

# Affordable Housing and a New Grand Concourse Library Coming to the Neighborhood!

Grand  
Concourse  
Library

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## Community Board 4 Briefing



New York  
Public  
Library

**NYC**

Housing Preservation  
& Development  
Office of Neighborhood  
Strategies



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- 2. Project and Site Overview**
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# 1. Introduction

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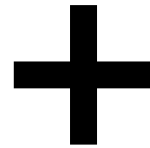
## Grand Concourse Library and Affordable Housing

**The Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and The New York Public Library (NYPL) are planning for the redevelopment of the Grand Concourse Library with a new state-of-the-art library and affordable housing on top.**



# Introduction

## HPD + NYPL

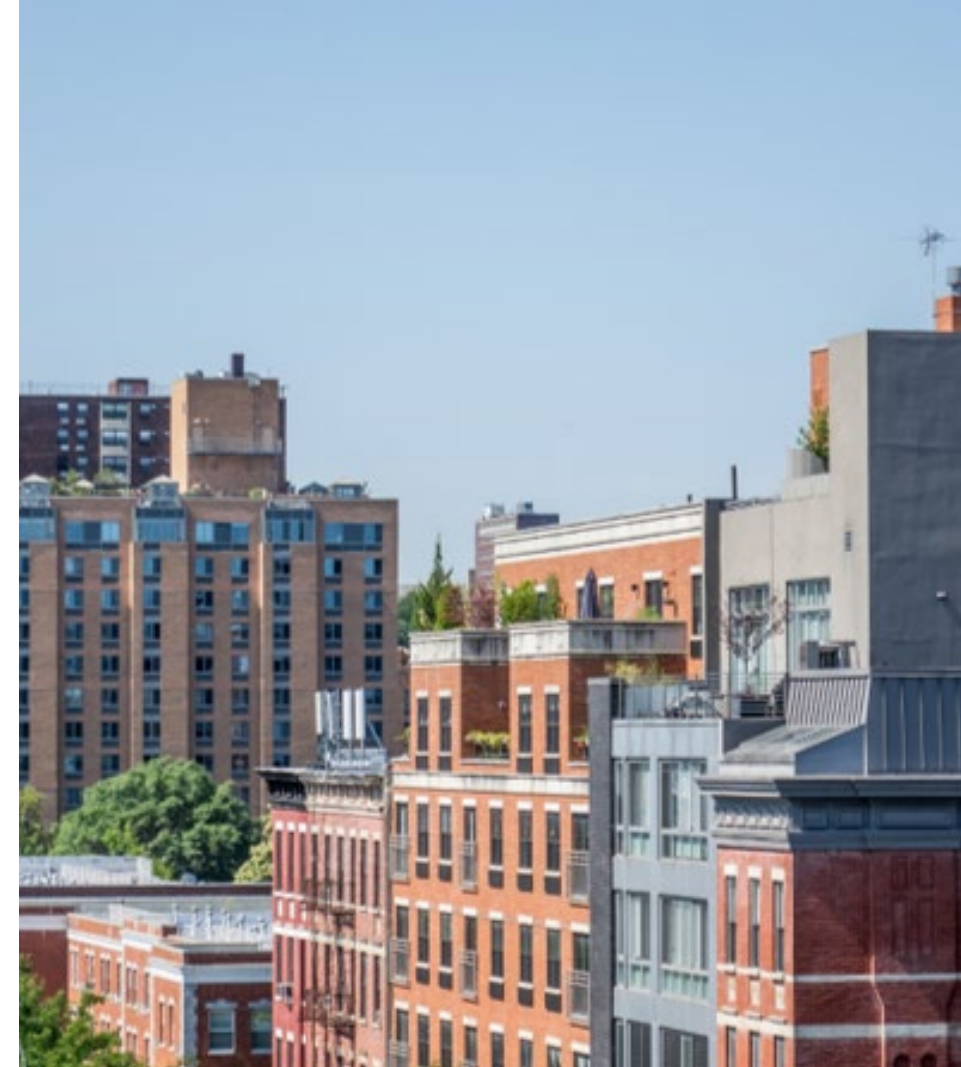


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# Introduction

## Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

- 1. Ensure housing quality**
- 2. Preserve existing affordable housing and create new affordable housing**
- 3. Engaging New Yorkers to build and sustain neighborhood strength and diversity**
  - Education and outreach about housing resources and rights.
  - Community engagement for affordable housing development on City-owned land!





# The New York Public Library (NYPL)



# Introduction

## The Grand Concourse Branch

- Multi-story facility with adult, young adult, and children's collections.
- Dedicated children's area, teen center, adult reading room, and community room.
  - Offers free NYPL After School help, College and Career Pathways Hub
  - 3-D printing, Teen recording studio and video and photography equipment.





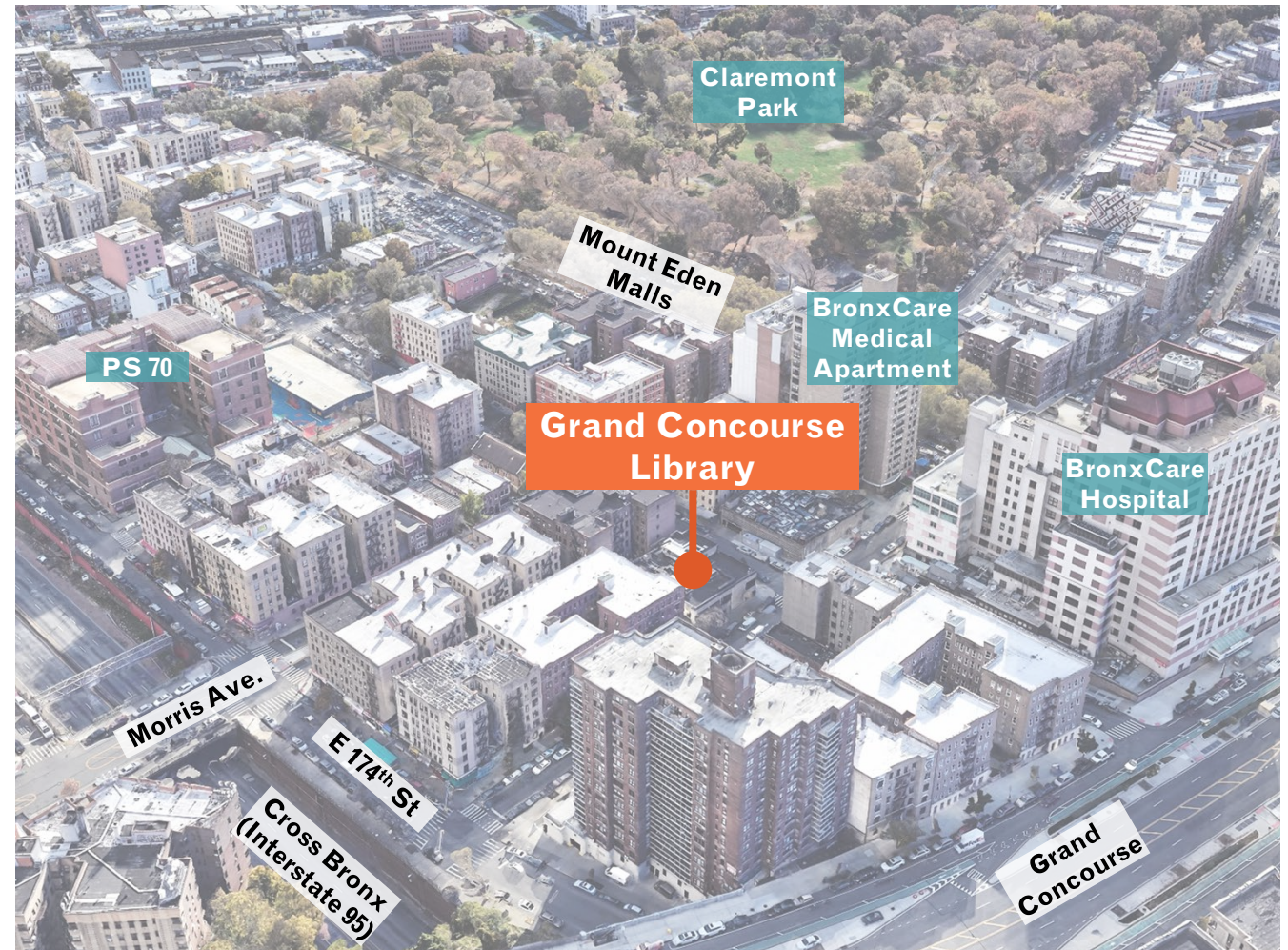
# 2. Project and Site Overview

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# Project and Site Overview

## Site Description and Context

- 155 East 173rd Street, Bronx, Community District 4
- 8,864 SF lot
- Three blocks from the B/D line (174-175 Street)
- R8 zoning district
- Across the street from the Claremont BronxCare campus; near P.S. 70, P.S. 402, and Claremont Park.





# Project and Site Overview

## Building Details

- **Year Built:** 1959
- **Existing Building:**
  - Multi-story brick and masonry
- **Ownership:** City
- **Current Funding:**
  - \$13.5 million in City Capital funding is currently allocated for facade and HVAC-related work





# Project and Site Overview

## A New Grand Concourse Library

### **The new state-of-the-art library will include:**

- A welcoming and fully accessible entrance.
- An improved layout for patrons that is easy to navigate and more efficient operations for staff.
- Improved spaces for Children, Teens and Adults; as well as community rooms designed to address program needs.
- All new mechanical systems to better heat and cool the library for improved patron and staff comfort.
- New finishes; including, lighting, flooring, paint; new furniture and collection material.
- Technology and power upgrades.

# Project and Site Overview

## Affordable Housing Development on City-Owned Land

- High quality affordable housing development for many different types of New Yorkers, including:
  - Multifamily housing
  - Senior housing
  - Supportive housing with social services
  - Set-asides for families coming from shelter
  - Homeownership opportunities
- Citywide design standards and project-specific design guidelines.
- Climate resiliency and sustainability requirements.
- Opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses (M/WBEs) and non-profit developers.

# 3. Precedents

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# Precedents Inwood Library (NYPL)

## Construction Completion: Spring 2024

- New Inwood library branch
- 174 affordable housing units
- Community center and Universal Pre-K





# Precedents

## Sunset Park Library (BPL)

### Construction Completion: Fall 2023

- New Sunset Park library branch
- 49 affordable housing units
- Community space and recording studio



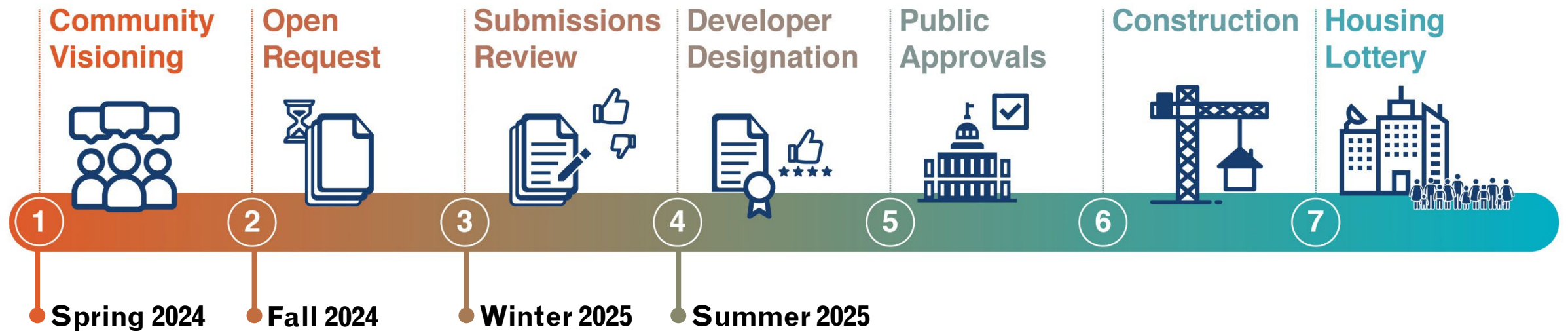
# 4. RFP and Community Visioning Process

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# RFP and Community Visioning Process

## Development Process



# RFP and Community Visioning Process

## Initial community conversations

**Goal: outreach to key stakeholders to get preliminary input on the site and engagement plan.**

- Community Board 4
- CM Oswald Feliz
- BP Vanessa Gibson
- Stakeholder mapping





# RFP and Community Visioning Process Engagement strategies

**Goal: spread the word about how to get involved and create ways for residents to participate outside of workshops**

- Public tabling events
  - Information packet, questionnaire
- Online
  - Project website, social media campaign, email blasts, online questionnaire





# RFP and Community Visioning Process

## Community visioning workshop

**Goal: Create the opportunity for the community to provide input and share their priorities.**

Potential Topics:

1. Housing needs
2. Affordability levels
3. Programming the new library



# RFP and Community Visioning Process

## Report-back meeting

**Goal: report back to local stakeholders about community priorities identified during engagement.**

- Open to the public.
- Summary of public input, which will be published in the Community Visioning Report (CVR).
- CVR will be attached to the RFP. Developers are scored partly based on responsiveness to the CVR.



# 5. Next Steps and Discussion

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# Next Steps

## Proposed Timeline and Milestones

### 1. Winter 2024

- HPD and NYPL start preliminary outreach
- Meet with CB4, CM, BP, other stakeholders

### 2. Spring 2024

- Pre-workshop engagement
- Workshop

### 3. Summer 2024

- Draft Community Visioning Report (CVR) and Request for Proposals (RFP)

### 4. Fall 2024

- Issue RFP



# Next Steps

## Collaboration with CB4

1. **Key stakeholders**
2. **Upcoming events**
3. **Engagement strategies**
  - Translate all materials to Spanish
  - Where to focus our efforts
  - How else would CB4 like to be involved?
4. **Help us spread the word!**



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