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### Assignment 1

I'm from Mariners Harbor Staten Island. It's home to a predominantly lower middle class neighborhood that consists of different backgrounds. As in the name it has a harbor just looking over towards New Jersey and is right underneath the Bayonne Bridge that connects directly to Constable Hook New Jersey as well. Mariners Harbor is connected directly to Port Richmond which is where I travel through to go to BMCC. Mariner's Harbor is mostly a quiet area but with a community that often has event's at Mariners Harbor Library. These events are usually job fairs that are hosted or opportunities for tutoring at the Library that one can attend. Although the problem with the Library is that it is located in a prominently high crime area, So most of the residents that live throughout the harbor do not go there as a result. Especially with an active police presence in that spot for that reason. One of the most important streets is Forest Avenue. It is the main road that connects the upper area of Staten Island. All the buses that connect the south shore to the north all travel through forest to some extent. A few express buses go through Forest Avenue to head to midtown as well. I go down Forest Avenue to travel to BMCC directly.

One of my memories of Mariners Harbor is going by the Abandoned Railroads that go through the majority of the neighborhood. The railroad is split and broken apart as it was never finished being built Although some areas of the railroad are public it is dangerous to get on the abandoned rails one half of it has a block of cement that is on the water. In one area you can go right underneath the Railway Station and try to get on the abandoned rails. I went with a group of

4 people to go exploring back in highschool. It had gotten dark so we left in a hurry. There is a lot of abandoned sidewalks as well that are spooky at night.

The neighborhood can improve upon hosting more events throughout the harbor because it only ever host's job fairs. They're is a few active parks that can possibly host small events that would give more ambiance to the community. It already hosts blood drives every few months.

Overall my impression of the neighborhood is that it is just a quiet neighborhood with its ups and downs but can improve upon a better lifestyle for the community as a whole.