

## Long Branch, New Jersey



**Broadway Then** 



**Broadway Now** 

Long Branch is beachside city in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The population is around 30,718 (with a large increase during the summer months). Long Branch was a beach resort town in the late 18th century. It was visited by 7 presidents over the years their summer destination and many streets and parks are named after them in Long Branch. In the early 20th century and mid 1950's Long Branch was on the decline due to riots, a fire, and the opening of Garden State Parkway.

Long Branch is currently a very popular summer destination due to many redevelopment projects like Pier Village. The oceanfront is constantly seeing new luxury developments be built. This is greatly helping the city of Long Branch, but also driving down the affordability and gentrifying the area.





The site I chose is part of the sixth and final phase of Long Branch's Redevelopment Plan. The Broadway area of Long Branch is still very much struggling and consists primarily of lower/middle income residents. It feels completely isolated from the oceanfront with Ocean Boulevard being the divider between these two neighborhoods. There currently exists a downtown on Broadway that is greatly in need of revitalization. My site has potential to act as the gateway to this neighborhood and downtown, as well as a transition from the luxury developments to this local downtown.

The City's goals for this area are to create:

- 1) A Hometown Downtown
- 2) Walk to Work
- 3) Urban Campus
- 4) A Regional Downtown

The site was full of abandoned buildings that were falling apart so in 2016, all of these buildings were torn down. except for one commercial building and the radio tower. The rest of the site is currently used as beach parking during the summer for the Pier Village area. It is 11 acres.

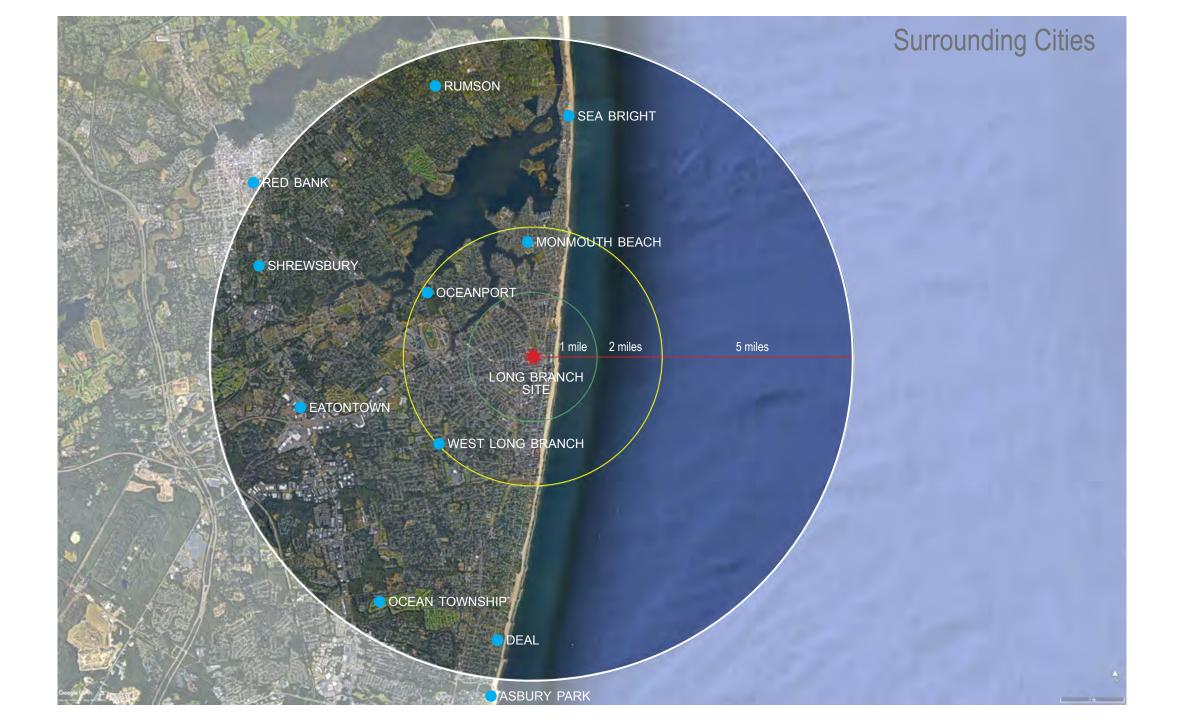
The site is under environmental investigation cleanup because there used to be a manufactured gas plant nearby.



Site in 2013



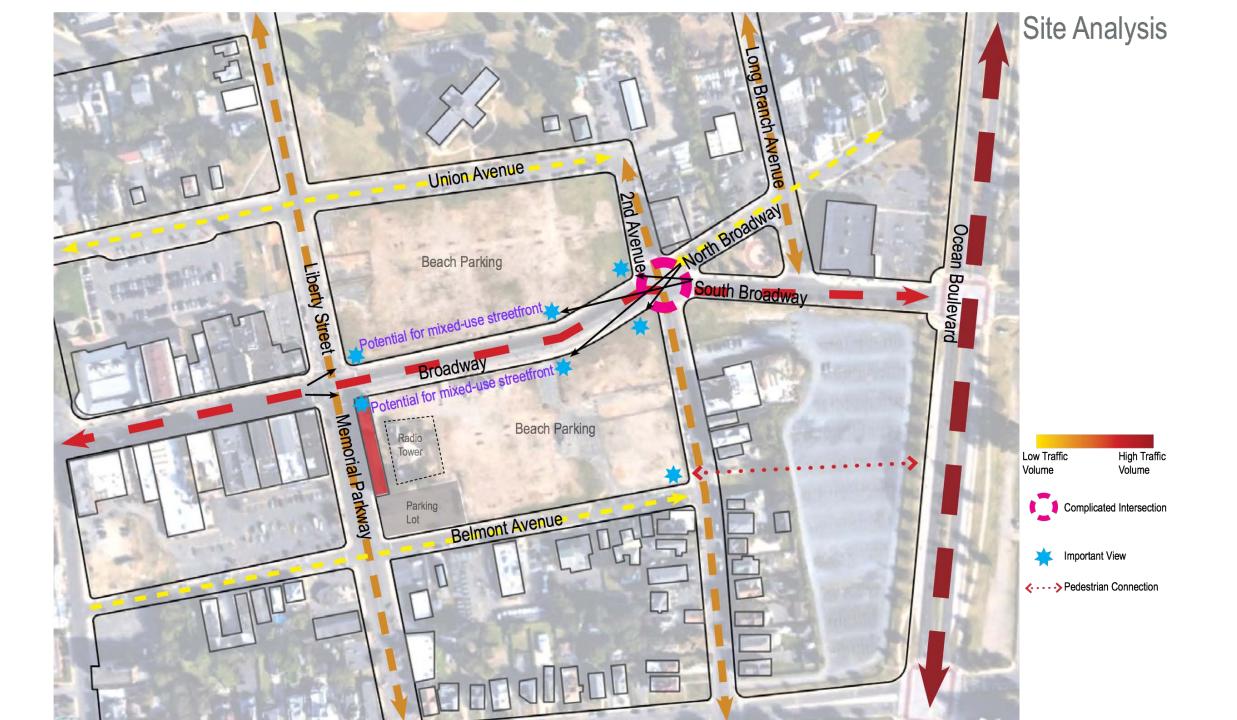
Site Now















Values: Waterfront for Tourists





## Program Goals

- To begin the revitalization of the downtown while maintaining the affordability of the area
- To bring local jobs to the residents of Long Branch by creating a live-work environment
- To create an "all year-round" destination for those who live in the surrounding area.















