

Section 1: Overview

Located in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, the Sumner Consolidation is composed of three developments: Sumner Houses, 303 Vernon Avenue, and Bedford-Stuyvesant Rehab. All developments in the consolidation receive federal funding. The staff are deployed from the management office located in a Sumner building. Built in 1958, Sumner is a 22-acre development with 13 buildings ranging from 7-12 floors, which house 1,088 families. The development also features a basketball court, green areas and parking lots. Sumner's modern "towers-in-the-park" model comes with a trash chute system that is designed to streamline household trash collection. While this system is made to be convenient for residents, it prioritizes trash over recycling by only having a single small chute. a feature, along with larger apartments and large spaces between buildings, was designed to rid urban areas of longtime problems concerning health and welfare.

Like Sumner, 303 Vernon is a conventional development with green spaces and a parking lot. It is a 24-story building built several years later in the summer of 1967. While it is a standalone building, 303 Vernon also has a chute system for convenient trash disposal.

Bedford-Stuyvesant Rehab is a turnkey development acquired by NYCHA in 1983 comprised of five buildings between 4-6 stories that were not constructed originally for public housing. These pre-war tenement buildings, built in the early 1930s, do not come with a chute system like the other developments in Sumner Consolidation. Residents leave their waste at the curb for pickup by NYCHA caretakers. This can promote more recycling; however, it is more labor intensive for residents.

Section 2: Waste Services and Assets

DSNY does not provide curbside collection at this site. Caretakers are responsible for collecting all waste throughout the consolidation and bringing it to the external compactors. All bulk is left outside the buildings for collection to the 30-yard bulk container located at 303 Vernon. Household waste produced in Sumner goes to one of the three waste yards on site. Household waste produced at Bedford-Stuyvesant Rehab is brought to the curb for pick up by the caretakers using a Ford pick-up truck and driven to the waste yards at either Sumner or 303 Vernon.