



# STREET SCIENCE: JASON CORBURN

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# The Mapping of Local Knowledge

# PITTSBURGH BIKE MAP

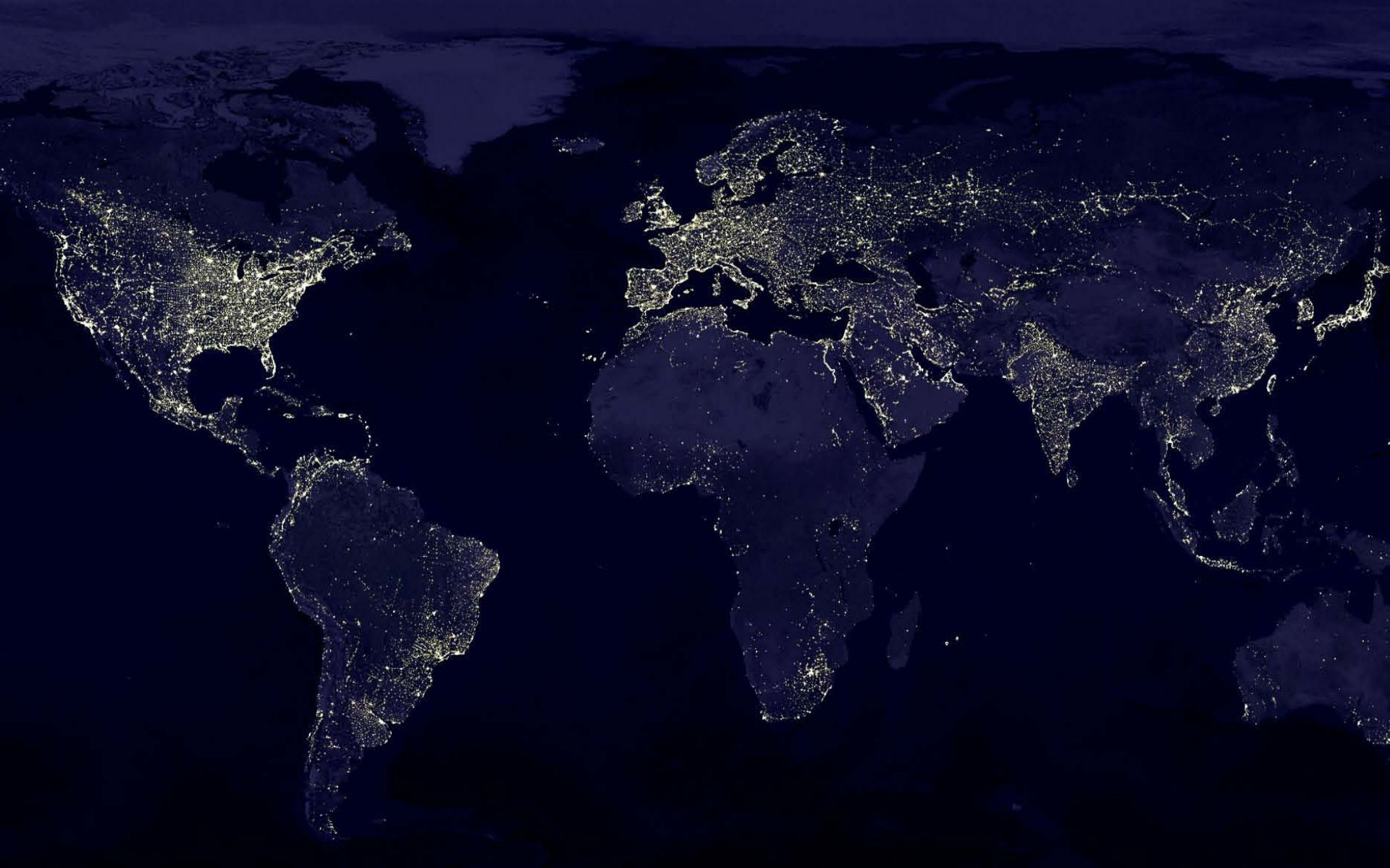
# ONLINE!

**BIKE  
PGH!**

**BE A SAFE CYCLIST**

**EXPLORE THE MAP.**

Aggregation: PGH Bike Map



# Boundary Making: *Earth at Night*





## Rivington Park

Posted by City Lore on 2007-06-10

[STORY](#)[MAP](#)

When Margarita Larios lived at 42 Rivington St., local Mexican families would gather at Rivington Park on the weekends to play ball, eat, and relax. At that time, Mexican communities were a rarity in New York City. While the Mexican population in New York is still only a small percentage of the Mexican population of United States as a whole, Mexicans have begun to immigrate to the city in larger numbers than ever before. In 2000, Mexicans were the fifth

[EMAIL STORY](#)[EMAIL TOUR](#)

Tour: Mexico in the Boroughs

[Mango a Mango](#)

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STORIES CURATED BY CITY LORE

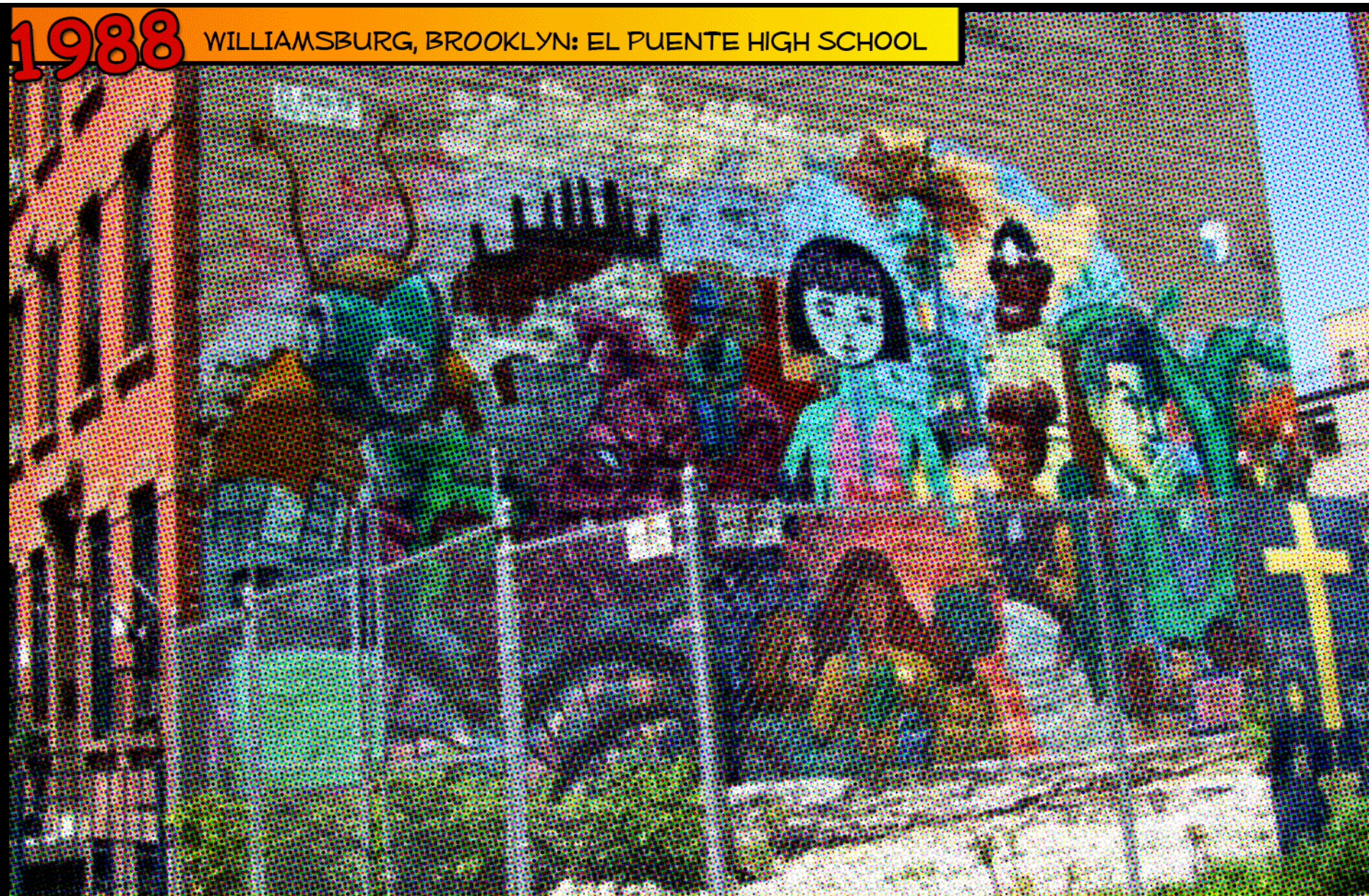
# Identify Formation: *City of Memory*

Once Upon a Time...



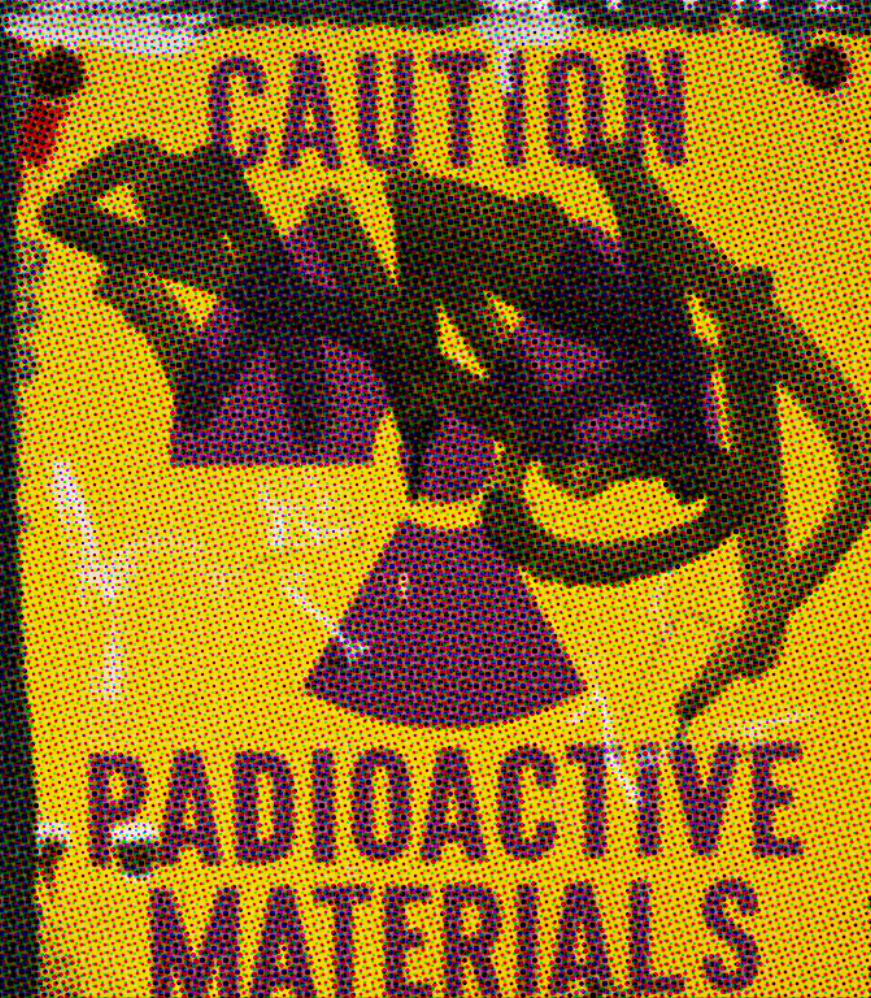
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WILLIAMSBURG, BROOKLYN: EL PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL





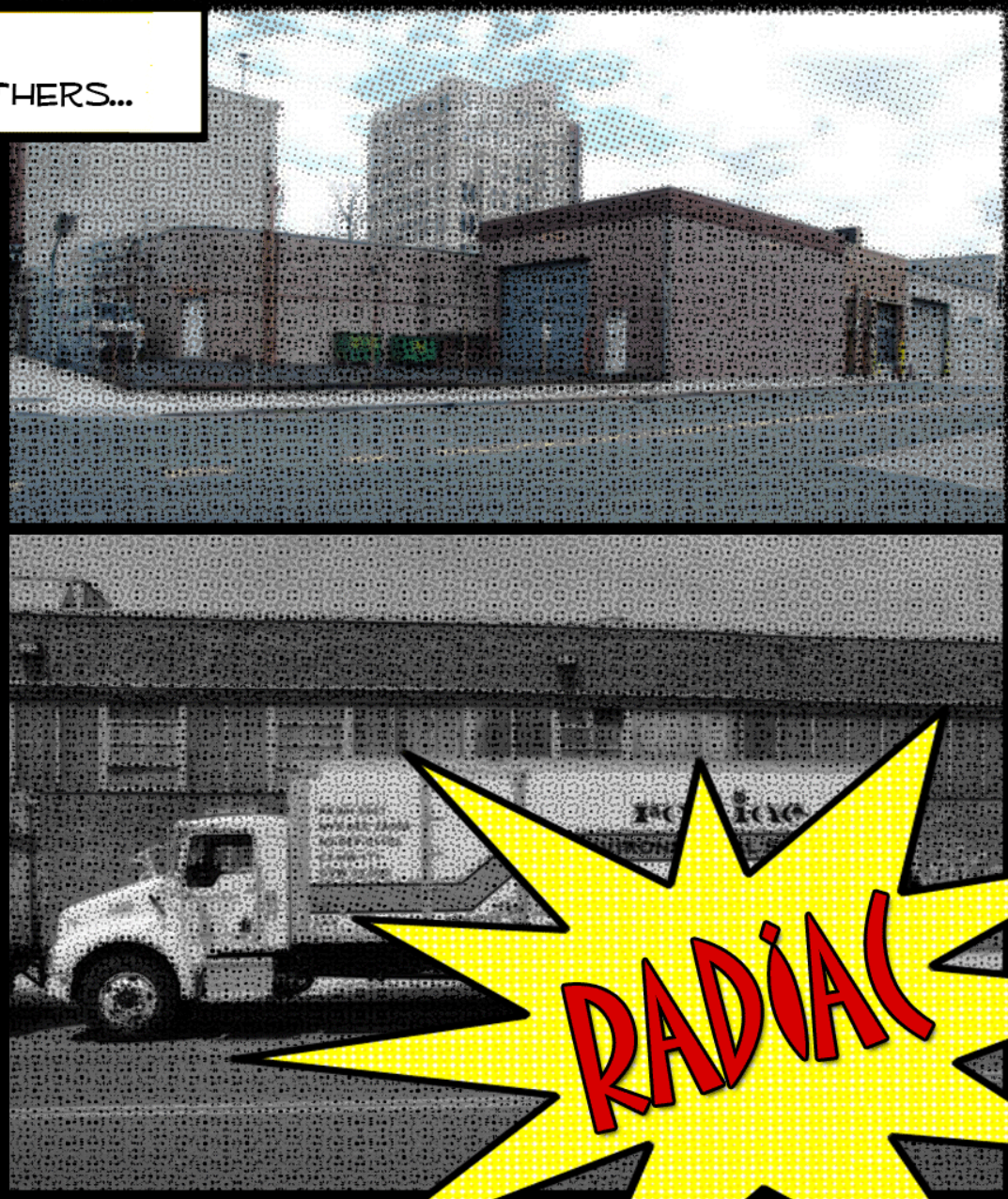
## **T**OXIC TOUR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



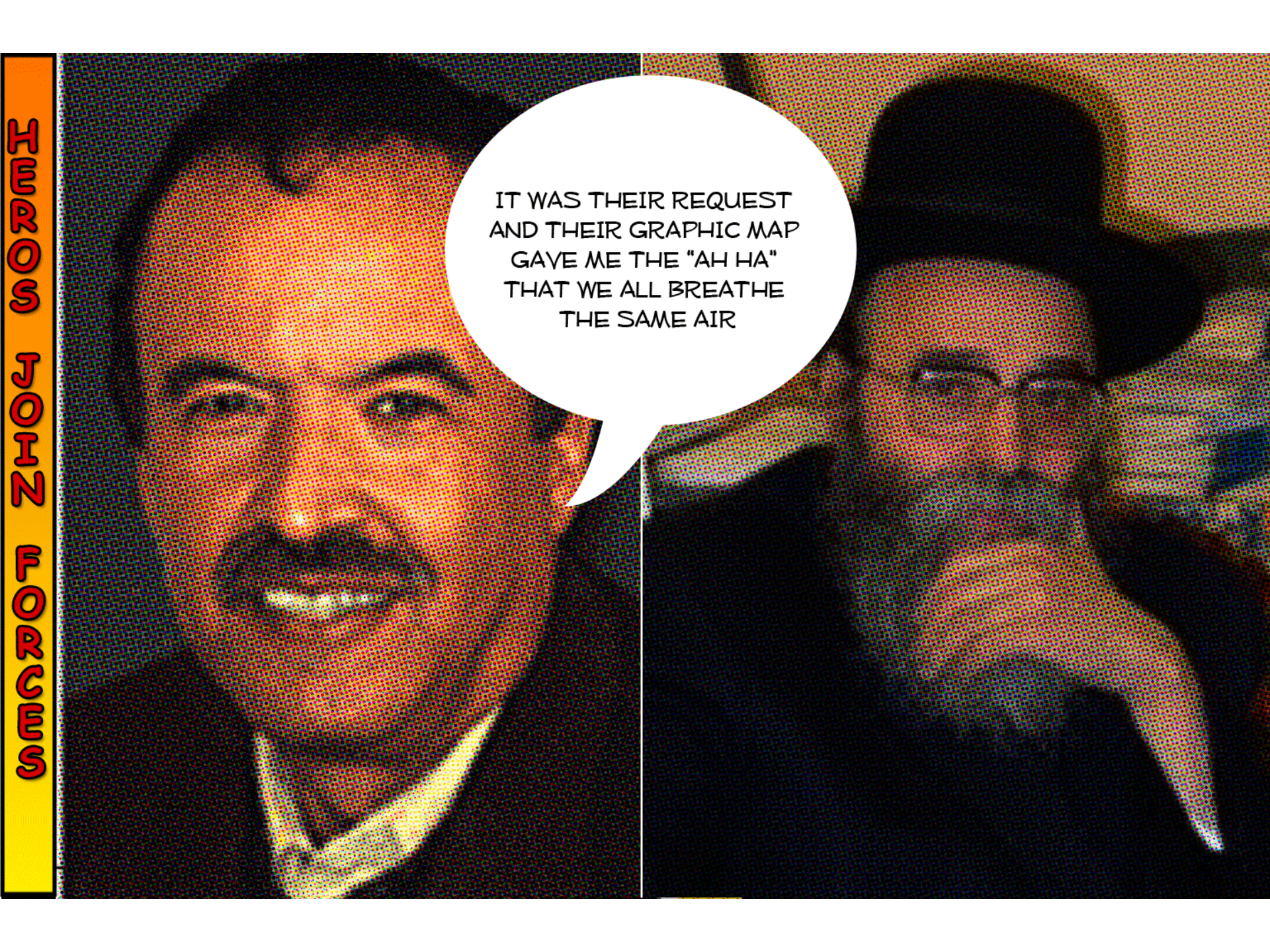
OUR FEARLESS HEROS TOOK PHOTOS AND RECORDED THEIR OBSERVATIONS FEELINGS, AND PERCEPTIONS ABOUT EACH SITE



THEY FOUND ALOT OF OFFENDERS,  
BUT ONE VILLAIN WAS WORSE THAN THE OTHERS...







IT WAS THEIR REQUEST  
AND THEIR GRAPHIC MAP  
GAVE ME THE "AH HA"  
THAT WE ALL BREATHE  
THE SAME AIR



Just a year earlier...





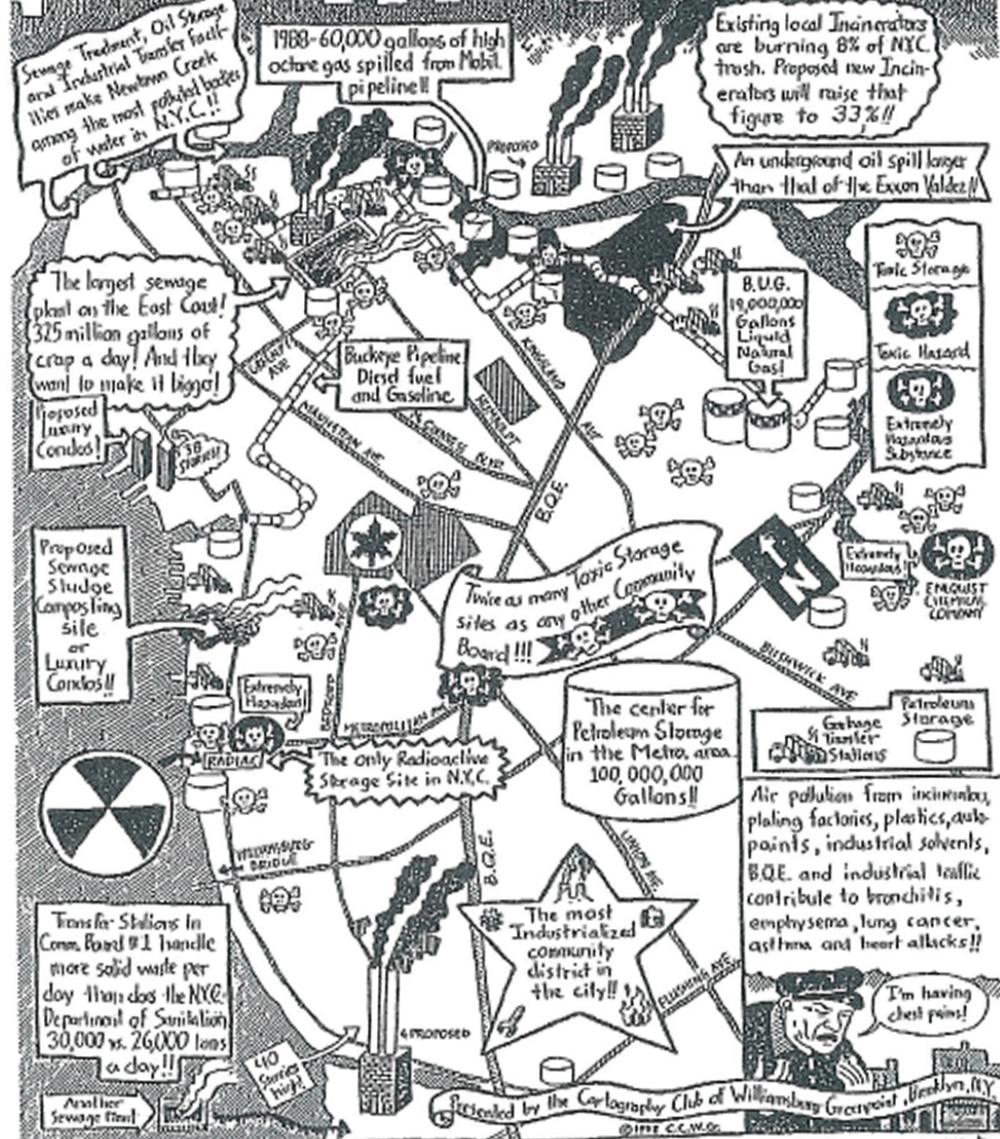
NY Garbage Disposal Crisis  
*Mobro*: 32,306 Tons of NY Refuse



The Solution: Brooklyn Navy Yard  
60,000 Sq. foot facility with NO significant impact?

# GREENPOINT-WILLIAMSBURG OUR TOWN

THE TOXIC AVENGERS STRIKE AGAIN...



OUR TOWN MAP  
INSPIRES COMMUNITY  
ALLIANCE FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENT TO FORM

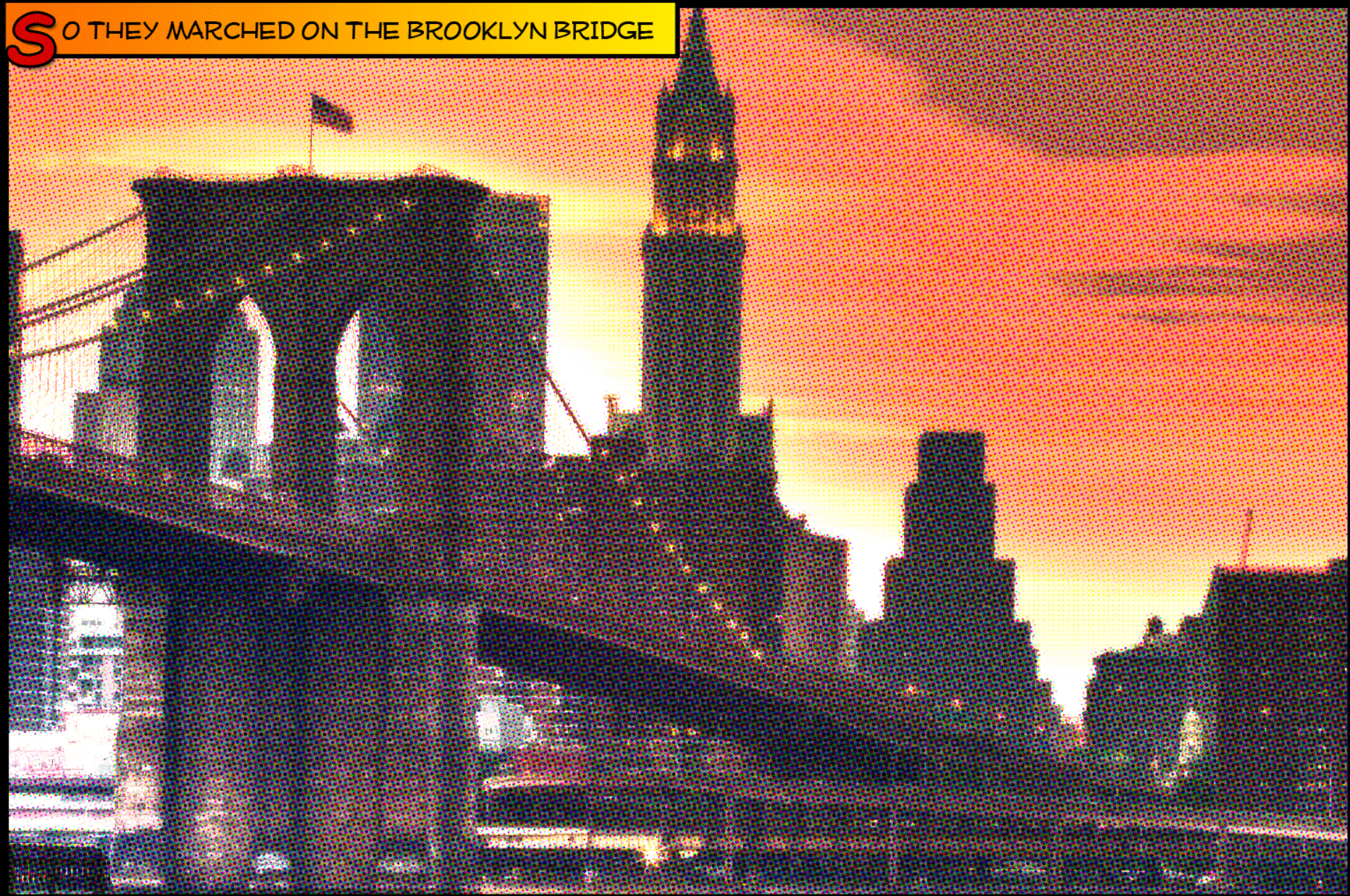
BUT...

THIS TIME WE ARE GOING  
TO NEED A SOMETHING A  
LITTLE STRONGER

HAZARDOUS NEIGHBORS. Center for Environmental Health, Hunter College, 1989 — TOXIC CHEMICAL ACCIDENT RISKS IN NYC. Warren, Nic. Computer Policy Institute/Condom Union, 1991 — THE NEW YORK ENVIRONMENT BOOK, Goldstein, Jzeeman. Island Press, 1990 — NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW. 1991 Department of Environmental Protection.



SO THEY MARCHED ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE





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## A Decade Of Spilling Dangerously

Report slams Navy Yard site

By William  
STAFF WRITER

The industrial  
Navy Yard has been  
of environmental  
includes a fire in  
PCBs, chemical  
according to environ-  
terday demanded.

There have been  
of chemical spills  
that have been rep-  
al authorities since  
Williamsburg industrial  
report above, and  
ists say they fear  
the tip of the iceberg.

In one incident  
months ago, the U.S.  
tal Protection Agency  
chemicals involved  
paint from a ship  
caused "severe in-  
blems" for nearby res-  
other details were a

"This report pro-  
that contamination  
more widespread than  
believed," said Steve  
of the New York Public  
Research Group, who  
sioned a private firm  
data on pollution at the

Environmentalists  
ing at conditions at the  
as part of their long-  
vent the city from op-  
page incinerator, which  
can cause toxic air pol-

In March, the state  
of Environmental Con-  
found that a recent con-

## The New York Times The City

NORTHERN BROOKLYN

### Navy Yard: New Concerns

Over the years, a patchwork of  
toxic contamination has riddled the  
Brooklyn Navy Yard. Decades of  
shipbuilding and painting with lead-  
based products fouled the area, and  
they were followed by years of waste  
backup from the nearby Newtown  
Creek Sewage Treatment Plant.

Last week, for the first time, a  
comprehensive picture of the haz-  
ardous wastes emerged, in a study  
commissioned by the New York Public  
Interest Research Group. Using  
Government databases to map toxic  
wastes, the researchers found,  
among other things, 192,000 pounds  
of PCB-contaminated waste that has  
been spilled or stored, hazardous  
waste generators and a chemical  
storage area.

"The scope of the pollution issues  
we found were staggering," said  
Walter L. T. Hang, president of Tox-  
ics Targeting Inc., the Ithaca-based  
group that conducted the study.

"This is one of the oldest and most  
complicated industrial complexes in  
New York City," added Mr. Hang,  
whose company has studied 60,000  
sites in downtown New York. "Typi-  
cally where you see such quantities  
of waste, you see a lot of toxic waste  
and we

incinerator at the Navy Yard (now  
mired in court) and a host of other  
pollution problems.

At a news conference on Wednes-  
day where the results of the study  
were announced, about 20 commu-  
nity and church leaders from Wil-  
liamsburg, Greenpoint, Fort Greene  
and Clinton Hill said they were fed  
up with noxious neighbors, which  
include garbage transfer stations  
and radioactive storage sites, and  
wanted the Navy Yard cleaned up.  
"When will it end?" asked Tom  
Veltre, president of the Society for  
Clinton Hill. "Our neighborhood has  
taken enough."

The Rev. Steven Lynch of Saints  
Peter and Paul Roman Catholic  
Church in Williamsburg said that  
two children from his neighborhood  
had died of leukemia and one from  
brain cancer, and that he was "very  
suspicious" about a connection be-  
tween their illnesses and dumping  
near the Navy Yard. PCBs are sus-  
pected of causing cancer.

Luis Garden Acosta, the leader of  
El Puente, a community leadership  
organization, said: "We are stand-  
ing in the middle of the most toxic  
area in New York City. We ask the  
state to respond to the democratic

### METRO MATTERS Joseph Berger

## Fear Builds A Bridge Across Gulf Of Cultures

**E**VEN on a baking hot day in Wil-  
liamsburg, Brooklyn, Esther  
Klein ambled down the block in  
a long-sleeved dress and a kerchief  
concealing her hair in the modest Has-  
sidic fashion. Wheeling her baby's  
stroller, she stayed three or so paces  
behind her husband, a slender man

Few neighborhoods are better illus-  
trations of Mr. Dinkins's "gorgeous  
mosaic" than Williamsburg.

The Hasidim have recreated some-  
thing of a shtetl on the blocks around  
Lee Avenue. The signs are mostly in  
Yiddish, the smells are of *chickens* and

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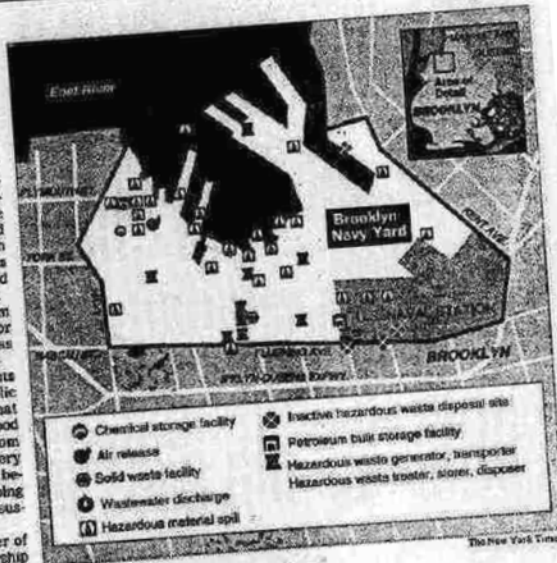
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Sunday, December 11, 1994

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Corporation and the Brooklyn Navy  
Yard's development agency.  
"I don't think there are any se-  
rious, rapid, stressing

that is called for."  
The New York Public Interest Re-  
search Group, a private organiza-  
tion, is seeking to have the Navy

Neighborhoods are fragile things,  
as delicately balanced as fine time-  
pieces. There is a sad, painful history  
in this city of what well-intentioned  
master plans can do to them. There  
are many urban watchers who be-  
lieve construction of the Cross-Bronx  
Expressway and Co-op City robbed  
the streets along the Grand Con-  
course of a flourishing middle class,  
leaving behind neighborhoods that  
are now more tattered and blighted  
by crime and drugs.

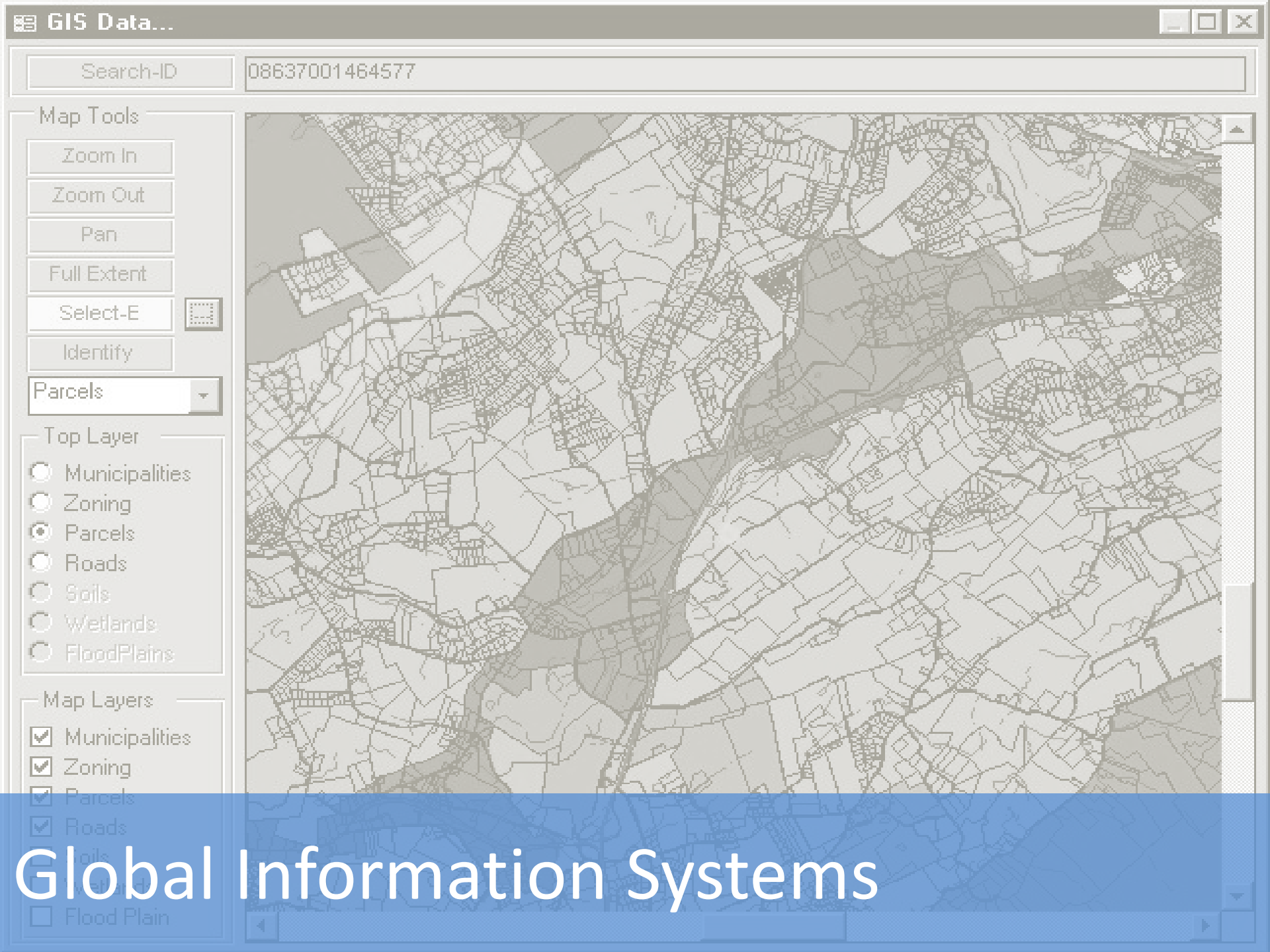
The incinerator is still subject to  
review by the state and, if opponents  
sue, by the courts. Rabbi Niederman  
thinks it will never be built.

"We are not going to take it — we  
will not let them experiment on us,"  
he said. "They feel that the poor  
neighborhoods are not sophisticated,  
don't have the means to object to it.  
'Let's dump everything on them.' The  
rich will hire the guys to give them  
political clout."

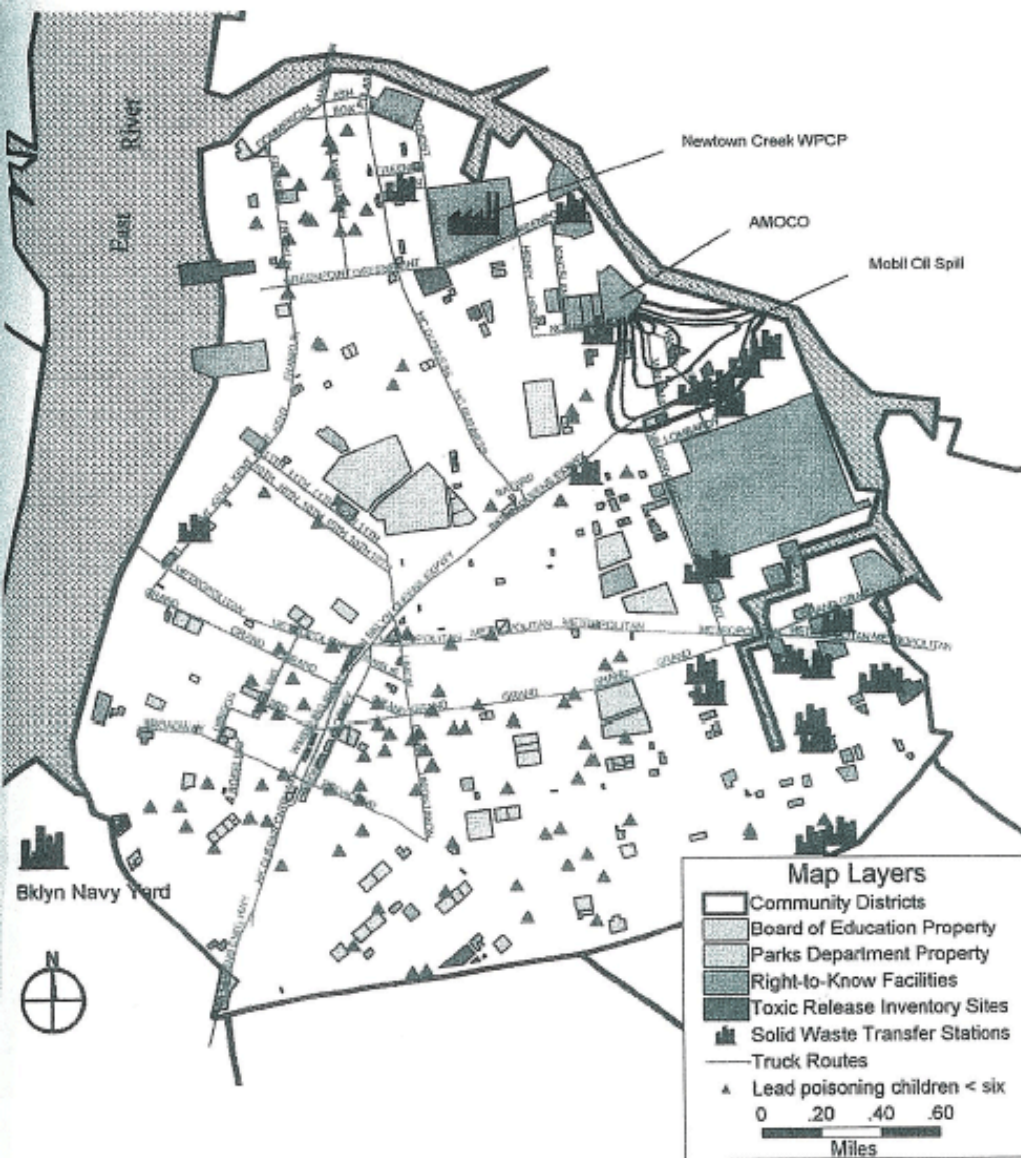
At 41, Rabbi Niederman is the fa-  
ther of 10 children. Among the Has-  
idim that is just about average. He  
worries that, as they grow up, the  
younger ones will breathe the toxic air  
that will hurt them years later.

That is why a year ago he chose to  
take a hand extended by Mr. Acosta.

"We discovered we are the same  
people and we have the same needs,  
and the government is laughing at  
both of us," he said.



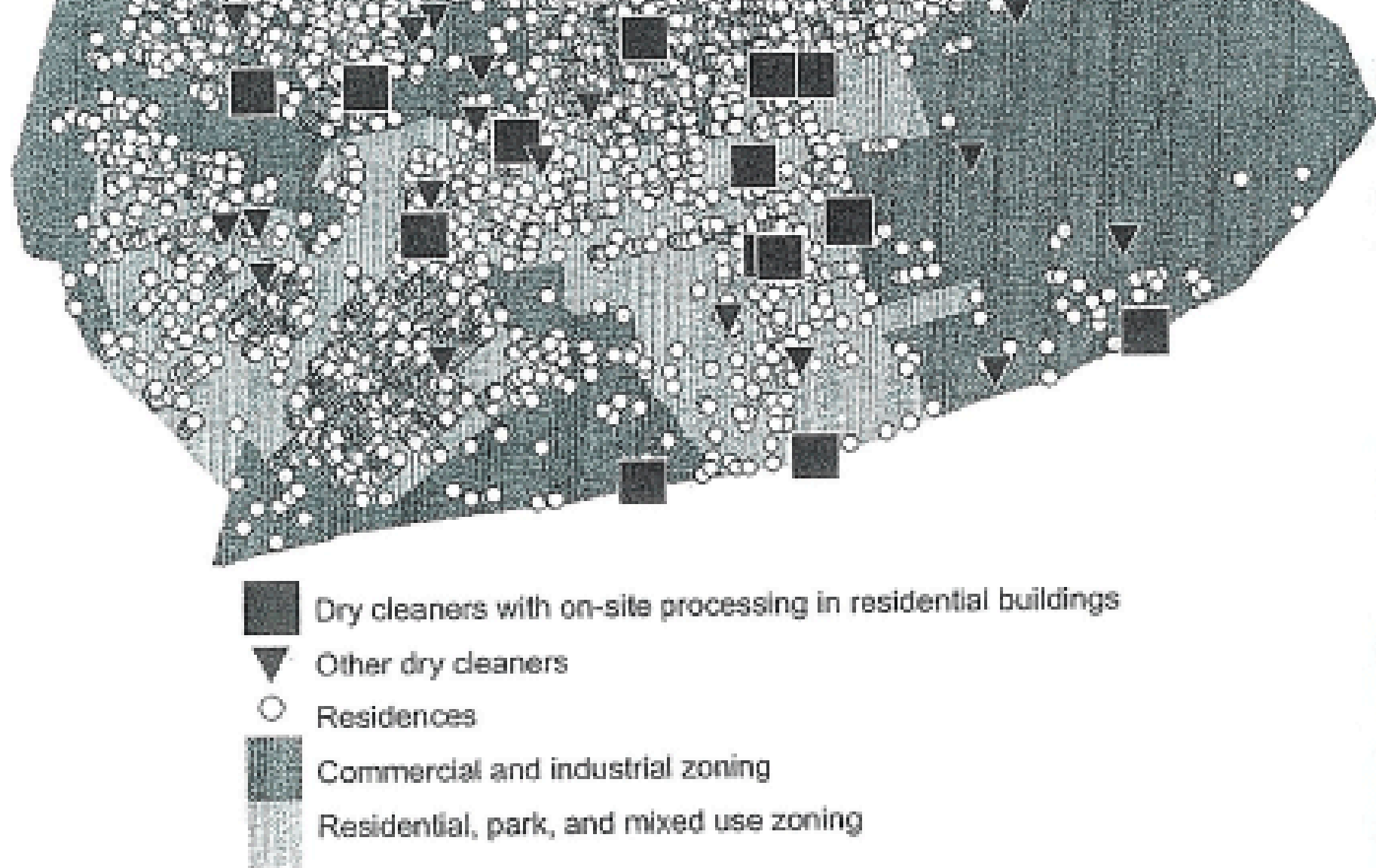
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*Want  
your kids to  
live here?*

Watchperson Project  
(with a little help from Hunter College)





# Mapping Air Polluters

EPA missed 1000 potentially toxic air polluters

What's the Value?