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Abstract

New York City’s East New York Neighborhood Plan was first released in 2016 and updated in 2017. The Plan’s 2017 update calls for a subset of the East New York community to be enrolled in the SolarizeNYC Program. This Program brings together local businesses and residents and connects them with the tools needed to install solar energy systems, including financial assistance, permitting guidance, and more. Per the 2017 update to the Plan, leaders in the neighborhood are to take the initiative on enrolling members of the community.

Resource

See separate PDF below.



East New York Neighborhood Plan: Progress Report

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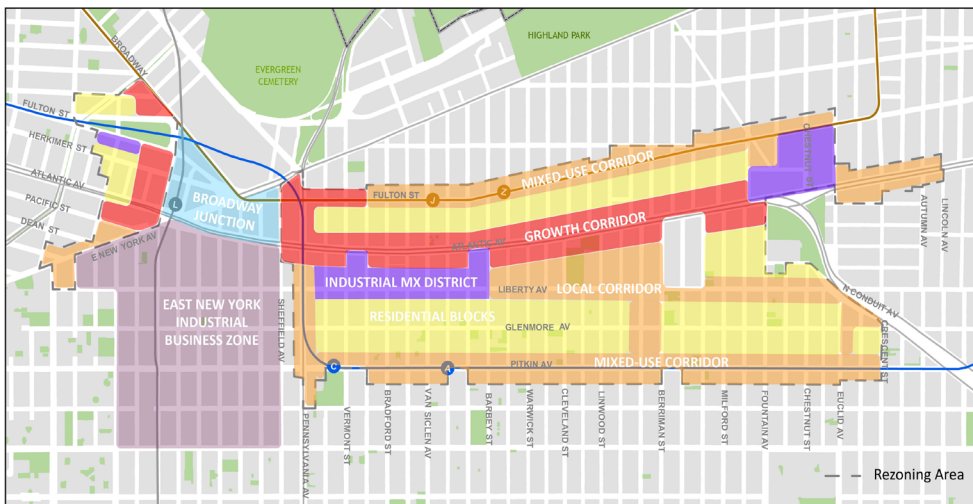
Background

The East New York Neighborhood Plan is a comprehensive plan to promote affordable housing preservation and development, encourage economic development, create pedestrian-friendly streets, and invest in community resources to support the long-term growth and sustainability of East New York, Cypress Hills, and Ocean Hill. The Plan was developed through a robust community planning process, close collaboration with residents, stakeholders and elected officials.

Mayor Bill de Blasio, City Council Member Rafael L. Espinal, and the Mayor’s Office of Operations have published a list of commitments made as part of the East New York Neighborhood Plan and rezoning. The list, available [here](#), is the basis for the following Progress Report, which allows community members and leaders to track commitments made at the time the rezoning was adopted. Progress reports on these commitments will be published annually, consistent with the administration’s commitment to transparency and good government.



East New York Neighborhood Plan Framework



- **Growth Corridor**
Allow mixed-use growth with new affordable and mixed-income housing, retail, businesses and community facilities
- **Mixed-Use Corridor**
Allow moderate density development with new affordable and mixed-income housing, retail, businesses and community facilities near transit
- **Residential Areas**
Preserve existing low-rise character of side streets by continuing to allow low-scale homes and rowhouses
- **Industrial Mixed-Use District**
Allow moderate density industrial, commercial and residential development
- **ENY Industrial Business Zone (IBZ)**
Support business and job growth in the ENY IBZ and conduct study of land use and zoning
- **Broadway Junction**
Develop a long-term plan for mixed-use development at this regional transit hub

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Reporting

Issue annual progress reports on local affordable housing development and preservation

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2017–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD

The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) is continuing its commitment to the preservation and new construction of affordable housing in East New York. Between April 2016 and March 2017, HPD financed the construction and preservation of 1,076 affordable homes in Brooklyn Community District 5, including 984 rental units and 92 homeownership units. This includes 324 preserved units and 752 newly constructed units, integrated with approximately 61,000 square feet of new retail and community facility space. About 90 percent of these units serve households earning less than 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).

Please refer to the table in the appendix for a list of projects and relevant details. Several other new construction and preservation projects are currently in the pipeline, and HPD will continue to share projects for which it has closed financing each year in conjunction with the annual reports.

HOUSING UNITS STARTED IN BROOKLYN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 5*		April 2016– March 2017
Total starts (new construction and preservation)		1,076
New construction starts		752
Preservation starts		324
Total starts (new construction and preservation) by income band	Extremely low income (0-30% AMI)	92
	Very low income (31-50% AMI)	306
	Low income (51-80% AMI)	559
	Moderate income (81-120% AMI)	60
	Middle income (121-165% AMI)	54
	Other units (includes units for building superintendents)	5
Rental starts		984
Homeownership starts		92
Retail/commercial uses (square footage)		54,700 sqft
Community uses (square footage)		6,200 sqft

*Future reports will indicate projects located in the rezoning area

Publish demographic and housing analyses to evaluate neighborhood change and determine whether policy changes are needed

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2018–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD

HPD partners with the United States Census Bureau to conduct the New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey (NYCHVS) every three years. The NYCHVS is used to measure the rental vacancy rate and housing stock for the five boroughs of New York City. Survey data in the NYCHVS include regulatory and homeownership status; unit, building, and neighborhood conditions; rents, utility costs, employment, and income; and much more information about housing and households in New York City. Data collection was recently completed for the 2017 NYCHVS. In 2018, and every three years thereafter, HPD will use the most recent Housing and Vacancy Survey data to describe changing demographic characteristics and affordable housing needs in the community, including comparisons of household incomes, regulatory status of housing, rental housing costs, property values, and housing quality.

HOUSING & VACANCY SURVEY

2017

Every three years, HPD and the U.S. Census Bureau conduct the New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey (HVS) to help secure better, more affordable, and safer housing for millions of New Yorkers

The HVS is done by New Yorkers, for New Yorkers. Each household surveyed represents 170 other households, so if selected, make your home count! Your participation matters, for you, your neighbors, and the future of NYC.

Preserve Affordable Housing

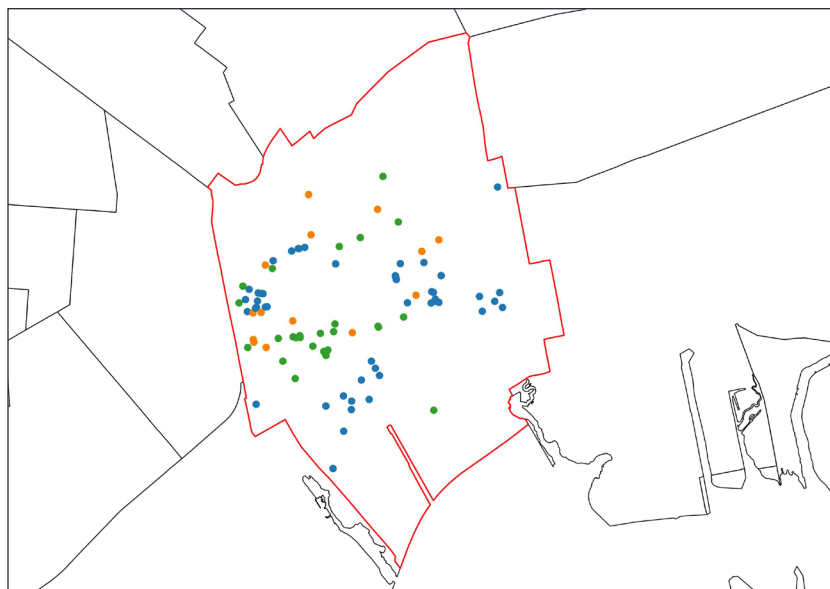
Launch Community Retrofit NYC to boost participation in the Green Housing Preservation Program

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2016–2019
AGENCY	MOS/HPD

On Earth Day 2016, the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability and HPD launched Community Retrofit NYC to support small and mid-sized multifamily building owners in Central/East Brooklyn and Southern Queens in pursuing energy and water upgrades. The team works with owners of five- to 50-unit buildings through every step of a retrofit process, from identifying opportunities for savings and connecting owners to incentives and financing such as HPD’s Green Housing Preservation Program (GHPP), to helping select a contractor for a project. Since its launch, Community Retrofit NYC has engaged over 300 building owners and initiated or completed retrofits in over 200 buildings citywide. This has reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to taking over 50 cars off the street annually.

Of those owners engaged with the program, nearly 40 are building owners in East New York, representing nearly 225 housing units. The Community Retrofit NYC team has met with East New York’s local clergy, community-based organizations such as Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation (LDC) and National Housing Services (NHS) Brooklyn, and elected officials in order to connect with building owners in need of these services. In the coming two years, the program will work with local leaders to hold events, conduct targeted canvassing, and use mailings and newsletters to reach new building owners and help them lower utility costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and preserve affordability through HPD’s GHPP financing.

Community District 5 Buildings Assisted by NYC Green Building Programs



- **Community Retrofit NYC** is one of the City’s programs aimed at supporting building owners and decision-makers to implement energy and water retrofits and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **NYC Retrofit Accelerator** provides similar advisory services to large buildings and affordable housing citywide
- **NYC Carbon Challenge** is the City’s voluntary leadership program for companies and institutions working to achieve a 30 to 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Citywide, these programs are working with nearly 8,000 buildings that account for over 10% of city’s building area.

Finance the rehabilitation of existing housing to preserve affordability

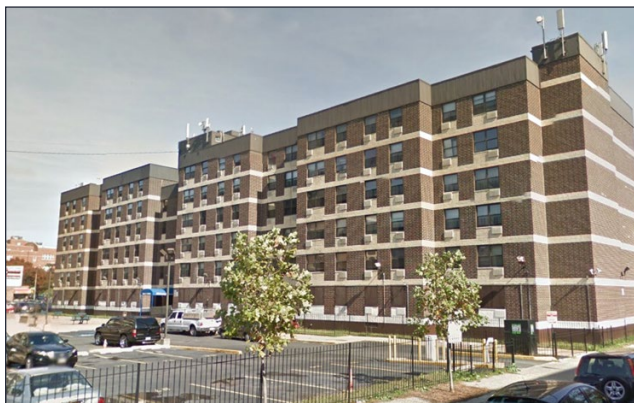
STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	Ongoing
AGENCY	HPD

Between April 2016 and March 2017, HPD financed the preservation of 322 affordable homes in Brooklyn Community District 5, 144 of which serve households earning extremely low and very low incomes (less than 50% of AMI). These buildings are undergoing various repairs and rehabilitation work, including kitchen and bathroom upgrades, energy efficiency retrofits, façade improvements, and more.

HPD continues to work with property owners in East New York with regulatory agreements that may be expiring, and proactively reaches out to building owners who could benefit from HPD’s loan programs and tax benefits to make repairs and preserve affordability. Between April 2016 and March 2017, this outreach included events, mailings, emails, and calls to owners of physically distressed properties, owners of HUD 202 buildings, owners with expiring or recently expired J51 tax benefits, owners of Low Income Housing Tax Credit properties, and owners of buildings on or at risk of being on the tax lien sale. These targeted efforts reached 293 multifamily buildings in Brooklyn Community District 5 with a total of more than 3,000 rental units. Going forward, HPD will schedule annual meetings with Council Member Espinal to discuss recent preservation activities and opportunities in East New York.

HPD, in partnership with Enterprise Community Partners, will pilot a Landlord Ambassadors Program to contract with community-based organizations to conduct outreach and help private multifamily building owners with navigate HPD financing programs and access resources needed to close on, construct, and operate their properties. HPD has selected Mutual Housing Association of New York (MHANY) as the nonprofit contractor to serve the Central/East Brooklyn area, including East New York.

Lastly, with support from the City, the NYU Furman Center has created CoreData.nyc, a new tool to enable community organizations, residents, and elected officials to find information on government subsidized housing, including projected expiration of affordability restrictions. This resource facilitates improved coordination between the City and elected officials on extending the affordability of these properties.



Grace Towers, 168 units of affordable housing for low income households, that was preserved in June 2016. Rehabilitation is under way.

Continue to identify and remediate housing quality issues

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	Ongoing
AGENCY	HPD

HPD’s Office of Enforcement and Neighborhood Services (OENS) responds to resident complaints and referrals in East New York to identify and remediate problems with the quality or safety of buildings. From July 2016 through March 2017 in Brooklyn Community District 5, OENS conducted 17,717 inspections, issued 13,314 violations, and worked with owners to remedy 11,357 violations. HPD spent nearly \$650,000 in emergency repair work, which was subsequently billed to the building owners.

There are also 64 area buildings in HPD’s Alternative Enforcement Program, which identifies the 250 most distressed multiple dwellings citywide each year. Through the program, HPD has spent \$200,000 making repairs and replacing building systems in Brooklyn Community District 5 between July 2016 and March 2017. Additionally, HPD’s Housing Litigation Division is currently involved in 318 Housing Court cases in the area, including 57 comprehensive cases brought by HPD to enforce compliance with housing quality standards.

Build New Affordable Housing

Break ground on 1,200 units of affordable housing. Possible sites include Phipps Site, Dinsmore-Chestnut, Christopher-Glenmore, NIHOP and NCP clusters

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2018
AGENCY	HPD

Between April 2016 and March 2017, HPD financed the construction of 752 new units of affordable housing throughout Brooklyn Community District 5. This includes homeownership opportunities for first-time buyers and 639 new rental units through the Extremely Low and Low Income Affordability program.

In addition, HPD is moving forward on financing the development of deeply affordable housing on publicly and privately-owned sites in and around the immediate rezoning area, including the following key sites.

- **Phipps Site, formerly Chloe Foods (private, in predevelopment)** – The former Chloe Foods facility is controlled by the nonprofit affordable housing developer Phipps Houses, which has committed to developing approximately 900 affordable units serving the incomes described in the table on the following page. Phase I, which includes approximately 400 affordable apartments and ground-floor retail/community facility space, is anticipated to close in 2018.
- **Dinsmore-Chestnut (public, RFP submissions under review)** – On June 19 and June 23, 2016, HPD convened two interactive community visioning workshops to gather public input for the future development of new affordable housing, neighborhood amenities, and a new 1,000-seat public school and community school yard on the publicly-owned Dinsmore-Chestnut site. Results from the workshop and additional feedback received through emails and a paper/online questionnaire are summarized in a report available on HPD’s website (nyc.gov/dinsmore-chestnut). The Request for Proposal (RFP) for this site, which is projected to facilitate the creation of about 200 units of affordable housing, was issued in December 2016. Developers were encouraged to consult the community visioning report in developing their proposals, which were submitted in March 2017 and are currently under review.
- **Christopher-Glenmore (public, RFP in development)** – The comprehensive neighborhood planning process in Brownsville that began in Summer 2016 included community visioning for the Christopher-Glenmore site RFP. [The Brownsville Plan](#) was released on June 1, 2017, and a subsequent RFP will ensure that proposals address the community goals and priorities outlined in the plan. Approximately 100 affordable units are expected to be created on this site.
- **NIHOP and NCP clusters (public, RFP submissions under review)** – Submissions are currently under review with anticipated designation in Summer 2017. The clusters contain about 125 units of affordable homeownership and rental units.

HPD will only finance buildings that are 100% affordable and target low and extremely low incomes

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2024
AGENCY	HPD

HPD continues to only finance buildings that are 100 percent affordable in East New York. The East New York projects whose finances have closed and/or are in the pipeline primarily target low and extremely low income households and include affordable housing for formerly homeless households. HPD remains committed to maximizing the number of units it finances at the deepest affordability levels on public sites in the East New York rezoning area, including on the Dinsmore-Chestnut site, as outlined in the chart below:

Income Limit (of AMI)	AFFORDABILITY COMMITMENTS		
	Private Sites	Public Sites:	
		NCP Clusters	Dinsmore-Chestnut, Christopher-Glenmore
Up to 30%	10%	15%	15%
31-40%	15%	20%	20%
41-50%	15%	10%	15%
51-60%	40-60%	35-55%	30-50%
61-90%	Up to 20%	Up to 20%	Up to 20%

Private Sites: Includes the Phipps Houses Site (900 units) and any development on private sites within the East New York Rezoning area during the term of the Housing New York Plan (end of 2024)

Public Sites: NCP Clusters: 80 units; Dinsmore-Chestnut site: 200 units; Christopher-Glenmore site: 100 units



Study the feasibility of affordable housing development on the Grant Avenue municipal parking lot

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2017
AGENCY	DOT/HPD

The City continues to explore the feasibility and appropriateness of other public sites for affordable housing development. The Grant Avenue Municipal Parking Field is currently operated by the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) as an active municipal surface parking lot with 203 spaces adjacent to the Grant Avenue subway station on the IND line (A train) in East New York. HPD began conducting a feasibility analysis of the site for affordable housing at the end of 2016 and higher level coordination with both DOT and MTA is currently underway. The subway runs underneath a significant portion of the site and poses formidable engineering constraints, which require further analysis to understand development feasibility and the potential costs associated with building above and/or adjacent to the subway line. HPD will continue working with DOT and MTA in order to determine the development feasibility and potential project timeline by the end of 2017.

Support Homeowners

Market loans and grant funding to ENY low-income homeowners for critical repairs

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD

HPD continues to work with its partners to provide loan programs to help low-income homeowners in East New York maintain ownership and make critical repairs to their buildings. Since April 2016, \$109,212 was distributed to four low-income homeowners in Brooklyn Community District 5 through the Senior Citizen Home Assistance Program (SCHAP) and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) Revolving Loan Fund to assist with financing repairs. The two low-income senior households in East New York received a total of \$58,745 through the SCHAP program to complete roof installation, plumbing repairs, electrical repairs, door and window replacements, basement water penetration fixes, boiler replacement, and other repairs.

HPD and its partner NHS worked with Council Member Espinal to coordinate marketing strategies for these loan programs in East New York. Since April 2016, NHS has facilitated four workshops/forums that included 213 participants; provided six presentations to Community Board 5, block/civic associations, and churches; counseled 43 residents at Council Member Inez Barron’s office on foreclosure intervention, insurance, and home repair; and facilitated three seminars/workshops in East New York. NHS initiated a partnership with the East New York Restoration LDC and plans additional outreach in the neighborhood. In addition, HPD, in partnership with the Center for New York City Neighborhoods (the Center), launched the East New York Homeowner Help Desk to connect homeowners to these financial resources (see the next section for details).



Small homes in East New York (photo courtesy of Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation)

Launch an ENY Homeowner Helpdesk to connect homeowners to free financial and legal counseling

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	2016–2017
AGENCY	HPD

In January 2017, the Center began the East New York Homeowner Help Desk in partnership with Council Member Espinal. The Help Desk officially launched in February 2017 at the Cypress Hills Community School / PS 89 and is staffed by local nonprofit partners Brooklyn Legal Services Corp A, Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation, and MHANY Management.

As of April 2017, the Homeowner Help Desk has reached out to over 3,000 East New York residents through a combination of methods, including door-knocking, phone calls, targeted mailings, community events, workshops, and presentations. So far, the Help Desk’s partners have educated over 1,000 neighborhood residents and provided housing or legal advice to about 280 homeowners on topics including foreclosure prevention, home repairs, tax exemptions, weatherization loans, and information about avoiding scams.



To learn more about the Homeowner Help Desk, please call the Homeowner Hub— the Center’s professionally staffed homeowner hotline—at (646) 786-0888.

Additionally, Cypress Hills LDC maintains a brick-and-mortar Help Desk location at 3214 Fulton Street which is open Monday through Thursday 10am-4pm and evenings by appointment.

Study the feasibility of a basement legalization pilot program

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD/City Hall

A multi-agency working group, including HPD, the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB), the NYC Fire Department (FDNY), and the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP), working with Council Member Espinal and multiple community-based organizations in East New York, began meeting in the Summer 2016 to study the feasibility of a basement legalization pilot program in East New York. This working group is supplementing the feasibility analysis by conducting targeted meetings with community groups, experts, and City staff.

As a result of the working group's efforts to date, the City now has several data products that aid in the feasibility analysis. Based on analysis from DCP, the City has identified properties where the existing zoning would allow for an additional dwelling unit. In addition, the community partners provided sample data on homeowner demographics and the physical housing stock by surveying homeowners and producing schematics of their basements and cellars. The interagency working group is using these schematics as examples for potential legal conversions and to better understand the real-world regulatory and financial barriers of legalizing these units.

Over the coming months, the working group will continue to identify barriers, propose solutions, and assess the feasibility of the program. Recommendations are anticipated to be issued at the end of Summer 2017.

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Support local organizations in effort to establish a Cease and Desist Zone to protect homeowners from unwanted solicitation

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD/City Hall

HPD is actively supporting local efforts to persuade the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) to establish a Cease and Desist Zone in East New York. As background, NYSDOS is authorized to designate a neighborhood as a Cease and Desist Zone in order to protect enrolled homeowners from aggressive solicitations from real estate brokers and salespersons. At the request of the Coalition for Community Advancement, State Senators Martin M. Dilan and Roxanne Persaud jointly sent a letter to the NYS Secretary of State requesting that Brooklyn Community District 5 be designated as a Cease and Desist Zone. The Coalition for Community Advancement will be conducting a community-wide campaign to collect evidence of homeowner harassment to provide to the NYSDOS which requested evidence before initiating formal proceedings. Homeowners can drop off examples of mail solicitations at the offices of United Community Centers of East New York and Cypress Hills LDC, and/or can use a homeowner harassment log to report when they have been called, visited in person or received text messages. HPD has offered to support with supplementary outreach to help collect evidence, expert testimony at public hearings to establish the zone, and assistance in educating homeowners about the zone and how to sign up for the do-not-call list if and when it is approved.

Provide Permanent Stable Housing

Dedicate rental assistance to help move 500 families out of shelters and into stable, affordable housing

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	HRA/HPD

From April 2016 through March 2017, 206 homeless families and individuals displaced from East New York* moved into permanent housing with the support of the Living in Communities (LINC), CITYFEPS Rent Supplement (CITYFEPS), and Special Exit and Prevention Supplement (SEPS) rental assistance programs. Of these families and individuals, 34 moved back to East New York with this rental assistance. The City created LINC, CITYFEPS, and SEPS to help homeless families and individuals move from temporary shelters back to their communities by paying part of their rent. The NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) is dedicating resources from these programs to help 500 homeless families and individuals displaced from East New York and living in shelters move back into the neighborhood if they so choose.

When taking into consideration all housing assistance programs, including Section 8, NYCHA, NY/NY supportive housing, and enhanced one-shot deals, the number of homeless families and individuals from East New York who moved into permanent housing rises to 533, with 73 having moved back to East New York.

HPD continues to incentivize, and in many cases require, developers to set aside units for formerly homeless households in new affordable housing buildings being built in East New York. For example, HPD’s new Our Space Initiative funds the construction of rental units affordable to formerly homeless households who earn less than 30% of the AMI. HPD also recently released revised ELLA and Mix & Match new construction term sheets to ensure that projects financed under these programs include at least 10 percent of units for formerly homeless households.

*East New York defined as zip codes 11207 and 11208

Quick Guide to Affordable Housing Rental Subsidy Programs		
PROGRAM		DESCRIPTION
LINC	Living in Communities	For families and single adults living in shelter; priority is given to those that have lived in shelters the longest
CITYFEPS	Family Eviction Prevention Supplement	For families with children in shelter or at risk of becoming homeless
SEPS	Special Exit and Prevention Supplement	For individual adults and adult families (without children) in shelter or at risk of becoming homeless

Transition Hector’s Court shelter and shelter units at 1801 Pitkin Ave and 247 Vermont Ave out of operation

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	FY16–FY17
AGENCY	HRA

In East New York, the City closed the Hector’s Court shelter in December 2016 and the cluster shelter units at 1801 Pitkin Avenue and 247 Vermont Avenue in February 2017. The City is working with the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal to ensure the former cluster units are registered as rent stabilized, where appropriate.

HPD will reach out to the owners of 1801 Pitkin Avenue and 247 Vermont Avenue to let them know about the loans and tax incentives available to improve the quality and physical condition of their properties and keep apartments affordable for existing tenants.

Protect Tenants

Continue to provide free legal representation to tenants experiencing harassment

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2015–ongoing
AGENCY	HRA/HPD

Between March 2015 and April 2017, the City provided free legal assistance to 1,958 households in East New York.* Undocumented families are also able to access these services, and the City’s Tenant Support Unit continues to canvass the neighborhood to ensure that residents are aware of these services. As part of its commitment to provide universal access to legal help for tenants facing eviction in Housing Court, the City will fund legal assistance in East New York for no less than five years to ensure that adequate legal resources are in place.

As part of the City’s efforts to reduce unlawful evictions and prevent displacement, the FY18 Executive Budget includes a total of \$77 million for anti-eviction and anti-harassment tenant legal services. This baseline funding includes \$36 million for free legal assistance for low-income tenants in rezoned neighborhoods facing eviction or harassment and \$41 million for anti-eviction legal services citywide. In February 2017, the Mayor and Council Speaker committed to fund universal access to eviction defense services for tenants in Housing Court, to be implemented over five years starting in July 2017. The FY18 Executive Budget’s \$41 million for anti-eviction legal services citywide includes \$15 million for the first phase of the universal access to counsel program.

The interagency, multi-jurisdictional Tenant Harassment Task Force continues to investigate and bring enforcement actions—including criminal charges—against landlords who harass tenants. To submit harassment complaints, email the Task Force at thpt@hpd.nyc.gov and include relevant building information, including address, owner, and details of harassment.

*East New York defined as zip codes 11207 and 11208



For harassment complaints or for more information on legal services, call 311.

Continue to proactively engage tenants to report housing quality issues

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2015–ongoing
AGENCY	PEU-TSU

Between July 2015 and April 2017, the City’s Tenant Support Unit (TSU) specialists knocked on 16,414 doors and opened 533 cases in East New York.* As part of their efforts in East New York, specialists made 5,688 case management calls and closed 397 cases. Cases involve repairs, assistance applying for NYC Rent Freeze programs and HRA’s emergency assistance (rent arrears), and referrals to legal service providers that keep East New York tenants in their homes. Through its targeted engagement efforts and individualized case management approach, TSU assisted a total of 1,270 tenants in East New York.



TSU, which is part of the the Mayor’s Public Engagement Unit (PEU), helps low-income New Yorkers across the City stay in their homes, with a focus on tenants in neighborhoods undergoing rezoning. The unit partners closely with elected officials, community-based organizations, and City agencies to directly engage communities across all five boroughs. TSU outreach specialists go door-to-door informing tenants of their rights, identifying any housing-related issues, and connecting tenants with a range of resources including free anti-eviction legal assistance.

*East New York defined as zip codes 11207 and 11208

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Strengthen Commercial Corridors

Conduct a commercial district needs assessment of ENY retail corridors

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	2016
AGENCY	SBS

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) worked in partnership with the Cypress Hills LDC, the LDC of East New York, and the Highland Park CDC to conduct a Neighborhood 360° Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA) of the Fulton Street, Atlantic Avenue, Liberty Avenue, and Pitkin Avenue commercial corridors. The CDNA, conducted between December 2015 and May 2016, highlights East New York’s business landscape and consumer characteristics to help SBS and its partners better understand the needs of local commercial corridors.



In October 2016, SBS published the results of the assessment, which can be found at nyc.gov/neighborhood360. The results, based on 239 surveys and various stakeholder meetings with neighborhood merchants, shoppers, workers, property owners, and residents, provide insight into existing conditions, business data, and opportunities for improvement. The CDNA will help SBS determine how it prioritizes local investments and serve as an informational and marketing resource for the neighborhood. Its findings informed how SBS awarded competitive Neighborhood 360° grant funding to nonprofits for commercial revitalization services in East New York.

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Complete streetscape enhancement projects along commercial corridors

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2017–ongoing
AGENCY	SBS

A portion of Neighborhood 360° grant funding to the Cypress Hills LDC and the LDC of East New York will cover streetscape enhancements that create a cleaner, more inviting environment for local businesses and the people they serve. These upgrades, which will be completed between 2017 and 2020, will include improved sanitation, new sidewalk planters and garbage bins, and banners and neighborhood events that promote small businesses.

SBS will use the East New York CDNA and input from Neighborhood 360° grantees to guide additional streetscape improvements for neighborhood commercial corridors.

Award competitive funding to nonprofits for commercial revitalization services

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	2016–2020
AGENCY	SBS

SBS launched Neighborhood 360° Grants to support projects that strengthen and revitalize streets, small businesses, and community-based organizations. Neighborhood 360° Grants will help organizations execute high-quality commercial revitalization projects by providing dedicated funding for personnel and programming.

In March 2017, SBS announced recipients of Neighborhood 360° grants. The Cypress Hills LDC and the LDC of East New York received \$1.47 million in funding to implement commercial revitalization projects in East New York over three years. Year one projects will include street cleaning services, banner and planter installations, business support workshops, shop local events, merchant organizing, cultural programming, and other quality-of-life enhancements.

In addition to receiving Neighborhood 360° grant funding, the Cypress Hills LDC was awarded a NYC Commercial Corridor Challenge grant from Local Initiatives Support Coalition and Citi Community Development to make further early-action improvements to Fulton Street’s businesses and streetscape.



SBS’ Neighborhood 360° program will help to revitalize Fulton Street (pictured above) and other key commercial corridors

Support Small Businesses

Launch an East New York-based business training course

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	SBS

In March 2016, SBS launched its first FastTrac GrowthVenture business course in East New York to help neighborhood business owners strategically sustain and grow their businesses. Created with support from the Cypress Hills LDC, this free eight-week business development program is designed to help East New York businesses access capital, identify growth opportunities, build sales strategies, improve financial performance, and adapt to changes in the market. Participants can focus either on improving their existing businesses or cultivating their ideas for a new business. The course consists of sessions facilitated by certified professors who run their own businesses, and includes small-group exercises, expert guest speakers, and business coaching and mentoring. There were 10 participants in the first course.

In addition to this course, SBS held three workshops in East New York on topics including commercial landlord harassment, going digital, and marketing 101.



Pilot a Neighborhood Retail Preservation program requiring subsidized new development to include discounted space for local businesses

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD/SBS

In the East New York rezoning area, the City is piloting a program to require developers to set aside space for neighborhood retail businesses in all RFP sites and sites receiving more than \$2 million in HPD subsidy with at least 10,000 square feet of ground floor retail space. The amount of retail space set aside in each individual project will be the lesser of 20 percent of ground floor retail or 5,000 square feet of total space, and rents would be set initially at 30 percent below market.

HPD issued the Dinsmore-Chestnut RFP to include a requirement for discounted retail space in the ground floor. HPD will continue to work with developers of mixed-use affordable housing projects in the East New York rezoning area to incorporate the requirements of this pilot program into more projects. HPD is developing eligibility criteria for businesses that might be potential tenants for these spaces as they become available. HPD will encourage developers to work with Neighborhood 360° partners in East New York to find businesses interested in becoming tenants.

Expand opportunities for Minority and Women-owned Businesses (M/WBEs) in the Affordable Housing Development Industry

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD

HPD aims to increase opportunities for M/WBEs to develop affordable housing by providing targeted opportunities to M/WBE firms, encouraging use of M/WBE contractor and sub-contractors, helping build capacity of M/WBE developers, and improving access to capital. As part of these efforts, HPD launched the M/WBE Building Opportunity RFP and designated six sites to M/WBE developers citywide. One of these sites is located in East New York at 461 Alabama Avenue. The project was awarded to CB Emmanuel Realty, which will develop the vacant site into approximately 69 units of affordable housing for low-income and formerly homeless households.

HPD’s new M/WBE Build Up Program requires developers of projects closing after April 1, 2017, to which HPD/HDC contributes \$2 million or more in subsidy, to spend at least a quarter of all HPD/HDC-supported costs on certified M/WBE construction, design, or professional service firms.

HPD’s Building Capacity Workshop series introduces M/WBE and nonprofit developers to best practices in affordable housing development from site selection and project financing to construction and property management. Sabaoth Group, Inc. is an M/WBE developer based in East New York participating in the program.

HPD is working to improve access to capital for M/WBE developers by providing low-cost financing options for site acquisition and predevelopment costs through the New York City Acquisition Fund, which offers flexible bridge loans for the purchase of vacant sites or occupied buildings, predevelopment, and moderate rehabilitation to developers committed to creating or preserving affordable housing.



Increase bidding opportunities for local IBZ businesses in upcoming local real estate projects

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	NYCEDC

In Summer 2016, The NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) attended a “Meet the Developer” event sponsored by the LDC of East New York to provide information on NYCEDC’s robust programs, such as ConstructNYC, to support small, local contractors and subcontractors that are M/W/DBE certified. Through the East New York IBZ Marketing Campaign, NYCEDC is developing new marketing and advertising materials for future “Meet the Developer” events to be used by the LDC of East New York. NYCEDC will also make good faith efforts to procure local East New York IBZ and M/W/DBE subcontractors to complete the \$6 million renovation of the East New York industrial building.

Provide support to small businesses with commercial lease negotiations

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	SBS

In 2016, SBS began providing free commercial lease workshops and clinics to local business owners in East New York in partnership with the LDC of East New York, the East New York Restoration LDC, and the Brooklyn Public Library. These sessions help prepare business owners to enter the lease negotiation process by reviewing the components of commercial leases and sharing strategies for reaching a fair agreement. After gaining a better understanding of lease negotiations, businesses in the process of signing a lease can use SBS’s Legal Assistance services. In East New York, SBS has held four courses that engaged a total of 39 participants.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Training & Jobs

Establish a Workforce1 Career Center in ENY

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	2016
AGENCY	SBS

In November 2016, SBS opened a Workforce1 Career Center at 2619 Atlantic Avenue in East New York. SBS worked with more than 14 local community-based organizations to design a custom suite of services to support East New York jobseekers and employers. The East New York Workforce1 Career Center offers a range of services including intensive interview preparation and individualized career counseling. Since opening its doors, the center has served over 1,750 jobseekers. East New York jobseekers and employers can also access services at any of SBS's 20 Workforce1 Career Centers located throughout the City. Since June 2016, the Workforce1 Center network has connected more than 400 East New York* residents to jobs citywide.



At the East New York Workforce1 Career Center, residents of East New York are also able to connect to the City's newly expanded HireNYC program. HireNYC will allow the City to leverage its economic development investments to connect more New Yorkers to jobs, while helping local businesses find the talent they need.



HireNYC now requires contractors, subcontractors, and developers with a City contract worth at least \$1 million or a housing project that receives at least \$2 million in HPD subsidy post open positions through the Workforce1 system and consider qualified candidates, making it easier for local jobseekers to find good jobs.

*East New York defined as zip codes 11207 and 11208

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Expand local hiring incentives in HPD-financed developments

STATUS	Done with Ongoing Work
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	HPD

In Spring 2016, HPD RFPs for the development of City-owned properties began requiring respondents to demonstrate a plan for outreach to residents of the local community district related to employment opportunities generated by the proposed project. Outreach may include training programs, job placement activities, the applicants' own staffing practices, and/or the applicants' contracting practices on the proposed project. Applicants will be required to comply with their outreach plans and report regularly on outreach activities. HPD included this language in the East New York Dinsmore-Chestnut RFP and will use the outreach plan requirement as one of the criteria to evaluate proposals.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Industrial Business Development

Select IBZ service provider to help IBZ businesses access incentives and navigate government

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	2016
AGENCY	SBS

In 2016, through a competitive process, SBS selected Business Outreach Center Network (BOCNET) to serve as the East New York Industrial Business Services Provider (IBSP).

SBS' eight IBSPs help industrial businesses navigate government and access financing and incentives. The IBSP network also collects real-time data on industrial and manufacturing businesses, allowing the City to refine policies and better respond to the evolving needs of these businesses.

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Renovate the City-owned industrial building to create modern industrial space for six industrial companies

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2019
AGENCY	EDC

NYCEDC is transforming the underused 30,000 square foot City-owned industrial building at Powell Street and Pitkin Avenue into a modern industrial space. The first phase of improvements, limited to the exterior of the building, was originally scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2016. In order to achieve efficiencies of scale and maintain ongoing site operations, NYCEDC combined phases one and two of design and construction and committed \$6 million of City capital funds. The combined project will include both interior and exterior rehabilitation of the building, and will be designed and bid out together. NYCEDC has procured a City- and State-certified M/WBE firm to serve as construction manager for the project. Local stakeholders will be consulted on the project's design, which will begin in Summer 2017. Construction is anticipated to begin in late Summer 2018.



Work with East Brooklyn BID to create a digital marketing campaign to promote IBZ businesses and real estate

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2017
AGENCY	EDC

NYCEDC engaged the East Brooklyn BID in Fall 2016 to inform and develop a digital marketing campaign to highlight East New York IBZ diverse businesses and products. The marketing campaign will include street banners, marketing brochures, and online materials that feature local businesses, as well as the unique assets and opportunities that the East New York IBZ offers as a place to do business. The campaign launch has been postponed to Fall 2017 to allow more time for input from local businesses and the East Brooklyn BID.



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Bring affordable high-speed broadband to businesses in the IBZ

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2017–2020
AGENCY	DOITT

The NYC Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) has requested that Cablevision/Altice, pursuant to a requirement in its franchise agreement, bring service to currently unserved non-residential buildings in the East New York IBZ. It is expected that the addition of this infrastructure will improve options for IBZ businesses in search of fast, reliable cable or cable-related services, such as internet and phone. Cablevision/Altice will work with the local business community to identify potential customers and deliver expanded service. It is anticipated that Cablevision/Altice will begin design and construction by the fourth quarter of 2017.

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Activate publicly-owned sites with job generating uses through strategic property dispositions

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	EDC

NYCEDC continues to work with City agencies to consolidate the City's footprint in the East New York IBZ, leasing or disposing of City-owned properties, in order to promote job generating uses and development of new industrial space.

Assist IBZ businesses and property owners to adopt solar energy

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	MOS/NYCEDC

In Spring 2016, NYCEDC partnered with the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability to launch SolarizeNYC, which offers short-term, community-led initiatives to bring together groups of potential solar customers through widespread outreach and community education. The program will run on a biannual basis for the next 10 years. CUNY has started conversations with local East New York leaders and stakeholders to identify an interested subset of the East New York community to enroll in the program. Once this group is identified, SolarizeNYC can be tailored to meet the unique needs of East New York residents and businesses while increasing the community’s access to solar.



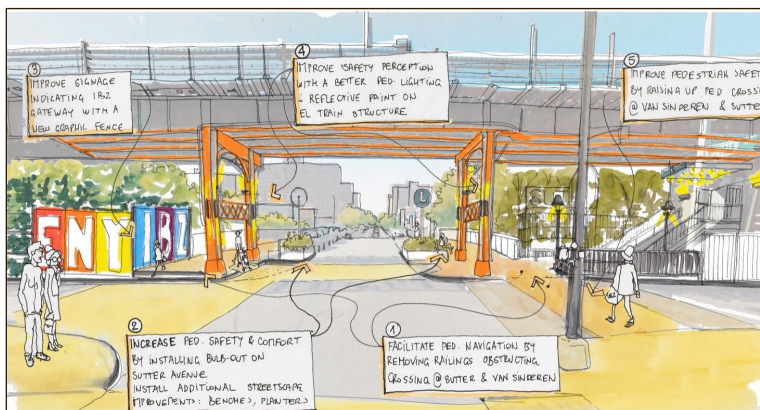
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Improve connectivity and streetscape in and around the IBZ

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2017–2020
AGENCY	DOT

DOT will improve lighting and accessibility along Van Sinderen Avenue between East New York Avenue and Sutter Avenue. DOT will also construct safety and accessibility improvements at the intersection of Van Sinderen Avenue and Sutter Avenue, improving the streetscape around the Sutter Avenue L train station.

DOT completed scoping the IBZ streetscape project in April 2017 and expects to begin the design process in Summer 2017. In Fall 2017, DOT and NYCEDC will coordinate an outreach effort to various community stakeholders.



Streetscape improvements around the Sutter Avenue L station will improve connectivity and pedestrian safety.

Work with local partners to develop new industrial space

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	NYCEDC

In Spring 2016, NYCEDC announced the Industrial Developer Fund, a unique toolkit of financing solutions for nonprofit and for-profit industrial developers with the aim of creating new and modernized industrial space in the City. NYCEDC is currently accepting proposals from nonprofit and for-profit industrial developers on a rolling basis. NYCEDC has held one-on-one information sessions on the Fund with East New York stakeholders, including elected officials, Community Boards 5 and 16, local development corporations, and other community-based organizations and businesses. NYCEDC has not yet received applications for projects in the East New York IBZ, but will continue to proactively seek development opportunities here.

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Improve the public realm through expanded area-wide maintenance for the IBZ and the installation of banners

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–ongoing
AGENCY	NYCEDC

NYCEDC provides regular sanitation and graffiti removal services through the Graffiti-Free NYC program, in partnership with the Department of Sanitation and Office of the Mayor. In Fiscal Year 2016, NYCEDC removed 330 yards of street debris and 90 yards of debris from vacant lots in the East New York IBZ through the Area Maintenance Program. NYCEDC cleaned 153 properties in zip codes 11207 and 11212 through the Graffiti Free NYC Program between April 2016 and April 2017. As part of the IBZ marketing campaign, NYCEDC and the East Brooklyn BID are developing new marketing material, including street banners, to be implemented by late 2017.



Broadway Junction

Conduct a study to identify opportunities to bring regional-scale uses to Broadway Junction

Conduct a land use study of the IBZ to identify opportunities to densify industrial uses along key corridors

STATUS	Not Started
TIMELINE	2017–2020
AGENCY	DCP/NYCEDC

The City is currently exploring new models for innovation districts to support 21st century businesses and jobs, with opportunities for a mix of light industrial, commercial, and residential uses. DCP is also developing new tools to support economic development within the City’s IBZs and areas zoned for manufacturing use, including new special permits for self-storage facilities and hotels. These proposed regulations will be entering public review over the next year and could be adopted in 2018.

Once these new policies are in place, DCP and NYCEDC will begin a land use study to drive industrial and commercial business and job growth in the IBZ. This study will help to identify strategies to transform the area around the Broadway Junction transit hub into a center of economic activity. DCP and NYCEDC will engage local business owners, community leaders, elected officials and other stakeholders throughout the course of the study. Preliminary stakeholder outreach is anticipated to begin by the end of 2017.



Broadway Junction is a major transit hub served by three train lines, numerous bus routes, and the Long Island Rail Road.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

School & Childcare Capacity

Build a new 1,000 seat school

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2017–2020
AGENCY	SCA

The NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) will construct a new 1,000 seat school in School District 19 to alleviate school overcrowding and support a growing population. The City plans to build the school and schoolyard on part of the Dinsmore-Chestnut development site, a vacant piece of land bounded by Atlantic Avenue, Chestnut Street, and Dinsmore Place. The vision for the site also includes affordable housing, retail space, and community facilities.

Community Board 5 and the School District 19 Community Education Council (CEC) hosted a public hearing on January 10, 2017 and a subsequent meeting on February 15, 2017 on the selection of the Dinsmore-Chestnut site for the new school. At these events SCA presented information on the site and answered community questions and concerns, and currently SCA is developing a design for the school. SCA has actively engaged key stakeholders during the design process, sharing its progress with Council Member Espinal on multiple occasions, hosting District 19 superintendent Dr. Thomas McBryde to review the design, and presenting design plans to the District 19 CEC at a public meeting on April 26, 2017. On May 24, 2017, the City Council approved the Dinsmore-Chestnut site for the new school, and in the coming months SCA will complete the design.

The new school, which is scheduled to open in September 2020, will have a playground that is open to the public during non-school hours and will meet SCA's Green Schools Guide for sustainability.



New school main entrance (rendering)

Make improvements to existing school facilities

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2020
AGENCY	SCA

As part of the East New York Neighborhood Plan, the City will fund improvements to local schools. Council Member Espinal worked with the Administration to create 46 projects in 26 schools. Of all 46 school improvement projects, 26 involve construction and 20 involve technology purchases. Construction projects include library upgrades at PS 155 and William Maxwell Vocational High School, a renovated dance studio at Brooklyn Landmark Elementary School, and auditorium and playground updates at PS 158. SCA will complete the design for 16 of the construction projects by Summer 2017 and expects to begin construction in Fall 2017. The other 10 construction projects require more extensive review and discussion with the schools to ensure that the scopes of these projects are within the allocated budget. SCA is finishing the scoping phase for these projects and will complete all 46 projects by 2020.

The City is also working to remove transportable classroom units (TCUs), known as trailers, across the city. In East New York, the City removed one trailer at PS 290 in January 2017 and three trailers at IS 302 in April 2017, and is in the process of removing seven trailers at PS 214.



Support the construction of a new child care center in East New York

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	2017
AGENCY	City Hall/ACS

In the Fiscal Year 2017 Executive Budget, the City Council allocated \$2.8 million in capital funding for the construction of a new child care center in East New York.

The Cypress Hills Child Care Corporation (CCC) has acquired the site at 3289 Fulton Street for the center and is developing the architectural plans. It expects the project bidding process to begin in Summer 2017 and construction to start by the end of 2017. The Cypress Hills CCC anticipates the opening of the child care center by early 2019 and estimates that it will serve about 90 children.

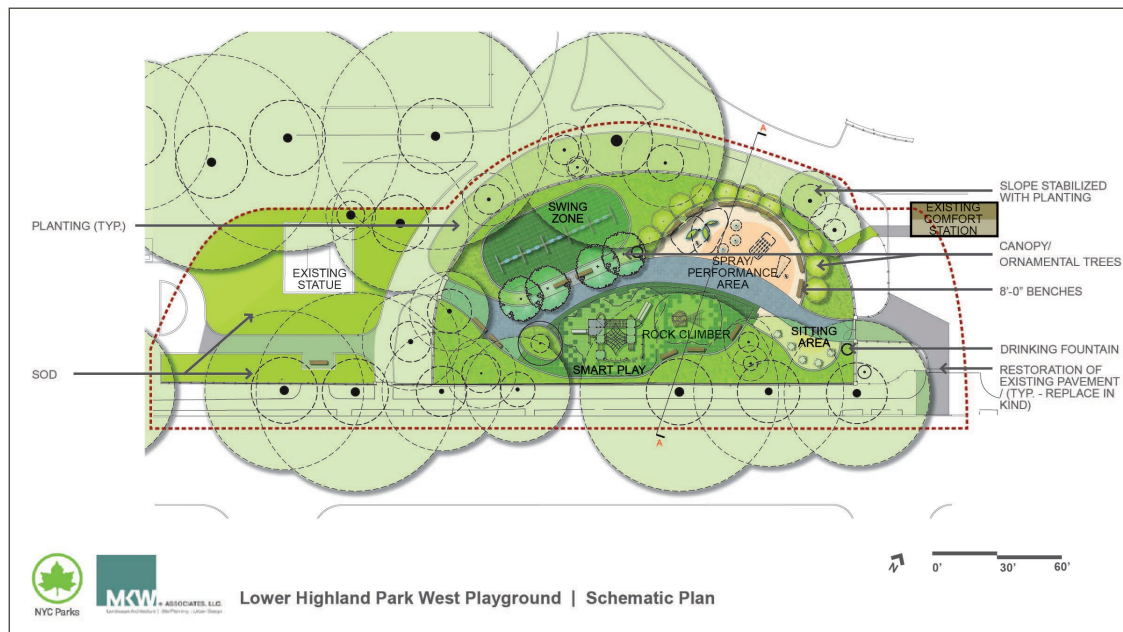
More & Improved Open Space

Make improvements to Highland Park with new play equipment, pathways, picnic tables, and landscaping

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	Lower Playground: 2016–2019 Upper Highland Park: 2017 start
AGENCY	NYC Parks

The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks) is revitalizing Highland Park with new features that make it greener and more inviting. On April 20, 2016, NYC Parks began the design process for the Lower Highland Park Playground with a community listening session at PS 108. Dozens of local residents and students shared their vision for a greener, more innovative playground with space for staging outdoor events. Using this feedback, NYC Parks staff developed a design that includes a unique play space with a spray fountain and performance area. Community Board 5 and the PDC approved the project, and in April 2017 NYC Parks completed the design process. The construction contractor procurement process is underway, and NYC Parks expects construction to begin in mid-2018.

In Summer 2017, NYC Parks will start design on a series of improvements to Highland Park’s Jamaica Avenue section, including repurposing the large spray shower area into a formal performance area and reconstructing the comfort station, entry plaza, and playground for children aged two to five.

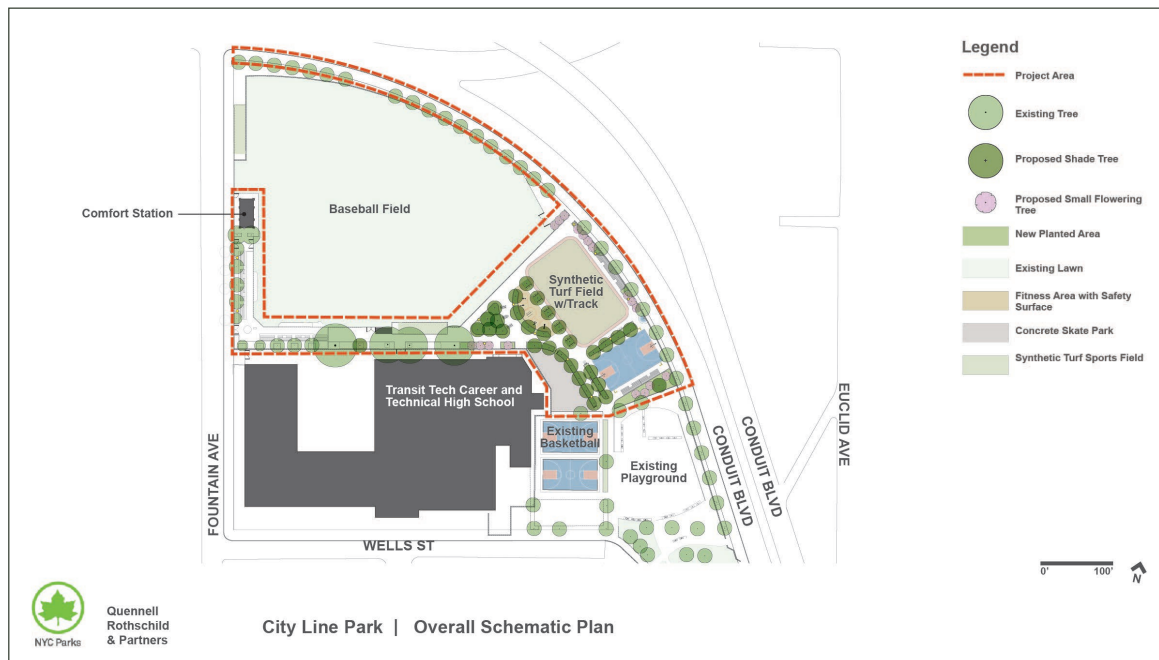


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Convert an asphalt area of City Line Park into a new green recreational space

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2019
AGENCY	NYC Parks

NYC Parks is reimagining City Line Park’s underused asphalt area and transforming it into a new one-acre recreational space. On June 8, 2016, NYC Parks began the design process with a community listening session at the Arlington Library, where students from the park’s neighboring Transit Tech Career and Technical Education High School shared their vision for a dynamic athletic area with room to run, skateboard, and work out. With these objectives in mind, NYC Parks designed a park plan that converts asphalt into a fitness hub where local residents can exercise and school sports teams can practice. The design includes a new multipurpose athletic turf field, fitness equipment, and the community’s first skate park, and complements the park’s existing basketball courts, baseball field, and playground. Community Board 5 approved the plan in December 2016, and PDC final approval is expected by end of June 2017. NYC Parks expects to complete the design process in Summer 2017 and then begin contractor procurement, with construction slated to start in mid-2018.



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Renovate Callahan-Kelly Playground to provide more diverse recreational options

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2020
AGENCY	NYC Parks

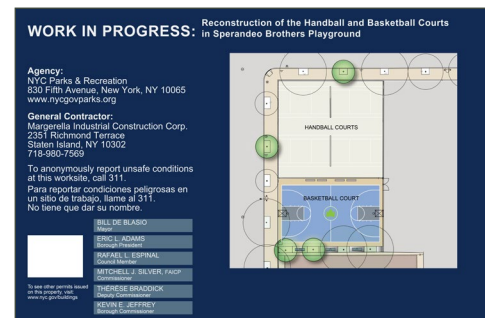
NYC Parks is breathing new life into Callahan-Kelly Playground, which is adjacent to Broadway Junction, one of the City’s busiest subway stations. On September 28, 2016, NYC Parks began the design process with a community listening session at PS/IS 155. Neighborhood residents shared their vision for creating a beautiful and dynamic open space that serves people of all generations, including young children, teens, and seniors. The design achieves these objectives through a combination of active and passive elements like adult fitness equipment, a skate park, several new seating areas, and double the amount of children’s play equipment. Community Board 16 approved the design, and PDC approval is pending. NYC Parks is scheduled to complete its park design by Winter 2018 and expects construction to begin in Winter 2019.



Upgrade handball and basketball courts at Sperandeo Brothers Playground

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2017
AGENCY	NYC Parks

NYC Parks is refurbishing the handball and basketball courts at Sperandeo Brothers Playground, a heavily used park adjacent to Achievement First Apollo Elementary Charter School. NYC Parks expects to complete these upgrades in 2017.

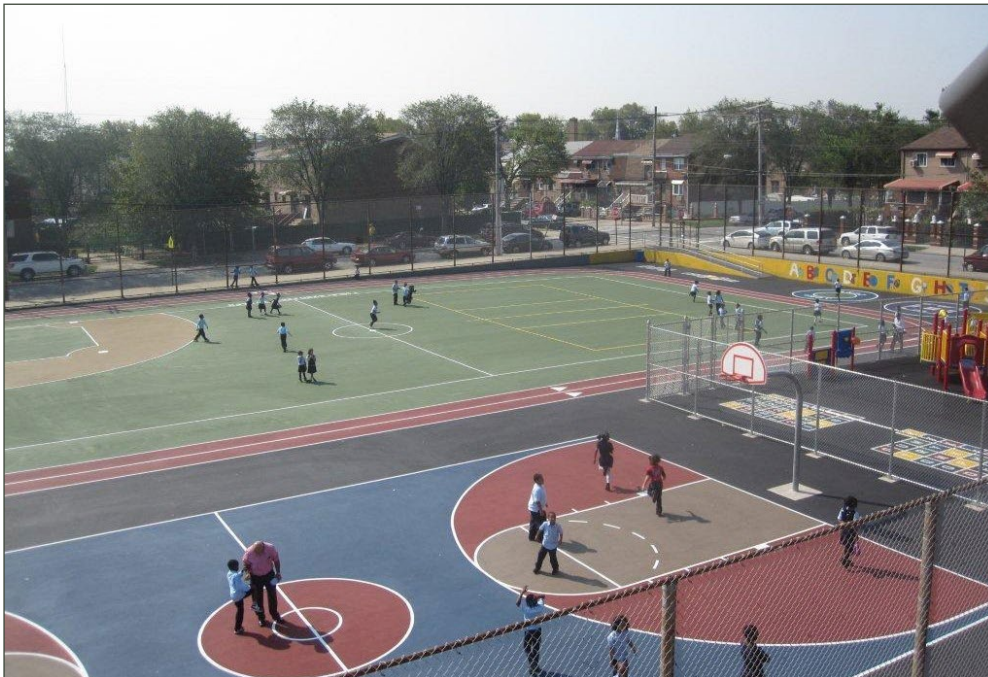


Open new Schoolyards to Playgrounds sites at PS 677 and PS 345; Resurface and install new playground equipment at PS 345

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2018
AGENCY	NYC Parks/DOE/SCA

The City's Schoolyards to Playgrounds program renovates schoolyards and opens them to the public. In 2016, through the program, both PS 677-East Elementary School of Excellence and PS 345-Patrolman Robert Bolden opened for community use after school hours and on weekends. Improving access to these schoolyards will help address the open space needs of East New York residents and increase the number of New Yorkers living within walking distance to a park.

SCA met with the principal and custodian of PS 345 to discuss and elicit feedback on playground renovation and continues to be in touch with the school about design and construction plans. SCA has completed the design for the school playground, which includes a new asphalt surface with painted games, a new safety surface for play equipment, new benches and trees, a new artificial soccer turf, and new fencing. The school principal has approved the design, and the project has moved into the public procurement process. SCA expects to complete all improvements to the playground in 2018.

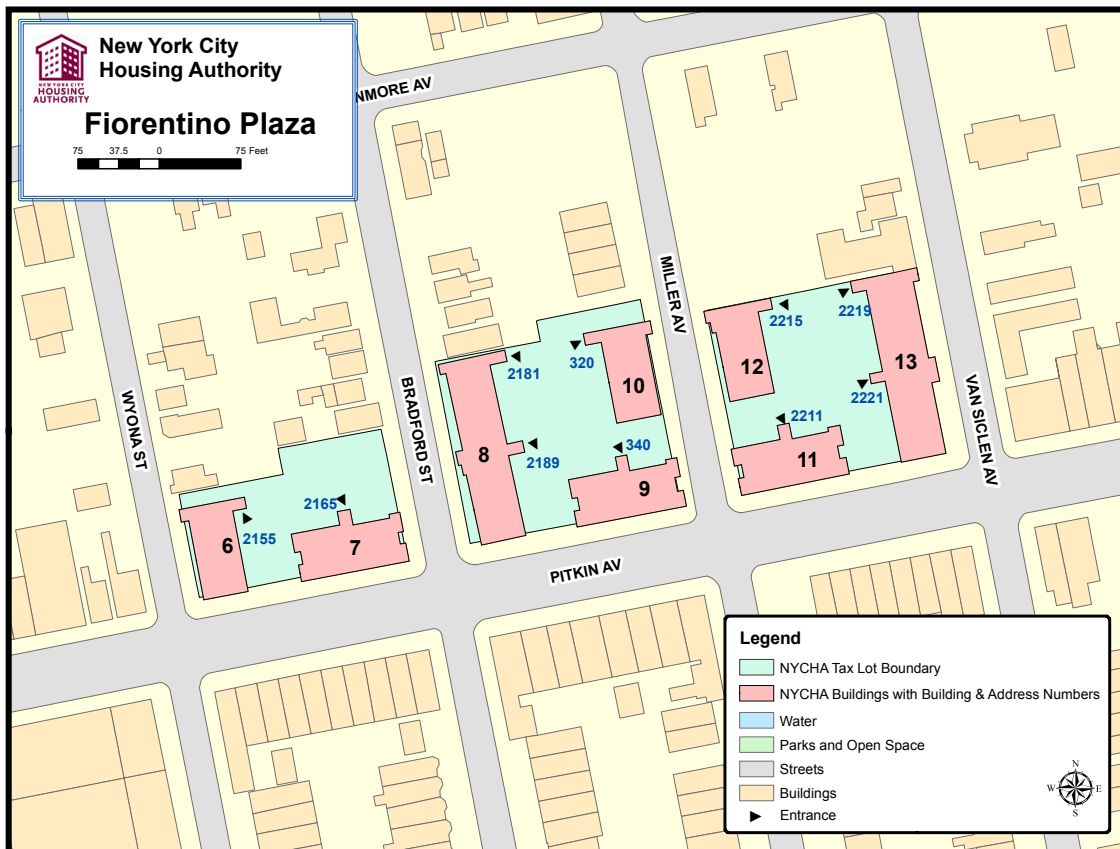


PS 677 Schoolyards to Playgrounds site

Make upgrades to the playground at NYCHA's Fiorentino Plaza

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2017 start
AGENCY	NYCHA

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Fiorentino Plaza is comprised of eight four-story buildings along the north side of Pitkin Avenue between Wyona Street and Van Siclen Avenue. The City is planning upgrades to the open space at Fiorentino Plaza, including the installation of new rubberized safety surfacing and new customized children's play equipment. The project is currently in the planning stage which should be completed by July 2017. Once the planning stage is complete it will likely require an additional 18 to 21 months for construction completion.



Street & Transportation Improvements

Make Atlantic Avenue safer for pedestrians with a raised, planted median and other improvements

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2020
AGENCY	DOT

In December 2015, DOT presented to Community Board 5 the proposal for Phase 1 of the Atlantic Avenue Great Streets Project, which spans Georgia Avenue to Logan Street. Phase 1 features a new raised and planted median, new curb extensions to create shorter and safer crossings, a complete resurfacing and remarking that includes high-visibility crosswalks, and sidewalks with new street trees, benches, and bike racks. Construction on Phase 1 will begin in late 2017. DOT is currently planning a second phase between Logan Street and Rockaway Boulevard, which it will present to the public later in 2017. Construction on both Phase 1 and Phase 2 is expected to be complete by the end of 2020. Since 2015, DOT has solicited feedback from the community through workshops, on-site surveys, and an online feedback portal. The feedback portal remains open and constituents can continue to share their thoughts here: nycdotfeedbackportals.nyc/atlantic-avenue.



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Resurface portions of Fulton Street and Ridgewood Avenue

STATUS	Done
TIMELINE	2016–2017
AGENCY	DOT

In Spring 2016, DOT resurfaced Ridgewood Avenue between Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street and between Euclid Avenue and Eldert Lane. In Spring 2017, DOT resurfaced Fulton Street between Essex Street and Hale Street.

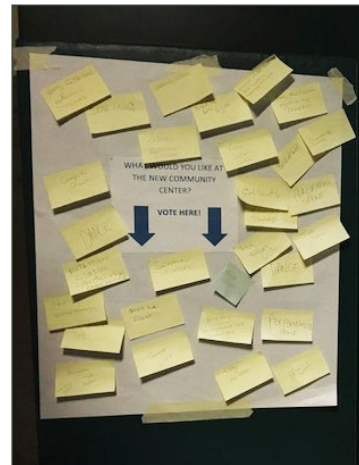
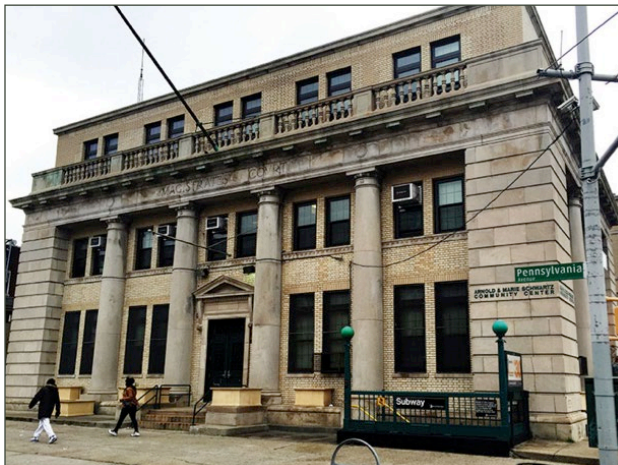
Neighborhood Resources

Create a new community center at 127 Pennsylvania Avenue

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–TBD
AGENCY	NYPD

The City-owned former courthouse on 127 Pennsylvania Avenue will re-open as the first New York City Police Department (NYPD) Community Center in New York City. In October 2016, NYPD and Council Member Espinal hosted a visioning session with members of the community. Ideas generated from that open house were used to create the RFP for programming vendors, which was published in May 2017. NYPD is looking for vendors who will not only provide quality programming to youth aged 12-19, but will actively engage with the community to ensure that their evolving educational, recreational, and social needs are being met. Ideas for programming included a boxing program, dance classes, sports teams (basketball, soccer, volleyball, etc.), tutoring, career development programs and computer classes.

The building is currently going through structural and stylistic renovations. One-third of the space will be used by several divisions of NYPD's Community Affairs Bureau, whose members are anticipated to move in by Fall 2017. The rest of the facility will be dedicated to the community center. The proposed designs for this space will honor the building's history, while incorporating comprehensive updates and state-of-the-art technology. Proposed designs have included multiple classrooms, a computer lab and library, two gymnasium spaces, and a fully refurbished dance studio. The building will also include spaces for organizations, such as Community Board 5, to engage with the neighborhood. Due to unforeseen construction delays, development of plans for the community center renovations has taken longer than expected. Final designs are estimated to be completed by the end of Summer 2017. NYPD intends to announce the center's anticipated opening date by the end of 2017.



NYPD Community Center on 127 Pennsylvania Ave. and ideas from the community visioning session.

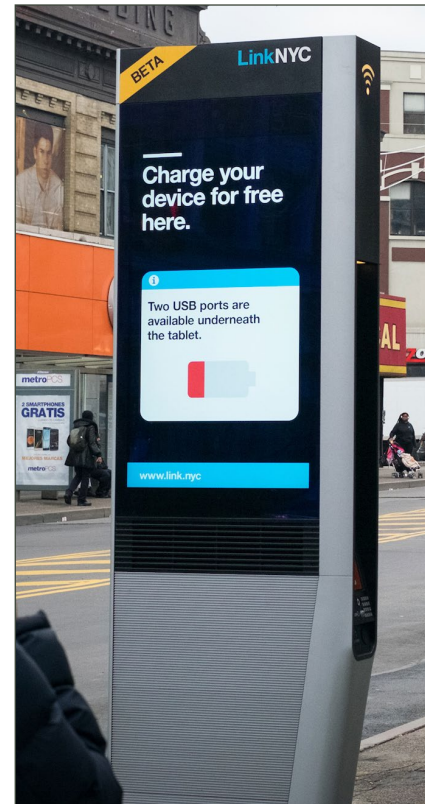
Bring high-speed broadband to residential areas

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2016–2019
AGENCY	DOITT

The City is committed to providing high-speed, residential Internet service for low-income communities currently without service. In East New York, the City will install conduit to enable free public Wi-Fi along Atlantic Avenue and to support deployment of broadband in an area without affordable, reliable high-speed Internet service.

To minimize the impact of construction on the neighborhood, the City will install high-speed conduit as part of its effort to transform Atlantic Avenue through the Great Streets initiative. The City expects construction to begin in Fall 2017 and will be able to provide a more specific timeline for conduit installation closer to the staging of the project.

In addition, the City will expand LinkNYC to East New York. Through LinkNYC, a first-of-its-kind communications network that provides the fastest free public Wi-Fi, the City is replacing outdated payphones with state-of-the-art kiosks called Links. Each Link allows people to access the Internet, make phone calls, and charge their devices. In East New York, DoITT plans to install 19 Links, with locations to be determined. This effort will coincide with the City’s plan to improve Atlantic Avenue and install conduit.

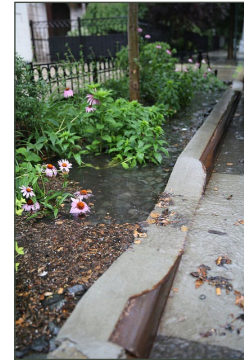


Water Management

Install new rain gardens at strategic locations

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2017–2020
AGENCY	DEP

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is planning to install bioswales, known as rain gardens, throughout East New York that will green the streets and improve the water quality in Jamaica Bay by absorbing stormwater runoff. These projects are currently in design, and DEP has performed walkthroughs of the area to determine the most effective locations for the rain gardens. DEP has also begun geotechnical investigations, which will dictate the suitability of the green infrastructure at the selected locations. DEP expects to complete design of the rain gardens by the end of 2017 and anticipates construction to begin in 2018.



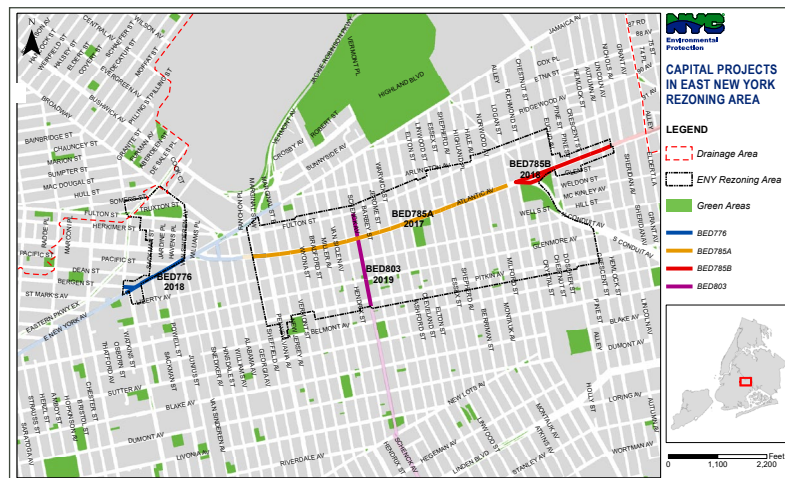
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Upgrade sewer infrastructure at targeted locations

STATUS	In Progress
TIMELINE	2018–2022
AGENCY	DEP

DEP is undertaking substantial capital projects to upgrade water and sewer infrastructure in East New York. Projects involve the replacement of old unlined cast-iron distribution water mains and old trunk water mains to improve water distribution in the area. DEP’s active projects also include the replacement of distribution water mains and repair of combined sewers on Atlantic Avenue.

The contract for the first phase of work on Atlantic Avenue is currently in procurement and construction is expected to begin later in 2017. The rest of the planned work is currently in design at the New York City Department of Design and Construction.



APPENDIX

Appendix: HPD-sponsored affordable housing projects that closed on financing between April 2016 and March 2017

Preservation Units
New Construction Units

Project Name	Project Start Date	House Number	Street Name	CD	Units								
					Extremely Low Income	Very Low Income	Low Income	Moderate Income	Middle Income	Other	All Counted	Counted Rental	Counted Hmownrshp
HELP DUMONT LLC.YR15.FY17	03/22/2017	330	HINSDALE STREET	42	23	121	4	1	0	1	150	150	0
CONFIDENTIAL	11/29/2016	----	----	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Grace Towers (HDC)	06/17/2016	2060	PITKIN AVENUE	42	0	0	84	0	0	0	84	84	0
Grace Towers (HDC)	06/17/2016	373	BELMONT AVENUE	42	0	0	84	0	0	0	84	84	0
CONFIDENTIAL	04/27/2016	----	----	42	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3
CONFIDENTIAL	11/18/2016	----	----	37	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
CONFIDENTIAL	07/08/2016	----	----	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
888 FOUNTAIN AVENUE BUILDING A2	12/22/2016	911	ERSKINE STREET	42	27	80	159	0	0	1	267	267	0
CONFIDENTIAL	09/09/2016	----	----	42	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
CONFIDENTIAL	09/08/2016	----	----	42	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Livonia Phase II Sites 6-8	06/30/2016	487	LIVONIA AVENUE	42	9	20	60	0	0	1	90	90	0
Livonia Phase II Sites 6-8	06/30/2016	449	HINSDALE STREET	42	7	30	24	0	0	1	62	62	0
Livonia Phase II Sites 6-8	06/30/2016	500	LIVONIA AVENUE	42	8	22	60	0	0	0	90	90	0
Van Sinderen Plaza	06/29/2016	679	VAN SINDEREN AVENUE	42	11	22	68	0	0	1	102	102	0
Van Sinderen Plaza	06/29/2016	170	NEW LOTS AVENUE	42	7	11	10	0	0	0	28	28	0
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	409	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	411	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	413	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	415	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	417	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1228	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1226	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1224	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1222	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1220	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1

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Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1216	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1214	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1235	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1233	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1231	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1229	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1227	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1225	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1223	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1221	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	1219	JEROME STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	728	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	726	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	724	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	722	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	720	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	718	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	716	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	714	WALKER STREET	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	412	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1

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Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	414	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	416	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	418	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	420	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	422	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	424	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	430	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	432	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	434	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	436	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	438	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	442	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	444	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	446	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	448	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	450	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	452	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	454	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	456	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	458	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	460	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	462	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1

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Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	464	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	466	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	468	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	485	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	487	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	489	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	491	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	493	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	495	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	497	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	499	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	501	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	503	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	505	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	507	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	474	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	476	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	478	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	480	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	482	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	484	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	486	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1

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Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	488	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	490	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	492	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	494	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	440	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	405	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	407	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nehemiah Spring Creek Homes at Gateway Estates 4A	06/27/2016	419	SCHROEDERS AVENUE	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1