

HEArts Center

349 East 140th Street, Bronx, NY 10454

**Subcommittee on Landmarks,
Public Sitings & Dispositions**

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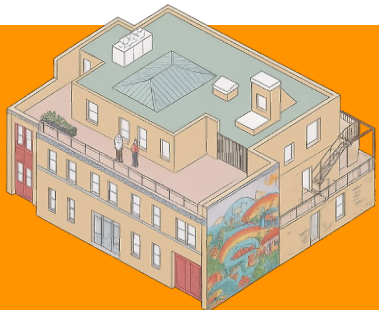


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Design Team

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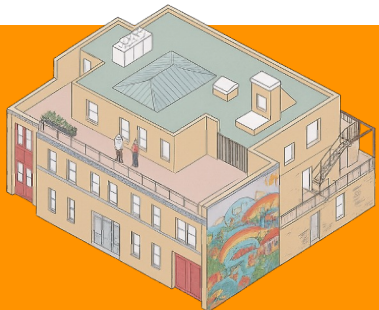
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Mott Haven-Port Morris Community Land Stewards

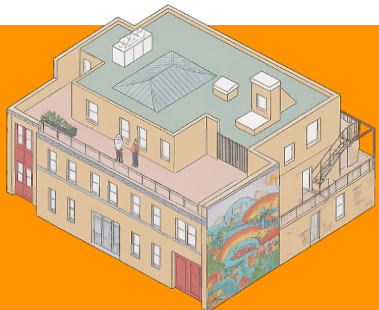
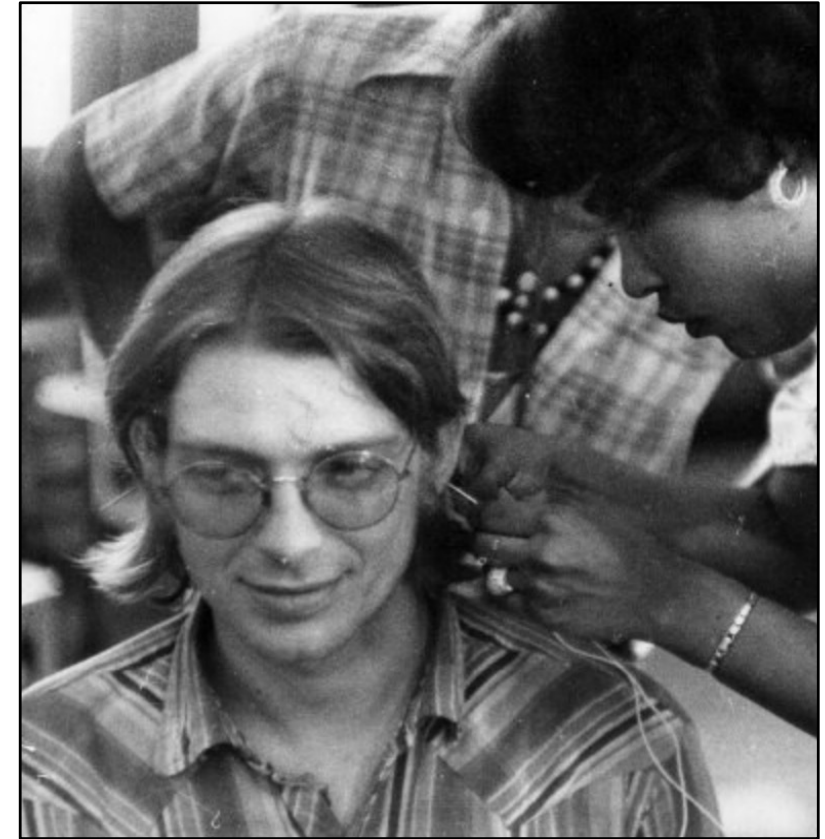
- Established in 2015 by South Bronx residents as a Community Land Trust
- Maintains land permanently for public use and community self-determination
- Advances cultural, social, and economic initiatives—including affordable housing and pathways to homeownership
- South Bronx Unite, a project of the Land Stewards, leads community organizing and planning initiatives including the Mott Haven-Port Morris Waterfront Plan and a Clean Air Program featuring local air quality monitoring



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History of the Lincoln Recovery Center

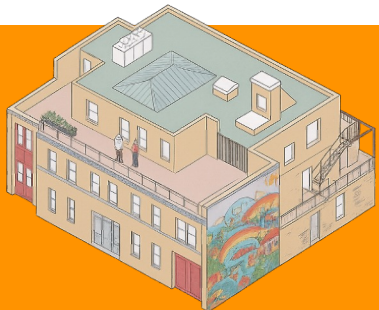
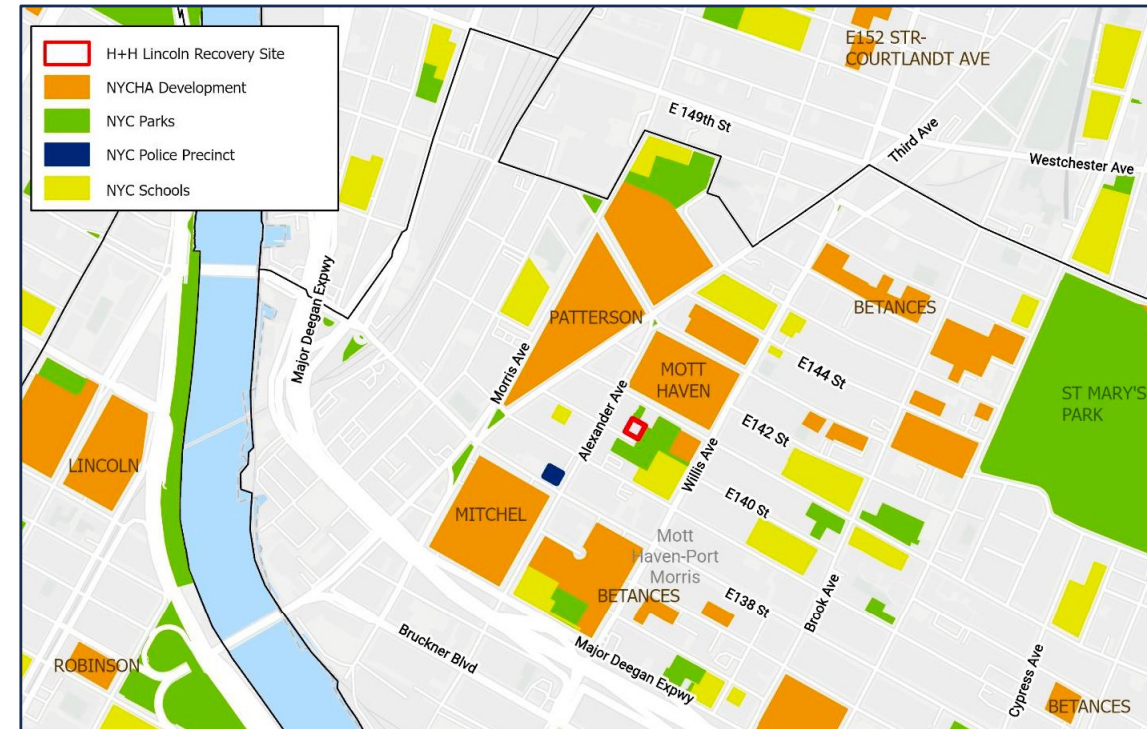
- **1931:** Mott Haven Health Center opens
- **1970-1978:**
 - Black Panther Party and Young Lords protest healthcare inequities at Lincoln Hospital
 - Lincoln Detox Center and People's Drug Program established on-site
 - First major use of acupuncture for addiction treatment in the U.S.
- **1980s-2010s:**
 - Continued use of acupuncture and alternative treatments
 - Nationally recognized as a symbol of grassroots healthcare activism
- **2013:** Building closed and vacated



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Project Summary

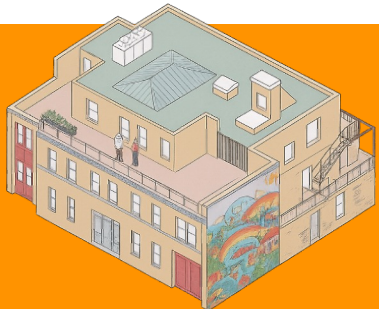
- **Proposed ground lease with H+H** for \$42MM rehabilitation of 22,750 SF former Lincoln Recovery Center + 2,300 SF expansion
- Vacant since 2013; extensive structural damage, flood and mold remediation required
- Adaptive reuse to deliver Health & Wellness, Education, and Arts & Culture programming
- Includes shared community spaces, performance / rehearsal areas, and offices for local nonprofits
- Construction anticipated to begin in early 2026; completion expected in late 2027



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Community-Led Vision

- **2013:** Community begins advocacy for reuse of property
- **2015:** MHPMCLS formed to acquire and repurpose the site
- **2018:** HEArts Feasibility Report completed, strengthening advocacy to repurpose the building for community use
- **2018-2022:** Annual HEArts Festivals held in front of the building to celebrate and strengthen the community's vision
- **2022-2023:** NYCEDC & NYC Health + Hospitals issue RFP and select MHPMCLS & Alembic as conditional developer
- **2022-Present:** MHPMCLS refines redevelopment program to incorporate community feedback addressing healthcare disparities, inequitable educational outcomes, and lack of accessible arts & culture spaces



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Programmatic Pillars of the HEArts Center

Health and Wellness

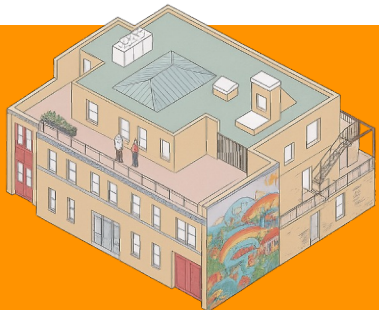
- Holistic and community-rooted health and wellness through cooking demos, exercise classes, health screenings, and Tai Chi
- Free services by certified practitioners, including training opportunities
- Nutrition, movement, holistic wellness

Education

- Expanding access for youth and adults, targeting systemic inequities
- Workforce training in food, STEM, and green energy sectors
- Led by partners including Green City Force

Arts and Culture

- Arts centered on local culture are integrated across all programs
- Offerings include music, dance, theater, visual arts, film and design
- Programming and performances by UpBeat NYC and H+H Arts in Medicine



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HEArts Center Impacts

- **Remediation** of long-blighted property with long-term control and operations by community-led organization
- **Permanent, affordable space** secured for local community-based organizations to grow and serve
- **80+ full-time, living wage jobs** created or relocated, with a focus on local hiring and comprehensive benefits
- **4,000 residents served annually** through accessible, preventative health and wellness services
- **225 youth and young adults** engaged each year in workforce training and career development programs
- **300+ annual participants** in arts education programs and **7,000+ visitors** to community events and performances

