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Affordable Housing in LIC After Amazon

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Focus: How the affordable housing will be affected by Amazon's disrupting of moving into LIC.

Sources:

Premack, Rachel. "Amazon's Sprawling Long Island City HQ2 Plans Are Displacing Plans to Build Affordable Housing for Low-Income Residents." *Business Insider*, Business Insider, 16 Nov. 2018, www.businessinsider.com/amazon-hq2-long-island-city-displacing-affordable-housing-2018-11

This gives a great example of the disrupting of Amazon moving into Long Island City. The article said Plaxall a plastic company owes the majority of land that Amazon bought over to build their headquarters. Plaxall was ready to give a proposal to build roughly 5,000 new houses on that some of the site that Amazon bought, and around 1200 of them were going to be go towards affordable housing. So the plans to build new houses have been squashed, because of Amazon. However the 14.7 acres Amazon bought, only 2 acres of that land might still be available for a building site for affordable housing, but Plaxall is unsure if it might be. Another company, Developer TF Cornerstone, was also going to build about 250 affordable housing units in the same spot that Amazon bought, and that would've been around 1,000 residences living in the area. This move into the neighborhood left a voice for concern for the largest housing project in the country. They said is the move going to create jobs for the people of the Queensbridge project, or the middle class in the city. So the disruption of Amazon seems minor, but it impacts the neighborhood in great ways.

Chegut, et al. "Energy Efficiency and Economic Value in Affordable Housing." *Energy Policy*, vol. 97, 2016, pp. 39–49.

This book highlights the efficiencies of affordable housing. One being a key highlight is energy efficiency. The energy efficiency is improved by about 20%. Despite housing having restraints in repaying the community back, because of the

low income people living within the houses, and the landlords are focused on the energy efficiency within the building, and tenants benefit from the low energy cost/rent cost. One key example to show the benefits of affordable housing is a study conducted in Dutch Affordable housing in which they sell dwellings of houses, in this case they sold 17,835 houses from 2008-2013. These houses that were sold in the affordable market were tested for their energy usages and they were rated A++-G, A++ indicating the highest energy efficiency. So the houses in affordable housing are energy efficient, and provide a usefulness for the economy from whichever it resides in. Affordable housing, is benefit for the people that are middle income and are allowed a house for lower price, and the economy in turn benefits from it as well, in energy consumption.