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NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

Bronx Community Board 6 thanks you for your service to the Borough's Parks. Community Board 6 has heard from Greenthumb gardeners at the Bronx River Community Garden about the land behind their garden and the Bronx River. This small rest area allows for public access to the waterfront but also for ongoing antisocial behavior. This includes daily use of the space as a public bathroom, with men exposing themselves to the public in broad daylight. It also includes regular trash dumping, which piles up on the sidewalk and in rest area. We understand that NYC Parks has limited capacity to maintain areas like this, and propose that Parks transfer responsibilities of this area to Greenthumb.

Bronx River Community Garden is a busy garden, with regular activities, including youth programs and events. The Garden's public hours are Wednesdays 2 to 7pm and Sundays 12 to 5pm during the growing season, March through October. The garden tells us the public is also welcome to come into the garden if they see members inside, and that members are usually in the garden every day during the season.

We believe this will create ample opportunity to use this space recreationally for gardeners and nongardeners alike. We ask that Parks consider allowing the Greenthumb to manage this space and that Parks install a gate at the entrance to the rest area. If this installation requires a capital project, please advise the Board so we can submit it in our District Needs Statement.

Regards,

Evonne Capers

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Current conditions:

