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# **Belmont Park Community Meeting**

7/18/18

# BELMONT ARENA + RD&E MASTER PLAN

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- 18,000-seat Arena for NHL hockey (up to 19,000 seats for other events)
- Up to 250-room full-service Hotel
- 435,000 gsf Retail, Dining and Entertainment
- 30,000 gsf Office
- 10,000 gsf Community Space
- Onsite Public Open Space and Offsite Open Space Improvements
- Parking on Site A, Site B and NYRA Property
- Parking for approximately 7,000 vehicles, inclusive of NYRA parking areas

# Community Engagement

To date :

- 4 public meetings
- 11 tours and smaller community meetings
- 11 Community Advisory Committee and elected official meetings
- Ongoing communications with elected officials and other local/state government agencies and staff

# Community Engagement

Groups that we have met with include:

- Elmont Cardinals
- Elmont Chamber of Commerce
- Elmont Neighbors
- Floral Park Belmont Taskforce
- Muscle Moms
- Parkhurst Civic Association
- Queens Village Civic Association
- Queens Delegation
- Town of Hempstead
- Village of Bellerose
- Village of Floral Park
- Village of South Floral Park



# Sampling of Transformative ESD Projects



Victoria Theater,  
Harlem, NYC



Lower Manhattan,  
NYC



Inner  
Harbor,  
Buffalo



# Planning & Approval Timeline

## Milestone

## Anticipated Timeline

Release of draft scope; public hearing on draft scope	Q1 2018
Release of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	Q4 2018
Public hearing on Project and DEIS	Q4 2018
Release of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)	Q2 2019
Start of Construction	Q2 2019
Project Opening	Q4 2021

# Planning & Approval (SEQR)

ESD as the lead agency is responsible for preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which analyzes the Proposed Project's potential effects on the following:

- Land Use, Zoning and Community Character
- Community Facilities and Utilities
- Open Space/Recreational Resources
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Visual Resources
- Socioeconomic Resources
- Hazardous Material
- Water Resources
- Natural Resources
- Transportation
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Climate Change
- Construction

# Planning & Approval (SEQR)

- The EIS analyzes the data collected in the areas on the previous slide to determine Mitigation measures to address significant adverse impacts.
- The EIS also includes assessment of Unavoidable Impacts and Cumulative Effects.



# Planning & Public Approvals

- No agency or authority can take an action on a project until SEQR has been completed.
- Following environmental review, the following approvals are expected in Q2 2019:
  - ESD Board
  - Franchise Oversight Board
  - Public Authorities Control Board
  - LIPA/PSEG
  - Attorney General/Comptroller

# Synergy with Belmont Park

- ***Elmont Community Vision Plan (Key Vision Plan Elements):***  
“**Reinforce Belmont Park-Related Uses** by attracting businesses that are specifically related to horse racing or that could benefit from proximity to this major attraction, including the redevelopment of the parking lot and adjacent areas south of Hempstead Turnpike across from Belmont Park with a hotel, restaurants and quality retail.”
- ***ESD RFP:*** “Extent to which proposed Project strengthens Belmont as a premier destination for entertainment, sports, recreation, retail and hospitality on Long Island: 30%”

# Transportation

- LIRR is evaluating existing rail infrastructure and what can be done to provide more regular service to Belmont Park.
- The evaluation is expected to conclude by the end of Q3 2018.
- ESD and NYAP have met with the MTA/LIRR 4 times and is in regular communication.
- We have relayed to LIRR the community concerns we have heard during our outreach process.

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