

Bronx CB8 Environment & Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Start Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Board Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

Meeting Recording

1. Welcome & Roll Call

a. Committee:

- i. Present (5): Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Steven Froot, Karen Argenti (Community Committee Member), Rob Spalter (Community Committee Member / on Zoom)
- ii. Absent (2): Emily Hausman (on Zoom), Robert Fanuzzi (Community Committee Member / on Zoom)

b. Public:

- i. Diana Pfelbacher

2. Approval of Committee Minutes – March 19, 2025

- a. Unanimously approved by quorum with minor edits, see attached.

3. Chairperson's Report

- a. Reminder to everyone, as of April 1st, all trash must be set out in containers for buildings with 9 or fewer units. Bins, including a smaller 25-gallon size, can be purchased from bins.nyc

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Harlem River Use and Attainability Assessment (UAA) Plan Next Steps
 - i. Karen reports that NYC DEC just released around 300 use attainability analysis (UAA) today. Comments are due June 26th
 - ii. Committee agrees to a need for more green infrastructure and further discussion at the May meeting for possible response/resolution.
- b. Updated Status of Jerome Park Reservoir Work
 - i. See attached newsletter for updated work progress.
- c. FY27 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities

- i. See attached budget priority request sheet with updates/changes as discussed by the committee over the past few months.
- ii. Question about who would be responsible for putting up “No Littering” and “Clean Up After Your Dog” signs, DOT or DSNY?

5. New Business

- a. Resolution Urging the New York State Assembly and Senate to Pass the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (Senate Bill 1464 / Assembly Bill 1749)
 - i. Discussion within the committee about where priorities are, and how this might affect stores trying to reduce theft.
 - ii. Question for DSNY: what is the current cost to recycle plastics.
 - iii. Voted to postpone further discussion until our next meeting on May 21st.
- b. Laura brings up that now DSNY will come and remove graffiti for property owners who call 311.

6. Adjournment at 8:11pm

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- Zoom (2): Karen Argenti (Community Committee Member), Robert Fanuzzi (Community Committee Member)
- Absent (2): Laura Spalter, Rob Spalter (Community Committee Member)

Public:

- Zoom: Jodie Colón

2. Approval of Committee Minutes – January 15, 2025

- With a quorum of 3 members present in person, the minutes were passed unanimously.

3. Chairperson's Report

- Beginning April 1st, DSNY will be enforcing the mandatory separation of organics for composting/methane production. All food, yard waste, greasy paper, etc. must be separated and set out in the brown bins for collection on the same day as recycling pickup or buildings with 9 and fewer units could face fines.
- Questions were asked regarding the replacement or repair of a Buckner Box in Henry Hudson Park, which DEP says they have nothing on their end to do for it once Parks Dept. fixed the service line.
- An issue was raised about why there is a gate blocking parking at the bottom of W. 254th Street, which we believe to be a ConEd question/issue as they are doing work in the area and limiting access.

4. Harlem River Use and Attainability Assessment (UAA) Plan proposed change to SB-WW (or no swimming)

- Karen and Bob from Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ) presented on the recent Harlem River UAA Plan, see attached PowerPoint at end of minutes.
- Bob wishes the proposal was not just moving the goal line.
- Karen also discussed the need for more green infrastructure throughout the district, where there are very few projects in the works presently.
- While daylighting Tibbett's Brook is a high-impact green infrastructure project going forward, CB8 could use additional rain gardens and pervious pavers, especially along Broadway and Bailey Ave corridors, which are prone to flooding.
- The committee would also support the CSO Control Tunnel under the Harlem River to divert all CSOs straight to the wastewater treatment plant, despite the high expense that would entail.

5. Unfinished Business

- Updated Status of Metro North Property Easement (W 230th - W 225th Streets)
 - Plans are still being finalized, waiting on MTA. The easement was passed, but this committee and the entire board have also previously passed a resolution urging the MTA to cease trash operations along the tracks there directly next to Marble Hill Houses, which are already an environmental justice area.
- FY27 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities
 - DEP asks us to be more specific about exactly where we would suggest putting rain gardens or other green infrastructure throughout the district.
 - Steven suggests that while DOT is planning major work along W 254th Street that they should work with DEP to integrate more green designs into that plan, such as using pervious pavers along the two new sidewalks and building rain gardens around any new trees being planted.
 - Bob supports better Uniform Stormwater Rules as well as more funding for review personnel to better enforce those rules. Possible new budget request for funding the Bureau of Environmental Assessment.

6. New Business

- n/a

7. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

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 Guide Rail Along the 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:

- Installed guide rail along the East Road GH5 to GH 7 - 90% complete.
- Completed the coring of capstones around GH5.
- Completed the installation of dimension stones around GH5.
- Commenced the Lehman College retaining wall repair.
- Completed the installation of grade beam
- Excavated East Road pavement and filled it up with Subbase
- Installed curb along the East Road from GH 7 to GH5

Upcoming Work Activities (Next 3 Months):

- Complete the Lehman College Retaining Wall repair.
- Complete sediment and vegetation removal from the North Basin.
- Complete the road work along the East Road from GH5 to GH7.
- Complete the Installation of the guide rail and chain link fence along the East Road GH5 to GH 7.
- Commence the installation of the armor wall in the North Basin.

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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