

Long Island City (LIC) is a diverse neighborhood where people live, work and play; however, it has undergone rapid residential development which has strained neighborhood resources and the quality of life for the New Yorkers that call it home. To address the needs of the neighborhood today while guiding its future, the City has created the LIC Investment Strategy. The blueprint is the culmination of extensive interagency coordination and community outreach that began in 2015 and outlines \$180 million in investments in seven key areas that the City is focusing on to ensure that LIC's growth is sustainable and inclusive.

## Investment Strategy Highlights

- **Jobs**

- **Goal:** Strengthen LIC's Central Business District by increasing space and support for current and future business, expanding access and worker training for good jobs in diverse fields, and increasing opportunities for small businesses.
- **Actions:**
  - Create good jobs that support the LIC Central Business District in growing sectors as outlined in the [New York Works plan](#), such as life sciences, manufacturing and tech.
  - Support industrial business growth through IDA funding, and encourage new job-intensive commercial and industrial space including studying new zoning tools to stimulate commercial growth
  - Strengthen connections between LIC residents and job opportunities through workforce programs and partnerships with local groups and institutions.
  - Explore relocation of City uses to create opportunities for new commercial and industrial space.
  - Work with Amtrak and MTA to create new space for good jobs over and around railyard facilities.

- **Housing**

- **Goal:** Preserve and build a diverse range of housing options to ensure a vibrant, mixed-income neighborhood with live, work, and play opportunities and access to jobs throughout the city and region.
- **Actions:**
  - Conduct targeted outreach to improve access to HPD preservation and tenant protection programs.
  - Make capital repairs to critical infrastructure at Queensbridge Houses and Ravenswood Houses.
  - Encourage developers to incorporate deeply affordable housing in private developments.
  - Include significant affordable housing on public sites and identify pipeline sites, and completion of Hunters Point South; 60% of which affordable apartments for low/moderate income families
  - Support low- and moderate-income homeowners to fund home repairs through HomeFix.

- **Transportation**

- **Goal:** Catalyze transit improvements to expand capacity, improve reliability and enhance connectivity; invest in roadway infrastructure; and support streets improvements to provide safer connections for pedestrians and bicyclists, increase local connectivity, and reduce vehicular congestion.
- **Actions:**
  - **\$10M** to fund an additional portion of DOT's LIC/Hunters Point Area-wide Street Infrastructure Project
  - Continue to work with the MTA to seek improvements to the local transportation network.
  - Upgrade signal systems on E, F, and 7 lines, pilot B32 electric bus, and upgrade Queensboro Plaza station.
  - Support MTA in redesigning the bus network and advocate for additional station improvements.

- Study feasibility of new rail station in Sunnyside Yard.
- Study the impact of for-hire-vehicles on neighborhood circulation.
- **Infrastructure and Resiliency**
  - **Goal:** Improve water and sewer infrastructure to strengthen current service and enhance resiliency infrastructure.
  - **Actions:**
    - \$95M to implement a first phase of sewer upgrades, and complete LIC amended drainage plan (ADP).
    - Implement ongoing water main replacement and reconstruction of clay pipe sewers.
    - Develop green infrastructure to protect Newtown Creek; reconstruct bulkheads and 44th Drive pier.
    - Resiliency improvements for FDNY Engine Company 260.
    - Updated building codes, working towards new flood resilient zoning rules.
    - Increase outreach for BusinessPREP emergency preparedness grants for small businesses.
- **Parks and Open Space**
  - **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.
  - **Actions:**
    - \$15M to improve Baby Queensbridge Park, Old Hickory Playground, Bridge & Tunnel Park, and Court Square.
    - Improvements to Queensbridge Houses play areas and basketball court at Ravenswood Houses
    - Create new public open space under the ramps at Dutch Kills Street.
    - Encourage private investment in the creation of new public open space and explore additional opportunities to expand and improve open space across the neighborhood.
- **Schools**
  - **Goal:** Expeditiously bring online pipeline projects to meet the current needs for additional school seats while also planning for additional population growth and future needs.
  - **Actions:**
    - \$60M for the construction of a school in the Court Square neighborhood within School District 30.
    - Continue to work with local stakeholders, including parent associations and CEC 30 on SCA and DOE's progress on addressing school utilization and need.
    - Continue to work with private partners to identify additional school site opportunities, including new schools as part of the proposed LIC Innovation Center and Anable Basin projects.
- **Neighborhood Services and Arts and Culture**
  - **Goal:** Expand and strengthen neighborhood and civic amenities to support a complete neighborhood and strengthen LIC's unique identity.
  - **Actions:**
    - Bring at least 35 new Affordable Real Estate for Artists (AREA) workspace units to LIC.
    - Strengthen awareness of youth and community development programs through referral system and enhanced branding and marketing.
    - Explore opportunities to increase public art and programming, including an arts corridor connecting critical institutions and increasing accessibility between disparate assets.