

A map of New York City showing the five boroughs. The Bronx is shaded in a dark grey color. Within the Bronx, a specific area in the north is highlighted in yellow, representing Bronx Community District 8. The map shows street grids and geographical features like the Hudson River and the East River.

# ***Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests***

**Fiscal Year  
2027**

**Bronx Community  
District  
8**

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# INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

# HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

## 1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

## 2. **Policy Area-Specific District Needs**

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

## 3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

## Disclaimer

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*Budget Requests:* Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

*Budget Priorities:* Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

*Supporting Materials:* Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

### New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

### The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

**Bronx Community District 8**

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	101,731	100.00	106,924	100.00	5,193	5.1	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	20,522	20.2	20,729	19.4	207	1.0	-0.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	101,731	100.0	106,924	100.0	5,193	5.1	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	44,156	43.4	52,317	48.9	8,161	18.5	5.5
White non-Hispanic	39,190	38.5	34,097	31.9	-5,093	-13.0	-6.6
Black non-Hispanic	11,434	11.2	11,247	10.5	-187	-1.6	-0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	5,022	4.9	5,329	5.0	307	6.1	0.1
Some other race, non-Hispanic	564	0.6	1,279	1.2	715	126.8	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,365	1.3	2,655	2.5	1,290	94.5	1.2
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	44,164	100.0	45,144	100.0	980	2.2	0.0
Occupied housing units	41,335	93.6	42,569	94.3	1,234	3.0	0.7
Vacant housing units	2,829	6.4	2,575	5.7	-254	-9.0	-0.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

**Statement on Data Accuracy**

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community Board 8 is located in the northwest portion of New York City, bounded by the Hudson River to the west, Westchester County to the north and extending to Van Cortlandt Park and the Jerome Park Reservoir to the east; and to the south the district is bordered by the Harlem River, West 225th Street and Kingsbridge Road. Totalling 3.3 square miles, Community District 8 covers the neighborhoods of Spuyten Duyvil, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Fieldston, Riverdale, Marble Hill and Van Cortlandt Village. Bronx Community Board 8 has an estimated 108,200 population, which is a growth of over 7,000 residents over the past ten years. Over 21,000 of our residents are younger than eighteen years old. Twenty percent of our residents are 65 and older. 48% of our residents identify as Hispanic/ Latino, 33% Caucasian, 12% Black and 4% Asian. Education, youth, and aging issues are very important to our Community Board. 18% of our residents have incomes below the NYC poverty threshold. As a result, we have an increased need for social services, especially for our aging residents and young people. Marble Hill is unique in that it is considered a part of the Borough of Manhattan, but municipal services are provided by the Bronx. However, Marble Hill data is not included in our city planning profile. There are over 45,000 total housing units in our District. Community Board 8 has two New York City Housing Authority Developments: Marble Hill Houses and Fort Independence Houses. Our District has various types of housing including cooperative apartments, condominium units, one family houses, 2-4 family houses and multi-family apartment buildings. 45% of our residents consider themselves rent burdened. Since our Board is surrounded by the Harlem River, Spuyten Duyvil Creek and the Hudson River the need for storm resiliency measures that will protect our communities is imperative. Some neighborhoods were severely affected by the recent hurricanes and tropical storms. Our aging infrastructure cannot handle extreme weather, causing flooding and raw sewage backups. We consider this an environmental justice issue.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Bronx Community Board 8

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable Housing**

Bronx Community Board 8 needs affordable housing for all -singles, families and seniors. Forty five percent of our residents are rent burdened, meaning they spend more than one third of their salary on rent. New York City's Area Median Income (AMI) is determined by the Federal Government and includes Westchester County & Long Island which affects what is considered affordable in the five boroughs. Rather than using an unrealistic AMI, which includes Westchester and Long Island incomes not reflective of our Borough's income bracket, which is considerably less, we recommend using the districts consensus income which is reported and found on the Department of City Planning's website. We advocate for affordable housing for our older adult population so that our residents may age in place. We support increased funding for housing subsidies for current residents to avail themselves of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable housing developments. Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes the need for additional affordable housing for individuals and families in the district as well. Bronx Community Board 8 is home to two New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments: Fort Independence Houses, which is home to 482 residents and Marble Hill Houses, which is home to 3,222 residents. Both developments are in dire need of capital repairs. Residents face regular and long-term heat and hot water disruptions due to aging boilers. For years, Bronx Community Board 8's number one budget priority has been the repairs and replacement for the boilers at both Marble Hill Houses and Fort Independence Houses. Both developments require comprehensive roof repairs. The walkways and sidewalks at Marble Hill Houses are hazardous and need restoration. The apartments need major renovations due to mold issues, old radiators and outdated kitchens and bathrooms. Older residents need safety accommodations such as the installation of grab bars in their bathrooms. NYCHA needs sufficient personnel to adequately monitor cameras at the Marble Hill Houses. There are security concerns as main doors to buildings do not have proper entry security such as working locks and buzzers.

#### **Parks and open space**

Bronx Community Board 8 has 68 parks and open greenspaces. Our District also has the most step streets in New York City with 26 step streets. Our residents deeply value and heavily use our parks and playgrounds. Parks are at the heart of Bronx Community District 8 — places where children play, families gather, and neighbors come together. Yet many of these cherished spaces are aging, under-resourced, and in need of critical upgrades to ensure they remain safe, accessible, and vibrant for all residents. Investing in these parks is not only just about repairs but also about restoring pride, promoting health, and strengthening our community. The redesign and reconstruction of Bailey Playground will transform a deteriorating play space into a safe, welcoming, and green environment for local families. By replacing outdated equipment, improving safety surfacing and fencing, and incorporating the nearby Tibbett's Tail area, the project will expand recreational opportunities while adding much-needed green space. A new operations area for District 8 will also make it easier to maintain our parks year-round. At Old Fort Four Park, long-due improvements including new playground equipment, repaired stone walls, and brighter lighting for basketball courts — will create a safer and more inviting park for all ages. The addition of a dog run, currently missing from this neighborhood, will also give pet owners a nearby place to gather and connect. The restoration of Lower Brust Park's historic staircase will make the area safer and more accessible, preserving an important part of the community's landscape. Establishing a Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Command in Van Cortlandt Park will further ensure safety, with consistent patrols and faster response times across multiple Bronx districts. We also need to expand youth recreation and public safety efforts offering swimming lessons for children at Van Cortlandt Park

Pool to promote water safety. We need to replace aging maintenance vehicles and equipment such as a new garbage truck, crew cab pickup, John Deere tractor with cutting unit, mini packer and John Deere gator for Van Cortlandt Park. The garbage truck and mini packer for Van Cortlandt Park will help deal with the increased trash in our parks to keep our parks clean, green, and accessible. Finally, installing new lighting at Marble Hill Playground will brighten pathways and play areas, extending safe use of the park into the evening and improving community safety. Together, these projects represent a commitment to the well-being of Bronx residents. They will transform neglected spaces into thriving community assets — safer, greener, and more inclusive for everyone. Investing in our parks is investing in our community's future. One of our community institutions, Kingsbridge Historical Society, resides in a landmarked building in a former church, the Edgehill Church of Spuyten Duyvil at 2570 Independence Avenue. This building is in urgent need of roof repairs to fix leaks. We continue to support funding for the repairs. The Kingsbridge Historical Society is a community resource with programs of educational significance.

### **Senior services**

Supporting Dignity, Safety, and Well-Being of Our Older Adults: In Bronx Community Board 8, one in five residents is aged 65 or older. Our seniors are the foundation of our neighborhoods, the keepers of our history, and the heart of our community life. As they age, ensuring their safety, mobility, and mental well-being is not only an obligation but a vital investment in the health and strength of our community. To meet these needs, accessible and reliable transportation is essential.

Many older adults in our district rely on community centers such as Riverdale Y, JASA Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center, Marble Hill Senior Center and Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) for meals, social connection, and health programs. However, limited transportation options make it difficult for those with mobility challenges to participate fully. Funding is urgently needed to provide five new wheelchair-accessible buses and to expand transportation support for local senior centers, ensuring that no older adult is left isolated due to lack of mobility. Nutrition remains another growing concern. Rising food costs are straining senior meal programs across the district. Funding for the NORC Lunch Program for all of our Senior Centers, including the Riverdale Y, is needed to maintain daily meal services and ensure that all older residents have consistent access to healthy, affordable meals. Our seniors also continue to face the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, economic hardship, and social isolation. Increased mental health funding is essential to address trauma, loneliness, and the mental health impacts of aging in an uncertain world. Programs such as the RSS Older Adult Geriatric Mental Health Initiative play a vital role by providing screenings, counseling, and connection to treatment through a dedicated multidisciplinary team. The RSS Social Adult Day Program supports older adults living with memory loss, Alzheimer's, and dementia offering engagement, structure, and social connection while also supporting caregivers through specialized groups. Additionally, River Spring Living's Elder Justice and Scam Prevention Program will help protect older adults from financial exploitation through an innovative citywide toolkit developed by the Weinberg Center for Elder Justice. Together, these initiatives form a compassionate, community-based response to the needs of Bronx CB8's aging population. By investing in transportation, nutrition, mental health, and safety, we can ensure that our older adults age with dignity and independence.

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# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Bronx Community Board 8

#### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

##### **Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs**

We are committed to increasing mental health services and innovative programs for our seniors.

Services for domestic violence victims:

Domestic Violence has been one of the leading crimes within the confines of the 50th Precinct. The Bronx historically had the most chronic Domestic Violence Complaints, almost twice as much as any other borough. In order to protect our vulnerable residents, CB8 urges the city to increase funding of the domestic violence units used by the NYPD 50th Precinct.

The 50th Precinct refers victims of domestic violence to Safe Horizons, an organization that offers support and aims to decrease domestic violence.

We support an increase of community workshops to educate residents about warning signs of domestic violence, lists of shelters available to victims and to likely incoming migrants, how to obtain protective orders, and counseling services available to residents. Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes the need for affordable housing options for domestic violence victims in the district.

#### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

##### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

CB8 advocates for increased agency outreach for family crisis counseling, and other mental health problems, including service staff for suicide prevention hot-lines and other mental health professionals. CB8 supports additional funding for mental health services for our youth and older adults.

##### **Needs for Older NYs**

One of five of CB8 residents are 65 and older. Community Board 8 is committed to the safety and improvement of quality of life for all of our aging residents. We are committed to the increase mental health services and innovative programs at our senior centers. The need for mental health services increases annually . Pedestrian safety for seniors includes safer crossings and sensory pedestrian signals (visual & auditory). Increased bus and Access-a- Ride services are critical district-wide needs.

##### **Needs for Homeless**

An increase in outreach services is needed to connect with homeless New Yorkers and provide them with the resources that they not only need but are entitled to. We support an increase in prevention services, outreach services and permanent assistance for homeless residents.

##### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

Low-income New Yorkers need support with housing, food, utilities, and transportation, which are addressed by programs like the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and Fair Fares NYC. Other critical needs include cash assistance for emergencies, which is available through Temporary Assistance, and access to job training and other services.

We support increased funding for these programs.

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## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DFTA	1 / 4	New Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers
DFTA	2 / 4	Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers
DFTA	3 / 4	New Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers
DFTA	4 / 4	New Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DFTA	1 / 5	Funding for Transportation for Older Adult Centers
DFTA	2 / 5	Funding for NORC Lunch Program for Senior Centers in our District
DFTA	3 / 5	RiverSpring Living Elder Justice and Scam Prevention Program
DFTA	4 / 5	Social Adult Day Care for Riverdale Senior Service (RSS)
DFTA	5 / 5	Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) Older Adult Geriatric Mental Health Initiative

## Bronx Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **School and educational facilities (Maintenance)**

Investing in Safe, Modern, and Equitable Schools for Our Students:

Bronx Community Board 8 is home to a vibrant and growing population with nearly 20% of residents under the age of 18. Our young people deserve safe, well-equipped, and inspiring schools that prepare them for success. With 20 public schools and numerous private and charter institutions, the Bronx CB8 community strongly supports maintaining and improving educational facilities. However, many of these schools are now facing serious structural and resource challenges that directly impact on student safety, learning conditions, and educational outcomes. Bronx Community Board 8 advocates for the renovation of the PS 24 gym which is currently in disrepair. We support funding for a bathroom renovation at E.L.L.I.S. Prep at the JFK High School Campus. For several years the Board has requested funding for career & technical education at Marie Curie HS for Nursing and Professions, which was approved by the School Construction Authority but never funded they are also in need of an internal Health Lab and have technical needs for chrome books with carts and printers. MS/PS 368 IN Tech Academy is in need of a new computer system that controls the heat and air conditioning. We also support a complete renovation of the library at PS/MS 95 Ampark Neighborhood school. Proper maintenance of school infrastructure would help with the expansion of after school programs and extra-curricular activities for students. During the pandemic a digital divide occurred among our communities, especially for students, and especially students living in shelters. Our world was forced to become virtually connected overnight, whether it was our schools, doctors and programs, but many did not and still do not have reliable broadband access. Bronx Community Board 8 advocates for internet access for students.

Without immediate action, deteriorating infrastructure and outdated equipment will continue to limit opportunities for our children. Investing in our schools is investing in our community's future ensuring that every student has access to a safe, modern, and equitable education that empowers them to succeed and contribute to their community and nation.

### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Needs for Youth Education**

School aged children comprise a significant component of our population. Our young people deserve a safe and supportive learning environment to further their development. Many of our schools have unsatisfactory libraries, technology and physical education spaces.

#### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

CB8 recognizes inequity in technology access, lack of mental health counseling for young people and the space they need to learn successfully. CB8 advocates for the expansion of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for 14- & 15- year-olds as well as expanding College Access for All for all our middle school students. CB8 advocates for a year-round expansion of the current jobs program for young adults 18 -29 years old. Our CB urges for an increase of school crossing guards to ensure the safety of our children. CB8 requests additional domestic violence services for families in our district.

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DOE	1 / 1	New PA System P.S. 24
SCA	1 / 6	E.L.L.I.S. Prep Renovations Needed-Bathrooms, Windows and Air Conditioners
SCA	2 / 6	New or updated Building Management System for IN Tech Academy
SCA	3 / 6	Library Renovation and furniture Am Park Neighborhood School
SCA	4 / 6	PS 24 Gym Renovation
SCA	5 / 6	Marie Curie High School Internal Health Lab
SCA	6 / 6	IN Tech Academy Classroom student lockers
SCA	CS	PS 024 Window Frame and Wall Renovation

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DOE	1 / 3	Hydroponic Lab Materials for E.L.L.I.S. Prep Academy
DOE	2 / 3	College and Career Readiness Programs
DOE	3 / 3	Chrome Books, Carts and Printers for Marie Curie School for Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions
DYCD	1 / 3	Summer Youth Employment Program
DYCD	2 / 3	Jobs Program for Young Adults:
DYCD	3 / 3	Expand Programs to Combat Hate and Bullying

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Bronx Community Board 8

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### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **General crime**

Like other communities in New York City, our district has seen an uptick in crime, lack of enforcement and an increase in quality-of-life complaints. The Community Board strongly advocates for additional NYPD support for the 50th Precinct and an increase of Argus cameras throughout our community and our subway stations to help deter crime and assist the NYPD in investigations. Lack of traffic enforcement, a decrease in Police Officers and an increase in crime have led to more quality-of-life complaints. Our residents complain about illegal parties, loud music, illegal Cannabis Shops, scooters and ATVs on sidewalks and in parks, etc. In addition to these requests, Bronx Community Board 8 supports funding for additional school safety officers at the John F. Kennedy HS campus as well as school crossing guards throughout the district.

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### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Needs for Public Safety**

Public Safety is extremely important to residents and merchants of CB8. Quality of life is a major concern to residents of CB8. Our district has seen an increase of car theft, illegal BBQing and late-night parties in our parks, drag racing on our streets and noise complaints throughout the district. Noise complaints are the number one 311 complaint in CB8 and throughout NYC. We work closely with our local precinct regarding these concerns, but we advocate for a better response to these quality-of-life complaints.

CB8 supports funding for 5 vehicle antitheft boots for vouchered vehicles as well as a utility vehicle for NYPD to patrol in areas inaccessible by police cars like in Van Cortlandt Park.

Unfortunately, CB8 has seen its fair share of hate crimes, which require police presence and support, especially at local religious institutions.

#### **Needs for Emergency Services**

We saw the need for emergency services during the pandemic and CB8 continues to advocate for additional funding in emergency services so that we can improve the response time in our district. CB8 would like to see funding restored to maintain FDNY Paramedic Unit in CB8 (to replace canceled 27 Victor Unit).

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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
NYPD	1 / 2	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	2 / 2	Five (5) Vehicle Anti-theft Boots for Vouchered Vehicles:

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
NYPD	1 / 1	Utility Vehicle for Park Patrol

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Bronx Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### **Environmental concerns affecting citizens**

Environmental concerns affecting citizens.

The Environmental Justice (EJ) areas of Bronx Community District 8 are the focus of needs shared by the entire district. These areas, which include Kingsbridge Heights, Kingsbridge, Marble Hill, and the border of North Riverdale with Yonkers, are delineated by the two-criterion adopted by the Mayor's Office of Climate Policy: they are majority non-white; and 23.59 % of the households are at or above the poverty rate. Bronx Community District's Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency Needs are magnified in these Environmental Justice areas. Throughout the district, construction is having a negative impact on quality of life, measured by noise, commercial dumping, and asbestos related complaints. EJ areas have documented need for relief from construction related air and noise pollution, and illegal dumping. Construction complaints demand pro-active enforcement instead of a complaint driven system. Kingsbridge, Marble Hill EJ neighborhoods suffer from air pollution created by the Major Deegan expressway, and illegal dumping along the highway and Metro North corridor. They also suffer from flooding caused by Combined Sewer Overflow along the Broadway sewer line. Bronx Community Board 8 is known for its green parkland and its absence of right-of-way green infrastructure to address flooding where it occurs in Kingsbridge and Marble Hill.

### Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

In order to reduce the problem of Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) we advocate for construction of right-of-way and public retrofit green infrastructure projects in high/flow flood-prone areas of the district such as Broadway. CB8 has long advocated for the daylighting of Tibbetts Brook, which will divert and prevent billions of gallons of water from overwhelming our combined sewer system and polluting our rivers. It has long been a priority of CB8 that New York City complete the purchase of the right-of-way from CSX railroad that is located alongside the Major Deegan Expressway from West 230th to Van Cortlandt Park South in order to create a greenway. With three access points to the commercial Broadway area, the greenway has enormous recreational, environmental, and commercial benefits for the Kingsbridge community.

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

CB8 is supported by a great DSNY district staff and have one of the cleanest districts in NYC. Illegal dumping remains a problem, and we work with DSNY Enforcement. The Jerome Park Reservoir and the park and playgrounds along Bailey Avenue have become a commercial dumping ground with no agency accountable for cleanup. CB8 recognizes the need for additional services in busy areas such as W 242nd Street, W 231st Street and W 225th St. CB8 has the most step streets in NYC and advocates for additional sanitation services at the 26 step streets. These areas have intense enforcement needs from district and borough-based DSNY teams.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DEP	1 / 1	Spuyten Duyvil Waterfront

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DEP	1 / 3	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible
DEP	2 / 3	Jerome Park Reservoir Public Access
DEP	3 / 3	Tibbetts Brook Waterway Infrastructure Maintenance
DSNY	1 / 3	Cleaner Streets via a Residential Litter Patrol
DSNY	2 / 3	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal
DSNY	3 / 3	Increase vacant lot cleaning

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Bronx Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Land use and zoning**

Land Use, Zoning and Housing:

Because this category is so broad, it is difficult to choose one important issue dealing with housing, economic development, and land use. For several years the board has seen a major uptick in development throughout the district. We note that due to lack of contextual zoning, many one- and two-family homes are sold, razed and built into seven story apartment buildings. Bronx Community Board 8 urges developers to maintain the character of the neighborhood and supports neighborhood preservation as well as scale zoning. Large scale developments affect our municipal services and put a strain on our infrastructure, emergency response time, school enrollment, parking and traffic congestion. This is evident all over the district. Too often developers demolish and build without proper permits. Bronx Community Board 8 is home to a Special Natural Area District and many times Building Inspectors are unfamiliar with the rules and regulations. We advocate for additional funds for increasing the number of building inspectors and training for building inspectors. We support an increase in funding for NYCHA maintenance for our two housing developments, including funding for security such as outdoor cameras and new entry door locks.

Economic Development:

Bronx Community Board 8 is comprised of predominantly small businesses. We support an increase in funding to Small Business Services (SBS) to provide more service-oriented support for small businesses. CB8 supports initiatives that encourage and support Small businesses and start ups with funding to help grow our business community and fill our empty storefronts.

### Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Needs for Land Use**

CB8 advocates for smart development and contextual zoning when developing in the district. We support neighborhood preservation and working with the Land Use Community on development projects. We support funding for the education and enforcement of the Special Natural Area District (SNAD) rules which is unique to our district and in Staten Island.

#### **Needs for Housing**

Our budget priorities call for significant improvements for Marble Hill Houses and Ft. Independence Houses. The NYCHA Developments are in dire need of major refurbishments to its mechanical systems. Residents often find themselves without heat and hot water for long periods due to malfunctioning boilers. Other urgent needs include renovation of kitchens at Fort Independence Houses, and sufficient personnel for full staffing of all caretaker and skilled worker positions, including rodent control. We support equitable and independent living for senior residents, and request funding for grab bars to be installed in bathrooms to ensure safety.

#### **Needs for Economic Development**

Our business community is extremely important to CB8 and we work with local organizations to remove bureaucratic red tape, link businesses with city resources and support local endeavors. Many Mom-and-Pop stores and restaurants have suffered severely due to the pandemic. We advocate for making our commercial areas safer, as indicated by our request for strategically placed Argus Security Cameras to fight crime. Maintaining attractive commercial areas is critical to

their success and enhances the well-being of our residents. BXC8 requires more litter baskets and more frequent pick-up service in our heavily trafficked commercial areas in order to alleviate unsightly litter caused by overfilled baskets.

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## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
EDC	1 / 1	Small Business Rewards Mobile App/ Digital Currency
NYCHA	1 / 1	Funding for Facade work and Roof Repair Marble Hill Houses
NYCHA	CS	Rehabilitation of Marble Hill Community Center

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DOB	1 / 1	Increase Code Enforcement Inspectors
HPD	1 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations
HPD	2 / 2	Housing Assistance for Older District Residents
SBS	1 / 3	Increase funding for Business Express Service Team (BEST)
SBS	2 / 3	Provide commercial lease support for business owners CLAP
SBS	3 / 3	Increase funding for additional SBS staff

## Bronx Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)

Bronx Community Board 8 advocates for increased traffic safety and enforcement throughout the district year after year. Community Board 8 receives many complaints about loud vehicles, speeding vehicles, scooters and e-bikes on sidewalks and in parks, particularly Van Cortlandt Park. We are in constant communication with the 50th Precinct regarding traffic enforcement. Bronx Community Board 8 has many dangerous intersections that require traffic safety and enforcement. We are pleased that one of our top capital priorities last year, the reconstruction of Van Cortlandt Park/Bailey Avenue Pedestrian Plaza is in construction and will help create a safer entrance to Van Cortlandt Park and the area in general. We strongly support reconstruction of our step streets. We advocate for safer pedestrian signals near our schools and senior centers. Community Board 8 requests funding for a Major Deegan Expressway Storm water management study which will have an impact on Van Cortlandt Village and Kingsbridge Heights. We support an increase in funding for school crossing guards. We support increased lighting along the Jerome Park Reservoir to help promote pedestrian safety.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

CB8 recognizes the importance of maintaining safe streets and sidewalks throughout our community for both traffic and pedestrian safety. CB8 supports the reconstruction of the Van Cortlandt Park Bailey Avenue Pedestrian Plaza integrating green infrastructure to capture storm water while making it a safe pedestrian plaza. We advocate for the reconstruction and regularly scheduled maintenance of our step streets. BXC8 has 26 step streets, the most of any district in NYC. Four areas in particular need infrastructure upgrades on West 238th Street from Waldo Ave. to Irwin Ave., West 231st Street from Sedgewick Ave. to Kingsbridge Terrace and West 230th Street (3 segments ) from Netherland Ave. to Irwin Avenue. They desperately need to be maintained and reconstructed. We continue to support the plans to reconstruct Summit Place Step Street as presented to our board this year. CB8 requests additional safety enhancements such as auditory pedestrian signals. We advocate for funding to resurface West Kingsbridge Road.

Streetlight outages all over our district have been a cause for concern for the safety of our residents at night. We request street light repairs for the replacement of the LED lights throughout the district.

#### **Needs for Transit Services**

Due to our northern location, transportation and access is very important to our community. We have advocated for restoration to the Bx20 Bus service for many years. Our board advocates for increased service for Access-a-Ride for older adults with disabilities within CB8 because of its particularly hilly topography. In addition to an increase in transit services, CB8 requested security cameras at subway stations and happy to hear this has been funded.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DOT	1 / 3	Step Street Upgrade: W. 238th Street from Waldo Avenue to Irwin Avenue Step Street
DOT	2 / 3	Rehabilitate step street: West 231st Street - Sedgwick Avenue to Kingsbridge Terrace
DOT	3 / 3	Step Street Infrastructure Upgrades; W. 230th Street from Netherland Avenue through Irwin Avenue Step Streets
DOT	CS	Summit Place from Heath Avenue to Bailey Avenue Step Street Upgrades

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Bronx Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

#### **Park care and maintenance**

Bronx Community Board 8 is home to at least sixty- eight parks and open green spaces. Our residents deeply value and use our parks and playgrounds heavily. Use of our parks increased significantly since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. 87.0% of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space. However, lack of maintenance and increased need for PEP officers to enforce park rules remain a serious concern. Bronx Community Board 8 urges the city redesign and reconstruct Bailey Playground in Kingsbridge. It is important to reduce paving and introduce green space, update equipment, and repair deteriorated drains. Bronx Community Board 8 recommends incorporating adjacent Tibbetts Tail into Bailey Park. If this project gets done, it will expand the park and create an equitable playground for nearby residents and create a greenspace where it is lacking. CB8 requests an increase in personnel to help alleviate illegal use of electric bikes, ATVS, illegal Barbeques, parties and double parking. Park rules and regulations need to be enforced. Van Cortlandt Park is the third largest park in New York City, with nearly 1,200 acres of public space that is used by nearly 3 million visitors each year. It is considered a destination park. CB8 supports an increase in funding for equipment for Van Cortlandt Park such as a mini packer to deal with the growing trash problem and a gator to help with landscape management and operations of the park. For years we have advocated for the renovation of the Van Cortlandt Park stadium, West 251st Street restrooms, and the restoration of the mansion's exterior brick stairway. We also request new equipment to help with the maintenance and operation of our district's parks and green spaces such as two large packer garbage trucks, Crew Cab Pickup and a John Deere tractor with cutting unit. It is almost impossible to maintain parks without these essential vehicles. These are the bare essentials needed to upkeep our parks. One of our community institutions, Kingsbridge Historical Society, resides in a landmarked building in a former church, the Edgehill Church of Spuyten Duyvil at 2570 Independence Avenue. This building is in urgent need of roof repairs to fix leaks. The Kingsbridge Historical Society is a community resource with programs of educational significance.

### Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

#### **Needs for Parks**

CB 8 is home to at least 68 parks and open greenspaces. CB8 requests an increase in seasonal maintenance staff for our parks and additional PEP officers for the busy season. We request capital improvements to Bailey Playground, the Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, reconstruction of Washington's Walk and an erosion control study at Ewen Park. We continue to support the reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park.

We support swimming lessons for children at NYC owned pools, including Van Cortlandt Park, as well as installing lighting for the pathways in Marble Hill Playground and in the Basketball courts.

CB8 requests funding to repair the Bruckner Box Connection in Henry Hudson Park which would provide water for the park for maintenance of the gardens and water fountains.

#### **Needs for Cultural Services**

CB8 is home to many cultural institutions, and we urge the city to continue supporting these amazing organizations. One of our community institutions, Kingsbridge Historical Society, resides in a landmarked building in a former church, the Edgehill Church of Spuyten Duyvil at 2570 Independence Avenue. This building is in urgent need of roof repairs to fix leaks.

**Needs for Library Services**

Our libraries are an invaluable social, cultural, and educational resource for residents of all ages, especially children & older residents. CB8 continues to support funding to ensure that our six branch libraries can safely continue to meet the growing programming needs of our increasing population. It is essential that funding be allocated to keep all of our branch libraries open six days a week. We also support the newly funded 7 Day Service at our Kingsbridge Branch and ask for it to continue.

**Needs for Community Boards**

Community Board 8 is currently working with DCAS on obtaining new office space centrally located within the district. An accessible centrally located office will help Community Board 8 staff support the needs of district residents.

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## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DPR	1 / 5	Redesign and Reconstruction of Bailey Playground
DPR	2 / 5	Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park
DPR	3 / 5	Marble Hill Playground lighting
DPR	4 / 5	Equipment for Litter Collection
DPR	5 / 5	Restoration of Lower Brust Park Staircase
DCLA	CS	Kingsbridge Historical Society Roof Repairs

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DPR	1 / 5	Parks Enforcement Patrol Command within Van Cortlandt Park
DPR	2 / 5	Swimming Lessons For Children
DPR	3 / 5	Utility Vehicles for Landscape Maintenance
DPR	4 / 5	Repair Bruckner Box Connection
DPR	5 / 5	Maintenance: Material for Van Cortlandt Park
NYPL	1 / 1	NYPL 6-Day Service Continuation

## 6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

There are many Park Capital Projects in our district that we continue to support: Tibbetts Brook Daylighting and Van Cortlandt Lake Improvements Restoration of Historic Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Building Ewen Park - Staircase Reconstruction Fort Independence Playground - Play Equipment Replacement Fort Four Playground – Playground Reconstruction (PRB X038-118M) Henry Hudson Park - Basketball Court Renovation Seton Park - Tennis Court & Pickle Ball Court Reconstruction Spuyten Duyvil Shorefront Park - Pond Wall Construction Tibbett's Tail - Safety Fence Van Cortlandt Park - Golf House Telecom Service Installation Van Cortlandt Park - Sewer Connection at Shandler Recreation Area Van Cortlandt Park - Engineering Study of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium Van Cortlandt Park - Trails Reconstruction Van Cortlandt Park - Limited Scope Synthetic Turf & Track Reconstruction Van Cortlandt House Museum Renovation (Envelope & ADA Accessibility) Van Cortlandt Park - Woodland Crossing Project (East 233rd Street Access) Van Cortlandt Park - Green Infrastructure Van Cortlandt Park – House Museum Fencing Van Cortlandt Park – Woodlawn Park Renovation Van Cortlandt Park - Indian Fields Renovation Van Cortlandt Park - Electrical Transformer Van Cortlandt Park - Pool Reconstruction Van Cortlandt Park - Construction of New Restroom North Parade Ground Van Cortlandt Park - Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project

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### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DOHMH	1 / 1	Mental Health Services

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

**1 of 5 Redesign and Reconstruction of Bailey Playground** **DPR**  
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Reconstruction of play equipment, safety surfacing and fencing along the Major Deegan. Incorporate adjacent Tibbett's Tail area into an expanded Bailey Playground. Reduce asphalt and add green space. Add space for District 8 operations

**2 of 5 Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park** **DPR**  
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park including replacing existing playground equipment, spray area, benches and fencing, adding tree guards around tree pits, repairing the stone walls, updating the greenspace and improving lighting for the basketball courts (current capital improvement includes construction of restroom, replacing the swing sets and resurfacing basketball courts). This neighborhood does not have a dog run within a 10 minute walk and so this park should be considered for this amenity.

**3 of 5 Marble Hill Playground lighting** **DPR**  
Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting

Safety Improvements for Marble Hill Playground : Install park lighting to light the pathways and activity areas within the interior of Marble Hill Playground

**4 of 5 Equipment for Litter Collection** **DPR**  
New equipment for maintenance

Equipment for Litter Collection - Additional mini-packer vehicle to reach remote areas for litter collection in Van Cortlandt Park and one packer vehicle to be assigned in District 8

**5 of 5 Restoration of Lower Brust Park Staircase** **DPR**  
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Restoration of Lower Brust Park Staircase: Restoration of historic flagstone, pavers, steps and handrails

#### New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

**1 of 1 Funding for Facade work and Roof Repair Marble Hill Houses** **NYCHA**  
Renovate or upgrade public housing developments

Housing- NYCHA Infrastructure Upgrades: Funding for facade work and roof repair for New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Marble Hill Houses.

**CS Rehabilitation of Marble Hill Community Center** **NYCHA**  
Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space

Rehabilitation of the Community Center for New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Marble Hill Houses. We want to continue to support this project until its completion. There is an active Community Center project at Marble Hill currently in the design phase. For more information, please see here: <https://capitaltracker.nycha.info/projects/49/e21004>

#### New York Police Department (NYPD)

**1 of 2 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras****NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Provide 10 Argus Cameras: Captures continuous (24 hour) high-definition video footage, with a range of up to two blocks distance from the camera. The footage can be accessed by any 50th Precinct Police Officer and is often reviewed to identify perpetrators, license plates, and can also be a deterrent to crime (auto theft, local business security, etc.) 1. West 238th Street & Broadway 2. West 238th Street & Bailey Avenue 3. Van Cortlandt Park South & Bailey Avenue 4. West 239th Street & Independence Avenue 5. West 261st Street & Riverdale Avenue 6. Fort Independence Street (facing 3353 Ft Independence Housing) 7. East side of Broadway between 5240 Broadway & 5360 Broadway 8. Allen Shandler Park entrance at 3545 Jerome Avenue 9. Reservoir Avenue & Webb Avenue 10. 2831 Exterior Street (facing Northbound)

**2 of 2 Five (5) Vehicle Anti-theft Boots for Vouchered Vehicles:****NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

Five (5) Vehicle Anti-theft Boots for Vouchered Vehicles. Applied to the wheels of cars that have been seized by NYPD, preventing the cars from being moved.

**Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)****1 of 1 Spuyten Duyvil Waterfront****DEP**

Other capital budget request for DEP

Spuyten Duyvil Waterfront CSO Improvements: Mitigate Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) outfalls into Spuyten Duyvil Creek adjacent to Spuyten Duyvil and Marble Hill Metro North Railroad stations with a living shoreline and green infrastructure along DEP easements. This request is based on prior requests for the Army Corps of Engineers to study mitigation possibilities. DEP is still awaiting matching funds from OMB.

**Economic Development Corporation (EDC)****1 of 1 Small Business Rewards Mobile App/ Digital Currency****EDC**

Other capital budget request for EDC

SBS/EDC/DoITT - Small Business Rewards Mobile App/ Digital Currency: Development of mobile App rewards program for small businesses to reward and redeem points ("Bronx Bucks")

**Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)****CS Kingsbridge Historical Society Roof Repairs****DCLA**

Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility

Kingsbridge Historical Society at Edgehill Church 2570 Independence Ave, Bronx, NY 10463: Building is landmarked and urgently needs roof repair to fix leaks. Building is a community resource with programs of educational significance.

**School Construction Authority****1 of 6 E.L.L.I.S. Prep Renovations Needed-Bathrooms, Windows and Air Conditioners****SCA**

Renovate interior building component

E.L.L.I.S. Prep renovations needed-Bathrooms for students and staff. Lighting brightens the hallways. Windows that can be opened. Window shades that can be opened and closed. Air Conditioners requested.

**2 of 6 New or updated Building Management System for IN Tech Academy****SCA**

Provide technology upgrade

New or updated Building Management System (the computer) that runs and controls the heat and air conditioner in the school.

<b>3 of 6</b>	<b>Library Renovation and furniture Am Park Neighborhood School</b> Renovate interior building component	<b>SCA</b>
A complete renovation of the school library. New Furniture for small group instruction		
<b>4 of 6</b>	<b>PS 24 Gym Renovation</b> Renovate interior building component	<b>SCA</b>
Gym Renovation-Current gym has not been updated since the building was built 60 years ago. Equipment is old and lacks capacity for events and team sports.		
<b>5 of 6</b>	<b>Marie Curie High School Internal Health Lab</b> Renovate interior building component	<b>SCA</b>
Request an internal "health lab" with updated equipment such as mannequins, CPR/AED and BLS materials etc. This would enable graduate scholars who will join the health field ready to service our community.		
<b>6 of 6</b>	<b>IN Tech Academy Classroom student lockers</b> Renovate interior building component	<b>SCA</b>
IN Tech Academy request for new lockers to replace student lockers for the middle school. Classroom student lockers- 37 classrooms with 35 half lockers in each room and 1 full staff locker in each room.		
<b>CS</b>	<b>PS 024 Window Frame and Wall Renovation</b> Renovate interior building component	<b>SCA</b>
PS 24 conditions are rapidly deteriorating due to windows that were put into the walls that are causing the walls of the building to be ripped apart from the foundation. SCA has already closed 4 classrooms because of the danger to students. The School cannot follow legislation for smaller class size and have 30 students per class. It is anticipated that more classrooms will be closed in the future.		

**Department for the Aging (DFTA)**

<b>1 of 4</b>	<b>New Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers</b> Other capital budget request for DFTA	<b>DFTA</b>
Request for new wheelchair accessible buses to meet the transportation needs of mobility limited residents at RiverSpring Living, Riverdale Y, Jasa Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center and Riverdale Senior Services (RSS)		
<b>2 of 4</b>	<b>Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers</b> Other capital budget request for DFTA	<b>DFTA</b>
New Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers: Request for new wheelchair accessible buses to meet the transportation needs of mobility limited residents at RiverSpring Living, Riverdale Y, Jasa Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center, Riverdale Senior Services (RSS)		
<b>3 of 4</b>	<b>New Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers</b> Other capital budget request for DFTA	<b>DFTA</b>
Request for new wheelchair accessible buses to meet the transportation needs of mobility limited residents at RiverSpring Living, Riverdale Y, Jasa Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center, Riverdale Senior Services (RSS)		

**4 of 4 New Wheelchair Accessible Buses for Older Adult Centers****DFTA**

Other capital budget request for DFTA

Request for new wheelchair accessible buses to meet the transportation needs of mobility limited residents at RiverSpring Living, Riverdale Y, Jasa Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center and Riverdale Senior Services (RSS)

**Department of Education (DOE)****1 of 1 New PA System P.S. 24****DOE**

Other capital budget request for DOE

P.S. 024 request for PA System Replacement- Current system is over 25 years old and does not work consistently.

**Department of Transportation (DOT)****1 of 3 Step Street Upgrade: W. 238th Street from Waldo Avenue to Irwin Avenue Step Street****DOT**

Repair or build new step streets

Location: West 238 Street - Waldo Avenue & Irwin Avenue

Step Street Infrastructure Upgrades for Step Street at W. 238th Street from Waldo Avenue to Irwin Avenue. Realign & reconstruct the steps. Create safer step-street for pedestrians. The cement is crumbling, and the steps are cracking. Increase lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and even fatalities.

**2 of 3 Rehabilitate step street: West 231st Street - Sedgwick Avenue to Kingsbridge Terrace****DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: West 231 Street Bronx - Sedgwick Avenue & Kingsbridge Terrace

Rehabilitate step streets - Infrastructure Upgrades; W. 231st Street from Sedgwick Avenue to Kingsbridge Terrace Step Street. Realign & reconstruct the steps due to crumbling steps and structural defects. The improvement is needed to create a safer step-street for pedestrians. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline. Removal of graffiti is needed to provide a positive community atmosphere.

**3 of 3 Step Street Infrastructure Upgrades; W. 230th Street from Netherland Avenue through Irwin Avenue Step Streets****DOT**

Repair or build new step streets

Location: West 230 Street - Netherland Avenue & Irwin Avenue

Step Street Upgrades needed on W. 230th Street from Netherland Avenue to Edgehill Avenue Step Street continuing on W. 230th Street from Edgehill Avenue to Johnson Avenue Step Street continuing on W. 230th Street from Johnson Avenue to Irwin Avenue Step Street. Realign & reconstruct the steps with railing to create safer step-street for pedestrians. Repaving steps and removal of graffiti to provide a positive atmosphere for the community. Enhance the lighting is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and even fatalities.

**CS Summit Place from Heath Avenue to Bailey Avenue Step Street Upgrades****DOT**

Repair or build new step streets

Location: Summit Place - Heath Avenue & Bailey Avenue

Summit Place from Heath Avenue to Bailey Avenue Step Street Realign & reconstruct the steps with railing with repaving of steps to create safer step-street for pedestrians. Improve the lighting with brighter bulbs is also needed for pedestrian visibility and mitigate falls and public safety issues.

**EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS****Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**

**1 of 3 Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible** **DEP**

Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible

Feasibility Study regarding Storm Water Management to reduce chronic flooding, analyze district-wide resilience and storm water management plan using green infrastructure along Major Deegan Expressway corridor. Install right-of-way green infrastructure to alleviate flooding and ponding in Bronx CB8. Specific focus on W. 254th (between Riverdale Ave. and Palisade Ave.) and along Bailey Ave (between Van Cortlandt Park South and W. 225th Street) while both are imminently undergoing resurfacing and redesigning by DOT.

**2 of 3 Jerome Park Reservoir Public Access** **DEP**

Other expense budget request for DEP

Develop and implement an updated plan with community stakeholders to expand regular, on-going public access to the Jerome Park Reservoir after construction has completed. Increase funding for maintenance contracts for Jerome Park Reservoir to pick up litter within DEP property, specifically with concerns to illegal dumping and littering.

**3 of 3 Tibbetts Brook Waterway Infrastructure Maintenance** **DEP**

Other expense budget request for DEP

Tibbetts Brook Waterway Infrastructure Maintenance - Fund continual maintenance for operation, efficiency, and good housekeeping of Daylighting Project in Van Cortlandt Park and along Putnam South Greenway.

**Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**

**1 of 3 Summer Youth Employment Program** **DYCD**

Other youth workforce development requests

Sustain/expand Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for FY2027. Increase number of applicants accepted: consider support around transportation barriers.

**2 of 3 Jobs Program for Young Adults:** **DYCD**

Other youth workforce development requests

Expand both current and new jobs programs for young adults (18- 29 year olds), year round.

**3 of 3 Expand Programs to Combat Hate and Bullying** **DYCD**

Other youth workforce development requests

Expand programs to combat hate crimes and bullying In order to protect young people's overall health

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

**1 of 3 Cleaner Streets via a Residential Litter Patrol** **DSNY**

Other expense budget request for DSNY

Increased funding for Manual Litter Patrol, particularly in the environmental justice designated areas of Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, and Kingsbridge Heights in Bronx CB8. Also, full restoration of all street cleaning, step street cleaning, and pickup services required for clean streets in commercial districts of Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Spuyten Duyvil, and Riverdale.

**2 of 3 Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal** **DSNY**

Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

Restore e-cycling program to include community drop-off for buildings with fewer than 10 units in Bronx CB8 and for DSNY to hold more S.A.F.E. (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) collection events.

**3 of 3 Increase vacant lot cleaning**

**DSNY**

Increase vacant lot cleaning

Increase funding for removal of litter on vacant lots and around building sites in Bronx CB8 as well as for additional enforcement officers.

**Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

**1 of 5 Parks Enforcement Patrol Command within Van Cortlandt Park**

**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Create a new Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) command and station in Van Cortlandt Park sufficient to properly enforce DPR regulations so that public safety and order is maintained and to enable regular and consistent patrolling of Van Cortlandt Park and other Community District 7, 8 and 12 parks

**2 of 5 Swimming Lessons For Children**

**DPR**

Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)

To support swimming lessons for children at Van Cortlandt Park Pool and/or at other New York City owned pools.

**3 of 5 Utility Vehicles for Landscape Maintenance**

**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Replacement for Gator-Type Utility Vehicles for Landscape Management, Maintenance and Operations Staff Within Van Cortlandt Park Replace three existing utility gator-type vehicles due to age and maintenance issues

**4 of 5 Repair Bruckner Box Connection**

**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Repair Bruckner Box Connection in Upper Henry Hudson Park. Connect the Bruckner Box Connection in Upper Henry Hudson Park to the main sewer and install an RPZ (DEP) to complete the water connection.

**5 of 5 Maintenance: Material for Van Cortlandt Park**

**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Crushed Stones and Boulders for Maintenance to enable repairs of tracks, walkways & dog runs within District 8 and Van Cortlandt Park

**Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**

**1 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations**

**HPD**

Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations

Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations Explanation: Increase Housing Preservation & Development housing inspectors given the number of 311 calls and increasing occupancy in single family homes and apartments We want to support until completion

**2 of 2 Housing Assistance for Older District Residents**

**HPD**

Other expense budget request for HPD

Through Universal Access, the City provides free legal services to thousands of residents facing eviction in housing court or NYCHA termination of tenancy proceedings, citywide, regardless of immigration status, every year. Tenants facing eviction may qualify for free legal advice or representation, depending on income. The City also funds the Anti-Harassment Tenant Protection (AHTP) program. AHTP provides legal services to achieve pre-litigation resolution and, if necessary, representation in court for tenants facing harassment, disrepair, illegal lockouts, and eviction. Through both our Preservation and New Construction programs, HPD is continuing to support seniors through the five boroughs. Our Preservation projects require property owners to issue "Aging in Place" surveys to tenants. The property owner will be required to make renovations to the apartment, such as grab bars, accessible toilets, and task lighting. Our new construction projects for senior housing frequently make use of Section 8 as a project-based subsidy to ensure that seniors on fixed income can reside in the apartments We want to support until completion

**Department of Small Business Services (SBS)**

**1 of 3 Increase funding for Business Express Service Team (BEST)**

**SBS**

Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs

Increasing funding for additional business outreach specialists and other BEST staff

**2 of 3 Provide commercial lease support for business owners CLAP**

**SBS**

Provide commercial lease support for business owners

Increase funding for SBS Commercial Lease Assistance Program (CLAP)

**3 of 3 Increase funding for additional SBS staff**

**SBS**

Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency

Emergency Response Unit: Increase funding for additional staff for SBS emergency response services for CB 8 small businesses.

**New York Public Library (NYPL)**

**1 of 1 NYPL 6-Day Service Continuation**

**NYPL**

Maintain library hours and/or days of service

Continue 6 day library service of our 5 branch libraries that service our community. Continue 7 Day Service at the Kingsbridge Library Branch.

**Department of Buildings (DOB)**

**1 of 1 Increase Code Enforcement Inspectors**

**DOB**

Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

Increase Department of Buildings Code Enforcement inspectors: Given safety of basement units and structural defects especially in older buildings. We want to support until completion

**New York Police Department (NYPD)**

**1 of 1 Utility Vehicle for Park Patrol**

**NYPD**

Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles

John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle: Used for NYPD park patrol. Item patrols areas that are inaccessible to police cars. Especially useful for areas of Van Cortlandt Park (i.e. trails) where recent robberies and muggings have occurred. Increases police accessibility & visibility in remote areas of the park.

**Department for the Aging (DFTA)**

<b>1 of 5</b>	<b>Funding for Transportation for Older Adult Centers</b> Increase transportation services capacity	<b>DFTA</b>
Providing client transportation for our local older adult centers: Riverdale Y, Jasa Van Cortlandt Older Adult Center, Marble Hill Older Adult Center, Riverdale Senior Services		

<b>2 of 5</b>	<b>Funding for NORC Lunch Program for Senior Centers in our District</b> Enhance NORC programs and health services	<b>DFTA</b>
Funding for NORC Lunch Program for Senior Centers in our District - including \$35,000 for Riverdale Y to cover increases in per meal costs		

<b>3 of 5</b>	<b>RiverSpring Living Elder Justice and Scam Prevention Program</b> Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	<b>DFTA</b>
\$250,000 - Implement scam prevention toolkit developed by Weinberg Center for Elder Justice with key partners (e.g. family justice center, council offices, community boards) across the city.		

<b>4 of 5</b>	<b>Social Adult Day Care for Riverdale Senior Service (RSS)</b> Other senior center program requests	<b>DFTA</b>
\$250,000 - Renew and build capacity of adult program for memory loss: 1) Serve more people with advancing memory loss, Alzheimer's, dementia (Current participants 150) providing a social model adult day program designed to reduce isolation, loneliness, boredom, depression; 2) Provide a caregiver support group.		

<b>5 of 5</b>	<b>Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) Older Adult Geriatric Mental Health Initiative</b> Other senior center program requests	<b>DFTA</b>
Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) Older Adult Geriatric Mental Health Initiative \$200,000 - Support RSS's multidisciplinary team, providing mental health services such as screening, supportive counseling referrals and connections to more intense treatment and/or additional support.		

**Department of Education (DOE)**

<b>1 of 3</b>	<b>Hydroponic Lab Materials for E.L.L.I.S. Prep Academy</b> Other educational programs requests	<b>DOE</b>
Request a hydroponic lab for their environmental science college class and their culinary classes at E.L.L.I.S. Prep.		

<b>2 of 3</b>	<b>College and Career Readiness Programs</b> Other educational programs requests	<b>DOE</b>
Increase funding for college and career readiness programs for youth.		

<b>3 of 3</b>	<b>Chrome Books, Carts and Printers for Marie Curie School for Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions</b> Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<b>DOE</b>
Requesting chrome books, involute carts (chrome book storage) and printers for each cart for our scholars. The scholar population is approximately 265.		

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**

Provide additional funding for mental health services (focused on trauma, impact of COVID-19, and the world as it is) for youth and older adults. Provide funding for counseling services staff for those affected by CoVID-19, domestic violence, and other mental health problems, including suicide prevention hotlines and other mental health professionals.