

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
FY 2014 CAPITAL & EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES
 Approved at October 10, 2012 Bronx Community Board No. 8 Board Meeting

FY 2014	FY 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS
1	<p>EDUCATION - The allocation of funds to immediately repair schools and infrastructure of the schools.</p> <p>1. <u>IN-TECH ACADEMY-MS/HS 368X</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Upgrade for Computer Lab – Room 321 • Electrical Upgrade for Library Media Center <p>2. <u>THE ROBERT J. CHRISTEN SCHOOL PS 8I</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiator covers* • Fix leaks and plaster walls throughout building, including classrooms, auditorium and kitchen* • Air conditioning for the gym, lunchroom and auditorium. Along with electrical upgrades to support the air conditioning* • New water fountains throughout the building • Kitchen upgrade, new floor tiles and new ceiling • Retile cafeteria floor • Window shades • New exit lighting throughout the building • Auditorium ceiling lights • Repoint brick around the building • Bathroom renovations • Replace outside doors and saddles • Replace floor tile in main office • Maintain outside gutters and leaders for proper drainage • Black wrought iron gate in front of building • Repaint/refurbish school yard/playground area • Landscaping all around the building <p>3. <u>PS 24 THE SPUYTEN DUYVIL SCHOOL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioning for all classrooms
2	TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION - Rehabilitation of Step Street at West 228 th Street
3	LIBRARIES - Full Interior Renovation and New Roof for the Spuyten Duyvil branch library. This includes life safety systems, HVAC replacement, and interior renovation including ADA compliance.
4	PARKS & RECREATION - Construction of a new restroom and DPR maintenance in Fort Four Park and related plumbing repairs.
5	EDUCATION - Upgrade of all gymnasium equipment in all schools in Bronx Community Board 8 to help reduce the epidemic of obesity among students.

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6	<p>PUBLIC SAFETY (FDNY) - Firehouse Renovations- Many of the 221 firehouses are turn-of-the-last-century buildings that need upgrades such as new roofs; apparatus floor replacements, waterproofing, pointing, electrical upgrades as well as new kitchens and bathrooms.</p> <p>In Community Board 8, Engine 52 has requested a new kitchen. Design and construction of a new kitchen for this would be approximately \$500,000. This would include the temporary kitchen needed during renovations.</p>
7	LIBRARIES - Partial interior renovation of the Riverdale branch library including upgrading life safety systems, HVAC replacement and changes for ADA compliance, new furniture and equipment, replace HVAC), and rehabilitation of the entrance, sidewalks, retaining wall, doors, and upgrade drainage,.
8	PARKS & RECREATION - Reconstruction of the Bailey Avenue playground.
9	LIBRARIES - Full interior renovation of the Van Cortlandt Park branch including rehabilitation of the façade, a new roof, renovation of the interior spaces, including the staff room, new windows, new furniture and equipment and changes for ADA compliance.
10	EDUCATION - To continue exploring site acquisition opportunities for annexes to our existing educational facilities.
11	TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION - Changing of the walk/don't walk signs to countdown signs in community district 8.
12	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - Request for Dual-Bin Trucks for Recycling – A recent Independent Budget Office (“IBO”) study showed that recycling collection is most cost-effective and productive when the city increased its use of dual-bin trucks, which eliminate the need for sending two trucks on a recycling route, one to pick up paper, the other metal, glass, and plastic. Community Board # 8 was not listed as having this equipment.
13	PARKS & RECREATION - Repair of the Henry Hudson Park basketball and handball courts.
14	PARKS & RECREATION - Construction of a rest room at Broadway and West 251 Street adjacent to the Parade Grounds
15	PARKS & RECREATION - Installation of a pedestrian bridge in Van Cortlandt Park.
16	PARKS & RECREATION - Construction of a walkway with a hard surface at the southern end of Seton Park parallel to West 232 Street.
17	PARKS & RECREATION - Reconstruction of the pond wall at Spuyten Duyvil Park to prevent water runoff onto the roadway in the parking lot at the Metro-North station.
18	PARKS & RECREATION - Repair of the gas line in Classic playground to allow reopening of the restroom in the winter months

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19	PARKS & RECREATION - Resurfacing of the tennis courts in Seton Park. (NEW)
20	PARKS & RECREATION - Renovation of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium.
21	HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES (FDNY) – The acquisition and establishment of a site for an EMS restocking and decontamination station in Community Board 8 to replace the temporary station at the 50 th Precinct that closed in mid-2011.
22	PUBLIC SAFETY (FDNY) - The Fire Department has 10 golf-cart sized EMS gators for use citywide that are over 10 years old. Request supplemental funding for 6 replacement gators for an approximate cost of \$100,000.

FY2014	EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS
1	Increase budgetary allocation of Bronx Community Board No. 8 to \$350,000 to maintain charter mandated services.
2	AGING - Fund senior center programs, including expansion of Innovative Senior Center demonstration program in the Bronx to provide nutritional, educational programs, health initiatives to maintain the highest function of older adults and allow them to age in place.
3	HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES - Increase funding for the Innovative Services for Seniors (ISS) Program, a geriatric mental health program run by Riverdale Mental Health Association.
4	YOUTH - Allocate \$500,000 through Out of School Time (OST) and/or Teen Action for programs specifically located within Community Board 8.
5	LIBRARIES – Continue funding to maintain full service, six day service at all branches.
6	AGING - Provide communal dining meal service at Ft. Independence Senior Center, Bronx.
7	PARKS & RECREATION - Personnel sufficient for maintenance and enforcement in CB8 parks, especially on weekends and at times of high use.
8	PUBLIC SAFETY (NYPD) - Requisition of-Radar gun, paint for covering graffiti, soundmeter, binoculars, laptop with webcam
9	EDUCATION - Funding for after-school educational/recreational programs in particular remediation and enrichment programs for all of the schools in Community Board 8 including non-title No.1 schools.

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10	PARKS & RECREATION - Two stump grinders for Van Cortlandt Park.
11	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - Request for Staffing for Dual-Bin Trucks - A recent Independent Budget Office (“IBO”) study showed that recycling collection is most cost-effective and productive when the city increased its use of dual-bin trucks, which eliminate the need for sending two trucks on a recycling route, one to pick up paper, the other metal, glass, and plastic. IN addition to Capital Budget request for this specialized equipment, we request staffing for this important recycling effort.
12	AGING - Support organizations providing support and training for caregivers.

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13	<p>ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (Parks) - Contribute partial funding of \$20,000 for “Woodland Pilot Programs” for high school students – For years Wave Hill has offered its Forest Project Summer Collaborative to Bronx high school students interested in environmental study. They conduct ecological restoration projects like invasive species removal, erosion control and trail maintenance. Three new environmental pilot projects are being designed by Wave Hill: Woodland Studies, Woodland Research and Woodland Restoration designed for high school students in after-school programs, community centers, environmental school groups and youth clubs.</p> <p>Invasive species removal and erosion control are of serious environmental concern in Community Board # 8. The Wave Hill programs not only improve our local environment by actual restoration work on our public lands but also expose young people to important environmental issues and a possible course of future study.</p>
14	<p>AGING - Provide case coordination to allow seniors/caregivers to identify and receive all available services to maintain independent living, including home health services, health literacy i.e. pharmaceutical education.</p>
15	<p>AGING - Support geriatric mental health services for healthy independent living (jointly sponsored by Health, Hospitals and Social Services committee).</p>
16	<p>AGING - Maintain senior transportation programs and funding for drivers and vehicle upkeep and accessible cabs/vans.</p>
17	<p>AGING - Support development of and usage of telehealth programs to remotely monitor health issues.</p>
18	<p>HOUSING (HPD) - Funding to hire code enforcement staff and additional staff to assist agency mission of neighborhood preservation and to keep pace with escalation of new programs and duties instituted by City in Community Board 8.</p>
19	<p>EDUCATION - Allocations of funds to provide for a meaningful reduction of class size in all grades.</p>
20	<p>ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (DEP) - More Inspectors for Enforcement of the City’s Noise Codes – The Hansen Reports issued monthly by the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) show a high number of community complaints concerning noise from: Alarms, Construction Before and After Hours, Construction Equipment, Air Conditioning and Ventilation Equipment, Jack Hammering and Other Sources.</p>

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21	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (DEP) - More Workers to Routinely Clear Clogged Catch Basins which Cause Flooding - The Hansen Reports from DEP show a high number of community complaints monthly concerning clogged catch basins.
22	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (DSNY) - Request for Additional Sanitation Officers for the Enforcement of Sanitation Laws_– At recent Environment & Sanitation Committee meetings in the various neighborhoods of CB # 8, the members have heard numerous requests for increased enforcement of the city’s sanitations laws especially littering, illegal dumping and “pooper-scooper” laws.
23	PUBLIC SAFETY (FDNY) - Funding to purchase smoke detectors (\$170,000), carbon monoxide detectors (\$160,000) and nine volt replacement batteries (420,000) for distribution to the public throughout the year in all five boroughs. This budget allocation would cover the cost of 10,000 smoke detectors, 10,000 carbon monoxide detectors and 20,000 batteries.