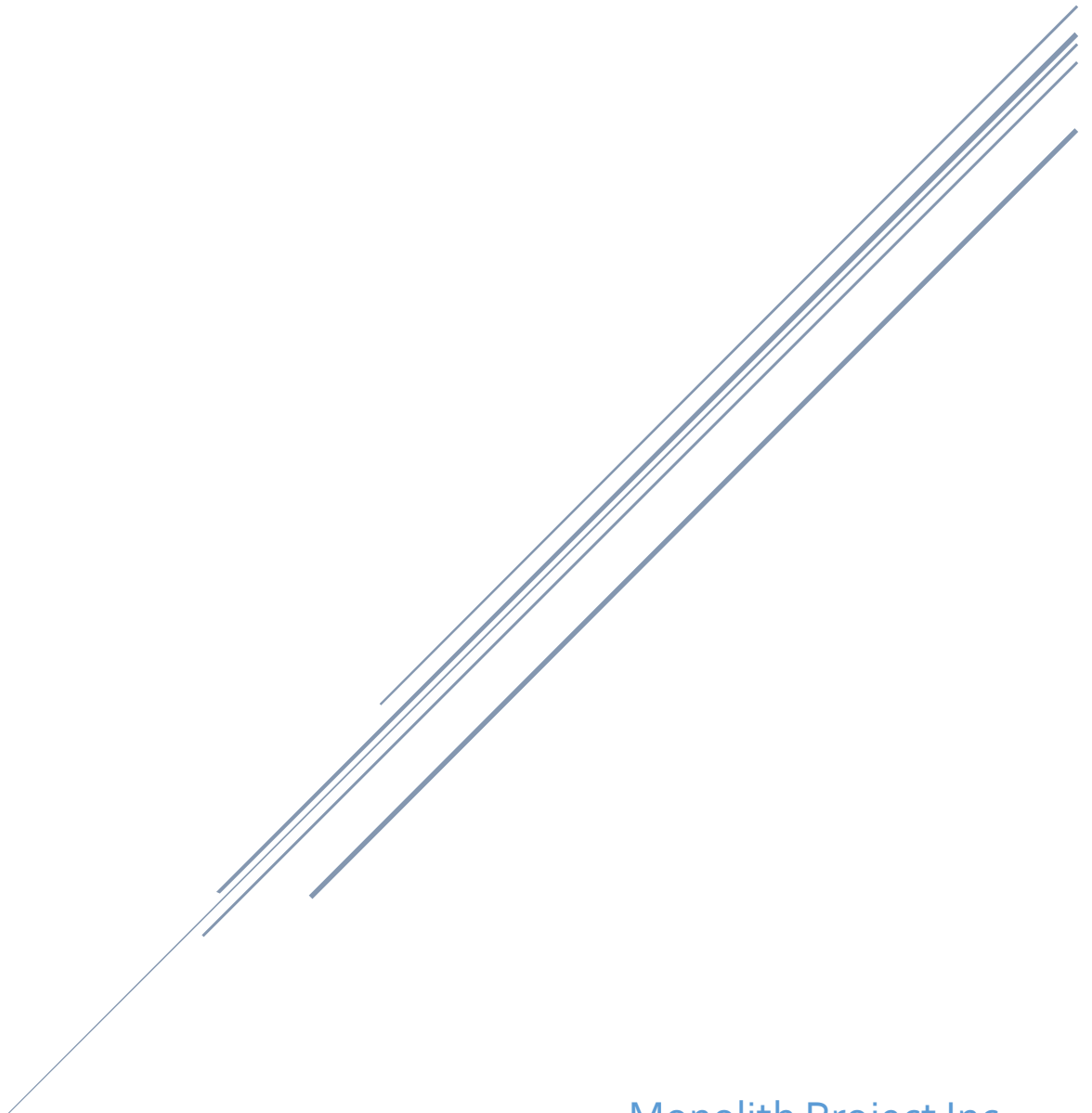


HOPE VILLAGE

A Plan to Help the Homeless of New York City



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Hope Village in New York City

Homelessness in New York City is an issue that has only grown over the years, reaching its peak in mid-2014. Monolith Project Inc. proposes the construction of a building that would permanently house the homeless, under the name, Hope Village. This feasibility report presents three different options, each that hopes to make life easier for victims of homelessness.

The first option would be to create a building in central Brooklyn that would house single adults, perfect for those who still need to get around NYC. The second option would focus on families and children and be in Douglaston, Queens, with parks within walking distance for families to enjoy. The third option would focus on homeless veterans and would provide them with job opportunities. Out of these three, the second option seems like the best course of action.

Background on Homelessness in New York City

In NYC, homelessness has been an issue for decades. Per the Coalition for the Homeless, as of August 2016, there are around 61,000 homeless living in shelters in NYC as opposed to around 11,000 in 1983, with many being families and children. While single adults are the minority here, there are still over 14,000 individual homeless single adults.

As for homeless veterans, NYC has been doing a better job of giving them help. In 2015, chronic veteran homelessness had been declared to have ended. However, while it may have been reduced, these individuals are still at risk and many are still sleeping on the streets.

Requirements and Criteria

The purpose of this document is to:

- Reduce the homeless population in NYC by 2000,
- Minimize resident dislocation or issues,
- Reappropriate an empty or unused area in NYC,
- Locate a property in close proximity to certain resources.

Technical and Non-Technical Factors

To get Hope Village up and running, we would need to follow certain rules and regulations to accomplish our goal, which are:

- The purchase of the property,
- Filing with the Department of Buildings and receiving permission,
- Conduction of a site analysis of the property,
- Hiring an architect and general contractor.

We would also need to:

- Consider the length of time it will take to construct this building,
- Consider how the construction will affect traffic, noise, and daily life,
- Consider any ramifications of the removal of the trees and plant life,
- Consider the reactions and opinions of those that reside in the proposed area.

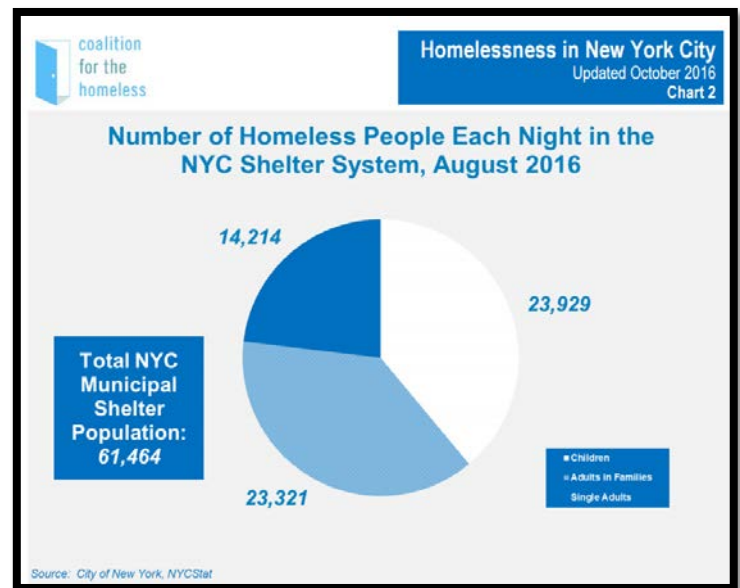


Figure 1. Coalition for the Homeless Chart

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Options

Option 1: This option is in an ideal location with a multitude of resources in close proximity. Now, the focus for this location would be single adults, the smallest portion of the homeless population, however, these would be the easiest to accommodate. Its location, Central Brooklyn, is also its biggest drawback as the construction of the building and demolition of the current property will cause an increase in traffic and cause streets to be blocked off resulting in possible resident displeasure.

Option 2: This option is tailored for families and children and is within close proximity to necessary resources, although, not as abundant as option 1's. Instead, it is surrounded by parks which would be perfect the focus of this option. The actual property land is around 8000sqft. which would be ample size to create a building with various 2-bedroom or larger apartments to accommodate more people. Being located in a smaller residential area would also mean less resident displeasure.

Option 3: This option focuses on homeless veterans, however, it also does not have many resources nearby, mostly consisting of wetlands and a residential area. Due to this, we aim to include a job seeking facility within the building to help those living here. We also expect that the relocation to Staten Island may not be the most favorable option for those considering moving to Hope Village.

Comparison Table	Location	Focus	Building Size	Property Cost	Issues	Resources
Option 1	Nostrand Avenue	Single adults	Studio apartments	\$2,800,000	Demolition of current property	Train, restaurants, and grocery stores
Option 2	Douglaston, Queens	Families and children	Large apartments	\$1,090,000	Removal of trees and plant life	Parks and grocery stores
Option 3	Staten Island	Homeless veterans	Studio apartments + job facility	\$500,000	Demolition of current property	Wetlands and far grocery stores

Conclusion and Recommendation

Based on the table above we can conclude:

- Option 1 will easily be the most expensive and option 3 will be the cheapest,
- Each option is tailored for those who will be living there,
- Option 2 is the only option that does not have to demolish a property,
- Option 3 will need to reserve space for the included job facility.

Now, option 2 reaches out to most affected group of the homeless while not being an incredibly expensive venture. Although it is not the ideal location, when compared to option 1's proximity to abundant resources, it benefits from being near multiple parks that could prove popular with families and children. Plus, this location would only need to remove a few trees and greenery, which should not cause much resident displeasure. Taking into consideration everything from this report, we recommend option 2 as the best possible venture.

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