# Former Flushing Airport RFP

**28 AVENUE** 

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#### Agenda

- 1. The Opportunity
- 2. Site Context
- 3. Development Program
- 4. Next Steps
- 5. Q&A



## The Opportunity



Large Scale Development Opportunity: 80 contiguous acres of land—an exceptionally rare opportunity in NYC



**Flexible Terms**: RFP permits a wide range of uses, sale or lease, all or a portion of Site, optimizing creativity and potential



**Unique Natural Amenity**: Capitalize on the restored wetlands to offer scenic views, connection with nature, and privacy



**High-Impact Potential**: Create a thoughtful development that addresses local needs, including new housing



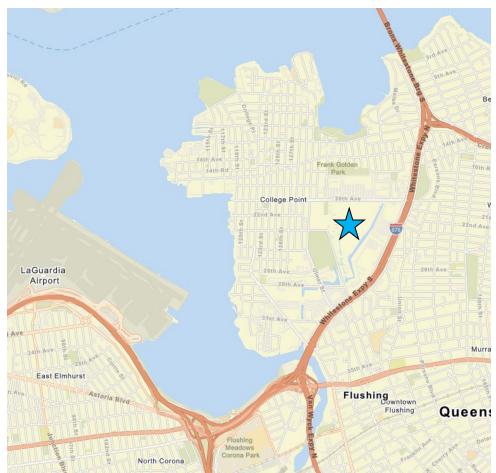
**Unique Design Opportunity**: Introduce groundbreaking design and sustainability practices





### Site Overview

- Approximately 80 acres
- College Point neighborhood of Queens
- Former airport, vacant since 1984
- Existing zoning M2-1 and M1-1 but open to rezoning





## Family-Friendly Neighborhood

#### Strong Homeownership:

- 58% owner-occupancy rate
- Predominantly single-family

#### Abundant Green Spaces:

- Flushing Meadows Corona Park
- College Point Fields
- MacNeil Park

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- Frank Golden Park
- Powel's Cove Park



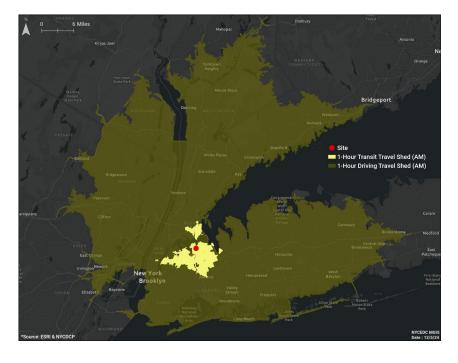
23rd Ave & 125th St, College Point, Queens. CityNeighborhoods.nyc.



Flushing Meadows Corona Park (Credit: NYC Parks)

### Neighborhood Context: Transportation

- Proximate to major expressways and parkways
- Minutes from the newly renovated LaGuardia Airport
- Connections to LIRR and MTA subway via multiple bus routes







## Neighborhood Context: Commercial Uses

#### <u>Retail Uses</u>

- College Point Center
  - TJ Maxx
  - Target
  - BJ's Wholesale
  - ShopRite
  - Ulta Beauty
- Triangle Center
  - Bob's Discount Furniture
  - Old Navy
  - Tesla

#### Office & Logistics Uses

- College Point Logistics Center
  - 250k SF newly built
- New York Times
  - 450k SF printing facility
- USPS
  - 450k SF distribution center
- World Plaza
  - 150k SF office
- College Point Plaza
  - 80k SF warehouse



## Neighborhood Context: Entertainment Venues

Site is < 2 miles from 3 venues, which attract thousands of guests





Looking northeast, view of venues with site in the background. Credit: NYCFC, 2024.

## Site Context: Wetlands

- Site contains State and Federally designated freshwater wetlands
- Portion of Site under DEC consent order and site management plan
- Proposals may include offsite mitigation plans

Area	Key	Permitted Development
Remediated wetlands area		None
DEC consent order lots		Commercial only and DEC approval required
DEC consent order radius		DEC approval required
Within wetland or 100 ft		DEC approval required
All other areas		Subject to regulations





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## Site Context: Innovative Solution

Development may require innovative engineering solutions to address:

- Freshwater wetlands
- Potential remnants of prior airport, including old fill
- Challenging subsurface conditions
- High water table
- Lack of onsite infrastructure
- Limited site access



Looking south, former airport tarmac





## **Development Program: Project Goals**

Competitive Proposals should accomplish Project Goals:

- Creates a <u>feasible project</u> that develops the <u>local economy</u> and enhances the <u>quality of life</u> and open space in the neighborhood;
- Incorporates design excellence in the site plan and building designs as well as encourages successful integration of the project into the <u>local context</u>;
- Advances the City's <u>housing, economic development, and</u> <u>environmental and sustainability</u> goals;
- Delivers a <u>comprehensive hiring and wage program</u> that supports communities and creates good-paying job opportunities; and
- 5. Generates <u>returns to the City</u> while minimizing the use of public subsidies





#### **Opportunities to Reimagine the Site**

NYCEDC welcomes proposals that include any combination of the following uses:

- Residential
- Retail
- Office
- Industrial

- Community Facility
- Recreational Facility
- Parking
  - Open Space



#### **Selection Criteria**

NYCEDC will evaluate each Proposal according to the following Selection Criteria

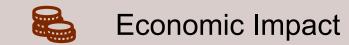
Program and Design



Financial and Schedule Feasibility



**Respondent Qualifications and Experience** 







#### **RFP** Timeline





## Q&A

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#### Site Tour Deadline: January 3, 2025

#### Submission Deadline: March 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM

Please upload your response as a .zip file with your company name and the name of this RFP to the project website.

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