

BUILD WITH STRENGTH

CASE STUDY: EASE OF USE

QUEENS LIBRARY AT HUNTERS POINT

47-40 Center Blvd., Long Island City, NY 11109

Completion: Early 2017

Height: 81 1/2 ft

Floors: 5

Size: 22,000 sq ft

Architect: Steven Holl Architects



CHANGING THE FACE OF LEARNING.

Nestled between the landmark Pepsi-Cola sign and the gantries at Gantry Plaza State Park, the Hunters Point Library is redefining the East River waterfront, and rewriting the book on public building design. The library was inspired by the rich industrial history of the area, and forms an isosceles triangle with the United Nations Secretariat Building to the west, as well as the Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island to the northwest. Slated to open its doors in early 2017, the Hunters Point Library is on its way to becoming the new focal point for Long Island City's growing community.

01. Thoughtful, fluid design.

The building's interiors flow in a fluid manner, zig-zagging upward to an outdoor rooftop auditorium. The glazed cutouts scattered throughout the façade provide library visitors with dynamic views of the city.

02. Strong and stylish concrete shell.

The concrete shell of the building is for more than just show, it's a load-bearing structure as well. In fact, there is only one interior column in the structure.

03. Built with Mother Nature in mind.

The base of the library is one foot above the 100-year floodplain. Made of concrete, the structure will be well protected from high flood waters, and virtually anything Mother Nature throws its way.

04. Exposed... on purpose.

The library's concrete structure is exposed and aluminum painted, giving it a subtle shine.

AWARDS

2010 Award for Excellence in Design, USA

