

“I want to thank the members of our community who have fought tirelessly to make this dream a reality. The residents of the Northeast Bronx have been calling for a recreational facility in our neighborhood for years.

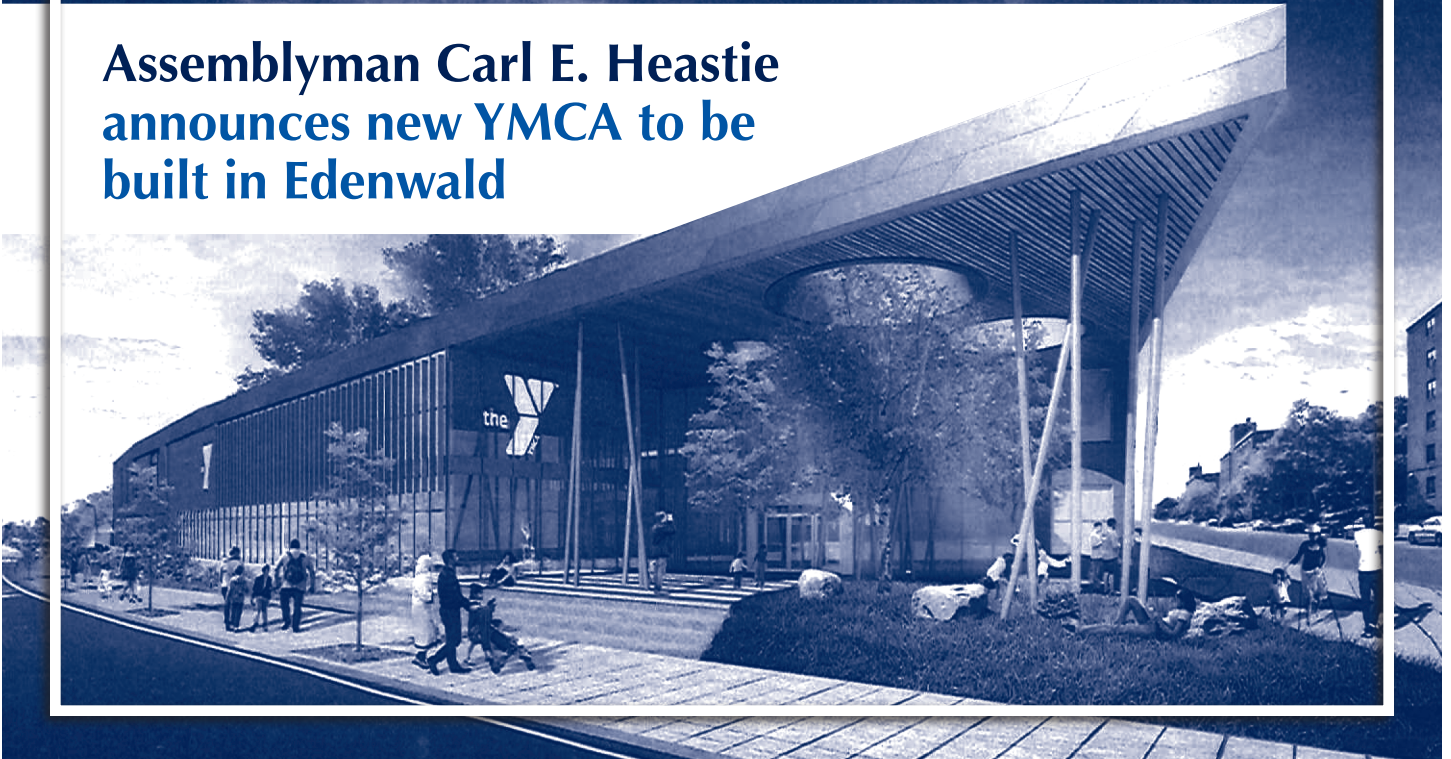
This new facility will help bring families and friends closer together and provide our children with a safe atmosphere to learn and grow. I want to thank Mayor de Blasio, Borough President Diaz and Councilman Andy King for their continued work to help make this happen.”

–Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie



Speaker Heastie announces the construction of a new YMCA in the Northeast Bronx with Al DeCastro, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., and Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie announces new YMCA to be built in Edenwald



Dear Neighbor,

The YMCA plays a truly vital role in our communities. Growing up here in the Bronx, **I know firsthand how important it is to have a space for recreation and for the community to come together.** A recreational facility has been needed in the Northeast Bronx for many years, and I'm happy to say that soon Edenwald will be home to a new YMCA.

This new project, which won a Request for Proposals (RFP), **will create local jobs and provide a boost to our economy.** As part of the city's efforts to expand economic and employment opportunities, it will comply with a comprehensive workforce and procurement program that helps create jobs for low-income New Yorkers. This includes the NYCEDC's HireNYC program for disadvantaged workers and contracting goals for minority and women-owned business enterprises, in addition to following requirements for living wage and prevailing wage to ensure workers are fairly compensated.

By providing a space for members of the community to gather and participate in physical and social activities, as well as creating jobs for disadvantaged workers, **this new facility will help strengthen our neighborhoods and bring our families together.** As always, I am working to move our community forward and meet the needs of our families. If you have any questions about this or any other community issue, please reach out to my office at 718-654-6539 or email me at speaker@nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,



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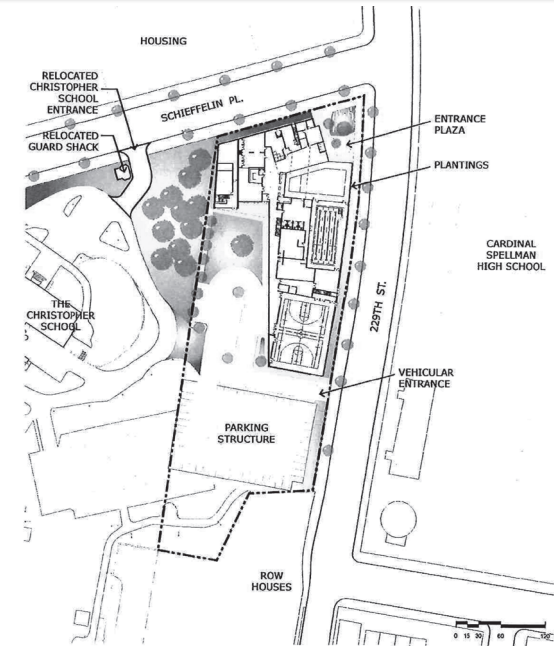


The construction of the new recreational and community facility will be a joint effort utilizing private investment as well as city and state funding for an estimated total of \$48 million. The facility is expected to be at least 50,000 square feet and will create a space for recreational use and social gatherings for Edenwald and surrounding neighborhoods.

Located at 1250 East 229th Street, the facility will sit on the eastern portion of the larger Edenwald site. The recreation center will have many amenities, including:

- family recreation pool
- lap pool
- weight room/wellness center
- 3 locker rooms (one for families)
- 2 studios
- family adventure room
- spin studio
- child care center
- 2 multipurpose rooms
- running track
- gymnasium with basketball court

The facility will be located close to local schools, community centers and the Boston Road commercial corridor and be accessible via multiple public transit options.



Assemblyman Carl Heastie is joined by former Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Shirley Fearon, Raymond Williams, Mayor Bill de Blasio, Councilman Andrew Cohen, Bronx DA Darcel Clark, Councilman Andy King, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz and Community Leader Jamaal Bailey to announce the construction of the new recreation facility.