Creative Transformation: 
Arts, Culture, and Public Housing Communities 
Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts New York Roundtable 
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The Rockefeller Foundation, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York City 

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