# **NYC Property Tax Fraud - Investigation Report**

# Variable Analysis for Fraud

$$V_1$$
 = FULLVAL  $S_1$  = LTFRONT \* LTDEPTH  $V_2$  = AVLAND  $S_2$  = BLDFRONT \* BLDDEPTH  $V_3$  = AVTOT  $S_3$  =  $S_2$  \* STORIES

$$V_3 = AVTOT$$
  $S_3 = S_2 * STORIES$ 

$$r_1 = \frac{V_1}{S_1} \qquad r_4 = \frac{V_2}{S_1} \qquad r_7 = \frac{V_3}{S_1}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{V_1}{S_2} \qquad r_5 = \frac{V_2}{S_2} \qquad r_8 = \frac{V_3}{S_2}$$

$$r_3 = \frac{V_1}{S_3} \qquad r_6 = \frac{V_2}{S_3} \qquad r_9 = \frac{V_3}{S_3}$$

Separately group records by these 4 groups: zip5, zip3, TAXCLASS, borough. For each group g, calculate  $\langle ri \rangle g$ , the average of each ratio  $r_i$  for each group g. For each record calculate and append the additional variables:

$$\frac{r_1}{< r_1 >_g}$$
,  $\frac{r_2}{< r_2 >_g}$ ,  $\frac{r_3}{< r_3 >_g}$ , ...  $\frac{r_9}{< r_9 >_g}$   $g = 1, ..., 4$ 

Here, the variable used above are defined below:

FULLVAL	Market Value	
AVLAND	Actual Land Value	
AVTOT	Actual Total Value	
LTFRONT	Lot Width	
LTDEPTH	Lot Depth	
STORIES	Number of Stories in Building	
BLDFRONT	Building Width	
BLDDEPTH	Building Depth	

# **Investigation Report for 5 Suspicious Records**

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**RECORD-** 956520

**OWNER-** TROMPETA RIZALINA

## **Original Data Record**

250022		41/1/415	
RECORD	956520	AVLAND	15600
BBLE	5006590012	AVTOT	20892
BORO	5	EXLAND	1620
BLOCK	659	EXTOT	1620
LOT	12	EXCD1	1017
EASEMENT		STADDR	12 ONEIDA
			AVENUE
OWNER	TROMPETA	ZIP	
	RIZALINA		10301
BLDGCL	A1	EXMPTCL	
TAXCLASS	1	BLDFRONT	1812
LTFRONT	25	BLDDEPTH	5020
LTDEPTH	91	AVLAND2	
EXT	G	AVTOT2	
STORIES	3	EXLAND2	
FULLVAL	348200	EXTOT2	
		EXCD2	
		PERIOD	FINAL
		YEAR	2010/11
		VALTYPE	AC-TR

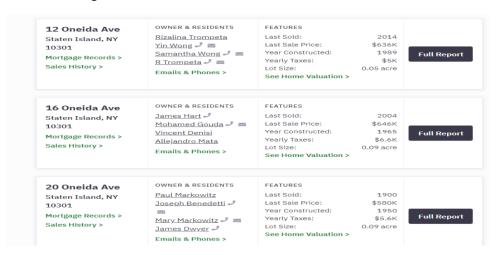
# **Google Map and Street View**



**INVESTIGATION:** For Record number 956520, the property's building size S2 = (BLDFRONT \* BLDDEPTH) is very high when compared to its V1 FULLVAL (Actual Value); hence, the values of

variables r2\_inv, r3\_inv, r5\_inv, r6\_inv, r8\_inv, r9\_inv based on ZIP5 are unreasonably higher than usual.

**CONCLUSION:** The higher values of r2\_inv\_zip5, r5\_inv\_zip5 and, r8\_inv\_zip5 indicates that the property values is too low for the ZIP CODE: 10301. Below is also the analysis across other properties within this zip code. Due to the above-mentioned reasons, I strongly feel this RECORD requires further investigation.



Value Range for different properties across 10301 Zip Code

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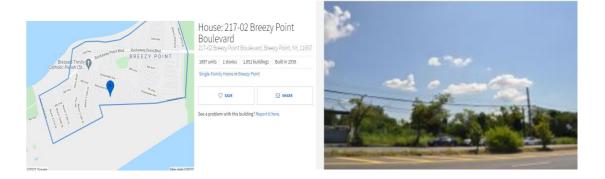
**RECORD-** 934793

**OWNER- BREEZY POINT COOPERAT** 

#### **Original Data Records**

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RECORD	934793	AVTOT	16380000
BBLE	4163500400	EXLAND	768206
BORO	4	EXTOT	1133406
BLOCK	16350	EXCD1	1010
LOT		STADDR	217-02 BREEZY POINT
	400		BLVD
EASEMENT		ZIP	11697
OWNER	BREEZY POINT	EXMPTCL	
	COOPERAT		
BLDGCL	A8	BLDFRONT	30
TAXCLASS	1D	BLDDEPTH	40
LTFRONT	2798	AVLAND2	
LTDEPTH	997	AVTOT2	
EXT		EXLAND2	
STORIES	1	EXTOT2	
FULLVAL	273000000	EXCD2	1015
AVLAND	10920000	PERIOD	FINAL
		YEAR	2010/11
		VALTYPE	AC-TR

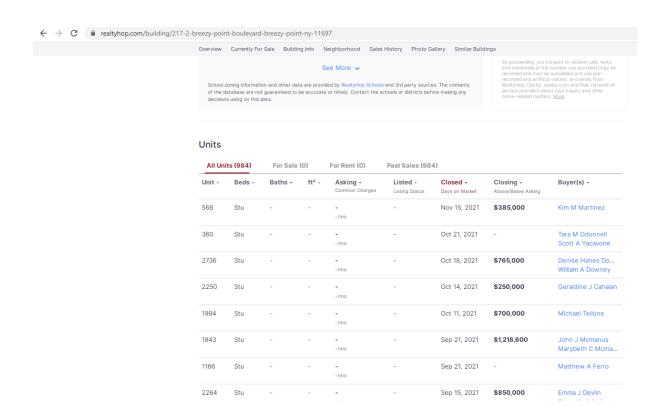
### **Google Map and Street View**



**INVESTIGATION:** For Record number 934793, the property's Market Value is very high when compared to its S2 (Building size) and S3 = S2 \* STORIES; hence, the values of variables r2 & r3 are unreasonably higher than usual.

**CONCLUSION:** The higher values of **r2 and r3** indicates that the property values listed 273000000 is too high Below is also the analysis across for this property value

## Market Value for this property in 2021



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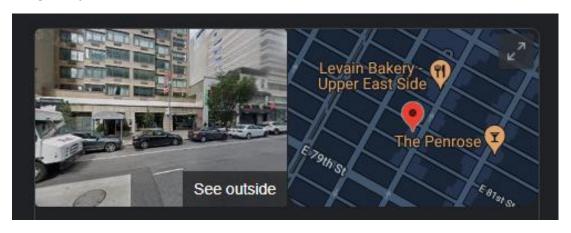
# **RECORD-** 111420

# **OWNER - BOXWOOD FLTD PARNTERS**

# **Original Data Records**

RECORD	111420	AVLAND	22000
	111420		22896
BBLE	1015101092	AVTOT	133429
BORO	1	EXLAND	0
BLOCK	1510	EXTOT	0
LOT	1092	EXCD1	
EASEMENT		STADDR	1438 3
			AVENUE
OWNER	BOXWOOD FLTD	ZIP	
	PARNTERS		10028
BLDGCL	R4	EXMPTCL	
TAXCLASS	2	BLDFRONT	7575
LTFRONT	75	BLDDEPTH	9393
LTDEPTH	93	AVLAND2	22896
EXT		AVTOT2	146183
STORIES	31	EXLAND2	
FULLVAL	296508	EXTOT2	
		EXCD2	
		PERIOD	FINAL
		YEAR	2010/11
		VALTYPE	AC-TR

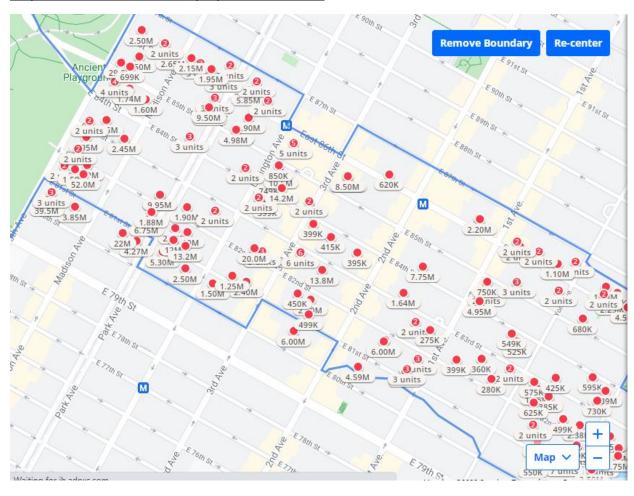
# **Google Map & Street View**



**INVESTIGATION:** For Record number 111420, the property's FULLVAL, AVLAND and AVTOT are really low; hence, the values of variables r3\_inv, r6\_inv,r9\_inv, r3\_inv\_boro, r6\_inv\_boro, r9\_inv\_boro are unreasonably lower than usual.

**CONCLUSION:** The lower values of r3\_inv, r6\_inv, r9\_inv, r3\_inv\_boro, r6\_inv\_boro, r9\_inv\_boro indicates that the property values is too low. Below is also the analysis across for this property value across the Borough Code 1 where all the values of property are more than the price which is listed in our data. Moreover, this is now converted to a Condo hence price should be higher and hence this record needs further investigation.

#### Map View of Prices across the properties in BORO 1



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**RECORD-** 982930

**OWNER-** FOREST VIEW HOMEOWNER

### **Original Data Records**

RECORD	982930	AVTOT	129
BBLE	5020900016	EXLAND	0
BORO	5	EXTOT	0
BLOCK	2090	EXCD1	
LOT		STADDR	DREYER
	16		AVENUE
EASEMENT		ZIP	10314
OWNER	FOREST VIEW	EXMPTCL	
	HOMEOWNER		
BLDGCL	<b>Z</b> 0	BLDFRONT	0
TAXCLASS	1	BLDDEPTH	0
LTFRONT	371	AVLAND2	
LTDEPTH	211	AVTOT2	
EXT		EXLAND2	
STORIES		EXTOT2	
FULLVAL	5800	EXCD2	
AVLAND	129	PERIOD	FINAL
		YEAR	2010/11
		VALTYPE	AC-TR

### **Google Map View**



**INVESTIGATION:** For Record number 982930, the property's FULLVAL, AVLAND and AVTOT are low; hence, the values of variables r1\_inv\_taxclass, r6\_inv\_taxclass, r9\_inv\_taxclass are unreasonably lower than usual.

**CONCLUSION:** The lower values of **r1\_inv\_taxclass, r6\_inv\_taxclass, r9\_inv\_taxclass** indicates that the property values is too low for the Tax class 1. The actual Market Value listed in the data is low. Below attached is the analysis of how the property tax is collected for Class 1 properties.

## https://streeteasy.com/blog/nyc-property-taxes/

Once the Market Value is defined the assessed value is calculated as 6% of the market value and then the Class 1 properties are taxed at 21 % annually and the amount needs to be paid quarterly over the year.

In this case the Market value is 5800 which makes the assessed value really and eventually makes the taxed amount very low. This observation makes this record as highly suspicious and requires further investigation as they have listed the Market value so low so that they don't pay higher taxes.

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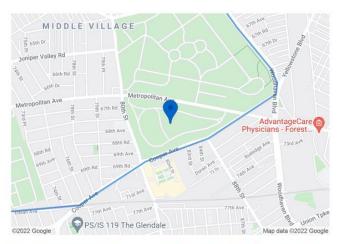
**RECORD-** 665158

**OWNER- ST JOHNS CEMETERY** 

### **Original Data Records**

RECORD	665158	AVTOT	13209750
BBLE	4030720001	EXLAND	13140000
BORO	4	EXTOT	13209750
BLOCK	3072	EXCD1	1700
LOT		STADDR	80-01A METROPOLITAN
	1		AVENUE
EASEMENT		ZIP	11379
OWNER	ST JOHNS	EXMPTCL	
	CEMETERY		X5
BLDGCL	Z8	BLDFRONT	12
TAXCLASS	4	BLDDEPTH	18
LTFRONT	1412	AVLAND2	11745000
LTDEPTH	2532	AVTOT2	11807640
EXT		EXLAND2	11745000
STORIES	1	EXTOT2	11807640
FULLVAL	29355000	EXCD2	
AVLAND	13140000	PERIOD	FINAL
		YEAR	2010/11
		VALTYPE	AC-TR

### **Google Map & Street View**





**INVESTIGATION-** For Record number 665158, the property's FULLVAL, AVLAND and AVTOT is extremely high; hence, the values of variables r2, r3, r5, r6, r5\_zip5 and r6\_zip5 based on ZIP5 unreasonably higher than usual.

**CONCLUSION-**On doing a google search on the above property and STADDR this is pointing to a property located in the Middle Village neighbourhood in Queens which is 1 story with 2 buildings. High values of FULLVAL, AVLAND and AVTOT cannot be for this 1 story building hence, I think this property is suspicious and requires further investigation.