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Governors Island welcomes four new tenants

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While some businesses may be [fleeing New York City](#), Governors Island's list of yearlong tenants just grew by four.

The Billion Oyster Project, Beam Center, the Institute for Public Architecture and Shandaken Projects will take up residence in three buildings on the island's Nolan Park section, the city announced Tuesday. The new tenants are part of a program to turn the island's collection of historic buildings into a zone for year-round art, public policy and environmental activity.

"Governors Island is poised to serve as an even greater hub for cultural exploration, research and public programming," said Clare Newman, president and CEO of the Trust for Governors Island.

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The Billion Oyster Project is an environmental nonprofit designed to preserve the city's oyster population, the Beam Center partners with schools to teach youths to collaborate on building projects, and the Institute for Public Architecture focuses on social equity in design. The fourth tenant, Shandaken Projects, offers residencies in various visual arts including printmaking.

While Governors Island has long been a spring and summer cultural spot, Tuesday's announcement is part of the city's effort to turn it into a destination all year long.

"New Yorkers already enjoy Governors Island in the warmer months—and the beautiful open space that makes this island so special is here to stay," Mayor Bill de Blasio said. "But taking full advantage of our city's space means getting more from Governors Island year-round. Today's announcement does just that."

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