



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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Date: **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

Time: **7:00 PM**

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AGENDA

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| 1. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: | June 1, 2022
June 23, 2022 (Special Meeting) |
| 2. Chairperson's Report | |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | |
| 4. District Manager's Report | |
| 5. Committee Resolutions | |
| 6. Discussion of FY 24 Budget Requests | |
| 7. Committee Member Issues for Discussion | |
| 8. Follow-up on Outstanding Issues | |

Laura Spalter
Chairperson



2010 Census Tracts within Bronx Community District 8



- CD Community District Boundary
- 123 2010 Census Tract
- Borough Boundary
- Park



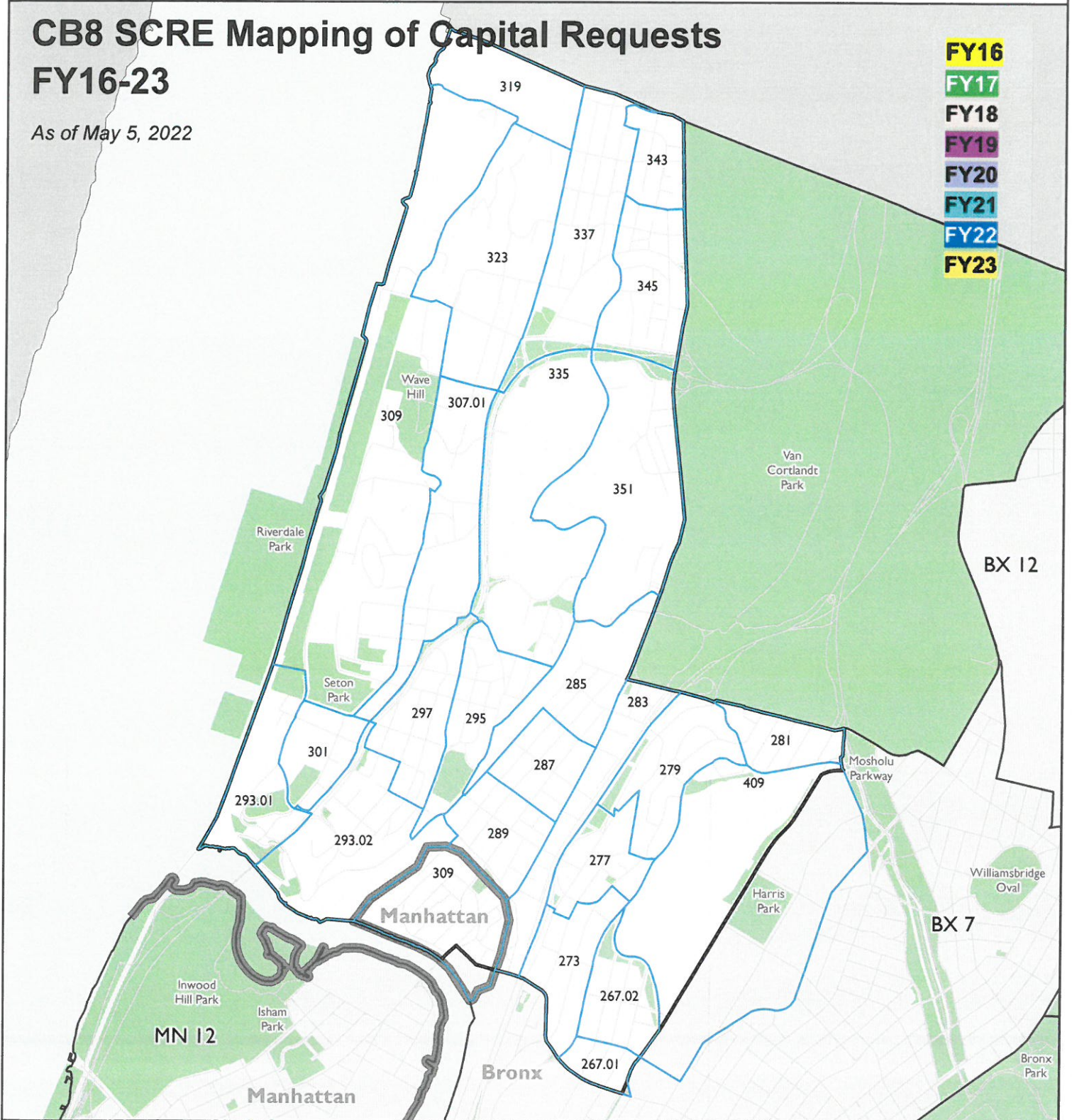
Note: Census tracts and community district boundaries are not coterminous. Some census tracts span multiple community districts or park areas. For census tract data visit Census FactFinder at maps.nyc.gov/census.

Source: MapPLUTO™ V.16.2, BYTES of the Big Apple. Created: August 2017.

CB8 SCRE Mapping of Capital Requests FY16-23

As of May 5, 2022

- FY16
- FY17
- FY18
- FY19
- FY20
- FY21
- FY22
- FY23



CB8 SCRE Mapping of Capital Requests

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Top Requested/Incomplete Capital Projects*

- [Parks] Redesign and reconstruction of the Bailey Avenue playground
- [E&S] Daylight Tibbetts Brook - in-progress
- [Parks] Renovation of Van Cortlandt Stadium
- [E&S] Erosion control measures in Ewen Park
- [Parks] Restroom Construction at Broadway and West 251st Street in Van Cortlandt Park adjacent to the Parade Grounds
- [Parks] Renovation of Strong Street playground - in-progress
- [Housing] Replacement of Boilers, HVAC at Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses (top request FY18-23) - potentially in-progress. Based on City's response, unclear of status. Allegedly (boiler request) will be completed in 2023.
- [E&S] Reconstruction of the Pond Wall at Spuyten Duyvil Park to prevent water runoff onto the roadway in the parking lot of the Metro North station

Initial Observations/Questions:

- *Clarity of purpose:* Budget priorities - while all are worthwhile - should be prioritized by most need.
 - Most asks remain around the greatest population centers in the District where most residents impacted by positive/negative outcomes
 - Most urgent, top priority requests are in most needed areas of District. Fewer ad hoc requests recently and greater focus on greatest needs.
- *How to prioritize:* What is most effective/most useful in chasing our goals: short list of what we want done now or long list to capture priorities from all committees? Concentrated Committee requests from Parks, E&S, Housing. IE Only Econ Dev requests are for security cameras and once for benches. Should all committees ask for what each wants - ie tree guards - so the City knows what we want, or should we focus on top unresolved asks?
- *Effective strategy needed:* Concentrated capital requests in high need areas of District are incomplete. How/who/why do other projects get completed in District?
 - Scope/cost large
 - No one person/entity leading request
 - Elected officials need specific asks from CB8
 - CB8 priorities often do not come up through participatory budgeting process - good opportunity for stronger community engagement
 - *Lack of City engagement:* Parks are CB8's most consistent, largest request. NYC underfunds Bronx' parks the most and parks. What is CB8 advocacy in pursuing for parks funding for the greenest borough?
 - What is done with the City's (lack of) response to annual requests?

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1. **PARKS - DPR - PEP Personnel sufficient to monitor CD08 Parks:** PEP Personnel to properly enforce rules and regulations with assistance of NYPD: illegal use of Putnam Greenway by electric bikes, motor bikes and ATVs; Seasonal problem of unlawful BBQs in CD08 parks; chronic double-parking along Broadway adjacent to Van Cortlandt Park (VCP) Parade Grounds, and to enforce regulations in VCP and other CD08 parks, in particular by bicycle-mounted PEP officers.
2. **ELCA: NYPL-Maintain 6-day programs in our 5 branches**(Van Cortlandt, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, Jerome Park)
3. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT – Step Street Repair:**

Repair damaged features and reset misaligned stone steps on step streets and repaint railings and lampposts at:

- West 230th Street between Riverdale Ave and Johnson Ave
- West 230th Street between Edgehill Ave and Netherland Ave
- West 232nd Street between Johnson Ave and Netherland Ave
- West 232nd Street between Riverdale Ave and Irwin Ave
- West 238th Street between Irwin Ave and Waldo Ave
- Godwin Terrace between West 231st Street and Naples Terrace
- Adjacent to 3860 Bailey Avenue between Bailey Ave and Orloff Ave

Repair and repaint railings and fill the gaps in the cobble stone to prevent weed overgrowth on the step street at:

- West 238th Street between Orloff Avenue and Cannon Place
- West 238th between Irwin Ave and Waldo Ave

4. **AGING COMMITTEE – DFTA – Older Adult Centers Funding:** Increase dedicated funding to ensure qualified staff, access to mental health services, funding for licensed social worker, technology infrastructure internally, technology support externally, increase outreach to lessen isolation and potential abuse, provide food security, and meet all service delivery funding requirements.
5. **E&S & HOUSING – DSNY- Increased funding for manual litter patrol and splinter groups** for the removal of trash throughout CB8, especially in Environmental Justice designated areas of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, and Broadway commercial corridor and around vacant lots.

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6. **AGING COMMITTEE – DFTA – Food Programs**: Food insecurity has become increased within our community. There is Increased need for congregate food programs, additional food pantries, plus meals for individuals who are temporarily homebound.

7. **HOUSING - NYCHA-**
 - Security: Sufficient Personnel to adequately monitor cameras at Marble Hill Houses
 - Sanitation Services: Additional personnel for NYCHA Sanitation Teams and additional trash receptacles.
 - Laundry Room: Restoration of building #9 laundry room at the Marble Hill Houses.

8. **TRAFF&TRANS / ELCA/PUBLIC SAFETY – NYPD/DOE/DOT – Increase Crossing Guard Funding**: Increase funding for school crossing guards at P.S. 95, P.S. 344 and P.S. 168 schools at the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West

9. **HHSS – DOHMH/DSNY – Funding for Rat Mitigation**: Increase in funding for rat inspections, mitigation tools and rat academy for CB8 affected neighborhoods.

10. **Eco Dev –SBS – Emergency Response** - Increase funding for SBS emergency preparation and response services for CB 8 small businesses.

11. **E&S–DEP: Increase funding for maintenance contracts** for Jerome Park Reservoir to maintain cleanliness of DEP property, specifically with concerns to illegal dumping and littering.

12. **JOINT – PUBLIC SAFETY + YOUTH + EDUCATION – (NYPD) - Police Athletic League Funding**: Police Athletic League (PAL) after school programs and Youth crime prevention services.

13. **YOUTH - DYCD –SYEP Expansion**-of the program for 14- & 15-year-olds – Request for additional hours and stipend amount for participants under the age of 16

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14. **PARKS - DPR CD08 Parks Equipment**: Serious and increasing trash conditions in all our parks, necessitates Parks Department needs:

- One large garbage truck Currently equipment is shared with another district.
- Crew Cab Pickup: to transport staff & equipment/tools around CD08. Necessary to address maintenance needs of District.
- Deere Tractor with Cutting Unit: Constantly need maintenance, especially with hilly topography, such machinery is essential for mowing.

15. **PARKS - DPR Van Cortlandt Park Equipment** –

- Mini-Packer: to deal with growing trash problem in VCP, particularly to reach remote and difficult areas.
- Gator for Van Cortlandt Park: VCP Alliance requests a replacement Gator for use by Landscape Management and Maintenance & Operations staff to maintain park; Existing Gator is in disrepair.

16. **AGING COMMITTEE - HPD – Affordable Housing Serving Older District Residents**: To reduce homelessness and allow older residents with low/moderate income to continue to age in their familiar communities, increase funding for housing subsidies for current residents to avail themselves of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable senior housing buildings, to prevent evictions from current units, and provide support for other programs that allow seniors to age independently and in place.

17. **PUBLIC SAFETY + YOUTH + EDUCATION – (NYPD) – School Safety Officers for John F. Kennedy Campus** : Additional School Safety Officers for John F. Kennedy HS due to an increase in violence.

18. **E&S-DSNY: Increase funding for NYC Compost Project** to expand education and outreach for curbside pick-up program and on-site composting

19. **EDUCATION-DOE- PS310- Marble Hill Complex Bronx Outdoor green space** to advance their sustainability and STEAM initiative

20. **E&S-DEP: Increase funding for catch basin inspection, cleaning, and maintenance in flood prone areas along Broadway and Bailey Avenue and on roadways in Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village**

21. **EDUCATION-DOE: PS24 Bronx-Construct a green house where their garden is now**

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22. **E&S/Parks-DEP**: Daylight Tibbetts Brook: Fund continual maintenance and operation to ensure efficiency and good housekeeping of Daylighting Project in Van Cortlandt Park and along the Putnam South Greenway

23. **AGING– DFTA – Older Adult Center Transportation**: Dedicated permanent transportation service funding in Older Adult Center contracts. Walkability in many sections of our community is difficult: steep hills, steep streets and long blocks. Regular bus service provides limited North-South routes and even fewer East-West routes. Additionally, transportation services can provide vital food access for older adults.

24. **HHSS – DSS/HRA - Counseling Services**: Increased agency outreach for those affected by COVID-19, family crisis counseling, and other mental health problems, including service staff for suicide prevention hot-lines and other mental health professionals.

25. **AGING COMMITTEE - DFTA – Increase to funding in Dementia Care**: Non-subsidized social adult day programs have closed, leaving only one non-profit social adult daycare (SADC) in Bronx CB8. Expand tuition assistance for non-profit programs to allow more eligible seniors to afford SADC and fund outreach programs to educate family caregivers on dementia, safety issues, and caregiver support opportunities.

26. **E&S-DSNY: Restore e-cycling program** to include community drop-off for buildings with less than 10 units in Bronx District 8

27. **AGING COMMITTEE – DOT – Safe Crossings**: Increase funding to inspect and maintain pavement at cross-walks throughout the district to mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and death; refresh cross-walk lines striping to increase driver and pedestrian visibility; lengthen pedestrian walk signals and add audible crossing signals near large senior populations and shopping areas.

28. **YOUTH – DYCD/DOE – Expanding College access for all** – Continue funding College Access for All programs be expanded throughout all CB8 middle schools

29. **AGING COMMITTEE – MTA – Access-A-Ride**: Increased service for Access-a-Ride for older adults with disabilities within CD08 because of its particularly hilly topography.

30. **E&S–DEP**: Increase funding for catch basin inspection, cleaning, and maintenance in flood prone areas along Broadway and Bailey Avenue and on roadways in Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village

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31. **AGING COMMITTEE** DFTA - Internet access for older adults in CD08.

32. **AGING COMMITTEE** DOT – Bus shelter and countdown clocks on East side of West 231st Street between Broadway and Albany Crescent Avenue.

33. **EDUCATION-DOE-PS 310 Marble Hill Complex Bronx-Auditorium Renovation**-Replace broken seats, motorized display screen, stage and curtains.

34. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT – Broadway Corridor Parking Study**: Conduct a parking study of the Broadway corridor to better understand future capital or expense priorities to balance supply and demand of parking including commercial parking

35. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT – Study Putnam Greenway Connections**: Study of safe pedestrian and bicycle connections to Putnam Greenway from Bailey Avenue and from Broadway/Broadway Bridge

36. **YOUTH - DOITT – Boosting existing wi-fi signals** – Requesting that wi-fi signals at tax funded locations (police departments, fire departments, libraries etc.) be given wi-fi booster to create more access

37. **HHSS- DOHMH/NYSDOH – Provide additional funding for covid-19 home test kits** to help decrease the covid-19 infection rate within CB8 and to assist decreasing clinic and hospital visits.

38. **HHSS – DSS/HRA - Counseling Services**: Increased agency outreach for those affected by COVID-19, family crisis counseling, and other mental health problems, including service staff for suicide prevention hot-lines and other mental health professionals.

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1. **Housing- NYCHA – Infrastructure Upgrades:**
 - Boiler repairs and replacement for the Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses.
 - Comprehensive roof repairs at Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses
 - Repair of all walkways and sidewalks to mitigate tripping hazards in and around the Marble Hill Houses - noting the senior population. (NYCHA/DOT)
 - Security gate at building #11 at the Marble Hill Houses. *Councilmember Rodriguez previously funded this project item, project #9910 for \$100,000.*
2. **PARKS- (DPR) Redesign and reconstruction of Bailey Playground:** Reduce paving, introduce green space, update equipment, and repair deteriorated drains. The CB recommends incorporate adjacent Tibbett's Tail area into an expanded Bailey Playground.
3. **EDUCATION-DOE-PS24 BRONX-Auditorium Renovation-**Current conditions include broken seats, no audio/visual equipment, obsolete stage and defective lighting
4. **JOINT – PARKS/TRAFF&TRANS – DPR/DOT – Van Cortlandt Park Bailey Pedestrian Plaza:** Reconstruct Van Cortlandt Park South step street from Van Cortlandt Park South to Gale Place including integrating green infrastructure to capture storm water and creating a pedestrian plaza at Bailey Avenue entrance to Van Cortlandt Park
5. **EDUCATION-DOE-PS24 Bronx-Bathrooms Renovations-**16 Bathrooms need new toilets, sinks, rusted pipes, floor, and tile replacement
6. **PARKS – DPR: Reconstruct Old Fort Four Park and upgrade equipment:** Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park including playground equipment, basketball courts, benches, greenspace, stone walls and fencing.
7. **JOINT – PARKS/PUBLIC SAFETY/E&S/TRAFF&TRANS - (DPR//DEP/DOT) – Jerome Park Reservoir Pedestrian Safety Lighting:** Add park-style lighting around the pedestrian perimeter of the Jerome Park Reservoir along Reservoir Avenue between Sedgwick Avenue and Goulden Avenue and along Goulden Avenue between Sedgwick Avenue and Reservoir Avenue for pedestrian safety from crime, increase pedestrian visibility for cars and to reduce dumping
8. **HHSS/ Public Safety – NYPD - Domestic Violence Unit:** Increase funding for domestic violence unit within NYPD 50th Precinct, including community workshops to educate residents about warning signs of domestic violence, lists of shelters available to victims, how to obtain protective orders, and counseling services available. to residents

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9. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT- Step Street Reconstruction:**
- Reconstruct West 229th step street between Kingsbridge Terrace and Sedgwick Avenue with integrated green infrastructure to reduce flooding on Bailey Avenue
 - *Reconstruct West 231st step street between Sedgwick Avenue and Kingsbridge Terrace with integrated green infrastructure to reduce flooding on Bailey Avenue*
 - *Reconstruct Bradley Terrace step street between Independence Avenue and Palisade Avenue with integrated green infrastructure and restoration of the historic fencing and hexagonal pavers*
 - *Reconstruct West 232nd step street from Riverdale Avenue to Irwin Avenue with integrated green infrastructure to reduce flooding on Broadway*
 - *Reconstruct Naples Terrace step street from Broadway to Godwin Terrace integrating storm water catchment to reduce flooding on Broadway*
10. **PARKS- DPR-Renovations to Washington’s Walk:** Renovations to Washington's Walk; new benches, replacing temporary fence with a wrought-iron fence, and repair of adjacent sidewalk.
11. **EDUCATION-DOE-HS368-Safety Cameras-** HD equipment was purchased, but there was no funding for outdoor cameras to complete the security system at the school. Security system is not operational without the cameras.
12. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT – Resurface Kingsbridge Road:** Resurface West 225th Street / Kingsbridge Road, portions of which are a full depth, concrete roadway, from Broadway to Reservoir Avenue
13. **EDUCATION-DOE-Marie Curie High School for Nursing & Professions –** Funding for Career & Technical Education, specifically equipment for the nursing room. *This request was approved by SCA, but not funded.*
14. **EDUCATION-DOE-HS368 Bronx-Upgrade School Library**
15. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT – West 235th Pedestrian Walkway:**
- Reconstruct pedestrian walkway over the Henry Hudson Parkway between West 236th Street and West 235th Street.
 - Feasibility study for ADA ramps to be added to the pedestrian walkway over Henry Hudson Parkway between West 236th Street and West 235th Street.

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16. **EDUCATION-DOE-PS81 Bronx-School Yard Repaving**-Due to extensive construction paving is necessary for the safety of students and staff
17. **TRAFF&TRANS - DOT – Independence Avenue Sidewalk**: Reconstruct sidewalk on east side of Independence Avenue across the width of mapped, but unbuilt portion of West 242nd Street.
18. **PARKS- DPR: Update Fort Independence Park Dog Run** : Upgrade dog run in Fort Independence Park and improve ADA accessibility, improve shade and upgrade the drinking fountain around the dog run
19. **PARKS – DPR: Renovation of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium**: Renovation of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, funding for engineering study to assess and to develop a restoration plan of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium
20. **JOINT – PUBLIC SAFETY (FDNY) – FDNY Paramedic Unit**: Restore funding to maintain FDNY Paramedic Unit in CB8 (to replace canceled 27 Victor Unit).
21. **PARKS- DPR: Renovation of the Restrooms in Van Cortlandt Park**: Construct restroom at Broadway and W 251st Street in Van Cortlandt Park, adjacent to the parade grounds.
22. **JOINT – E&S/TRAFF&TRANS – DEP/DOT – Major Deegan Storm Water Management Study**: Feasibility study for a district-wide resilience and storm water management plan along the Major Deegan Expressway corridor, with focus on Van Cortlandt Village, Kingsbridge Heights roadway, Bailey Avenue and Broadway
23. **E&S– DEP/DOT –Study of safe pedestrian and bicycle connections** to Putnam Greenway from Bailey Avenue and from Broadway/Broadway Bridge
24. **E&S--DEP: Install Right-of-Way Green infrastructure** along Broadway to alleviate flooding and pooling in Kingsbridge and Marble Hill
25. **PARKS- DPR-Spuyten Duyvil Shorefront Park Green Infrastructure**: Green Infrastructure; to divert, absorb, and clean stormwater runoff from catch basins, streets, and the Henry Hudson Bridge outfalls that drain into the stream bed that feeds the 2 ponds in the Park before discharging overflow into the sewer system and Harlem River. Rehabilitation and restoration of natural areas, trails, wetlands and aquatic features.
26. **PARKS- DPR: Van Cortlandt Park Mansion**- Restoration of the exterior red brick stairway into the Van Cortlandt Park mansion. *The fence has been funded.*

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27. **PARKS- DPR** - Restore Riverdale Park's Alder Brook Stream Bed: Restore the Alder Brook stream bed, which runs through the Riverdale Park and discharges directly into the Hudson River.

28. **TRAFF&TRANS** –DOT –Study of safe pedestrian and bicycle connections to Putnam Greenway from Bailey Avenue and from Broadway/Broadway

29. **TRAFF&TRANS** - DOT/DEP– West 235th Street Sidewalk: Reconstruct West 235th Street between Independence Ave and Henry Hudson Parkway West adding sidewalk on the north side of the street and sewer infrastructure to improve pedestrian access and eliminate unsafe ponding

30. **PARKS- DPR** - Infrastructure Upgrade- Mosholu Golf House: Connection of sewer to former Mosholu Golf house so that the golf house can become a Parks Headquarters building. The committee urges DPR to ask DEP to provide funding for this project.

31. **TRAFF&TRANS** – DOT – Study for Independence Avenue Step Street: Feasibility study for a new step street connecting Independence Avenue from 5900 Arlington Avenue to West 261st Street.