

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

Fiscal Year
2021

**Queens
Community District
13**

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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) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

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 FY21 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.

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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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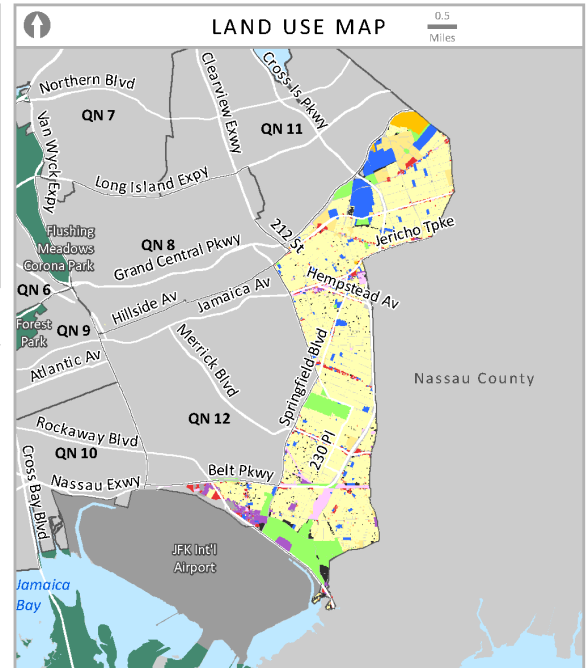
2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Queens Community District 13



Neighborhoods¹: Bellaire, Bellerose, Brookville, Cambria Heights, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, Laurelton, New Hyde Park, Queens Village, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
196,284	188,593	-4%
2013-2017 Estimate ⁴		205,640
Square Miles		12.6
Population Density		14,968/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Queens Community Board 13 in 2019:

1. Parks
2. Street conditions
3. Traffic

To learn more, please read Queens CD 13's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021.

Website: www1.nyc.gov/site/queenscb13/index.page
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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	39,921	61%
Multifamily Walk-up	694	5%
Multifamily Elevator	8	2%
Mixed Use	666	1%
Commercial	531	3%
Industrial	165	2%
Transportation/Utility	167	3%
Public/Institutional	240	8%
Open Space	54	12%
Parking	291	1%
Vacant	887	2%
Other	40	0%

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	48
Public Libraries	7
Hospitals and Clinics	6
Parks	15
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
43%	47%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Queens CD 13	Citywide Target
39%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
47	44
minutes	minutes
	NYC
	41
	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Queens CD 13	Queens
13%	29%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Queens CD 13	Queens
8.7	9.1
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	NYC
	11.8

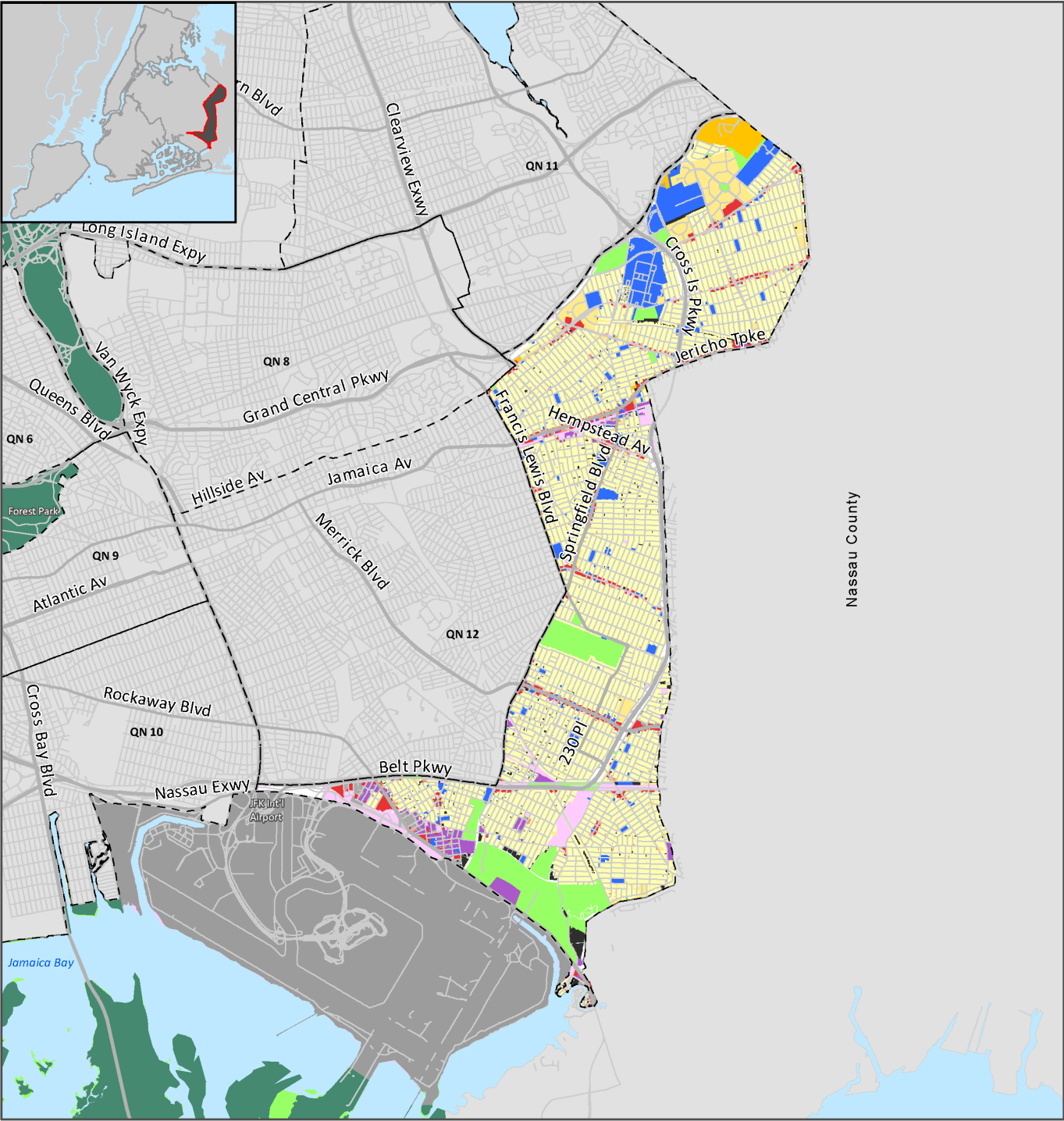
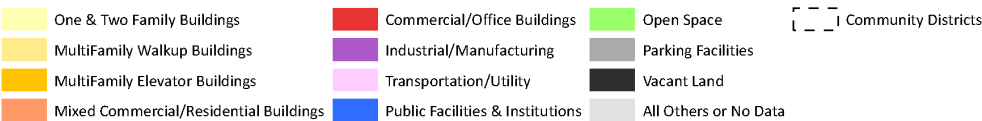
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
29%	31%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	37%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
5%	4.4%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	NYC
	4.9%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Queens CD 13	Queens
12%	19%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2018); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2013-2017 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

Queens Community District 13 - Land Use



3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Queens Community Board 13 is located in East/Southeast Queens with the Grand Central Parkway as its northern border, Francis Lewis Boulevard going to Springfield Boulevard as its western border, JFK Airport as its southern border and the Nassau County line as its eastern border. It is made up primarily of one- and two-family homes, with some scattering clusters of garden co-op apartments and apartment buildings. The district encompasses sixteen distinct communities, which includes: Bellaire, Bellerose, Brookville, Cambria Heights, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, Laurelton, Meadowmere, New Hyde Park, North Shore Towers, Parkside Terrace, Queens Village, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens, Warnerville and Wayanda. There is a strong sense of neighborhood identification in each of these communities. One community may fight for a long awaited library, while another struggles with clean streets, another with an influx of renters who do not respect the neighborhood norms, and some with illegal conversions. Many of our neighborhoods are under construction with water mains, sewer lines and gas lines being put in. This is particularly necessary in the southeast part of the Board area where flooding has been a persistent problem because of high watertables underground and it being located so close to Jamaica Bay. These DEP/DDC managed projects presently being undertaken are a hardship to many residents in affected blocks; yet, they understand the necessity to have had good lines of communication with the community affairs liaisons serving each project. Many areas in our communities suffer from chronic illegal dumping. Other issues affect the entire board such as a proliferation of hotels acting as shelters for the homeless, significantly beyond the fair share due our communities. There are many residential front yards being transformed into parking for the residents, with the associated illegal curb cut. In addition, backyards and driveways being used as auto repair facilities. There are too many complaints about "ponding" along driveways and curbs either to due to street repaving or new house construction. The many beautiful parks and playgrounds in the district need more staff and equipment as they are heavily used creating tremendous maintenance demands. This district has a large senior population, growing larger as people tend more to stay in the area as opposed to migrating to the south. The district's overall population is dramatically increasing. The transition in many communities involves immigrants and young families with children moving into the community and requiring services. Developers look for open lots to build with variances, or to demolish viable one- and two-family homes to build larger multi-family buildings. While these buildings add to the amount of available housing, often they do not conform to the character of surrounding houses. Many young families are moving in adding to the diversity and vibrancy of our district. However, these younger couples create need for more classrooms and additional after-school activities. The growing youth population trend indicates a critical need for for youth community center.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 13

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Parks

The district has enormous amount of parkland including two big parks (Brookville and Springfield Parks) and many playgrounds. Additionally, there are parks properties including center medians, wetlands and grassy areas parallel to the highways. The Department of Parks and Recreation needs more equipment and personnel to respond to the level of activity at these areas, as well as the numerous maintenance requests from the community during the warm weather months when the grass grows high so quickly. In the two big parks volunteer groups also look for gardeners to assist in their beautification efforts.

Street conditions (roadway maintenance)

As the geographically largest Board area in Queens and the second largest in NYC, the requests for for roadway improvements are unending. Some of the requests are for streets that that have upcoming capital projects and therefore cannot be repaved until the project work is completed; other requests are that the street surface has outlived its lifespan and needs to be redone. Given the area of the Board, a provision for a percentage more of street repaving would seem appropriate.

Traffic

The office gets an unending stream of requests for speed humps. Many of our ancillary streets are wide and parallel to primary arteries; consequently, they are used as alternative routes to get past traffic. Maybe the navigation apps determining best routes contribute to this problem, as often this occurs in areas near the three highways surrounding this district. Possibly these requests reflect that many motorists simply do not respect the speed limit of 25 mph and speed down residential streets posing safety concerns for everyone, especially older people and children.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Other

There are three (3) things health-related: 1) Public education on "vaping." 2) Public education on the consequences of juveniles eating too much "junk food." 3) Public education relating to the fear of "flu shots." Numbers 1 & 2 are directed to young people who have tendencies for doing things not in their best interests and who do not yet understand how bad health can affect their life. Number 3 relates to adults who believe in conspiracy theories or who do not believe that this sort of inoculation is necessary.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

Renovate and upgrade all senior centers in the district. Enhance educational and recreational programs, e.g. tai chi, health initiatives. Information for additional care providers, additional senior center staffing, extended hours for senior centers. Extend home care services from 4 hours to 8 hours. Senior education programs with respect to the internet. Look into developing a NORC. Senior abuse focusing on their finances.

Needs for Homeless

Understanding that homelessness is a citywide issue, we support the City identifying abandoned properties and converting them into affordable housing through various programs that are already underway. With respect to those sheltered in hotels located within the Board area, we would like DHS to look at other communities as this Board has more than its fair share.

Needs for Low Income NYs

There are families with "special needs" individuals within this district that would like to see programming and education for both teenagers and adults that will lead to job opportunities allowing them a level of independence.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/16	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>Increase funding for programming.</i>	
8/16	DOHMH	Promote Quit Smoking Programs	<i>The public health issue of vaping is getting a lot of attention. Yet, most older people do not know what it is or what the paraphernalia looks like that younger people use to vape. A series of public service announcements need to be made to educate the public on this new health concern.</i>	
10/16	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Services Now For Adult Persons (SNAP) increase funding for programming.</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

In District 29, the level of achievement does not correspond to the economic status of the community. The following are some of the requests that could lift education achievement: > Smaller class sizes in early grades. > After-school programs providing educational enrichment including tutoring and the expansion of STEAM programs. > The high schools need additional funding for career counseling and mental health services. > More financial support (in high schools) for the Regents Exam and SAT preparation to ensure college readiness. > Exposure to different career tracks through community partnerships/internships.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

No comments

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/16	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Elementary schools in District 29 are under-performing. After school enrichment programming is needed so these students can perform at least at their grade level and be prepared to compete when they reach high school.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Fire Safety

Over the past few years there have been a number of fatal fires in this district. FDNY has been aggressive in outreach providing fire safety education in the areas where these fires have occurred. QCB 13 has partnered with FDNY, Red Cross and DOE to further extend the access to information about fire safety, and to promote the program of free smoke /CO2 detectors that get installed in resident's homes. This is particularly important in an area where there are so many densely populated wood-framed homes, and where electrical circuits are overused and candles are lit during the holiday season.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Historically, community policing has reduced crime and promoted better relations with residents. The program of Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCOs) has finally reached the 105 Precinct, and so far has been quite effective in solving the many quality of life issues that occur on the daily basis.

However, illegal truck parking persists as an issue in the communities adjacent to JFK Airport. While the 105 Precinct has done a tremendous job in summoning, often this is simply a "business expense" for the truck driver. An even more effective tool at discouraging this activity is the "booting" of these trucks. This forces the driver to lose time paying the summons before being able to drive their truck. If the 105 precinct had more "truck boots" its enforcement efforts would be even more effective.

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/12	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	<i>Illegal truck parking is a problem as the JFK Airport freight businesses are in the district. The 105 Precinct does an excellent job with the summonsing, but many truck drivers treat them as a cost of doing business. Truck booting freezes their ability to move, requiring them to pay a fine in person and acts as an additional deterrent.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/16	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>This district has had a number of fatal fires over the past few years. Fire safety education partnered with the Smoke/CO2 Detector giveaway and installation program with the Red Cross is important in communities that have many overcrowded wood-framed houses.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 13

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

On the major commercial strips garbage accumulates rapidly. Whenever there is a public trash can it becomes a magnet for bags of [uncollected] residential waste. This problem is so bad many store owners do not want waste baskets in front of their businesses because of the inevitable sanitation ticket that gets issued though most times they are not at fault. The three Council Members within QCB 13 (Grodenschik, Miller, Richards) have added funding for additional weekly collections, but this is an area of concern that needs continual monitoring. Along the service roads that abut the four highways bordering the district (Grand Central Parkway east; Cross Island Parkway south; Laurelton Parkway north and south; Belt Parkway west), there is a lot of dumping of construction waste and general garbage both inside and outside of the highway barrier fence. There is also dumping on wetlands and grassy areas. These "dumping grounds" are managed by DOT and Parks, respectively. Neither of these two agencies have the capacity to keep up with the necessary cleaning which then requires coordination with DSNY on a periodic basis. Finally, and unfortunately, too many people litter and there needs to be a public campaign vilifying those who randomly drop their trash on the ground.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

- Air emissions from the planes landing near JFK Airport are creating respiratory issues including asthma and other types of sinus conditions.
- More enforcement of delivery trucks with excessive idling.

Needs for Sanitation Services

- Public outreach at transit hubs and along commercial strips about NO LITTERING.
- Routine cleaning of vacant lot locations where frequent dumping occurs.
- Outreach to schools and community centers on NO LITTERING.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/16	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Jamaica Avenue has large amounts garbage put out on a daily basis. There are numerous restaurants and stores along this strip that attracts shoppers and diners at all times of the day and evening. In addition, there is always random residential garbage put out. This highly traveled street by both pedestrians and motorists needs more frequent truck pickups.</i>	Jamaica Avenue 224 Street Francis Lewis Boulevard
16/16	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>This section of the district needs more attention as the stores and fast food restaurants attract a lot of people with the residual littering,</i>	Hillside Avenue Cross Island Parkway Lakeville Road

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 13

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

Commercial district revitalization

Commercial District Revitalization, especially along the corridors of Linden Boulevard, Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica Avenue, 243 Street (Rosedale) and Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, that will bring the types of goods and services important for the community. It is important to have quality and diversity in the types of businesses that attract consumers and promote overall vitality and better quality of life.

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

Needs for Land Use

A prevalent issue is homeowners creating their own parking by paving over front yards and creating illegal curb cuts. Providing a budget for more inspectors can assist in addressing this growing problem.

Needs for Housing

- More funding to be proactive in sealing up abandoned "zombie" houses. - Maintaining construction fences around the abandoned properties. - Maintaining the yards of abandoned properties. - Support programs that convert properties into affordable housing. - The removal of squatters from abandoned properties. - To clearly identify the agency that will identify and enforce issues specified above. - Maintain support of foreclosure legal services.

Needs for Economic Development

- Create a strategic approach to local economic development. - Improve our commercial corridors through beautification and cleanliness. - Encourage various business owners to join forces to form merchant's associations.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/16	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>There are many front and side yards that are paved over for parking. Additionally, these same homeowners create their own illegal curb cuts. DOB needs to be funded so this condition, which brings down the block where it exists, can be quickly alleviated.</i>	

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Roadway maintenance

QCB 13 has the largest geographical area in Queens with the commensurate larger number of streets. While it is understood that new roadways cannot be authorized while a capital project is underway, or if one is planned for a specific area, there remains many areas in the district that need repaving. Bad roads damage constituents' vehicles and should be fixed/upgraded as soon as possible. Many streets have been opened up for various reasons and the road repair was either substandard or did not last. As time goes on this creates a moonscape that is unfair to residents who live on or use these streets.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

- Many of our neighborhoods are requesting traffic calming, specifically speed humps and stop signs. These traffic calming methods will slow traffic and provide more pedestrian safety.
- General maintenance along the grassy areas next to the highways is a problem. On one side of the fence is DOT, the other DPR oftentimes working with DSNY. Managing or coordinating between the two often is not very efficient.

Needs for Transit Services

The Q77 presently ends southbound on 145 Avenue. The last stop should be extended to 147 Avenue so transfer to the east-west Q111 & Q113 bus lines.

This has been discussed over the past 2 years with Council Member Richards getting involved; however, the holdup related to the turnaround for the Q77 to go northbound has been solved. It is long past due for this logical bus route extension as the two block walk for a transfer next to Springfield Park poses difficulty for anyone who is handicapped or has physical mobility issues, safety concerns being out in the open - especially when it is dark, and exposure to the elements during inclement weather.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/12	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>This street segment needs total reconstruction as it is strewn with potholes and floods at the slightest rain event. It goes over a waterway so more planning and cost will be involved in this reconstruction.</i>	147 Avenue Brookville Boulevard 232 Street
2/12	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Blacktop on Hillside Avenue westbound that was used as repair for the roadway has "bubbled up" from bus traffic during hot summer days. This condition needs to be addressed before accidents occur because of vehicles veering into other lanes to avoid the excessive bumpiness of the roadway.</i>	Hillside Avenue 215 Place 213 Street
4/12	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>This Community Board is surrounded by highways: Grand Central Parkway to the north; Cross Island Parkway to the east, the Belt Parkway to the south. DOT is responsible for maintaining the grassy areas adjacent to these highways. This office continually gets complaints about dumping and general maintenance in many locations along these traffic arteries.</i>	
5/12	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (Francis Lewis Blvd between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)</i>	Francis Lewis Blvd Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway
7/12	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (130th ave between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)</i>	130th ave Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway
8/12	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>The Laurelton Mall on 135th Avenue between 229th Street and the Laurelton Parkway needs curbing.</i>	135th Avenue 229th Street Laurelton Parkway
9/12	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>The center median needs curbing to protect the garden and irrigation system local residents have worked very hard to keep clean and beautify.</i>	Francis Lewis Boulevard 133 Avenue Merrick Boulevard

11/12	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Southbound stop at the western corner (in front of the Dollar Store) of Guy R. Brewer Boulevard (where it intersects with Farmers Boulevard). Four (4) buses stop at this location: Q3; Q111; Q113; Q114.</i>	Guy R. Brewer Boulevard New York Farmers Boulevard 145 Drive
12/12	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>The curbs in this area have deteriorated or disappeared altogether. It is unfortunate that there is no money for curbs in the DOT budget, but this needs to be in this District Needs Statement. Glen Oaks Village area is defined as North Shore Towers to the north, Little Neck Parkway to the south, Long Island Jewish Hospital/North Shore Towers to the east, and Little Neck Parkway to the west.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/16	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>The bus needs to go 2 blocks further south to provide a safe and efficient transfer for riders going east-west on 147 Avenue connecting with the Q111 and Q113 bus lines.</i>	Springfield Boulevard 145 Road 147 Avenue
5/16	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming (Expense)	<i>This intersection is not perpendicular and requires awkward movements to turn left both north and southbound on 222 Street to get on to Jamaica Avenue. Additionally, the MTA Bus Depot is two blocks away and there are numerous buses all day that need to make a left turn at this location.</i>	220 Street Jamaica Avenue (eastbound) Jamaica Avenue (westbound)
11/16	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>This office has received complaints of overcrowded buses during the morning and evening rush hours. Either expand service or provide the larger buses during this time period for rider safety and comfort.</i>	
15/16	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Electronic signage indicating bus arrival times at strategic westbound bus stops (for the morning commute) along Merrick Boulevard, Linden Boulevard, Jamaica Avenue, Hillside Avenue and Union Turnpike.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 13

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

Park care and maintenance

The staff presently assigned to the Board's parks do an excellent job. During the summer when the parks are used more extensively, additional staff and equipment for both maintenance and safety would vastly increase the overall enjoyment of these recreational areas.

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

Needs for Parks

The parks and playgrounds in the district have varying needs as detailed below. Many of the MPAA areas need resurfacing, as these areas need some creativity in determining what sporting activities can be encouraged with the decline in the play of asphalt softball. In addition, better scheduling for use of grass fields with baseball and soccer.

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/12	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>The Queens Village branch of the Queens Public Library needs a handicapped ramp at its front entrance.</i>	94-11 217 Street, Queens, New York, NY
10/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Gunn Playground needs its MPAA repaved and adjacent property purchased for park expansion. (Land swap)</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add park benches for more seating in Springfield Park.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/16	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>More funding for lawn care equipment that can be used in this district during the warm weather months when the parks are most used..</i>	
4/16	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>QCB 13 has lots of parks, playgrounds, center medians and grassy areas that are the responsibility of this agency. Adequate numbers of workers need to be assigned during the warm weather months.</i>	
7/16	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Expense)	<i>Idlewild Park is presently being developed for walking tours and general nature learning. It is a natural wetland that provides sanctuary to birds, various trees and plants, and is a space of contemplation and peace for patrons. Off-road motor vehicles have no place in this area and need to be prevented from entry with fencing at a specific area of access.</i>	149 Avenue Springfield Lane 225 Street

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Increase security staff at Springfield Park Brookville Park and other parks with in the district (PEP) during warm weather months when these two parks are heavily used

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/12	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>This street segment needs total reconstruction as it is strewn with potholes and floods at the slightest rain event. It goes over a waterway so more planning and cost will be involved in this reconstruction.</i>	147 Avenue Brookville Boulevard 232 Street
2/12	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Blacktop on Hillside Avenue westbound that was used as repair for the roadway has "bubbled up" from bus traffic during hot summer days. This condition needs to be addressed before accidents occur because of vehicles veering into other lanes to avoid the excessive bumpiness of the roadway.</i>	Hillside Avenue 215 Place 213 Street
3/12	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>The Queens Village branch of the Queens Public Library needs a handicapped ramp at its front entrance.</i>	94-11 217 Street, Queens, New York, NY
4/12	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>This Community Board is surrounded by highways: Grand Central Parkway to the north; Cross Island Parkway to the east, the Belt Parkway to the south. DOT is responsible for maintaining the grassy areas adjacent to these highways. This office continually gets complaints about dumping and general maintenance in many locations along these traffic arteries.</i>	
5/12	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (Francis Lewis Blvd between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)</i>	Francis Lewis Blvd Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway
6/12	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests (Capital)	<i>Illegal truck parking is a problem as the JFK Airport freight businesses are in the district. The 105 Precinct does an excellent job with the summoning, but many truck drivers treat them as a cost of doing business. Truck booting freezes their ability to move, requiring them to pay a fine in person and acts as an additional deterrent.</i>	

7/12	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (130th ave between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)</i>	130th ave Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway
8/12	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>The Laurelton Mall on 135th Avenue between 229th Street and the Laurelton Parkway needs curbing.</i>	135th Avenue 229th Street Laurelton Parkway
9/12	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>The center median needs curbing to protect the garden and irrigation system local residents have worked very hard to keep clean and beautify.</i>	Francis Lewis Boulevard 133 Avenue Merrick Boulevard
10/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Gunn Playground needs its MPAA repaved and adjacent property purchased for park expansion. (Land swap)</i>	
11/12	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>Southbound stop at the western corner (in front of the Dollar Store) of Guy R. Brewer Boulevard (where it intersects with Farmers Boulevard). Four (4) buses stop at this location: Q3; Q111; Q113; Q114.</i>	Guy R. Brewer Boulevard New York Farmers Boulevard 145 Drive
12/12	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>The curbs in this area have deteriorated or disappeared altogether. It is unfortunate that there is no money for curbs in the DOT budget, but this needs to be in this District Needs Statement. Glen Oaks Village area is defined as North Shore Towers to the north, Little Neck Parkway to the south, Long Island Jewish Hospital/North Shore Towers to the east, and Little Neck Parkway to the west.</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add park benches for more seating in Springfield Park.</i>	

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/16	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>This district has had a number of fatal fires over the past few years. Fire safety education partnered with the Smoke/CO2 Detector giveaway and installation program with the Red Cross is important in communities that have many overcrowded wood-framed houses.</i>	
2/16	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>The bus needs to go 2 blocks further south to provide a safe and efficient transfer for riders going east-west on 147 Avenue connecting with the Q111 and Q113 bus lines.</i>	Springfield Boulevard 145 Road 147 Avenue
3/16	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>More funding for lawn care equipment that can be used in this district during the warm weather months when the parks are most used..</i>	
4/16	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>QCB 13 has lots of parks, playgrounds, center medians and grassy areas that are the responsibility of this agency. Adequate numbers of workers need to be assigned during the warm weather months.</i>	
5/16	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming (Expense)	<i>This intersection is not perpendicular and requires awkward movements to turn left both north and southbound on 222 Street to get on to Jamaica Avenue. Additionally, the MTA Bus Depot is two blocks away and there are numerous buses all day that need to make a left turn at this location.</i>	220 Street Jamaica Avenue (eastbound) Jamaica Avenue (westbound)
6/16	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>Increase funding for programming.</i>	
7/16	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting (Expense)	<i>Idlewild Park is presently being developed for walking tours and general nature learning. It is a natural wetland that provides sanctuary to birds, various trees and plants, and is a space of contemplation and peace for patrons. Off-road motor vehicles have no place in this area and need to be prevented from entry with fencing at a specific area of access.</i>	149 Avenue Springfield Lane 225 Street

8/16	DOHMH	Promote Quit Smoking Programs	<i>The public health issue of vaping is getting a lot of attention. Yet, most older people do not know what it is or what the paraphernalia looks like that younger people use to vape. A series of public service announcements need to be made to educate the public on this new health concern.</i>	
9/16	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Elementary schools in District 29 are under-performing. After school enrichment programming is needed so these students can perform at least at their grade level and be prepared to compete when they reach high school.</i>	
10/16	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Services Now For Adult Persons (SNAP) increase funding for programming.</i>	
11/16	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>This office has received complaints of overcrowded buses during the morning and evening rush hours. Either expand service or provide the larger buses during this time period for rider safety and comfort.</i>	
12/16	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>There are many front and side yards that are paved over for parking. Additionally, these same homeowners create their own illegal curb cuts. DOB needs to be funded so this condition, which brings down the block where it exists, can be quickly alleviated.</i>	
13/16	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Increase security staff at Springfield Park Brookville Park and other parks with in the district (PEP) during warm weather months when these two parks are heavily used</i>	
14/16	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Jamaica Avenue has large amounts garbage put out on a daily basis. There are numerous restaurants and stores along this strip that attracts shoppers and diners at all times of the day and evening. In addition, there is always random residential garbage put out.This highly traveled street by both pedestrians and motorists needs more frequent truck pickups.</i>	Jamaica Avenue 224 Street Francis Lewis Boulevard
15/16	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Electronic signage indicating bus arrival times at strategic westbound bus stops (for the morning commute) along Merrick Boulevard, Linden Boulevard, Jamaica Avenue, Hillside Avenue and Union Turnpike.</i>	

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DSNY

**Provide more
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recycling pick-up**

*This section of the district needs more attention
as the stores and fast food restaurants attract a
lot of people with the residual littering,*

Hillside
Avenue Cross
Island
Parkway
Lakeville Road