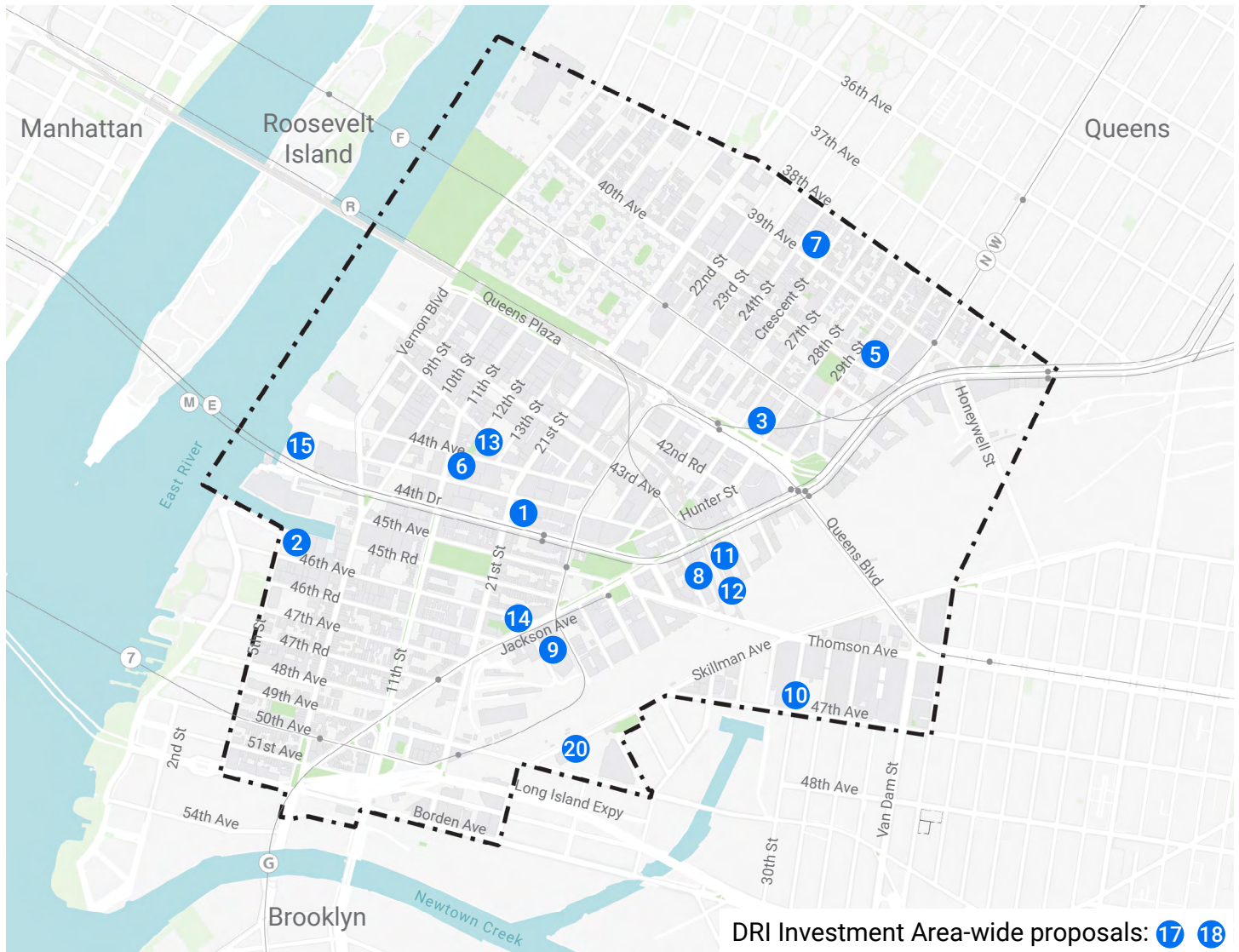


# Project Locations



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Please note that all projects are currently in development. Therefore, the total project budget and DRI funding request may change over the next few weeks. However, the scope for each project will largely align with the descriptions provided.

# 1: Renovate Information Technology High School's Gymnasium to Support the Larger LIC Community



Image Courtesy: IT High School

## Project Description:

Information Technology High School will renovate its 9,000-sf gym to better serve its students and the local community's recreational needs. Work will include, but not be limited to replacing the gym floor, wall padding, scoreboard, bleachers, and sound system, as well as renovating the locker rooms. The improvements will allow this public high school to continue to serve its students, while growing its place in the LIC community as a central and affordable recreational asset.

**Project Location:** 21-16 44th Rd, Long Island City, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** Information Technology High School, School Construction Authority (SCA)

**DRI Funding Request:** \$1,192,400 (100% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,192,400

## 2: Build a community arts venue at Culture Lab LIC



Image Courtesy: Culture Lab LIC

### Project Description:

Culture Lab LIC, a 20,000-sf outdoor community arts venue, will expand and enhance its operations and facilities through the purchase and installation of new equipment and structures to provide a complete fit-out. Improvements will include installing new audio-visual equipment for film screenings, upgrading the existing concession stand, expanding seating, and constructing a modular stage-pavilion for performance-based events. The improvements will allow Culture Lab to elevate this well-used local venue to a premier cultural destination and expand its free arts entertainment and programming to better support the local LIC community's artists, students, residents, and visitors.

**Project Location:** 5-25 46th Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** Culture Lab LIC

**DRI Funding Request:** \$388,000 (90% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$492,894

### 3: Restore the original 1911 façade of the Brewster Building and improve pedestrian experience



Image Courtesy: Brause Plaza North LLC

#### Project Description:

Brause Plaza North, LLC, the building owner will restore the original design intent of the 1911 Brewster Building's exterior, improving one of the few historic buildings of architectural significance in the LIC investment area. Work will include inspection, restoration of the metal cutouts framing the windows, repainting, and resealing window frames, as well as repaving the adjacent sidewalk and upgrading façade lighting along Queens Plaza North. The work will refresh the building exterior amongst a neighborhood still in transition from an industrial past to an urban future of art, business, and residential developments, continuing to merge the historic past with its modern future.

**Project Location:** 27-01 Queens Plaza N, Long Island City, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** Brause Plaza North LLC

**DRI Funding Request:** \$471,260 (48.6% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$969,685

## 5: Renovate a beloved artist residency and exhibition space



Image Courtesy: Flux Factory

### Project Description:

Flux Factory, a community arts nonprofit, seeks to upgrade the building façade and interior gallery space of its 9,800 sf arts center to accommodate artist studios, woodworking and print shops, exhibition spaces, and support facilities. Work will include the planning, design, and construction necessary to replace the existing cinder-block ceiling over the gallery, renovate the building façade, replace street-facing signage, and replace the existing gas-powered forced-air heating system with a new energy efficient HVAC system. The improvements will enhance user experience, improve building performance, sustainability and the adjacent streetscape.

**Project Location:** 39-31 29th St, Long Island City, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** Flux Factory

**DRI Funding Request:** \$900,000 (88.7% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,015,000

## 6: Redevelop the Metropolitan Building into a creative hub



Image Courtesy: VM 4401 LLC

### Project Description:

VOREA Group, a local LIC real estate business, will redevelop the 45,000 sq. ft. historic Metropolitan Building that has sat vacant for over 4 years, into a mixed-use hub for light manufacturing and maker activities. Work will be conducted in two phases, with Phase One, involving major exterior and interior structural components and repairs, currently underway. Phase Two, the DRI project, involves the fit out of several floors to facilitate affordable workspace for artists, small businesses, manufacturers and light-industrial uses. The interior fit-out work will include demising partitions, HVAC distribution system, electrical distribution, conference rooms, kitchenettes, bathrooms, new flooring and several turnkey studio spaces. The project will foster a vibrant community, create jobs, and enhance the sense of place, attracting visitors

and residents to the neighborhood and further establishing the Court Square IBZ into a destination for creative, culturally impactful businesses within NYC.

**Project Location:** 44-01 11th St, Long Island City, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** VM 4401 LLC

**DRI Funding Request:** \$1,400,000 (50% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,800,000

## 7: Redevelop industrial building into a world-class multipurpose performing arts theater and community center



Image Courtesy: *The Chocolate Factory Theater*

### Project Description:

The Chocolate Factory Theater, an artist-centered organization, is renovating its 7,500 sf building to create a LEED certified state-of-the-art theater and dedicated community spaces. DRI Funds will supplement existing work to build out the lobby and portions of the community space to provide a more welcoming, visible, energy efficient and safe environment. Once renovated and open, the new arts center aims to enhance pedestrian activity and safety in the neighborhood and strengthen the organization's existing partnerships with a variety of local businesses, ensuring the center continues to be a community anchor.

**Project Location:** 38-33 24th St, Astoria, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** The Chocolate Factory Theater

**DRI Funding Request:** \$1,000,000 (7.6% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$13,106,544

## 8: Renovate and connect SculptureCenter to the Underline open space



Image Courtesy: SculptureCenter

### Project Description:

SculptureCenter, a contemporary arts museum dedicated to artistic innovation, will expand its outdoor exhibit space and provide new points of entry to connect to the planned open space improvements under the viaduct. Work will include the construction of a new ADA-accessible entrance and ramp to navigate a four foot-grade difference, as well as installation of an energy-efficient outdoor courtyard lighting system and design, fabrication, and installation of new outdoor signage. The project will greatly enhance the visibility of this unique LIC cultural destination.

**Project Location:** 44-19 Purves St, Long Island City, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** SculptureCenter

**DRI Funding Request:** \$600,000 (80% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$750,000



## 9: Construct the new Queens Public Library branch



Image Courtesy: Queens Public Library

### Project Description:

Queens Borough Public Library will establish a new 5,000 sf branch library at 22-42 Jackson Avenue. Work will generally include new walls, floor and wall finishes, window treatments, signage and wayfinding, installation of new HVAC and plumbing systems, a fire safety system and the purchase of furniture and library materials. The new library will once again provide a much-needed community destination and feature expanded capacity for collections and programming to align with local needs.

**Project Location:** 22-44 Jackson Ave, Queens, NY 11101

**Project Sponsor:** Queens Public Library

**DRI Funding Request:** \$1,583,617 (49% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,231,463

## 10: Convert 29th Street into a greenway



Image Courtesy: LaGuardia Community College

### Project Description:

LaGuardia Community College will collaborate with NYC Department of Transportation to realize a shared community vision of permanently converting 29th Street from Skillman Avenue to 47th Avenue into a public pedestrian plaza. Work will include new surface treatment, pavers, tree planting, installation of pollinator paths with planters, street furniture, shade structures, and other pedestrian amenities. The transformation of the asphalt roadway into a new pedestrian destination will create much needed open space and benefit students, workers, residents, and visitors.

**Project Location:** 29th Street between Skillman Avenue and 47th Avenue

**Project Sponsor:** LaGuardia Community College

**DRI Funding Request:** \$2,000,000 (50% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$4,000,000

# 11: Construct the Underline at Dutch Kills



Image Courtesy: Friends of the Underline

## Project Description:

Friends of the Underline, a newly created entity co-chaired by Aaron Shirian and Damon Pazzaglini, will build a long-awaited public open space along the south side of Dutch Kills Street between Jackson Avenue and Thomson Avenue, and under the vehicular ramps leading to the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge. Work will include the construction of a new playground and dog run to compliment the planned pedestrian amenities, pickleball courts, flex space for local art installations, as well as the installation of new lighting fixtures. While some funding was previously allocated toward the open space improvements, the additional dollars will allow for expanded facilities and ensure the project proceeds without delay and becomes a destination for all.

**Project Location:** Block 267, Lot 25 (Area under Ed Koch bridge next to Dutch Kills St)

**Project Sponsor:** Friends of the Underline

**DRI Funding Request:** \$2,425,000 (31% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$7,925,000

## 12: Construct a pedestrian plaza at Dutch Kills Street



Image Courtesy: Friends of the Underline

### Project Description:

Friends of the Underline, a newly created entity co-chaired by Aaron Shirian and Damon Pazzaglini, will work with NYC Department of Transportation to transform Dutch Kills Street, a dead-end street east of Jackson Avenue, into a shared public street that prioritized pedestrian use. Work will include the installation of new lighting, street furniture, barriers and planting of new street trees. The project will enhance the pedestrian environment, provide new open space for community events, and increase both pedestrian safety and walkability through streetscape improvements.

**Project Location:** Dutch Kills St east from Jackson Avenue

**Project Sponsor:** Friends of the Underline

**DRI Funding Request:** \$900,000 (100% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$900,000

## 13: Enhance the 12th Street pedestrian plaza



Image Courtesy: VM 12th Street LLC

### Project Description:

VOREA Group, a local LIC real estate business, will upgrade the 12th Street Pedestrian Plaza, located on 12th Street between 43rd Road and 44th Avenue. Work will include the replacement of existing asphalt, installing new trees, plant beds, shading features and bike racks, replacement of guard rails, and integration of new street furniture. The project will further enhance the plaza into a vibrant community gathering space and destination.

**Project Location:** 12th Street between 44th Avenue and 43rd Road

**Project Sponsor:** VM 12th Street LLC

**DRI Funding Request:** \$695,000 (82% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$845,000

## 14: Reconstruct the 46th Avenue pedestrian plaza



Image Courtesy: NYC DOT

### Project Description:

NYC Department of Transportation will transform the temporary 46th Avenue Pedestrian Plaza, located at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and 46th Avenue in front of MoMA PS1, into a permanent public plaza and open space. The current temporary plaza uses standard NYC DOT surface improvements, movable barriers, and street furniture. Work will include the reconstruction of the plaza at sidewalk grade and the implementation of a new pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Jackson Ave and Crane St. In addition, new vegetation, seating, pedestrian improvements, sidewalks, roadway reconstruction work, and standard accessibility improvements will be provided. The project will increase access to public open space, create safer streets, and improve the livability of the LIC Downtown Core.

**Project Location:** Slip lane in front of MoMA PS1 located at 46th Avenue and Jackson Avenue

**Project Sponsor:** NYC Department of Transportation

**DRI Funding Request:** \$2,500,000 (26% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$9,600,000

## 15: Remove the Dilapidated ‘Water’s Edge’ Barge at 44th Drive



Image Courtesy: LIC Post

### Project Description:

Long Island City Coalition proposes to work with appropriate government agencies towards the restoration of Anable Cove habitat by removing the dilapidated ‘Water’s Edge’ barge present off the 44th Drive pier. The removal of this structure would improve public access to the East River, open waterfront views towards Queensboro Bridge, and allow for ecological regeneration to begin along the shoreline.

**Project Location:** 44th Drive Pier

**Project Sponsor:** Long Island City Coalition, Hunter’s Point Community Coalition

**DRI Funding Request:** \$250,000 (100% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$250,000

## 17: Greening and cleaning LIC



Image Courtesy: Long Island City Partnership

### Project Description:

The Long Island City Partnership, which operates the LIC Business Improvement District (BID) and the LIC Industrial Business Zones (IBZs), will address the critical lack of greenery and adequate sanitation facilities on the streets of Long Island City, particularly within the IBZs, through strategic streetscape improvements and resiliency measures. Work will include the planting of new trees, installation of new tree pits, rain gardens, planters, trash receptacles, container signage, dog bag dispensers, as well as upgrading existing tree pits and trees. This will enhance environmental resiliency, aesthetic appeal and overall cleanliness to stimulate economic activity in LIC's commercial corridors.

**Project Location:** Throughout the LIC DRI Investment Area

**Project Sponsor:** Long Island City Partnership

**DRI Funding Request:** \$1,000,000 (95% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,050,000



## 18: Build LIC's identity through a placemaking and public art fund



Image Courtesy: Long Island City Partnership

### Project Description:

The Long Island City Partnership will facilitate the installation of a minimum of five public art installations within Long Island City, continuing its community LIC Arts Connections initiative. Artworks may include large scale mural, lighting, and sculptural installations by local artists and cultural organizations on private and public property, as well as installation of wayfinding site markers and signage. Each project will be an integrated system of creative placemaking, public art and wayfinding installations, implemented in partnership with local cultural organizations, artists and community stakeholders.

**Project Location:** Throughout the LIC DRI Investment Area

**Project Sponsor:** Long Island City Partnership

**DRI Funding Request:** \$500,000 (77% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$650,000

## 20: Revitalize green infrastructure at Smiling Hogshead Ranch



Image Courtesy: Smiling Hogshead Ranch

### Project Description:

Smiling Hogs Head, a community organization that established and currently operates the community-run garden and urban farm called Smiling Hogshead Ranch, will provide several upgrades and amenities to the garden to better meet the needs of its expanding users. Work will include the design and construction of ADA accessible entrances, permeable paths, installation of composting infrastructure, solar-powered lighting and charging stations, permanent outdoor furniture, a water catchment and irrigation system, signage, wayfinding measures, and bicycle parking. In addition, the project will construct event spaces, an outdoor classroom, amphitheater, public bathrooms and enhance the existing kitchen to improve programming at the farm.

**Project Location:** 25-30 Skillman Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11001

**Project Sponsor:** Smiling Hogshead Ranch

**DRI Funding Request:** \$495,000 (100% of total cost)

**Total Project Cost:** \$495,000