

## **Bronx CB8 Environment & Sanitation Committee Meeting**

**Minutes Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**Start Time: 7:00 PM**

### Meeting Recording

#### 1. Welcome & Roll Call

- Present (5): D. Rowen, L. Spalter, R. Spalter, E. Hausman, S. Froot
- Zoom: K. Argenti, J. Reyes, D. Harris, D. Gellman, C. Tepelus, K. Borero
- Absent (2): O. Murray, R. Fanuzzi

#### 2. Approval of Committee Minutes – September 18, 2024 & November 20, 2024

- With a quorum present, both minutes were approved unanimously.

#### 3. NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) Guest Speaker

- DSNY regrettably could not attend, but sent along their snow removal report, which is attached below.

#### 4. Chairperson's Report

- Trash containerization and curbside organics collection are both now mandatory across the city and will hopefully continue to reduce the rat buffet.

#### 5. FY27 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities

- The committee read through and briefly discussed all of the committee's FY2026 budget priorities that were submitted last year. We did not have agency responses yet, but once those are available, we will read through them at the next meeting.

#### 6. New Business

##### ➤ Discussion of List of Concerns in the Community

A list of concerns was sent in and were referred to appropriate agencies. Those questions and responses were as follows:

1. Incorrect trash/recycling removal at PS 141 and, at the exact location, why three trees were cut to stumps last spring and not replaced.
  - DSNY may be able to answer the first part, but then send it DPR. Put in 311 with a photo asap and follow up with the CB 8 office.

2. At 3545 Riverdale Avenue, there is a beautiful mural donated by the Salon Delaj listing local birds we are losing due to our poor environmental practices. I hope our community can come together and place bird baths in all our Riverdale triangles and parks. Details to be discussed.
  - This is not really a DEP or DSNY thing. Maintaining bird baths requires changing out the water daily or else they become mosquito breeding grounds. It was suggested that maybe the Parks Dept. has a bird bath program, but none of us are aware of it.
3. All the hedges have been destroyed at the bus stop across from the Monument. Again, no shade for birds. And an eye sore. Similar destruction at the Triangle one block away near Atria Riverdale.
  - Same answer as above, could be DOT's property, or the private property owner who is responsible. Best to submit 311 and follow up with CB8 office.
4. Why aren't we helping residential buildings receive the free trash and recycling bins with tight covers offered in October? This would help in the fight against the rat population without poisoning all wildlife.
  - Maybe DSNY can answer about the free bins, but the approved bins are available for purchase at Home Depots in the city and from [bins.nyc](https://bins.nyc.gov/)
  - Rats are under the DOH.
5. Is there educational flyers or online information provided by this committee to improve human knowledge of local wildlife?
  - Wave Hill has a [flyer](#) with a checklist of local birds, but the best resource I know of is [iNaturalist](https://www.inaturalist.org/)

#### 7. Old Business

- See attached Jerome Park Reservoir quarterly newsletter for Oct-Dec 2024.
- If anyone has any issues, please contact the CB8 office or attend our next meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

#### 8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned around 8:15pm

DSNY Snow Removal Report for Bronx CB8:

## **BX8 SALT SPREADING EQUIPMENT**

**2 FLOW & DUMPS** – 18 TONS OF SALT CAPACITY WITH 120 GALLONS OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE CAPACITY.

**5 DOUBLE AXLE SPREADERS** – 16 TONS OF SALT CAPACITY WITH 160 GALLONS OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE CAPACITY.

**1 SINGLE AXLE SPREADER** – 12 TONS OF SALT CAPACITY WITH 120 GALLONS OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE CAPACITY.

**5 HAULSTERS** – 2.5 TONS OF SALT CAPACITY WITH 40 GALLONS OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE.

THE USE OF THESE PIECES OF SALT SPREADING EQUIPMENT VARY ON THE SEVERITY OF THE STORM.

**COLD WEATHER PLAN – 1 SPREADER**

**CITYWIDE RESPONSE PLAN – 2 SPREADERS**

**SP1 – 5 SPREADERS W/ GUIDEMAN & 1 FEL AT THE PILE**

**SP2 – 6 SPREADERS W/ GUIDEMAN, 2 FLOW & DUMPS AND 1 FEL AT THE PILE**

**SP3 – 6 SPREADERS W/ GUIDEMAN, 2 FLOW & DUMPS, 5 HAULSTERS AND 1 FEL AT THE PILE**

## **SALT SPREADING ROUTES**

**WE HAVE 8 CRITICAL ROUTES (HIGHWAY & MAIN THOROUGHFARES), 4 SPREADER SECTOR ROUTES (MAIN SIDE STREETS) AND 5 HAULSTER ROUTES (NARROW STREETS & DEAD ENDS).**

## **PLOW PLANS**

**WHENEVER THE STORM CALLS FOR 2” OR MORE OF SNOW WE BEGIN PLOWING UP OUR COLLECTION TRUCKS. THE FORECAST DETERMINES HOW MANY TRUCKS WE ULTIMATELY PLOW UP.**

**PLOW PLAN A – 6 TRUCKS**

**PLOW PLAN B – 12 TRUCKS**

**PLOW PLAN C – 17 TRUCKS**

**PLOW PLAN C+ - 19 TRUCKS AND ANY  
UNSERVICABLE TRUCKS THAT CAN BE USED.**

**WE ALSO HAVE 5 FRONT END LOADERS THAT CAN  
BE USED FOR PLOWING AS WELL AS A SKID STEER  
TO HELP CLEAN AROUND SCHOOLS & RELIGIOUS  
INSTITUTIONS.**

## **BRINE EQUIPMENT**

**WE ALSO HAVE THREE PIECES OF BRINE  
EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO DISPENSE BRINE ONTO  
THE ROADWAYS IN PREPARATION FOR THE STORM.**

**1 BRINE FLUSHER – 2500 GALLON CAPACITY**

**1 BRINE PICKUP TRUCK – 300 GALLON CAPACITY**

**1 BRINE ATV (BIKE LANE) – 160 GALLON CAPACITY**

**THE ATV ALSO HAS A PLOW ON IT AND CAN BE  
USED TO CLEAR THE SNOW FROM THE BIKE LANE**

## **VAN CORTLANDT SALT PILE**

**MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 2000 TONS OF SALT CAN BE STORED THERE AT ANY GIVEN TIME. THERE ARE ALSO 2 CALCIUM CHLORIDE TANKS WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10000 GALLONS, WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER TANK AT THE GARAGE THAT HAS ANOTHER 5000 GALLONS.**

# Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation

3055 Goulden Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10468

Project: JRAQ-REH

The Jerome Park Reservoir is a raw water reservoir supplying raw water to the Croton Filtration Plant. The primary purpose of the JRAQ-REH construction contract is to rehabilitate and upgrade components of the Jerome Park Reservoir and to maintain the reservoir in a state of good repair.



Construction of the Grade Beam Along East Road

### Project Scope

Construction of a Diversion Structure and filling the Old Croton Aqueduct (OCA) with Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM), repair of leaks in the East Reservoir Wall, demolition of the existing fence along the East Reservoir Wall and construction of a new fence and guide rail, repair of the Lehman College Parking Lot retaining wall, repair of an existing rubble wall along the South Reservoir Access Road, repair and reinforcement of the North Basin Ramp, shotcrete repair of the North Basin inlet archway and wing walls, resetting of the East Reservoir Wall capstones, re-pointing of the East Reservoir Wall dimension stones, construction of a shotcrete armor wall along lower half of East Reservoir Wall (North and South Basins), and removal / replacement of the reservoir asphalt access roadways.

### Contract Work Schedule

May 2021 to December 2026

Eric Adams  
Mayor  
Rohit Aggarwala  
Commissioner

### Work Performed During the Period:

- Completed the construction of the East Road grade beam (Gatehouse 5 to Gatehouse 7).
- Completed the removal of capstones at the Lehman College retaining wall (Gatehouse 5 to Gatehouse 6).
- Completed 60% sediment and vegetation removal from the North Basin.
- Continued installation of dowels for the North Basin East Armor Wall

### Upcoming Work Activities (Next 3 Months):

- Commence removal and coring of capstones at the Lehman College retaining wall (Gatehouse 5 to Gatehouse 6).
- Complete sediment and vegetation removal from the North Basin.
- Complete the road work along the East Road from GH5 to GH7.
- Install guide rail posts and box beam along the East Road GH5 to GH 7.

### Work Hours

- 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday.
- 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM on Saturdays (only as necessary)

### Community Impacts

During construction hours, you can expect the following:

- Intermittent elevated levels of noise.
- Delivery trucks entering/exiting construction entrance on Sedgewick Avenue (north end of reservoir), through construction entrance on West 197th Street (south end of reservoir) and through parking lot gates of Lehman College. Flag persons will be utilized for maintenance and protection of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- No water in North Basin during the construction period.
  - North Basin expected to be out of service (empty) until September 2025.

### Community Construction Liaison (CCL)

The DEP has assigned Robert Vargo, PE, CCM of Arcadis as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact Robert Vargo for any project related inquiries/concerns.

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