the Housing Authority that was in the planning stages for eight years and now is scheduled to begin next July.

¶ Building 300 units of three-story housing on scattered sites to be selected

with community agreement, with an additional 300 units considered by the Housing Authority for next year.

¶ Rehabilitation of 38 buildings containing 155 apartments in homeowner areas between Irving, Wilson and Putnam Avenues and Covert Street, at a cost of \$3.7 million.

¶ Rehabilitation of 198 apartments in two buildings using a Federal rent-subsidy program.

¶ Speeding up the demolition of most of the area's 500 ruined buildings, establishment of a new park, and interim use of vacant land for park, basketball, and other recreational programs.

"This is basically a very strong community, with one of the strongest block associations in the city," said Housing Commissioner, Nathan Leventhal. "We're going to build on those strengths."

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