



NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
**MEETING #1**

**6 FEBRUARY 2019**



**#HQ2NYC**

# AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Introductions & Ground Rules
3. Purpose of the Subcommittee
4. Infrastructure Overview
5. Discussion
  1. Priorities
  2. Process
  3. Focus Areas
6. Q&A and Next Steps
7. Closing Remarks



WELCOME!



# INTRODUCTIONS

- Co-chair Introductions
- Subcommittee Member Introductions
- NYCEDC & ESD Introductions



# GROUND RULES

- Be open-minded.
- Be punctual.
- Be respectful of fellow members: don't interrupt and keep dialogue civil.
- Feel free to ask questions and request further information or explanation.
- CAC and subcommittee meetings are closed, but there will be ample public engagement opportunities.
- Respect the confidentiality of meetings and plans in progress so everyone can feel comfortable being candid.
- No designees – consistent member participation is critical.



# PURPOSE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

## Amazon HQ2's arrival will catalyze significant investments in Long Island City

- Amazon is responsible for **funding onsite infrastructure**, including sewers, streets, and open space
- The subcommittee will identify infrastructure priorities and inform additional community investments, building on the **LIC Investment Strategy**
- A portion of proceeds from the Amazon deal will be used to create the **LIC Infrastructure Fund**
  - **\$650M over the next 40 years** for future neighborhood infrastructure in LIC and planning for the long-term
  - Project list and prioritization will be **guided by input from you**



# PURPOSE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

## Subcommittee Roles:

- Key advisors for infrastructure investment plans
- Guidance for technical planning analysis
- Public engagement and community liaisons

## Subcommittee Tasks:

- **Advise on implementation** of Long Island City Investment Strategy (**near-term**)
- **Identify potential new infrastructure projects** for Long Island City (**mid-term**)
- **Develop framework for future investments**, including projects funded by the LIC Infrastructure Fund (**long-term**)

The Subcommittee will have technical assistance throughout the process from a dedicated consultant



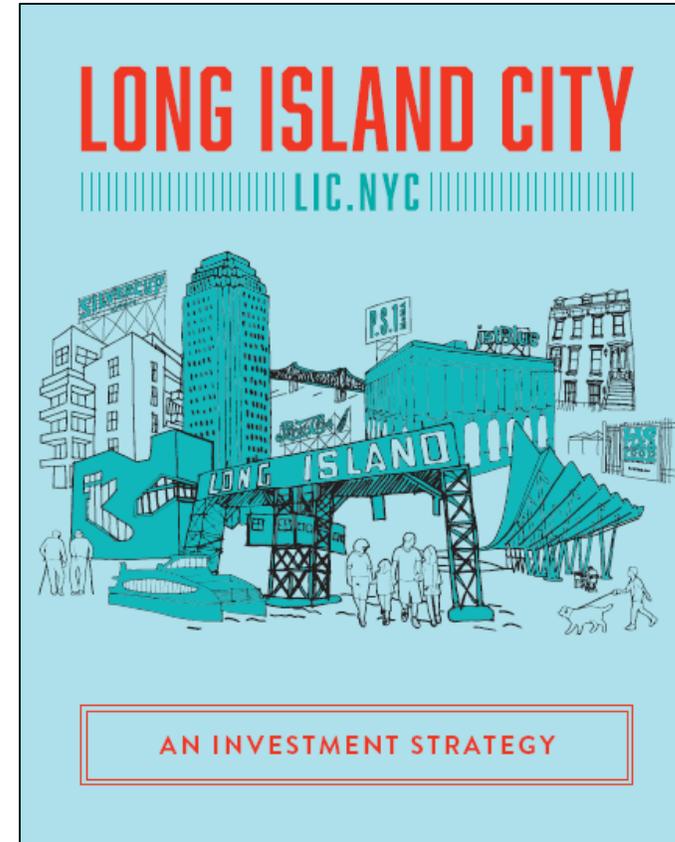
# LIC INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW



# LIC INVESTMENT STRATEGY OVERVIEW

The LIC Investment Strategy sets forth a bold path for building on LIC's past to imagine a sustainable, inclusive future

- The LIC Investment Strategy outlines over **\$2.2B in recent and current investment** by the City and State, and an additional **\$180M** of new investments announced in 2018.
- This includes projects which are actively underway, in the planning stages, or have been recently completed.
- The LIC IS outlines the **current actions** ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth in this rapidly growing community.



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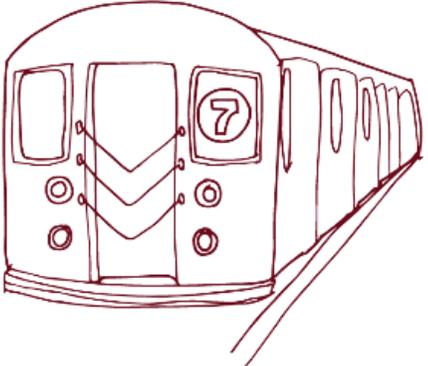
- Enforcement of Housing Maintenance Code: HPD responds to 311 calls, Housing Court requests, and building referrals by community groups and elected

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# LIC INVESTMENT STRATEGY OVERVIEW

The LIC Investment Strategy is the culmination of a **process that the City started in 2015**, and the start of a next phase for LIC.

- **2015** Community Engagement on LIC Core and other projects
- **Community Plans and Proposals** (LICP Comprehensive Plan, Western Queens Tech Zone Strategy, other civic groups)
- **June 2018** Listening Session
- **October 2018** Stakeholder Meeting
- **Fall 2018** Release LIC Investment Strategy
- **Ongoing** Engagement, coordination, and Implementation



# AGENCY ROLES

## AGENCY



## PRIMARY FUNCTION

Dept. of City Planning (**DCP**)

*Planning, zoning and land use* implementation

Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development (**HPD**)

Develop, maintain and preserve *affordable housing*

Dept. of Parks and Recreations (**DPR**)

Plan, build and maintain *parks and public spaces*

Dept. of Transportation (**DOT**)

Maintain and enhance *transportation infrastructure*

NYC School Construction Authority (**SCA**)

Design and construct *public schools*

Dept. of Environmental Protection (**DEP**)

Manage city's *water supply and systems*

Dept. of Cultural Affairs (**DCLA**)

Support and fund *non-profit cultural organizations*

NYC Housing Authority (**NYCHA**)

Provide *public housing* and administer rental assistance

Dept. of Youth and Community Development (**DYCD**)

Administer funds to *community-based organizations*

Dept. of Small Business Services (**SBS**)

Connection to jobs and provide *resources to businesses*

NYC Economic Development Corporation (**NYCEDC**)

Promote *economic development projects and initiatives in NYC*

Empire State Development (**ESD**)

Promote *economic development projects and initiatives across the State*

Metropolitan Transit Authority (**MTA**)

Operator of North America's largest transportation network, including *NYC Transit, MTA Bus, LIRR, Metro-North, and Bridges and Tunnels*



# LIC INVESTMENT STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- **Small Business Support:** Strengthen the area as a Central Business District by increasing space and support for current and future businesses
- **Housing:** Preserve and build a diverse range of housing options to ensure a vibrant, mixed-income neighborhood with live/work opportunities and access to jobs throughout the city and region
- **Transportation:** Catalyze transit improvements to expand capacity, improve reliability and enhance connectivity
- **Infrastructure & Resiliency:** Make water and sewer infrastructure improvements to strengthen current service and enhance resiliency infrastructure.
- **Parks & Open Space:** Improve parks and open spaces both inland and on the waterfront to build a connected network, promote equitable access to parks in easy walking distance for all residents, and encourage a diverse range of park programming for all generations.
- **Schools:** Expediently bring online pipeline projects to meet the current needs for additional school seats while also planning for additional population growth and future needs.
- **Neighborhood Services & Arts and Culture:** Expand and strengthen neighborhood and civic amenities to support a complete neighborhood and strengthen LIC's unique identity.



# LICIS:JOBS

*Despite its proximity to Manhattan and access to a large workforce, LIC is not the dynamic hub for jobs and related commercial activities it should be, and residents don't feel they have access to new jobs that are coming*

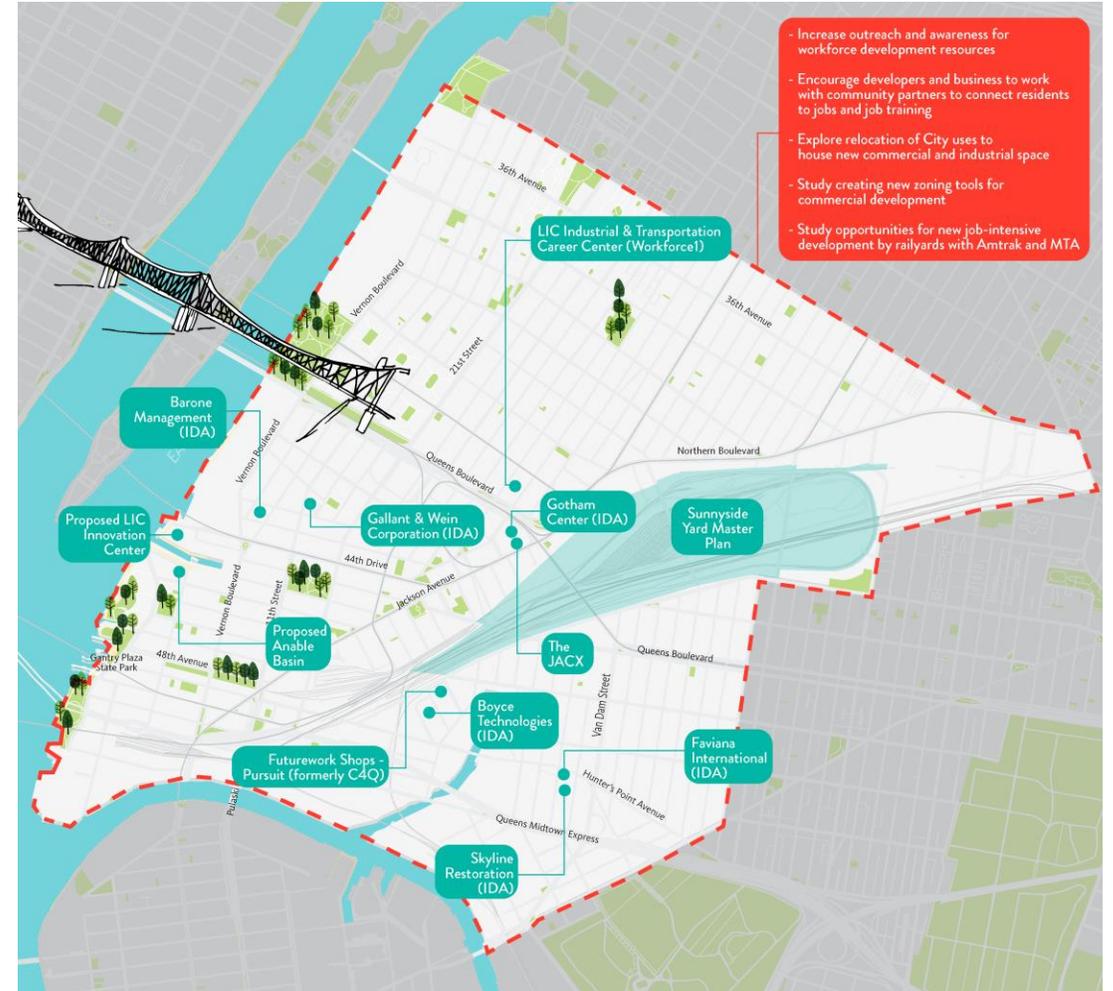
**GOAL:** Strengthen the area as a Central Business District by increasing space and support for current and future businesses; expanding access and worker training for good jobs in diverse fields; and increasing opportunities for small businesses.

## CURRENT STRATEGIES

- **\$39M** in NYC Industrial Development Agency for six LIC projects, helping to create 3,800 new jobs
- Partnership with LaGuardia Community College for **Cyber Boot Camp**, placing over 1,000 students in jobs with a starting salary of \$65,000

## NEW ACTIONS

- Relocation of City uses within LIC to create opportunities to house **new commercial and industrial space**
- Increase **Workforce1** and **SBS** outreach and awareness to LIC residents and businesses





# LICIS:TRANSPORTATION

While LIC is well served by public transit, the system is strained during rush hour. The area's streets are not currently built to handle the increased pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular demand causing congestion during rush hours

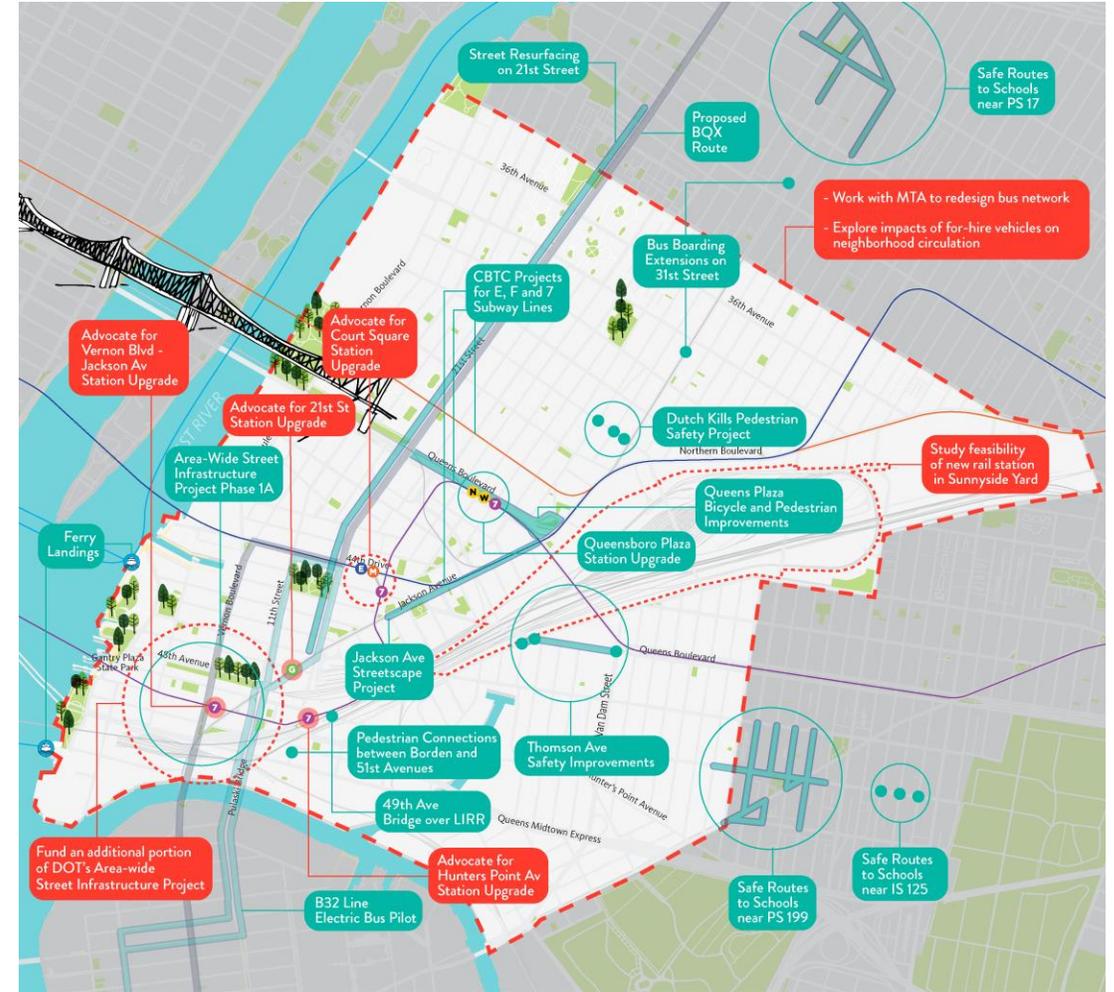
**GOAL:** Catalyze transportation improvements to expand capacity, improve reliability and enhance connectivity, and support street improvements to provide safer connections for pedestrians and bicyclists and reduce vehicular congestion

## RECENT STRATEGIES

- **\$1.2B** in public transportation improvements from the MTA and City, including modern signal system (E, F, 7), electric bus pilot for the B32 line, and station upgrades to Queensboro Plaza
- **\$240M** from the City towards street improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists

## NEW ACTIONS

- **\$10M** in additional funds for LIC/Hunter's Point Area-wide Street Infrastructure project, bringing total to **\$57M**
- **Bus network redesign** in Queens, led by MTA and DOT to take holistic approach to bus route modifications to respond to current and future development



# LICIS: INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESILIENCY

LIC faces substantial challenges with its storm water and sewer system, which predates recent residential growth and climate change risks

**GOAL:** Make water and sewer infrastructure improvements to strengthen current service and enhance resiliency infrastructure

## CURRENT STRATEGIES

- **\$23M** from the City to enhance resiliency infrastructure, including green infrastructure development to protect Newtown Creek
- Upgraded building codes, including **16 new local laws** to account for vulnerabilities related to extreme weather and climate change

## NEW ACTIONS

- Commitment to complete **amended drainage plan (ADP)** for LIC to handle current and projected residential and business populations
- **\$95M** for the implementation of Phase I of the completed ADP, delivering critical new combined sewers in LIC



# LICIS: PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

LIC is becoming well-known for its growing network of world-class waterfront parks. However, new parks and open spaces are concentrated on the waterfront, with limited open spaces inland. As LIC grows, the need for more and different types of parks will continue with future development.

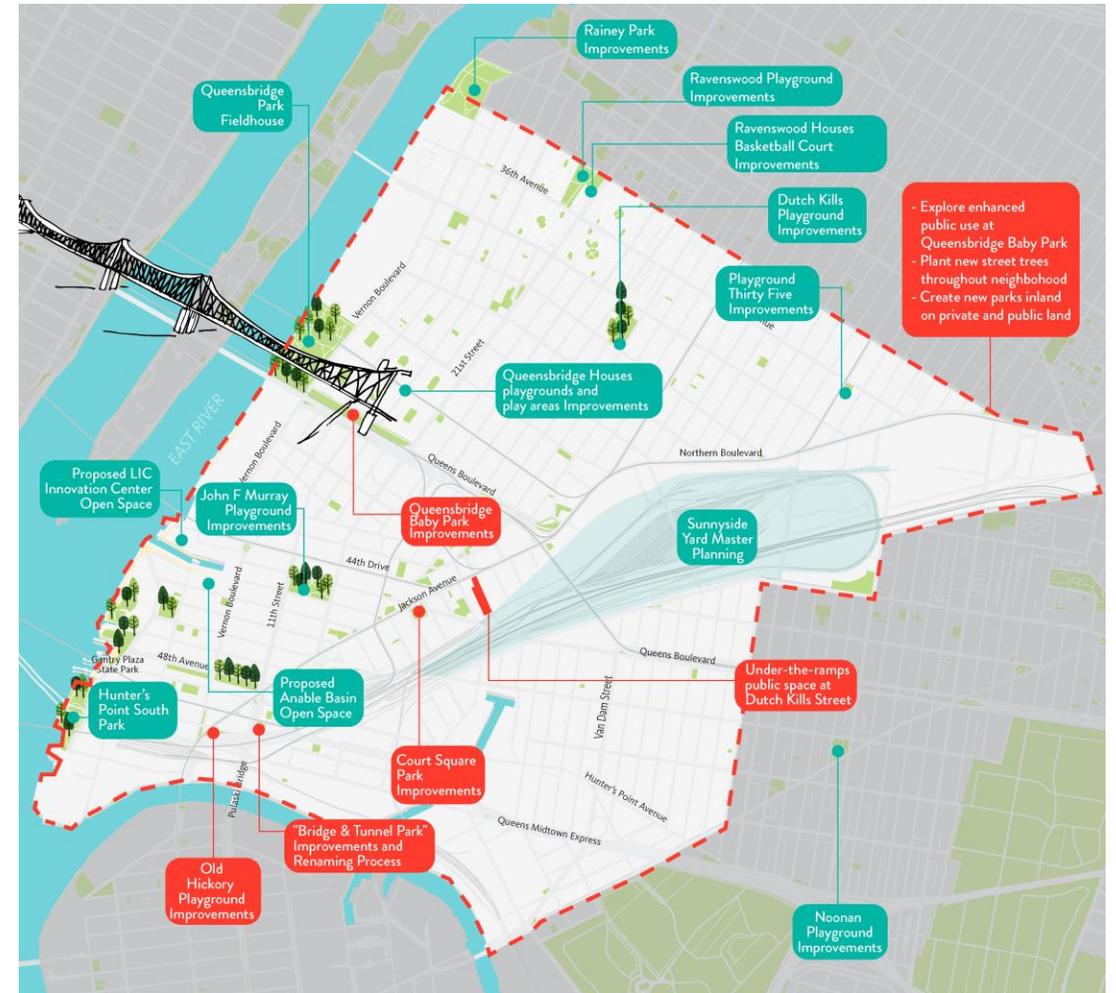
**GOAL:** Improve and expand parks and open spaces both inland and on the waterfront to build a connected network; promote equitable access to parks in easy walking distance for all residents; and encourage a diverse range of park programming for all generations.

## CURRENT STRATEGIES

- **\$160M** invested into the creation of Hunter's Point South's 11-acre waterfront park
- **\$16M** dedicated for improvements to existing LIC parks, including Dutch Kills playground, Playground Thirty Five, Ravenswood Playground and Rainey Park

## NEW ACTIONS

- **\$11M** in for Queensbridge Baby Park, a linear park creating an important link between the upland and waterfront
- **New parks in the inland portions of LIC** through private investment in the creation of new, publicly accessible open space and creation of new open space on existing public land



# LICIS:SCHOOLS

As Long Island City's residential population has grown dramatically in certain areas of LIC, there has been a strain on local City services. Schools in particular are at capacity, and there is a need for new schools.

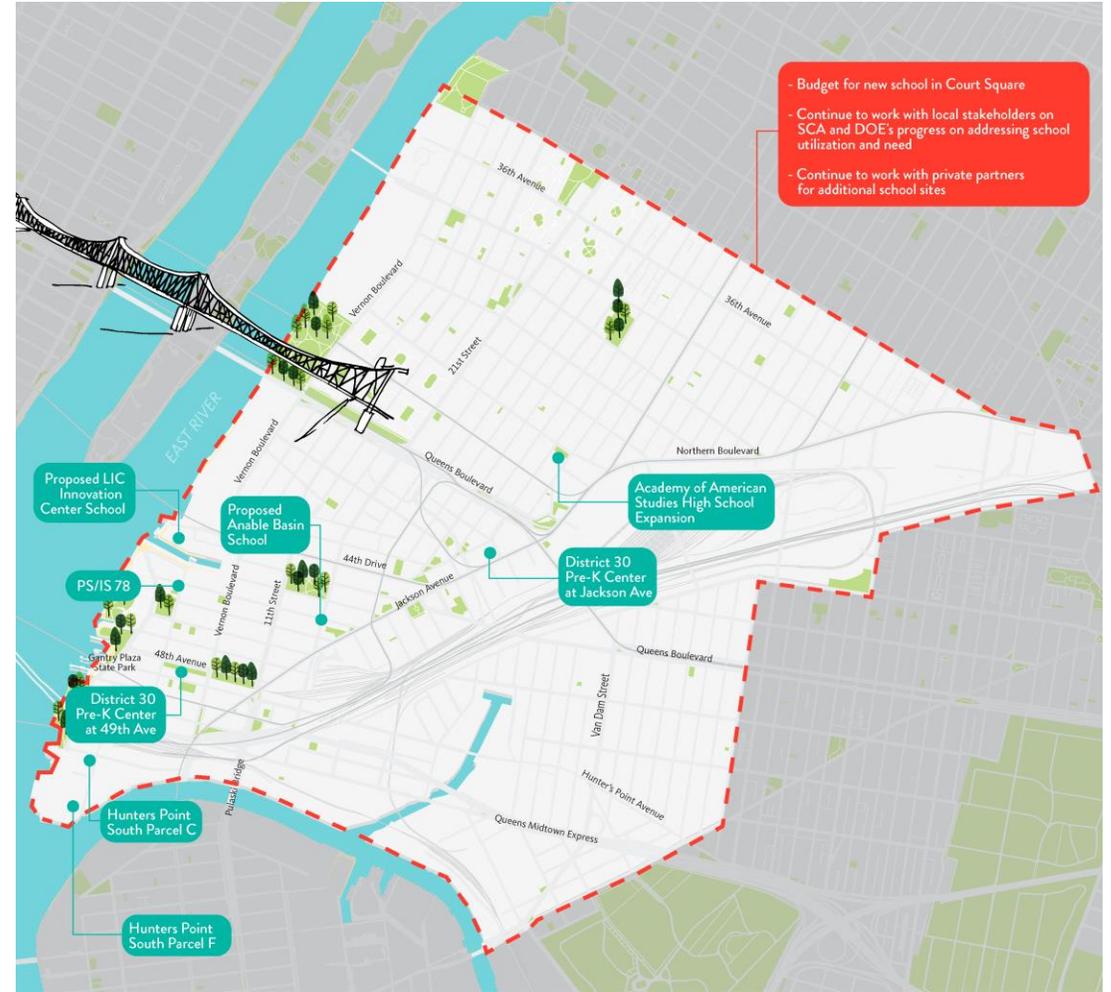
**GOAL:** Expediently bring online pipeline projects to meet the current needs for additional school seats while also planning for additional population growth and future needs.

## CURRENT STRATEGIES

- **\$194M** for the construction of two new K-5 public schools
- **\$117M** to construct an expansion for the Academy of American Studies High School
- **\$14M** invested for the opening of two new District 30 Pre-K Centers

## NEW ACTIONS

- **\$60M** for the construction of a school in the Court Square neighborhood within School District 30
- **Continued work with local stakeholders, including local parent associations and CEC 30** on SCA and DOE's progress on addressing school utilization and need



# LICIS:CULTURE

LIC has a strong base of important institutions, but it is crucial that its neighborhood's civic services, including libraries, police, fire, and youth services, expand to accommodate the growing number of residents and businesses. It is also important to continue to invest in LIC's arts and cultural ecosystem, which is strongly tied to LIC's identity.

**GOAL:** Expand and strengthen neighborhood and civic amenities to support a complete neighborhood and strengthen LIC's unique identity

## RECENT

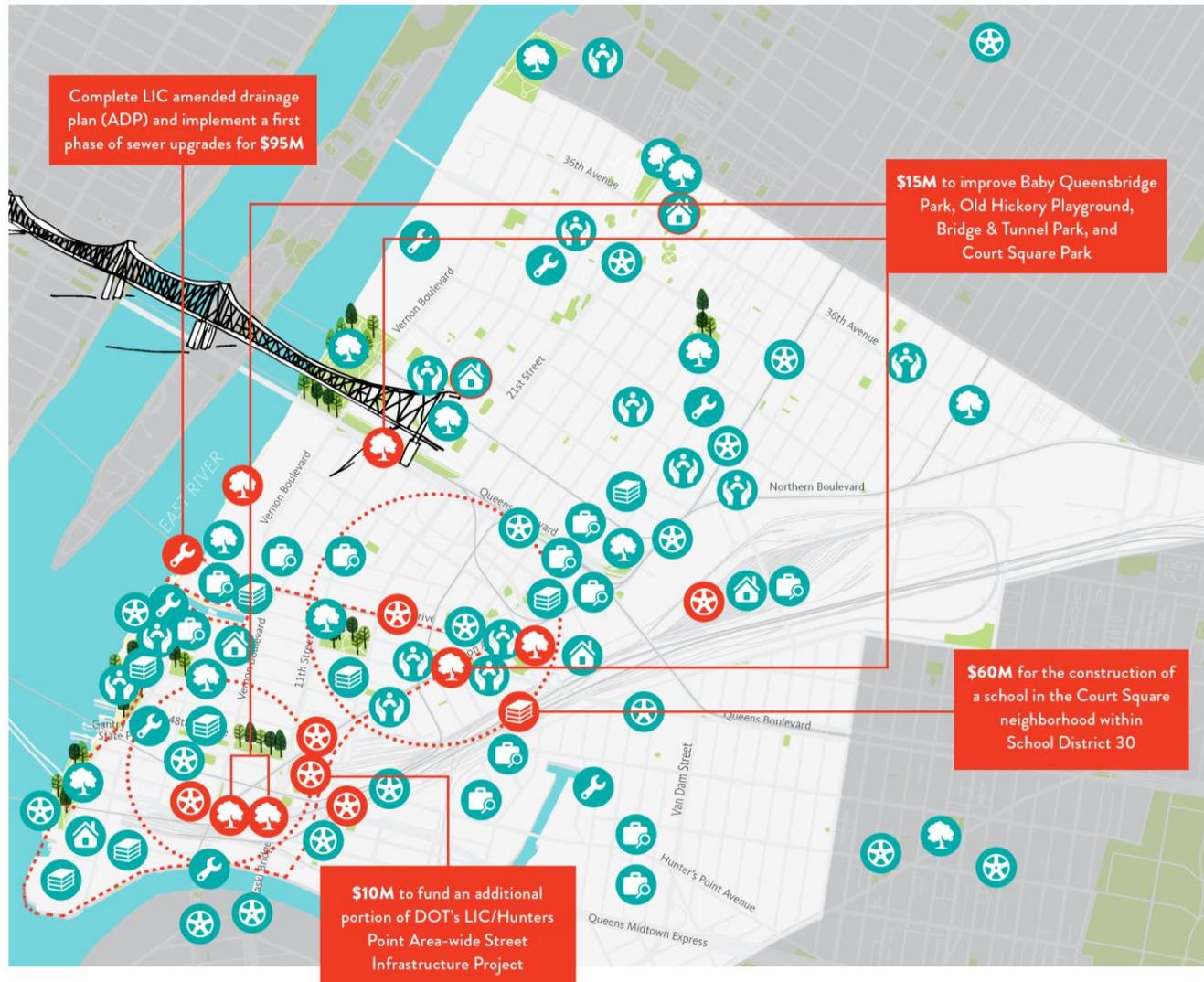
- **\$51M** for the construction of the new Hunter's Point South Branch Library
- **\$8M** for renovations to the Long Island City Court House
- **\$31M** in completed capital projects at LIC cultural institutions since 2014

## CURRENT

- **At least 35 new affordable workspaces** in LIC through the Affordable Real Estate for Artists (AREA) program
- **Implementation of a service referral system** and enhanced branding and marking to strengthen awareness of youth and community programs



# LIC INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY OVERVIEW



● CURRENT STRATEGIES ● NEW ACTIONS ●

## JOBS



## HOUSING



## TRANSPORTATION



## INFRASTRUCTURE



## PARKS



## SCHOOLS



## SERVICES & CULTURE



# DISCUSSION



# PRIORITIES

## FOR DISCUSSION

The infrastructure framework will cover the listed topic areas, and a methodology for project prioritization will be a critical outcome of this process.

### QUESTION:

Understanding that priorities may change as we move through the process, what do you consider the top needs in LIC?

## TOPIC AREAS

**Small Business Support**

**Housing**

**Transportation**

**Infrastructure & Resiliency**

**Parks & Open Space**

**Schools**

**Neighborhood Services**

**Arts and Culture**



# PROCESS

## FOR DISCUSSION

The City and State are eager to support the Subcommittee throughout this process.

### QUESTION:

What is your vision for success through this process?

### QUESTION:

What resources/agencies do you need?

### QUESTION:

How do you want to include the members of your civic groups and the broader community?

## TOPIC AREAS

**Small Business Support**

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# FOCUS AREAS

## FOR DISCUSSION

“Long Island City” can mean different geographies for different people.

### QUESTION:

Is this the correct focus area for this subcommittee's work?

### QUESTION:

Are there any sub-geographies that should be noted?

Focus area map, Long Island City Investment Strategy



# NEXT STEPS

## BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING:

- Members review LIC Investment Strategy
- Solicit project ideas or questions from your group(s)
- Provide any additional feedback or questions to co-chairs for discussion at future meetings

## AT THE NEXT MEETING:

- Introduction of consultants and agency partners (as required/requested)
- Begin development of infrastructure investment framework



THANK YOU



QUESTIONS?