

## Best Places to live in NY

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### Ask a broker: CORE Senior Vice President Doug Bowen

CORE's Doug Bowen was a movie set builder — he even worked on the blockbuster hit “Titanic” — before he turned to real estate. He tells Voyeur about a part of Brooklyn you might not know about:



**What's the next hottest nabe in NYC?** Bedford- Stuyvesant has incredible opportunity. The townhouse stock is of very high quality and the commercial strips are beginning to pick up traction. The investment numbers remind me of when I was buying buildings north of Myrtle Ave. in Fort Greene/Clinton Hill at the turn of the millennium.

**Personal motto or favorite -saying?** Do not fear the reaper, just pay him!

**What part of business do you love most?** The deal-making part! It's more art than science. I like to think of it as “sculpting” each deal.



**Neighborhood you could live without?** I know that it is a borough, but can we just jettison Staten Island altogether? Is that mean?

**Neighborhood you could NOT live without?** Wallabout. Heard of it? It is the latest landmarked district in Brooklyn near the Navy Yard, north of Myrtle Ave. I live there and helped to shape this historic district. I am officially a Walloon, which just sounds cool.

**In which era in NYC history would you want to be selling or living?** I would have loved living in the West Village during the turn of the 20th century when the row houses (today's townhouses) were transitioning from single-family homes to multifamily residences. The original bohemians of this time required more affordable living circumstances, and these shared living quarters necessarily caused a very vibrant, visceral and artistic culture.