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Borough-Based Jails

COMMUNITY DESIGN MEETING #4 FOR THE BROOKLYN FACILITY

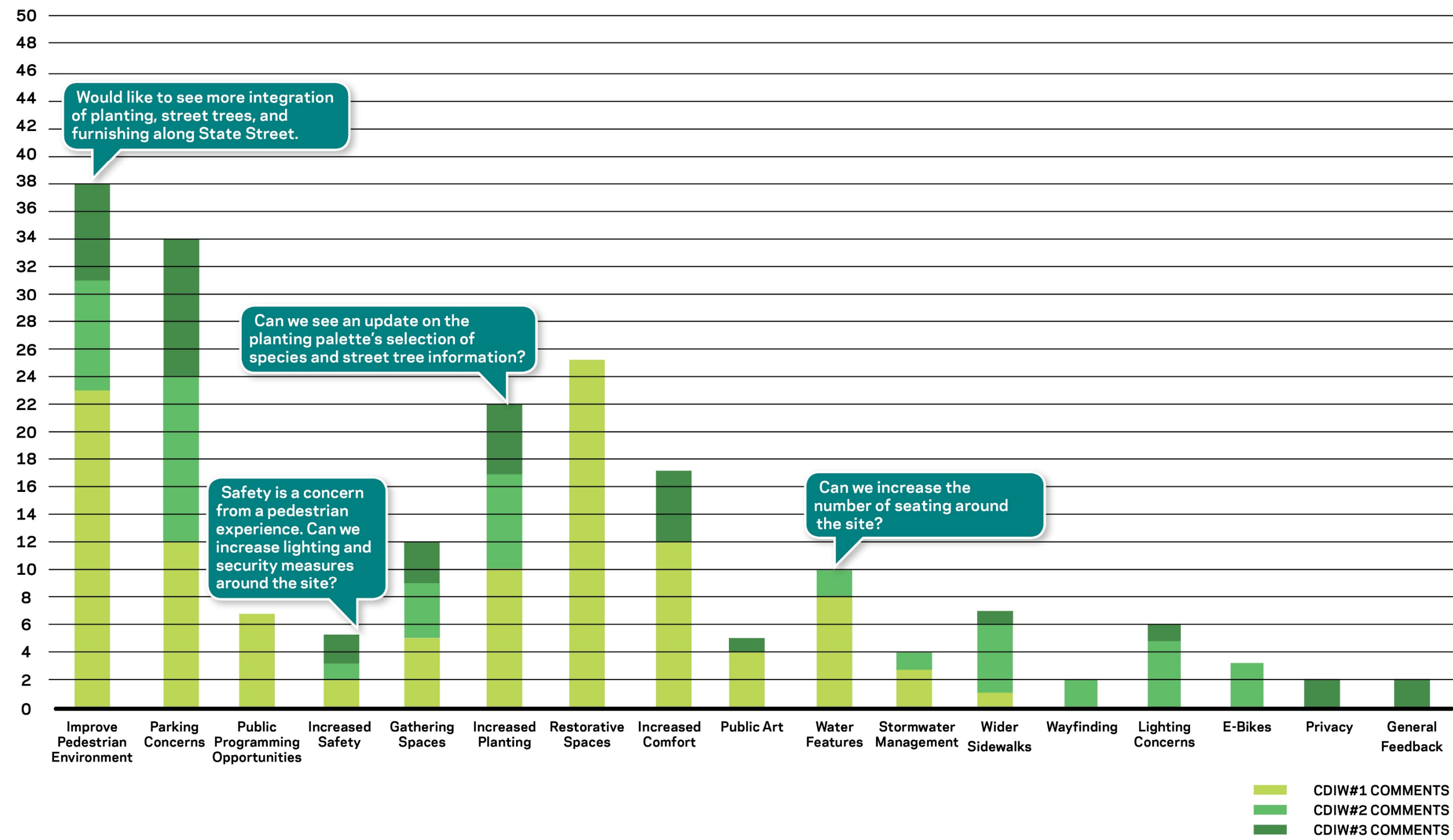
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Do we have artwork along Smith and State?	This project is participating in the New York City Percent for Art Program. Artwork will be integrated into the interior and exterior of the building. For the exterior, art will be showcased at the public plaza paving area located on Atlantic Avenue and Boerum Place.
I love the green, I would eat at the plaza. Please add moveable furniture.	All furnishing elements have been designed to remain fixed in place for security and maintenance considerations. There are opportunities for moveable furnishings in front of the community space entrance to be determined at a future date.
The design would not look the way they do without greenery. Are the trees going to be tall? Will there be maintenance?	A low-maintenance planting palette is a priority for DOC. The planting species selection includes low-maintenance understory natives for the tree planting beds. Plant selection for the tree pits follows safety protocols around the Facility to maintain clear lines of sight. DOC is responsible for maintaining the landscape and public realm around the Facility.
The corner of State Street and Boerum Place will be congested – consider additional public realm elements to soften it.	The design team is maintaining 12ft clear widths of sidewalk along Boerum Place in addition to open corners to allow for free-flowing pedestrian movement from the adjacent sidewalks. The public realm approach for this intersection includes an integration of seating, bicycle parking, and planting.
Looks too corporate. Are all the trees going to grow that tall? Bad wish.	The streetscape design adopts the flowing geometries outlined in the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership Public Realm Action Plan. The planting palette introduces seasonal interest while remaining resilient to the demands of the urban environment. Tree species were carefully selected from the NYC Parks Department's recommendations, ensuring their suitability for thriving in the urban environment.
State and Boerum? State Street needs some love.	The streetscape design enhances the building frontages throughout the site, creating a more engaging and functional urban environment. At the Boerum Place and State Street corner, additional seating and native planting areas complement the staff pedestrian entrance. The State Street and Smith Street intersection features integrated bike racks, bike share stations, expanded planting areas, additional canopy trees, and increased seating to support a more sustainable public realm.
What are the species of plants?	The design prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette tailored to the challenges of the urban environment. The selected species include low-maintenance native understory plants for the tree planting beds, designed for year-round visual interest and ease of care. Along State Street, drought and salt-tolerant species will be used, for example Sweet pepperbush and Lily turf. While shade-tolerant species will be incorporated in areas with limited sunlight, for example New York Asters, and Beach Plum.
Concerns about the trees not filling out fast enough, mature canopies.	The updated planting strategy introduces additional street trees and expanded understory planting areas. Existing trees along Atlantic Avenue will be preserved, while new trees will be integrated throughout the site along all streets. Tree species were carefully selected from the NYC Parks Department's recommendations, ensuring their suitability for thriving in the urban environment.
The state street streetscape needs more love.	The streetscape design enhances the building frontages throughout the site, creating a more engaging and functional urban environment. At the Boerum Place and State Street corner, additional seating and native planting areas complement the staff pedestrian entrance. The State Street and Smith Street intersection features integrated bike racks, bike share stations, expanded planting areas, additional canopy trees, and increased seating to support a more sustainable public realm.

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I don't like it.	Mayor Adams supports closing Rikers Island under a plan that ensures the dignity, safety, and care for all justice-involved New Yorkers. It is important to mention that the COVID-19 pandemic had wide-ranging impacts on the criminal justice and jail systems in New York City — disrupting court operations, increasing the time to trial, and extending the length of stay for persons in custody — all of which has led to a substantial increase in the jail population on Rikers Island. The pandemic also caused significant issues and delays with the previous administration's plans to issue requests for proposals and implement the design-phase of the borough-based jails plan, as well as exacerbating schedule delays while causing a dramatic increase in the cost of construction. That is why the mayor was encouraged to see the Independent Commission on Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform be reconvened, recognizing the need to reassess the current plan and offering to help develop new recommendations for how New York City can best move forward to close Rikers Island. This administration's commitment to the success of our jail system is unwavering, but we also have come to terms with the reality of how this once-in-a-generation pandemic impacted the original timeline for the implementation of the borough-based jail plan. The answer is not to ignore reality or compromise public safety, but to work together to find solutions.
I wish there is more built-in seating and tables, so I'm glad and it's very inviting.	Each street tree corresponds with the existing tree species along each street experience throughout the neighborhood. For instance, State Street features a diverse mix of street trees on adjacent blocks, with Lindens and Honey Locusts being prominent. The proposed design extends this established palette, ensuring continuity in the streetscape and a cohesive experience for users.
What kind of trees are they?	The design prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette tailored to the challenges of the urban environment. The selected species include low-maintenance native understory plants for the tree planting beds, designed for year-round visual interest and ease of care. Along State Street, drought and salt-tolerant species will be used, for example Sweet pepperbush and Lily turf. While shade-tolerant species will be incorporated in areas with limited sunlight, for example New York Asters, and Beach Plum.
Have an open conversation with DOC about public safety? Bollard promoting the safety of the building and people.	The team has been in conversation with DOT and NYPD in order to ensure that site security meets both agencies' requirements. Bollards are used where needed. Where possible, benches replace bollards and be used as the site security measure.
I demand the promised second Sally port for the NYPD.	The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port will be operated by NYPD.
Very cool. We are the environmental consultants on the Bronx Jail project. I wonder how I might find out about wonderful workshops like this in the future. Can someone point me in the right direction. Thanks.	Thank You! Our final design workshop for the Brooklyn Facility is being held on December 5, 2024. Please visit the link below for information on future workshops for the Bronx, Queens, and Manhattan facilities: https://rikers.cityofnewyork.us/
I only see one sally port. This will lead to unfair and untenable congestion.	The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port will be operated by NYPD.
The jail is surrounded by landscaping barriers. At the Smith and State Street corner which leads to a residential block there are only plain institutional barriers. This does not respect the neighborhood.	The site's security design approach introduces the concept of open rooms at each intersection to help promote freedom of pedestrian movement while using landscape and planted areas to help guide pedestrians and promote a safe and natural planting buffer between vehicular traffic and people. The planting areas help promote biodiversity with larger natural systems that can combine and create a self-sustaining and improved planting zone for vegetation to thrive. The design team is currently working with the anticipated pedestrian flows for each intersection to promote safety and movement.
The parking spaces are not adequate. State Street and I am sure surrounding other streets find it very difficult to keep streets clean. With the current rat problem, this is necessary. We have made attempts to have jail employees move their cars for the Tuesday morning street sweep, but this seems mostly not possible. It would be great to make this street like Sidney place where times for parking are posted around the street sweeping schedule. With more pressure on parking needs, this will probably not happen. Is the jail going to purchase or pay for parking lot space?	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.

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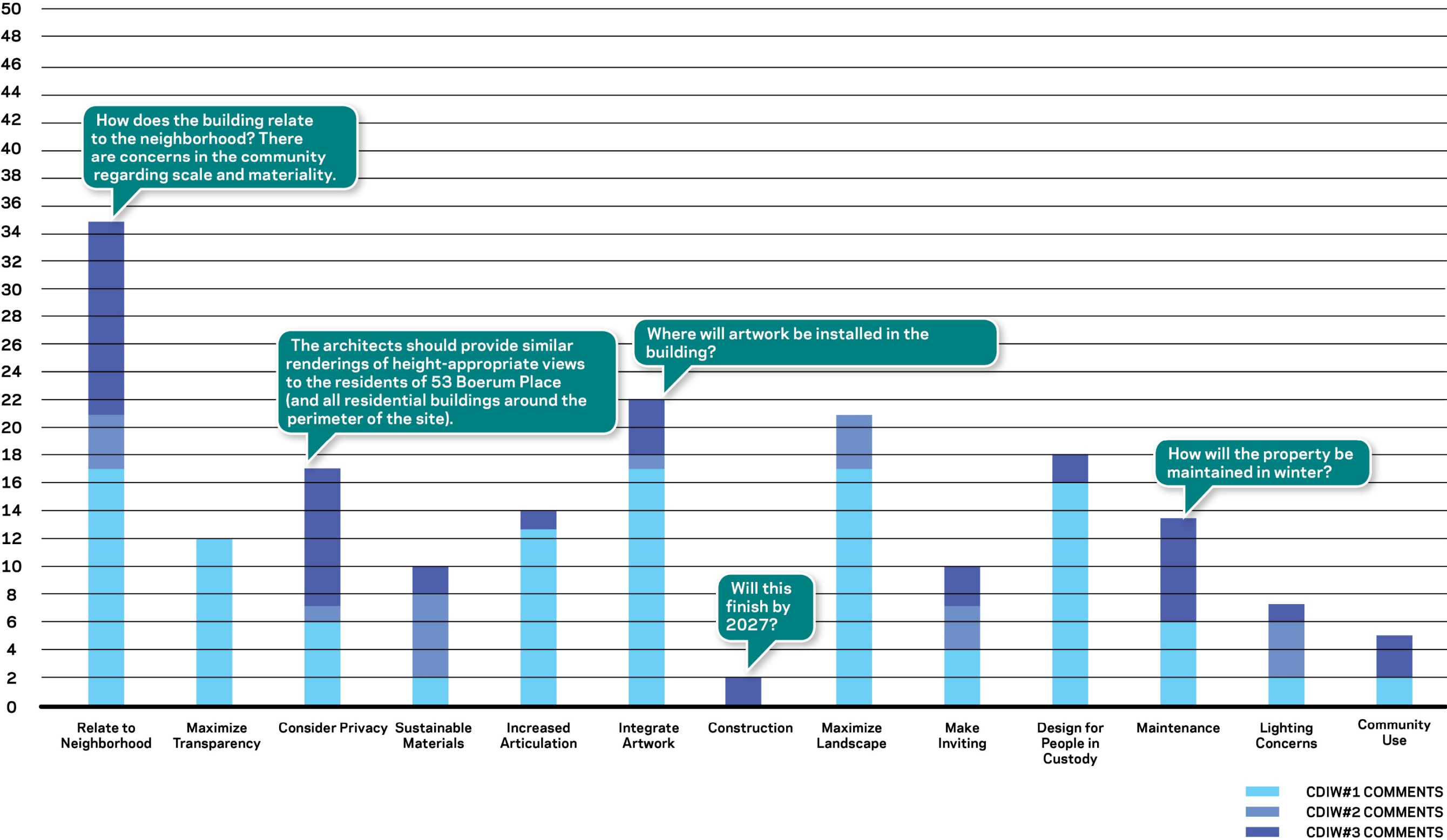
Probably small thing but I do not think we need two positions for flags on the building. One in front suffices.	The flags represent the State of New York, Borough of Brooklyn, and the NYC Department of Corrections.
I hope we will have a street cleaning team and system like the one keeping Brooklyn Bridge park. It is always clean, the people working friendly, the standards high. It is perpetually clean. (The garbage outside the courthouse back entrance is not always so tidy.)	DOC is responsible for maintaining the landscape and public realm around the Facility. Street cleaning and other traffic work is outside the scope of the BBJ project. This project will be coordinated with NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and the NYC Parks Department. DOC prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette, including understory natives for all planting beds that provide year-round interest. Plant selection follows safety protocols around the Facility to maintain clear lines of sight.
Where will building mechanicals be. Not visible?	Mechanical systems are located on the roof of the facility to mitigate noise and visibility.
I feel like too much pressure is being placed on Smith Street for police and other traffic into the building. Maybe there is no other solution. Would the two sally ports help to alleviate?	The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port will be operated by NYPD. The location of the curb cuts are dictated by the ULURP.
I am deeply concerned after hearing the news that the Boerum Hill/Downtown Jail will not be adding an additional Sally Port as promised. We as residents of the neighborhood demand the promised second sally port for the NYPD.	The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port will be operated by NYPD.
More built-in tables for lunches and breaks feels inviting. Fast growing trees please.	There are opportunities for additional furnishings in front of the community space entrance, to be determined at a future date. Tree species were carefully selected from the NYC Parks Department's recommendations, ensuring their suitability for thriving in the urban environment.
Please make sure sanitation receptacles are incorporated in the Public Realm. Thanks.	Proper sanitation receptacles are incorporated into the public realm. We worked with the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership and the DOC to ensure adequate size receptacles are placed in the appropriate locations around the site.
Outside planned areas may need security. Visitors to the old jail dropped weapons into state street plantings.	Plant selection follows safety protocols around the Facility to maintain clear lines of sight. Space around the new facility will be monitored by security cameras.
We are concerned about the dark streets.	The lighting is intended to promote a sense of safety and security around the site. In accordance with DOT standards, the design utilizes streetlights and lighting in furnishing elements that are located around the facility.
What is the parking situation and who can use it?	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
We live in the neighborhood, if you have to pay for parking, they won't and will park in the street.	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
Concerned about more street parking even though the area is very transit rich.	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of

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Not enough underground parking.	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
Where do they stand on parking downstairs?	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
The problem is, that if you have some spaces, everyone will drive to the visitations and not have enough space and then take up the neighborhood parking. I think it's just going to get worse with the magnitude of people.	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
At the land use community meeting we discussed offsite parking. The other half of the parking nearby are available.	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
Parking locations and space availability? What about parking for people visiting?	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
Parking spaces (staff vs. public) capacity. Cop cars.	Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
Furniture around the site, the public library has blue tables and chairs for use.	Most of the site's furniture incorporates benches, serving as both seating and an alternative to traditional bollards and other security measures. The design team refined the seating strategy by integrating additional seating throughout the site, seamlessly blending it with the planting areas. There are opportunities for additional furnishings in front of the community space entrance, to be determined at a future date.

Findings CDIW#1,2,3 Architecture



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I appreciate the natural light in all the bedrooms! For those who live across the jail, want to know more about the inmates can see.		The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings. The recreation areas have been located at the center of the building on all sides to increase distance from neighboring residential buildings to the recreation yards. The rec areas associated with housing units begin at 77' above ground level at Boerum Place, State Street and Atlantic Avenue; at Smith Street the rec areas associated with housing units begin at 192' above ground level. Three rec areas with limited occupancy are located below these levels at Atlantic Avenue. The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. Whilst this creates a more open facade, the team has studied how best to orient the expanded metal to address visual privacy for neighboring buildings to the extent possible. The expanded metal is oriented towards the sky to increase daylight within the recreation yards while reducing visual connection to the surrounding neighbors. Additionally, the detention mesh secure perimeter is located approximately 12” behind the expanded metal, which enhances visual privacy by creating a separation between the exterior-most façade and the people in custody. The effect of this physical gap on sight lines and orientation of the expanded metal will be illustrated in presentations and boards at the December community meeting.	
Is there a change between the relationship or the rec center oral and visual connection to the public from previous community workshop.		The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings. The recreation areas have been located at the center of the building on all sides to increase distance from neighboring residential buildings to the recreation yards. The rec areas associated with housing units begin at 77' above ground level at Boerum Place, State Street and Atlantic Avenue; at Smith Street the rec areas associated with housing units begin at 192' above ground level. Three rec areas with limited occupancy are located below these levels at Atlantic Avenue. The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. Whilst this creates a more open facade, the team has studied how best to orient the expanded metal to address visual privacy for neighboring buildings to the extent possible. The expanded metal is oriented towards the sky to increase daylight within the recreation yards while reducing visual connection to the surrounding neighbors. Additionally, the detention mesh secure perimeter is located approximately 12” behind the expanded metal, which enhances visual privacy by creating a separation between the exterior-most façade and the people in custody. The effect of this physical gap on sight lines and orientation of the expanded metal will be illustrated in presentations and boards at the December community meeting.	
Impressed		Thank you! We have worked to integrate community feedback into the facility's design where possible.	
I live on State Street-- the community is universally opposed to the expansion of the jail. Upgrading the facility is one thing, but expansion (this has been a moving of the goal posts) will encounter continued, unified opposition.		The proposed facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well.	
The community approved 290 parking spaces to decrease the parking burden on the neighborhood from prison staff (mostly illegally parked). Reducing the spaces by 190!!! to 100 is an affront. This issue will be exacerbated when congestion pricing goes into effect.		Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to	

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The size of the jail has increased overmuch and is now totally out of proportion to the surrounding neighborhood. Beds increased 17% from 886 to 1040. Why are there not two Brooklyn jails? Why does Staten Island have no jail? Too many police live there? I am rallying the neighbors to protest all of these sneaky changes. We have more lawyers who live in the 'hood now, to help with this.	be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking. Even though the number of beds in the facility increased from 886 to 1040, the overall size and bulk of the facility did not increase and it is still within the approved ULURP envelope. The Lippman Commission 2.0 is also evaluating this issue. The approved 2019 ULURP does not include a facility on Staten Island.
When I saw this plan I was shocked to see the huge size and dominance of this building, especially adjacent to a small scale, historic neighborhood. If the old jail, renovated not so long ago, must be replaced, I believe the wishes of the community are that the extreme height and bulk of this planned out-of-scale structure should be modified-- or should be used elsewhere and replaced by a building design that appears to blend in with the scale of the Avenue and the surrounding residential neighborhood.	The proposed facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well.
The jail is too big and does not have the facilities needed. This is the failure of a \$3.2 billion project. The neighborhood is not suited to the size of the jail being built. This abuts Atlantic Avenue, but it is essentially a residential neighborhood. The number of mental health beds have been decreased. This is the number one reason for arrests. I suggest that a separate facility be made for mental health detainees. This would probably allow for better and more focused care and could alleviate the size of the project.	The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well. Even though the number of beds in the facility increased from 886 to 1040 the overall size and bulk of the facility did not increase and it is still within the approved ULURP envelope. All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet patients' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided.
I am a homeowner and resident of Boerum Hill. This jail as presently designed is far too large and has too many regular beds (>800) and far too few therapeutic beds. In any case, it should have the promised TWO sally ports and 290 parking spots instead of a paltry 100. I cannot imagine a scenario more designed to elicit ill will from voting neighborhood residents than providing inadequate parking and walking shackled prisoners on the sidewalk because of only one sally port. It is outrageous that this jail will hold people from Staten Island, whose Councilmembers have obstructed building a borough-based jail there. The Brooklyn facility could lose 200-300 beds if Staten Island would build a jail within its borders. It is inexcusable that the Brooklyn facility is the only borough-based jail currently under construction. Rikers should be closed but not duplicated here in Brooklyn. I am heartsick to think that the human rights abuses of Rikers will be duplicated	The facility design is based in principles of dignity, respect and rehabilitation. The facility will include programming for education, vocational training, counselling and horticulture. All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic. All four borough-based jails are currently proceeding. The 2019 approved ULURP does not include a jail on Staten island. Please visit our website for more information about the City's vision and goals for the Borough-Based Jails Program: https://rikers.cityofnewyork.us/ Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking. The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port

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mere steps from my home. The original concept of the jail as a VERY temporary stop and hub for support services should be reinstated. The Brooklyn jail as presently designed does NOT have my support. I vote and I will remember who perpetrated this.	will be operated by NYPD. People in custody will be brought by DOC via buses that enter and exit the facility through an enclosed sally port that is contained within the building and screened from the public street by doors. People in custody will be brought from the facility to the courthouse via an elevator that connects to the underground tunnel. All operations will be managed within the facility and will not be visible to the public.
I am appalled that this jail is being constructed without regard to the appropriateness of scale for our residential neighborhood. It is completely lacking in care for those of us who have lived here for decades. I demand that the second sally port for the NYPD that was promised to proceed.	The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well. Regarding the sally port: The City is currently assessing the feasibility of including a sally port for the NYPD in the design of the new facility and will provide a response when possible. The current proposal includes a sally port for NYPD within the Courthouse.
I hope this message finds you well. As a long-term resident of our neighborhood for over a decade, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed size of the correctional facility that is planned for our area. I believe that such a large-scale facility is not suitable for our residential neighborhood, especially considering the following concerns: Excessive Size for a Residential Area: The proposed scale of the correctional facility is, in my opinion, too large for our residential neighborhood. The increased size does not align with the character of our community, which is primarily family-oriented. Parking and Traffic Concerns: Our neighborhood already faces challenges with parking, and the addition of a large correctional facility would exacerbate the issue, causing a significant increase in traffic. The current congestion, compounded by the presence of Citi Bike stations and outdoor dining sheds, leaves residents with insufficient parking options. Shift in Neighborhood Demographics: Since the original jail was in place, our area has undergone substantial changes and has become more residential with numerous families and children. A massive jail complex is not in harmony with the family-oriented nature of our community. Inadequate Infrastructure for Increased Congestion: The continuous growth in the number of cars and congestion, along with recent changes to traffic patterns such as added bike lanes, has already made it challenging to navigate our neighborhood. The proposed correctional facility would further strain the existing infrastructure. Safety Concerns for Families: Our family-oriented neighborhood is not equipped to support a massive jail complex. The safety of our residents, particularly children, is a top priority, and the presence of such a facility could compromise the well-being of our community.	The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well. Due to security requirements, only authorized City vehicles can park within the facility. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking. The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port will be operated by NYPD. People in custody will be brought by DOC via buses that enter and exit the facility through an enclosed sally port that is contained within the building and screened from the public street by doors. People in custody will be brought from the facility to the courthouse via an elevator that connects to the underground tunnel. All operations will be managed within the facility and will not be visible to the public.

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Need for an Underground Tunnel: The absence of an underground tunnel for inmate transportation raises serious safety concerns. Past experiences with inmates being brought in on the sidewalk have led to discomfort and fear among residents, especially children. An underground tunnel linking the jail and courthouse would mitigate these issues and ensure a safer environment for everyone. Recent Security Incident: The recent incident involving an escaped inmate underscores the importance of addressing security concerns. Without proper infrastructure, the safety of our neighborhood is at risk, and this incident has heightened the anxiety and fear among residents. In light of these concerns, I urge the Department of Corrections to reconsider the scale of the proposed correctional facility and take into account the unique characteristics of our residential neighborhood. It is crucial to prioritize the safety, comfort, and well-being of the families who call this community home. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the impact of the proposed correctional facility on our neighborhood and take steps to address our valid concerns.	
Questions or Comments: I am a resident and homeowner located on state street one block from this jail. the planned site for new jail is not at all suitable. The site is fronting the entrance of Brooklyn bridge Blvd. is also on the corner of the most congested traffic in the Brooklyn. additionally the Atlantic Ave side is also has heavy traffic and the jail traffic turning into the jail will always cause extra noise pollution and delays to all Brooklyn drivers who use this route. any reasonably planner could not choose this site if there were any other alternative. the building itself is wildly out of character and scale. The is not even a single affordable food establishment for visiting inmate families. How about converting one of the many major buildings in midtown Manhattan that is in distress due to the market downturn for office builds there. there are many reports of owners handing in the keys to the banks.	There has been a jail on the site of the new facility since the 1950s. This site was selected for the new facility because it was the site of the previous jail as well as has easy access to public transportation and direct access to the courthouse. The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well. A transportation analysis was conducted in 2019 and 2024 to assess the potential impacts of the facility on the neighborhood. Please see here for more information: https://a002-ceqraccess.nyc.gov/ceqr/Details?data=MThET0MwMDFZ0&signature=e330cd9c78430a8d28b580b159a7183c6bd2b3d14
53 Boerum – Now more sightline views.	The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings.
More sightline views. 53 Boerum. What heights do the bedrooms begin?	Cells associated with housing units begin at 77' above ground level at all at Smith Street and State Street. Cells associated with housing units begin at 60' above ground level at Boerum Place and Atlantic Avenue. Limited number of cells associated with other functions are located below this level.

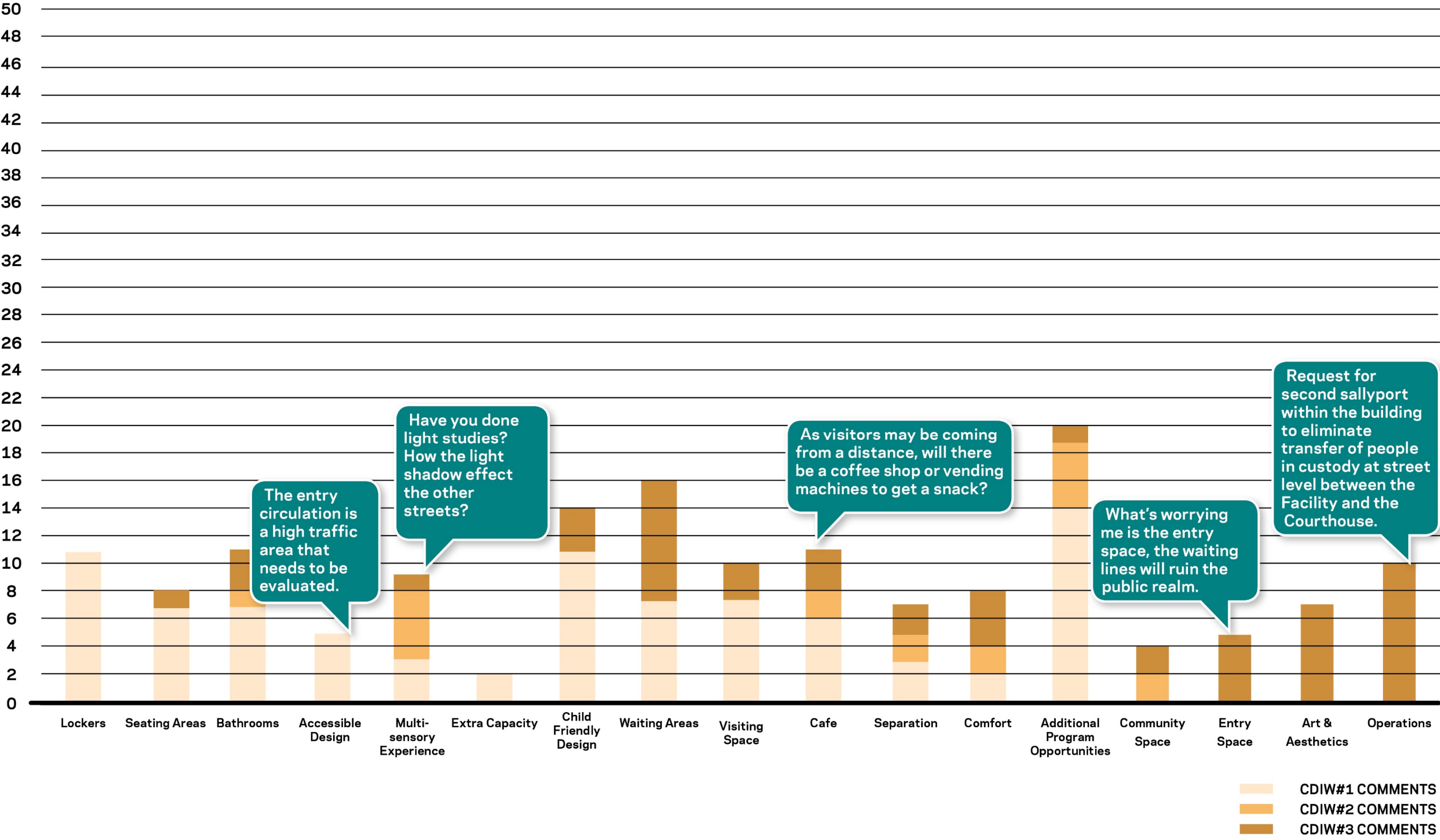
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Reconsider a Staten Island facility. Take the pressure of the proposed Brooklyn facility	A Staten Island facility was not included as part of the 2019 ULURP for the Borough-Based Jails facilities.
How will community space be maintained?	The facility will include 30,000 s.f. of dedicated community space that is currently undefined. The use and maintenance of the community space will be determined at a later time with input from the community.
Bike docking station on state is a challenge for existing dock station.	The proposed docking station locations will be coordinated with the existing docking stations located on the adjacent block east of the facility. The idea is to relocate these back to the site where they once stood, freeing up space in front of the residential areas along State Street.
Furniture around the site, the public library has blue tables and chairs for use.	Most of the site's furniture incorporates benches, serving as both seating and an alternative to traditional bollards and other security measures. The design team refined the seating strategy by integrating additional seating throughout the site, seamlessly blending it with the planting areas. There are opportunities for additional furnishings in front of the community space entrance, to be determined at a future date.
I think this design is the most legendary design of any jail! This is historic!	Thank you! The borough-based jails are designed to be smaller, safer, and fairer. The Brooklyn facility design is based in principles of dignity, respect and rehabilitation. Please visit our website for more information about the City's vision and goals for the Borough-Based Jails Program: https://rikers.cityofnewyork.us/
This aspect feels jail like - echo of vertical bars	The team has replaced two different materials i.e. louvers and expanded metal with one cohesive material which reduces the grid like effect and creates a more uniform facade.
Thanks so much for these additional views. The architects should provide similar renderings of height-appropriate views to the residents of 53 Boerum Place (and all residential buildings around the perimeter of the site). Much like you are providing answers to the community, those of us who are on our respective boards of managers need to provide answers to our unit owners and shareholders. We appreciate how much HOK has been addressing the issue of privacy with their creative design solutions.	Thank you! Additional views from the surrounding buildings are included in our materials for our final design workshop with the community.
Can the architects provide information on where HVAC and other mechanical systems will be located, how much noise is expected, and how it will be mitigated if necessary? Thanks.	HVAC systems will be located mainly on the roof of the facility. Noise will be controlled with proper equipment and facility management.
Can you please confirm at what height the administrative offices end and the housing for detainees begins? Not by floors, would like measurement in feet to more clearly understand. Thanks.	The housing units begin on level 6 at 77' above ground level.
WHY ARE therapy spaces being reduced!! either therapy for arrestees is primary or it's NOT? No locked shower rooms in the units; >it can lead to suicide Are the chairs all of the same color? It looks much too institutionalized and sterile What phone company is being used for outside lines?	All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet patients' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided. Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security.

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There is much over-pricing for phone companies and inmates collect phone calls to their homes. What special training will be given to officers to teach them that this is NOT just another fancy version of Rikers	Use of light, windows, normalized furnishings, and other strategies are being utilized to mitigate conditions like claustrophobia. The design is being coordinated with medical and management staff to ensure no hinderance to getting medical responses. Phone company to be used in the facility will be determined at a later time.
This new jail proposal is way out of scale for the Atlantic Avenue and Boerum Hill environment. It is shameful how all the years of prior work to make a renovation acceptable to the community has now been completely ignored! At the very least, you MUST retain the promised second sally port for the NYPD. The congestion on the street will be horrendous if you do not deliver this. DO IT!	The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well. The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port will be operated by NYPD.
Is there a map showing the length of the shadow of the building and how it will cut off sun throughout a day and over what areas.	Shadow studies were undertaken during the ULURP process which determined the maximum envelope permitted for the Facility. The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale.
I am concerned about the scale and size of this building in a lower building height neighborhood. I am also unsure I understand how spending this expense makes sense. This is an enormously expensive project on a piece of land that could be used for far better use cases. The proceeds of the sale of this land, combined with the construction costs, could go into improving the condition of life at Rikers. I find this extremely upsetting and disastrous for the community	The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale. The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well.
How will the property be maintained in winter? The flowers along the street look nice but with snow, ice, or streets being salted for ice, they will die. There is nowhere to shovel snow to.	DOC is responsible for maintaining the landscape and public realm around the Facility. The design prioritizes a low-maintenance planting palette, including understory natives for all planting beds that provide year-round interest. Plant selection will follow safety protocols around the Facility to maintain clear lines of sight. The updated planting strategy introduces additional street trees and expanded understory planting areas. Existing trees along Atlantic Avenue will be preserved, while new trees will be integrated throughout the site along all streets. Tree species were carefully selected from the NYC Parks Department's recommendations, ensuring their suitability for thriving in the urban environment.

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This borough needs and deserves to have a lock up large enough and in close enough proximity to the courts where the judges can provide due process in a timely and humane manner. The old lock up was disgusting and inhumane. Very excited to see the size and quality of the proposed facility, now we just need more judges to speed up the process so those who may be accused of petty crimes for the first time can be processed and hopefully diverted to programs that will deter them from committing crimes and towards jobs and/or educational programs. We need to especially focus on our youth who are struggling to find a way to find a quality education and/or training for the good paying jobs we need to fill in the future. Instead of just locking people up, let's make sure the youth have choices for education and training. Not concerned at all about parking as long as the police will monitor the flow of traffic and enforce No Stopping/Standing within the immediate area of the facility.	The Adams Administration has incorporated various decarceration initiatives into their plan to close Rikers to safely decarcerate and provide justice-involved individuals services that reduce the likelihood of re-arrest and reincarceration. Through the Community Justice Reentry Network, justice-involved individuals being released from Rikers receive discharge planning and connections to providers' services in the community. In addition, MOCJ's unique transitional housing program assists the city in keeping the jail population low by providing formerly justice involved people pathways to permanent housing. MOCJ providers also provide services mandated by judges in court instead of a jail or prison sentence, called Alternatives to Detention (ATDs) and Alternatives to Incarceration (ATIs). Similarly, our supervised release program is a court-mandated supervision program that works with participants to ensure their return to court while offering voluntary services & referrals (such as employment, mental health, and other social services). In addition, in October 2023, MOCJ began our case processing initiative which assists prosecutors, defenders, the courts and parties resolve challenges to ensure cases move towards appropriate resolution as quickly as is possible or reasonable. The initiative will expand citywide in the summer of 2024. The facility will include 30,000 s.f. of dedicated community space that is currently undefined. The use of the community space will be determined at later time with input from the community with the intention of serving the community and its youth.
Will u finish by 2027 if not earlier? Few trust Adams to keep his word?	Construction of the Brooklyn facility began in Spring 2024 and is expected to be completed in 2029.
Lighting (shadow studies, have they been done yet?)	Shadow studies were undertaken during the ULURP process which determined the maximum envelope permitted for the Facility. The proposed design is smaller than the maximum permitted envelope.
Have you done light studies? How the light shadow effect the other streets?	Shadow studies were undertaken during the ULURP process which determined the maximum envelope permitted for the Facility. The proposed design is smaller than the maximum permitted envelope.
Relationship between rec yard and the opposite building?	The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings. The recreation areas have been located at the center of the building on all sides to increase distance from neighboring residential buildings to the recreation yards. The rec areas associated with housing units begin at 77' above ground level at Boerum Place, State Street and Atlantic Avenue; at Smith Street the rec areas associated with housing units begin at 192' above ground level. Three rec areas with limited occupancy are located below these levels at Atlantic Avenue. The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. Whilst this creates a more open facade, the team has studied how best to orient the expanded metal to address visual privacy for neighboring buildings to the extent possible. The expanded metal is oriented towards the sky to increase daylight within the recreation yards while reducing visual connection to the surrounding neighbors. Additionally, the detention mesh secure perimeter is located approximately 12" behind the expanded metal, which enhances visual privacy by creating a separation between the exterior-most façade and the people in custody. The effect of this physical gap on sight lines and orientation of the expanded metal will be illustrated in presentations and boards at the December community meeting.
It doesn't look like our neighborhood looks like a Manhattan building; I don't see any bricks.	Additionally, the detention mesh secure perimeter is located approximately 12" behind the expanded metal, which enhances visual privacy by creating a separation between the exterior-most façade and the people in custody. The effect of this physical gap on sight lines and orientation of the expanded metal will be illustrated in presentations and boards at the December community meeting.

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I don't agree with the previous comment, I think it matches Atlantic and Boerum.	Thank You! We are continually working towards integrating design details into the facility's immediate context.
Building could be smaller if not overpopulated, 200 less beds or therapeutic visitor can come and leave knives and guns.	The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale.
Can someone stand on the bed and P.I.C. could look down on the community and people that live directly across.	The design team has developed a myriad of different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context. The design of the facade on the interior cells will have a glass painted frit that provides privacy for both the public and people in custody.
Height of new building vs. old building, is it taller?	The height of the facility was confirmed during the ULURP process which determined the maximum envelope permitted for the Facility. The proposed design is smaller than the maximum permitted envelope.

Findings CDIW#1,2,3 Interior Public Space



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More room in waiting area to avoid lines around block.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
High traffic concerns in circulation area	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
Additional stroller space	Storage space for 12 strollers is currently provided near the front door of the lobby space.
Prep areas	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. Additionally, sufficient space has been provided for waiting including seating areas for varying groups and sizes.
People in custody transportation concerning.	People in custody will be brought by DOC via buses that enter and exit the facility through an enclosed sally port that is contained within the building and screened from the public street by doors. People in custody will be brought from the facility to the courthouse via an elevator that connects to the underground tunnel. All operations will be managed within the facility and will not be visible to the public.
Visiting rooms, capacity, # of rooms	Visiting is located on level 04. There will be space for both contact visits and non-contact visits with families, friends, attorneys, and others. The total capacity of all visiting spaces can accommodate approximately 200 visitors.
Common area aesthetics. Concerns of space looking like a hospital	Common areas include different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tone walls to enhance the space. Interior color palette is still being refined.
Will there be libraries?	The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, religious services, and medical facilities.
Artwork displays.	The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette.
Bathroom's locations for visitors vs. P.I.C. Are they the same? Concerns of bathroom locations.	Bathroom facilities for visitors are in separate locations from bathrooms for people in custody.
Scanners for P.I.C going through visiting areas.	There will be a continuous security presence on-site and staff will be present in the building 24/7.
Concerns operating hours. 24 hr. shifts. Security concerns off business hours.	There will be a continuous security presence on-site and staff will be present in the building 24/7.
Are there vending machines? Cafeteria?	Vending machines will be provided in the public lobby; there will not be a cafeteria for members of the public.
1.) I'd like to lift up other's citing of the need for a large internal waiting area with no outdoor line. 2.) Provide food and drink for purchase in the internal waiting area. 3.) Provide all-season shelter/stations for officers outside the building on all sides, to prevent loitering, conflict, harassment, litter etc. 4.) Provide direct transportation to persons in custody to their homes or designated shelter after release.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times. Vending machines will be provided in the public lobby; there will not be a cafeteria for members of the public. Building security will be on site and the surrounding public space will be monitored by security cameras The services of the future facilities are still under discussion. The City is exploring transportation options for persons released from custody.

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Visitors don't come by appointment; they want to get there as early as possible. Right now, there's 1/3 of the amount of people than what will be there, and the visitor lines go around the block. Can we use more of the waiting space to stop the lines from forming outside?	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
Is the check-in system electronic?	The check-in system will be electronic.
What's worrying me is the entry space, the waiting lines will ruin the public realm.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
The entry circulation is a high traffic area that needs to be evaluated.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
How many people fit in the community space? What will be in that space?	The facility will include 30,000 s.f. of dedicated community space that is currently undefined. The use of the community space will be determined at a later time with input from the community.
Who is going to wash the windows and exterior?	Provision for a window-washing system is included in the design of the building.
Can people park their strollers? Or take them up?	Storage space for 12 strollers is currently provided near the front door of the lobby space.
Is there a way to fix the entrance if it doesn't work?	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
The point of the second sally port is so people wouldn't have to load and unload on the street.	The final design includes two independent sally ports in the new facility - one sally port will be operated by DOC and a second sally port will be operated by NYPD. People in custody will be brought by DOC via buses that enter and exit the facility through an enclosed sally port that is contained within the building and screened from the public street by doors. People in custody will be brought from the facility to the courthouse via an elevator that connects to the underground tunnel. All operations will be managed within the facility and will not be visible to the public.
You guys have been extremely responsive.	There is a tunnel underground to transport people-in-custody from the facility to the adjacent courthouse. If they have a case in a different court they will be securely transported via bus from the enclosed sally port.
How are people in custody going from this facility to the courts?	There is a tunnel underground to transport people-in-custody from the facility to the adjacent courthouse. If they have a case in a different court they will be securely transported via bus from the enclosed sally port.
Where are the visiting rooms? And how many?	Visiting is located on level 04. There will be space for both contact visits and non-contact visits with families, friends, attorneys, and others. The total capacity of all visiting spaces can accommodate approximately 200 visitors.
Are there going to be any libraries?	The program space will include a law library for PIC to access legal resources as well as a general-purpose library. DOC is exploring partnering with community resources to enhance the general-purpose library.
These renders look great. No carpets? That's great.	Thank You! The team has worked to integrate community feedback into the facility's design where feasible.
Are there going to be 2D art or sculptural?	There will be 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional art pieces located throughout the building.
Wondering about the bathrooms in the visitor areas?	Visitors have access to restrooms from the visitor waiting area.
Wondering about bathrooms? There are visitor bathrooms in the waiting area for visitors waiting. For people in custody bathrooms were outside the secure area. From my experience, that's an issue for both because then I have to visit the officer and it's a longer process. There is a safety concern with contraband in those spaces.	There are separate restrooms for visitors and people in custody located to address concerns for contraband. Visitors have access to restrooms in the visiting waiting areas both at Level 1 waiting and Level 4 waiting. People in custody have access to restrooms in the visiting processing area.

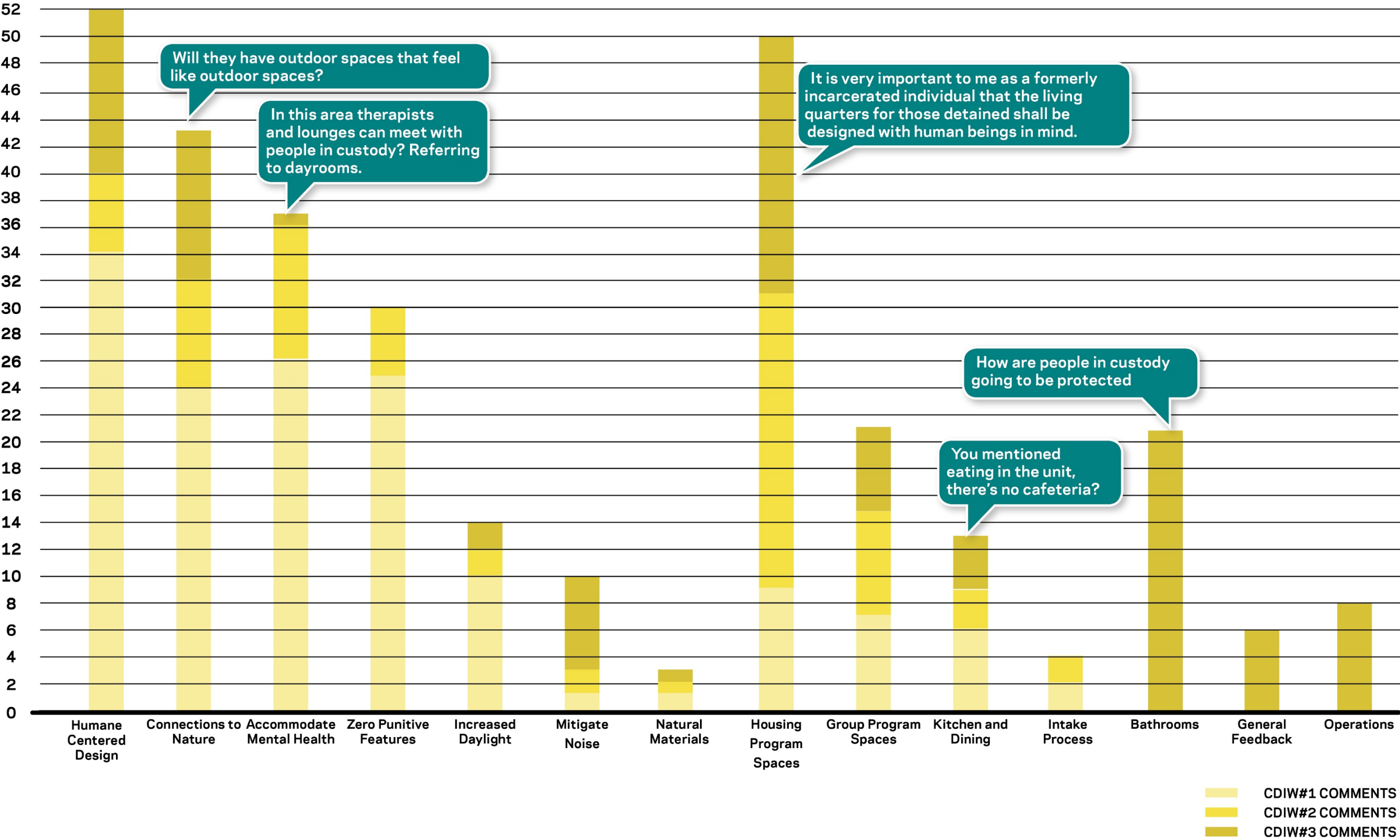
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Will all bathrooms have changing tables?	Yes, changing tables will be provided in the bathrooms. The proposed design accommodates two changing tables in restrooms at Level 1 main lobby and two changing tables in restrooms at Level 4 visitor waiting area.
Are we considering scanners so no one has to be stripped searched. What can be done?	Visitors will not be strip searched. DOC is exploring the latest technology to minimize invasive search procedures.
When will we know?	DOC is exploring the latest technology to minimize invasive search procedures.
How many people are working in the building?	Staffing plans for the future facility are under development.
Where else will the art be installed?	Art pieces will be located at the public plaza, the main lobby, the staff lobby, the contact visiting area, the horticulture space, and the library.
How big is that staff entry area? It looks small. Is it just that entrance.	Staff lobby design is sized to make it more welcoming for the staff and includes seating and other program elements. The volume of staff was taken into consideration and the staff lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping.
Is the initial screening requiring the staff to take off their stuff. Is traffic in that area during the staff morning entrance going to slow them down?	The initial screening at the staff entry includes a state-of-the-art screening system designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. A secondary staff screening point is located further inside the building before staff enter the secure perimeter.
Are there vending machines? But no cafe for the public? Why not?	Vending machines will be provided in the public lobby; there will not be a cafeteria for members of the public.
No, the visiting area seems like a hospital or institutional.	The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette.
Bathrooms in the visiting room must be looked at thoroughly.	Visitors have access to restrooms from the visitor waiting area.
Scanner/technology should be used to eliminate strip searches, including for people in custody going to visits.	Visitors will not be strip searched. DOC is exploring the latest technology to minimize invasive search procedures.
Is circulation clear to the public? (Visitor waiting, information desk, people in custody release, support spaces) People trying to enter will end up outside, in the "public realm."	Clear wayfinding and signage is incorporated to guide visitors through the lobby and visiting areas.
Is circulation clear to the public? (Visitor waiting, information desk, people in custody release, support spaces)	Clear wayfinding and signage is incorporated to guide visitors through the lobby and visiting areas.
Revisit entry circulation/sequence traffic jam at info desk.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. Additionally, sufficient space has been provided for waiting including seating areas for varying groups and sizes.
I put this comment on the public realm board and it probably should have been here (sorry!). At the meeting, it was said the screening waiting area can accommodate 25 people. When the former facility was operating with only 300 occupancies, there were way more than 25 people wrapped around the corner at the visitor center. This occupancy will be almost 3x. Where will the waiting line be, and how will it be managed? Would also like to know where the estimate of 25 came from. Many thanks.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.

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Colors and interior space feel very natural and warm.	Thank You! The design incorporates biophilic elements and warm color palettes to promote a calming and dignified environment.
I think that there is a lot going on in the lobby. What will keep it from getting congested. What looks like is intended to be a quiet space can easily become loud and unruly because of the open layout. It also looks very busy. Perhaps the layout could just be simple and have seating around the perimeter and leave the space open in the middle.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
The colors in the visit room could be a bit more welcoming. The wood and neutral tones look more like a hospital or clinic setting.	The design incorporates biophilic elements and warm color palettes to promote a calming and dignified environment.
As visitors may be coming from a distance, will there be a coffee shop or vending machines to get a snack?	Vending machines will be provided in the public lobby; there will not be a cafeteria for members of the public.
This rendering shows a very bland and institutional space. I have lobbied for plantings on the lower walls of the jail. If not possible, I would suggest that the interior could have planting. I have seen this also done in interiors and it is very beautiful and calming. Better than a huge insignia. Look up the Musee du Quai Branly in Paris. It has had a planted exterior for many years.	The design incorporates biophilic elements and warm color palettes to promote a calming and dignified environment.
The area with the pale blue green counter is more welcoming than the white countered area.	The design incorporates biophilic elements and warm color palettes to promote a calming and dignified environment.
I question the communal sofas being so much of the waiting area seating. People do not like to sit on top of each other and it may not be so efficient.	The lobby is designed to include different seating options which includes individual armchairs, chairs at tables and benches with dividers to accommodate groups of different sizes.
You say adequate space is provided for visitors and they do not have to wait outside. Can I ask how many visitors have been accommodated in screening and in waiting room.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
Presentation said there was room for 25 people to be waiting for security screening. When the former facility was operating with an occupancy of roughly 300, there were far more than 25 people wrapped around the block at the visitor entrance. How was this estimate of 25 reached, and where will the very likely overflow of people awaiting security screening go?	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.
Congestion concerns from waiting area. State street space needs more love.	The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.

Findings CDIW#1,2,+3 Interior Space



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Concerned about the bathroom situation. Each room has one in the common area. Will we be seeing some of those shower schematics?	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Is this the only rec yard? This is like inside. Do the screens rise up? I would like to see more outdoor space.	The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. The horticulture program will be included on level 14 with security screens open to natural elements (daylight, fresh air).
Materials, color, furniture will continue to be explored. I was on Rikers, and the feel was like a hospital, like a waiting center at the DMW. The event venue waiting area is better.	The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette.
Having just chairs and tables is really traumatizing.	The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette.
Why are there 10 layers of mesh? (Rec yards)	The recreation areas include an exterior screen to provide a finished façade and an interior screen for security requirements. Both layers are required and have been designed sensitively to optimize daylight, fresh air and privacy.
The mezzanine level mesh looks more decorative, less institutional than rec yards.	The recreation areas include an exterior screen to provide a finished façade and an interior screen for security requirements. The interior mezzanine level mesh design is responding to different requirements.
Will the cell windows have blinds?	The windows will contain a glass frosting to provide visual privacy.
What is the total number of locked showers?	There are no locked showers. Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
I still want to see the shower areas (in images)	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population. Illustration of showers is included in the presentation.
What are those spaces off the dayroom?	The spaces off of the dayroom in a typical floor plan are multi-purpose rooms, staff areas, counselor rooms, and interview rooms.
Is there a mass hall? I don't see an area for them to eat.	We are working with the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to ensure nutrition is considered in food service programs. Food is prepared in a central kitchen and all dining takes place within the living units. Meals are delivered to each housing unit by cart. Seating is provided in the dayroom for dining.
The Shawangunk facility upstate has eating spaces inside the unit. I'd like to see people eating in the images.	We are working with the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to ensure nutrition is considered in food service programs. Food is prepared in a central kitchen and all dining takes place within the living units. Meals are delivered to each housing unit by cart. Seating is provided in the dayroom for dining.
Where are the phones?	Phones are located within each dayroom with consideration for privacy.
I appreciate you speaking with us.	Thank you!
What about the horticultural program? Is the screen always open?	The horticulture program will be included on level 14 with security screens open to natural elements (daylight, fresh air). The screen will always be open to the elements.
Can the screens close down in cold weather?	The screens cannot close down in the cold weather. There is an indoor gym located on level 14 and coats will be provided as needed during inclement weather.

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In this area therapists and lounges can meet with P.I.C? Referring to dayrooms.	All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet patients' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided.
Is there a medical clinic space along the dayroom wall? (gen pop)	All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet patients' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided.
Those housing units (36 and 24 people) is that consistent throughout?	The size of the housing units varies from 18, 20, 24, and 36 people.
Are the people who are serving time, or pre-trial? Is the design influences by being pre-trial?	The New York City jail population includes pretrial detainees (people who have been charged, but not convicted of a crime and are detained while their case is pending resolution), people who have been sentenced for a misdemeanor offense with sentences of a year or less, and people who have allegedly violated the conditions of parole.
Is this your definition of gen pop vs. therapeutic, and who decides which is which?	Therapeutic housing areas include increased presence of health services staff on the unit and space for meetings and counseling. They are typically associated with proximity to clinical spaces such as the main clinic and on-unit support areas. Housing placement in a therapeutic unit will be recommended by Correctional Health Services clinicians based on an individual's clinical needs, but the Department of Correction will make the final decisions about placement.
You mentioned eating in the unit, where's no cafeteria?	We are working with the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to ensure nutrition is considered in food service programs. Food is prepared in a central kitchen and all dining takes place within the living units. Meals are delivered to each housing unit by cart. Seating is provided in the dayroom for dining.
Is the rec yard to scale? How large are they?	The recreation areas vary in size due to their multiple locations around the facility. They are approximately 750sf in the larger housing units and 600sf in the smaller housing units. All recreation areas have an approximately 18ft ceiling height.
Which floor do housing units start?	The housing units begin on level 6 at 77' above ground level.
Are there any cells next to the rec yard?	Yes, there are cells next to the recreation areas however no cells open or look directly onto the recreation areas. There is soundproofing provided between the cells and the recreation areas.
Is the perspective from within the cell?	An illustrative rendering from within the cell unit was shown in the third community workshop. An updated rendering will be included in the final community design meeting in December 2024. All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet. Cells will be furnished with a bed with storage, a desk, and a stool. All cells include a light over the bed and desk that the occupant can control. All cells have a window facing the exterior of the building.
What is the perspective from within the cell?	An illustrative rendering from within the cell unit was shown in the third community workshop. An updated rendering will be included in the final community design meeting in December 2024. All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet. Cells will be furnished with a bed with storage, a desk, and a stool. All cells include a light over the bed and desk that the occupant can control. All cells have a window facing the exterior of the building.
What is the ratio of showers? Do you make a point of taking them to shower?	The ratio of showers in the housing units are loaded at one shower per eight people based on the requirements from the American Correctional Association. People in custody are free to shower once a day and/or as-needed.
How are P.I.C. going to be protected inside the shower? How will the showers be operated?	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
If a person is alone in the shower, the staff can see that they're in the shower?	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Is the water temperature regulated?	The water temperature is regulated.
Will they have access to other outdoor spaces that feels outdoors?	There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to daylight and fresh air. Additionally, people in custody will have access to the horticulture program which includes a greenhouse and an outdoor area.

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Can P.I.C see through the windows and call you? Study what the view is?	The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings. The recreation areas have been located at the center of the building on all sides to increase distance from neighboring residential buildings to the recreation yards. The rec areas associated with housing units begin at 77' above ground level at Boerum Place, State Street and Atlantic Avenue; at Smith Street the rec areas associated with housing units begin at 192' above ground level. Three rec areas with limited occupancy are located below these levels at Atlantic Avenue. The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. Whilst this creates a more open facade, the team has studied how best to orient the expanded metal to address visual privacy for neighboring buildings to the extent possible. The expanded metal is oriented towards the sky to increase daylight within the recreation yards while reducing visual connection to the surrounding neighbors. Additionally, the detention mesh secure perimeter is located approximately 12" behind the expanded metal, which enhances visual privacy by creating a separation between the exterior-most façade and the people in custody. The effect of this physical gap on sight lines and orientation of the expanded metal will be illustrated in presentations and boards at the December community meeting.
What floor will the bedrooms start on?	The housing units begin on level 6 at 77' above ground level.
Some rec yards face the corner of Smith St.?	No, mechanical spaces face the corners of Smith Street. Recreation areas are placed in the "carve outs" facing State St, Atlantic Ave., and Smith St. mid-block.
How tall is the building overall?	The building is 295' to the highest occupied floor. Mechanical space set back from the exterior façade is permitted to go an additional 40'. The proposed Facility massing is smaller than the maximum permitted ULURP envelope. Furthermore, the building includes additional setbacks that break down the scale.
Concerned about P.I.C boosting each other over the rec yard screen to harass brownstones?	The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings. The recreation areas have been located at the center of the building on all sides to increase distance from neighboring residential buildings to the recreation yards. The rec areas associated with housing units begin at 77' above ground level at Boerum Place, State Street and Atlantic Avenue; at Smith Street the rec areas associated with housing units begin at 192' above ground level. Three rec areas with limited occupancy are located below these levels at Atlantic Avenue. The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. Whilst this creates a more open facade, the team has studied how best to orient the expanded metal to address visual privacy for neighboring buildings to the extent possible. The expanded metal is oriented towards the sky to increase daylight within the recreation yards while reducing visual connection to the surrounding neighbors. Additionally, the detention mesh secure perimeter is located approximately 12" behind the expanded metal, which enhances visual privacy by creating a separation between the exterior-most façade and the people in custody. The effect of this physical gap on sight lines and orientation of the expanded metal will be illustrated in presentations and boards at the December community meeting.
Can the rec yard screens be modified later?	The design has been reviewed by all parties and the screens have been designed to meet all security requirements, maximize access to daylight and fresh air, and maximize privacy.
90% of housing around was constructed within past 20 years	The design of the exterior has been carefully considered to be sympathetic to the surroundings and to become a civic asset. It interprets the language of the surrounding civic buildings. The materiality chosen directly relates to these surrounding buildings as well.
Are these (rend) only rec yards? Are they only inside?	The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. The horticulture program will be included on level 14 with security screens open to natural elements (daylight, fresh air).
Do shades mechanically open?	There are no mechanical shades within the facility.

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Would like to see more outdoors	The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. The horticulture program will be included on level 14 with security screens open to natural elements (daylight, fresh air).
Will the color and finish continue to be explored	The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette.
Rikers always felt like a hospital environment. (mainly furniture)	The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette.
Why do shades look layered	The windows are multi layered with a glass painted frit to address privacy and security concerns for both the people in custody and the neighboring residents.
Handrail mesh looks institutional, in P.I.C. areas. Want it more decorative.	The design of the handrail has been updated to include a decorative architectural mesh to reduce the institutional feel.
Would like to see the tall cell, toilets, sinks, another perspective	An illustrative rendering from within the cell unit was shown in the third community workshop. An updated rendering will be included in the final community design meeting in December 2024. All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet. Cells will be furnished with a bed with storage, a desk, and a stool. All cells include a light over the bed and desk that the occupant can control. All cells have a window facing the exterior of the building.
Will windows have shades to block sunlight for inmates who are sensitive to light	The windows are multi layered with frosted glass that provides protection from harsh light for people in custody.
What is the total number of locked showers	There are no locked showers. Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Will there be common showers	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Want to see showers	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Is there a mess hall? What was the decision for that? (Efficiency, reduce movements)	We are working with the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to ensure nutrition is considered in food service programs. Food is prepared in a central kitchen and all dining takes place within the living units. Meals are delivered to each housing unit by cart. Seating is provided in the dayroom for dining.
Shawangunk state prison?	The New York City jail population includes pretrial detainees (people who have been charged, but not convicted of a crime and are detained while their case is pending resolution), people who have been sentenced for a misdemeanor offense with sentences of a year or less, and people who have allegedly violated the conditions of parole.
Would like to see "dialing" area	Phones are located within each dayroom with consideration for privacy.
Can the louvres (rec) be closed to shelter from the cold	The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. The screens cannot close down in the cold weather. Coats will be provided as needed during inclement weather.
Can lawyers and therapists meet in the common areas	Lawyers and therapists do not meet with people in custody in common areas. There is a medical space for therapeutic management and non-contact visitation rooms for legal counsel.
Is there medical space at each unit	All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet patients' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided.

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Are the 36 or 24 person areas?	There are planned housing units of 18, 20, 24, and 36 people.
Are these populations determined by sentences?	The New York City jail population includes pretrial detainees (people who have been charged, but not convicted of a crime and are detained while their case is pending resolution), people who have been sentenced for a misdemeanor offense with sentences of a year or less, and people who have allegedly violated the conditions of parole. The sentenced population is generally housed separately from the pretrial population.
Was the designed influenced by more sentences?	New York City is reimagining its jails as civic assets that will provide a better life for those who are detained in them, by supporting smoother transitions to their adjacent courthouse. This administration has now assessed numerous components of the plan with the goal of making it a more efficiently organized building that is more responsible to taxpayers. The 1,040-bed model optimizes operations for DOC and fully supports Correctional Health Services' needs while meeting the original goals outlined by the City's Smaller, Safer, Fairer plan. Even though the number of beds in the facility increased from 886 to 1040 the overall size and bulk of the facility did not increase and it is still within the approved ULURP envelope.
There's no cafeteria?	We are working with the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to ensure nutrition is considered in food service programs. Food is prepared in a central kitchen and all dining takes place within the living units. Meals are delivered to each housing unit by cart. Seating is provided in the dayroom for dining.
What height does housing start?	The housing units begin on level 6 at 77' above ground level.
What's the wall around the rec area?	The recreation areas include an exterior screen to provide a finished façade and an interior screen for security requirements. Both layers are required and have been designed sensitively to optimize daylight, fresh air and privacy.
What's the wall behind main image?	The wall depicted in the main image of the general population day space is the adjacent recreation area.
Where is the toilet facility?	All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet.
Where are the showers?	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Do they make an appointment to take showers.	Showers are located inside the housing units. People in custody are free to shower once a day and/or as-needed.
How are P.I.C going to be protected in showers?	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Is there hot water?	Yes, the facility will include hot water.
What is the square footage of rec yards?	The recreation areas vary in size due to their multiple locations around the facility. They are approximately 750sf in the larger housing units and 600sf in the smaller housing units. All recreation areas have an approximately 18ft ceiling height.
Will they have outdoor spaces that feel like outdoor spaces?	The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. The horticulture program will be included on level 14 with security screens open to natural elements (daylight, fresh air).
Will there be studies of views for people in custody?	Yes the design team has provided view studies in third community workshop.
What floors do bedrooms stand at?	The housing units begin on level 6 at 77' above ground level.
People in custody will be able to lift each other up to view brownstones backyards	The design team has developed different facade strategies to achieve privacy for sightline views from the cells out to the surrounding context and into the facility. At housing units a frosted film has been incorporated in all cells up to 6' to mitigate sightlines to neighboring buildings. The recreation areas have been located at the center of the building on all sides to increase distance from neighboring residential buildings to the recreation yards. The rec areas associated with housing units begin at 77' above ground level at Boerum Place, State Street and Atlantic Avenue; at Smith Street the rec areas associated with housing units begin at 192' above ground level. Three rec areas with limited occupancy are located below these levels at Atlantic Avenue. The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. Whilst this creates a more open facade, the team has studied how best to orient the expanded metal to address visual privacy for neighboring buildings to the extent possible. The

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	expanded metal is oriented towards the sky to increase daylight within the recreation yards while reducing visual connection to the surrounding neighbors. Additionally, the detention mesh secure perimeter is located approximately 12” behind the expanded metal, which enhances visual privacy by creating a separation between the exterior-most façade and the people in custody. The effect of this physical gap on sight lines and orientation of the expanded metal will be illustrated in presentations and boards at the December community meeting.
Encourage look into area Smith St.	The building has been designed to respond to the Smith Street context sensitively. The tower setbacks from the street reduce the apparent scale of the building. Additionally, the recreation areas at the center of the building break the scale of the building down further as they have a different facade treatment. At the street level, increased planting at the sidewalk and new trees promote a positive street experience which is further supported by seating.
If louvres prefixed, can they be increased in future?	The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. The design has been reviewed by all parties and the screens have been designed to meet all security requirements, maximize access to daylight and fresh air, and maximize privacy.
Is there a library?	Yes. The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities.
No, the furniture and look feel like a hospital. Can it be more decorative?	The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette.
How many showers in the entire building?	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population.
Would like to see what showers look like?	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population. We have included rendering of the shows from the dayospace in our December presentation.
Mesh on the double tier mezzanine should be less institutional and more decorative.	The design of the handrail has been updated to include a decorative architectural mesh to reduce the institutional feel.
I would like to see the shower area and the bathroom areas in rooms, public and entry area.	Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The total number will be adequate for the housing population. We have included rendering of the shows from the dayospace in our December presentation.
I am concerned with how the lavatory area in the living spaces will be layer out. As well as the lavatory spaces on the dorm areas and the visiting area. The movement to and from the lavatory area on the visiting floor for detained individuals as well as the visitors which was explained to me at the in-person session concerns me and needs to be reconsidered.	Each person in custody will have their own cell, which includes a separate sink and toilet. There are separate restrooms for visitors and people in custody located to address concerns for contraband. Visitors have access to restrooms in the visiting waiting areas both at Level 1 waiting and Level 4 waiting. People in custody have access to restrooms in the visiting processing area.
The rec area continues to look too much like it will give individuals the feel of being institutionalized. The furniture can be more normalized and decorative in a simple way.	The design has been reviewed by all parties and the screens have been designed to meet all security requirements, maximize access to daylight and fresh air, and maximize privacy. Recreation areas are designed to incorporate spaces for multiple uses including active and passive recreation. These areas also include exercise equipment. The floors and walls of these spaces incorporate color to reduce an institutional feel.
I am concerned with how the lavatory area in the living spaces will be layer out. As well as the lavatory spaces on the dorm areas and the visiting area. The movement	Each person in custody will have their own cell, which includes a separate sink and toilet. Additionally, restrooms are provided for visitors at Level 1 in the main lobby and at Level 4 in the Visitors waiting area. Separate restrooms are provided for people in custody at Level 4 in the Visiting processing areas. Restrooms are also provided at the medical floors and the program floors.

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to and from the lavatory area on the visiting floor for detained individuals as well as the visitors which was explained to me at the in-person session concerns me and needs to be reconsidered.	
How about a bookshelf in the cell? Where are clothes kept? No pictures of sink or toilet.	All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet. Cells will be furnished with a bed, a desk, a shelf, and storage bins. All cells include a light over the bed and desk to all the occupants to control lighting in their cell. All cells have a window facing the exterior of the building.
What is this a meditation spa or a jail? Atlantic Avenue is already terribly congested and this will cause a parking nightmare. This is a lot of wasted money the city needs. Too big for the area. Why not just rehab the old Atlantic Ave jail. If the city can waste money, it will.	Mayor Adams supports closing Rikers Island under a plan that ensures the dignity, safety, and care for all justice-involved New Yorkers. It is important to mention that the COVID-19 pandemic had wide-ranging impacts on the criminal justice system and jail system in New York City — disrupting court operations, increasing the time to trial, and extending the length of stay for persons in custody — all of which has led to a substantial increase in the jail population on Rikers Island. The pandemic also caused significant issues and delays with the previous administration’s plans to issue requests for proposals and implement the design-phase of the borough-based jails plan, as well as brought construction projects to a halt while causing costs to skyrocket. That is why the Mayor was encouraged to see the Independent Commission on Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform be reconvened, recognizing the need to reassess the current plan and offering to help develop new recommendations for how New York City can best move forward to close Rikers Island. This administration’s commitment to the success of our jail system is unwavering, but we also have taken stock of the reality of how this once-in-a-generation pandemic impacted the original timeline for the implementation of the borough-based jail plan. The answer is not to ignore reality or compromise public safety, but to work together to find solutions. The addition to the site of 83 parking spaces for authorized City vehicles including 5 parking spaces dedicated to the NYPD sally port will alleviate the use of parking placards and street parking around the site. The site is also accessible by public transit and 21 public parking garages are available within an approximate quarter-mile of the site. Approximately 30-45% of spaces within the parking study area are utilized daily, leaving a residual supply of approximately 2,000 available parking spaces. The project requirements state that existing public infrastructure, including MTA, needs to be maintained or enhanced if possible. DOC is open to exploring solutions for staff parking.
Direct access to outdoor space in each living unit refers to windows, just to understand. Or is there some other way in which detainees have access to outdoor space? What is the access to the horticulture program? How many can be accommodated in this space. How often will a detainee be able to go to this space?	Direct access to outdoor space refers to the recreation areas connected to each housing units. The facade of the recreation areas has been updated to remove 'opaque' louvers from the lower portion. This change increases access to daylight and fresh air for the occupants of the Facility. The horticulture program will be included on level 14 with security screens open to natural elements (daylight, fresh air). The horticulture space will accommodate a safe number of occupants (up to 15 individuals at a time) and is designed for flexible use. The horticulture space is designed for flexible use and is available for additional programming such as group therapy, staff meetings, and/or persons in custody council.
Will programs also include job training, the interviewing process, computer skills? Will living areas have bookcases, some shelves.	The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities. All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet. Cells will be furnished with a bed, a desk, a shelf, and storage bins. All cells include a light over the bed and desk to all the occupants to control lighting in their cell. All cells have a window facing the exterior of the building.

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The building(s) should NOT include any of the following: ESH units Decontamination showers. Double-tier units Bars of any type “Bubble” which officers sit in ESU spaces (Emergency Services Units). This is what SHOULD be included: Principles established by the Design Working Group as the foundation Maximum freedom of movement Adequate therapeutic housing units - should stay at 40% as in original design at least two dormitory style housing units should be included as an option for incarcerated individuals who have chronic health concerns or mental health concerns (I.e., seizures, claustrophobia) Access to outdoor space Natural light in each living quarters (not just shared spaces) Living quarters people can access individually Adequate number of accessible spaces - for ex for people who use wheelchairs, have low vision Safe gender aligned housing Easy access to medical/confidential space Classrooms space/volunteer programs Attorney meeting spaces for preparing food (kitchenette, pantry) Spaces for doing laundry Adequate technical infrastructure (for video meetings, etc.) TVs that work without batteries for remotes Visiting space that’s child friendly, for example with couches, free lockers Re-entry office space in building Art, beauty, greenery - Colors incorporated throughout Natural, calming materials, in place of concrete, metal Intake areas with access to water and private toilets, and easy access to clinics for medical evaluation (to limit wait times in intake) Cameras, particularly to capture officers' actions Body scanners	The facility design is based in principles of dignity, respect and rehabilitation. The facility will include programming for education, vocational training, counselling and horticulture. Additionally, the building will be designed to be fully ADA compliant. All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet. Cells will be furnished with a bed, a desk, a shelf, and storage bins. All cells include a light over the bed and desk to all the occupants to control lighting in their cell. All cells have a window facing the exterior of the building. All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet patients' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided. A women's facility will be included in Queens. Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security. The rooftop is occupied by a 1400 square foot horticulture program. There are outdoor recreation areas in each housing unit that provide access to the elements. The design team is looking to introduce biophilic elements and warm color palettes to promote a calming and dignified environment. We are working with the Mayor's Office of Food Policy to ensure nutrition is considered in food service programs. Food is prepared in a central kitchen and all dining takes place within the living units. Meals are delivered to each housing unit by cart. Seating is provided in the dayroom for dining. Please visit our website for more information about the City's vision and goals for the Borough-Based Jails Program: https://rikers.cityofnewyork.us/
How big will the horticulture space actually be? Will there be any way for people who are not in the horticulture program to access the outdoors in the same way (much more open than the rec units off each housing area)?	Direct access to outdoor space refers to the recreation areas connected to each housing units. The horticulture space is approximately 1,200sf and will accommodate a safe number of occupants (up to 15 individuals at a time). The horticulture space is designed for flexible use and is available for additional programming such as group therapy, staff meetings, and/or persons in custody council.
This seems like a small space for up to 36 people. Can it be enlarged? We should be doing more than just aiming to meet the minimum required.	Outdoor recreation areas with natural ventilation and access to the elements are provided in each housing unit. Additionally, a 1400 square foot horticultural program is included on the roof. Staff Dining will also have an outdoor dining area which will be open to air and views.
No showers with iron fences no swat teams no solitary confinement more social work resources for visitors workshops galore on suicide prevention and domestic	The City does not practice solitary confinement in accordance with the HALT Act. The Facility is being designed to create a therapeutic environment. The design incorporates biophilic elements and warm color palettes to promote a calming and dignified environment. Showers, including those that are ADA-compliant, are provided in all housing units. Each shower has a dressing/ drying area just outside the shower itself. Shower doors provide a balance between privacy and security.

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violence Healing prayer	The Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, chapel, and medical facilities.
Toilets in each cell?	All cells will be single occupancy and include a separate sink and toilet.
I would like to see the design for the living spaces. It is very important to me as a formerly incarcerated individual that the living quarters for those detained shall be designed with human beings in mind. I won't know this if I can't see it. Please provide the layout of the living spaces at the next workshop. Thank you. Also, please reconsider creating dormitories which are essential to those held who suffer various mental/physical health conditions.	Interior spaces of the housing units and cells were shown during Community Design Workshop 3, held in January 2024. Updated renderings will also be shown at the final community design meeting in December 2024.. Each person in custody will have their own cell and access to dayrooms and outdoor areas, as well as direct access to programs in their housing unit. In addition, the Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture, culinary arts, vocational training, library, gymnasium, religious services, and medical facilities.
We need to make sure the individuals get to breath we need to have air conditioners we'll pay jobs to more educated activities in hire doc workers that care and treat people with respect 🙏	Proper interior climate control will be incorporated into this new facility. Each person in custody will have direct access to programs in their housing unit. In addition, the Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture, culinary arts, vocational training, library, gymnasium, religious services, and medical facilities.
24 hour on-site maintenance for emergencies (bathrooms flooding etc.) Classrooms space/volunteer programs Attorney meeting spaces Spaces for preparing food (kitchenette, pantry) Spaces for doing laundry Adequate technical infrastructure (for video meetings, etc.) TVs that work without batteries for remotes Visiting space that's child friendly, for example with couches, free lockers Re-entry office space in building Art, beauty, greenery - Colors incorporated throughout Natural, calming materials, in place of concrete, metal Intake areas with access to water and private toilets, and easy access to clinics for medical evaluation (to limit wait times in intake) Cameras, particularly to capture officers' actions Body scanners	Each person in custody will have their own cell and access to dayrooms and outdoor areas, as well as direct access to programs in their housing unit. In addition, the Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture, culinary arts, vocational training, library, gymnasium, religious services, and medical facilities. The Facility will have internal spaces designed with neurodiversity in mind. This includes providing different seating options, lighting strategies that create a calming glow, thoughtfully placed artwork for moments of distraction/respice, varying textures, and warming earth tones as an overall base material palette. The visitation areas contain child play areas and ample locker storage for visitors. The associated volume of visitors was taken into consideration by the metrics and the lobby is sized for sufficient queuing. The state-of-the-art screening system is designed to be minimally invasive and allow people to move through quickly without stopping. DOC is exploring a system of scheduled visitation to mitigate wait times.

COMMENT	RESPONSE
Design priorities: Should include - Maximum freedom of movement - Adequate therapeutic housing units - should stay at 40% as in original design - Access to outdoor space - Natural light in each living quarters (not just shared spaces) - Living quarters people can access individually - Adequate number of accessible spaces - for ex for people who use wheelchairs, have low vision - Safe gender aligned housing - Easy access to medical/confidential space - quarantine rooms for COVID exposures - masks, sanitizer, PPE - people who are incarcerated and disabled in some way should have access to diapers, wound care, gauze, sanitizer. - wheelchair accessibility for visitors and people incarcerated	Each person in custody will have their own cell and access to dayrooms and outdoor areas, as well as direct access to programs in their housing unit. In addition, the Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture, culinary arts, vocational training, library, gymnasium, religious services, and medical facilities. The building is designed to be fully ADA compliant. This includes cane detection, no obtruding objects, clear circulation, braille, and natural wayfinding strategies. All housing units include access to mental and medical health care providers. Every housing floor will include space for treatment in addition to the main clinic and all housing units will include a medication distribution booth. The City remains committed to the therapeutic housing model and Correctional Health Services will meet patients' needs no matter the setting in which their services are provided.
Generally, an impressive presentation. 3 main criticisms: (1) I don't think the policy issues can be separated so easily from the architectural plans. It seems like an artificial distinction was established at the very beginning of the presentation. The policy issues need to be addressed. (2) The timeline showed a 2029 completion date, but the mandate is to close Rikers by 2027. There was no discussion of this delay or its repercussions on the closure of Rikers, or whether they could be a quicker completion time. (3) I appreciated the photos of the common rooms, etc., but there were no photos of what the individual units will look like.	The Adams Administration has incorporated various decarceration initiatives into their plan to close Rikers to safely decarcerate and provide justice-involved individuals services that reduce the likelihood of re-arrest and reincarceration. Through the Community Justice Reentry Network, justice-involved individuals being released from Rikers receive discharge planning and connections to providers' services in the community. In addition, MOCJ's unique transitional housing program assists the city in keeping the jail population low by providing formerly justice involved people pathways to permanent housing. MOCJ providers also provide services mandated by judges in court instead of a jail or prison sentence, called Alternatives to Detention (ATDs) and Alternatives to Incarceration (ATIs). Similarly, our supervised release program is a court-mandated supervision program that works with participants to ensure their return to court while offering voluntary services & referrals (such as employment, mental health, and other social services). In addition, in October 2023, MOCJ began our case processing initiative which assists prosecutors, defenders, the courts and parties resolve challenges to ensure cases move towards appropriate resolution as quickly as is possible or reasonable. The initiative will expand citywide in the summer of 2024. Renderings of the individual cells were shown during Community Design Input Workshop #3 and will be included in Community Design Meeting #4 on December 5, 2024. Each person in custody will have their own cell and access to dayrooms and outdoor areas. Additionally, they will have direct access to programs in their housing unit. In addition, the Facility will include a wide variety of programming, including horticulture program, culinary arts program, vocational training, library, gymnasium, religious services, and medical facilities.
What's the floor height of the rec room after the screen?	All recreation areas have an approximately 18ft ceiling height.