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District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

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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) 2022. 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, 2020.

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 FY22 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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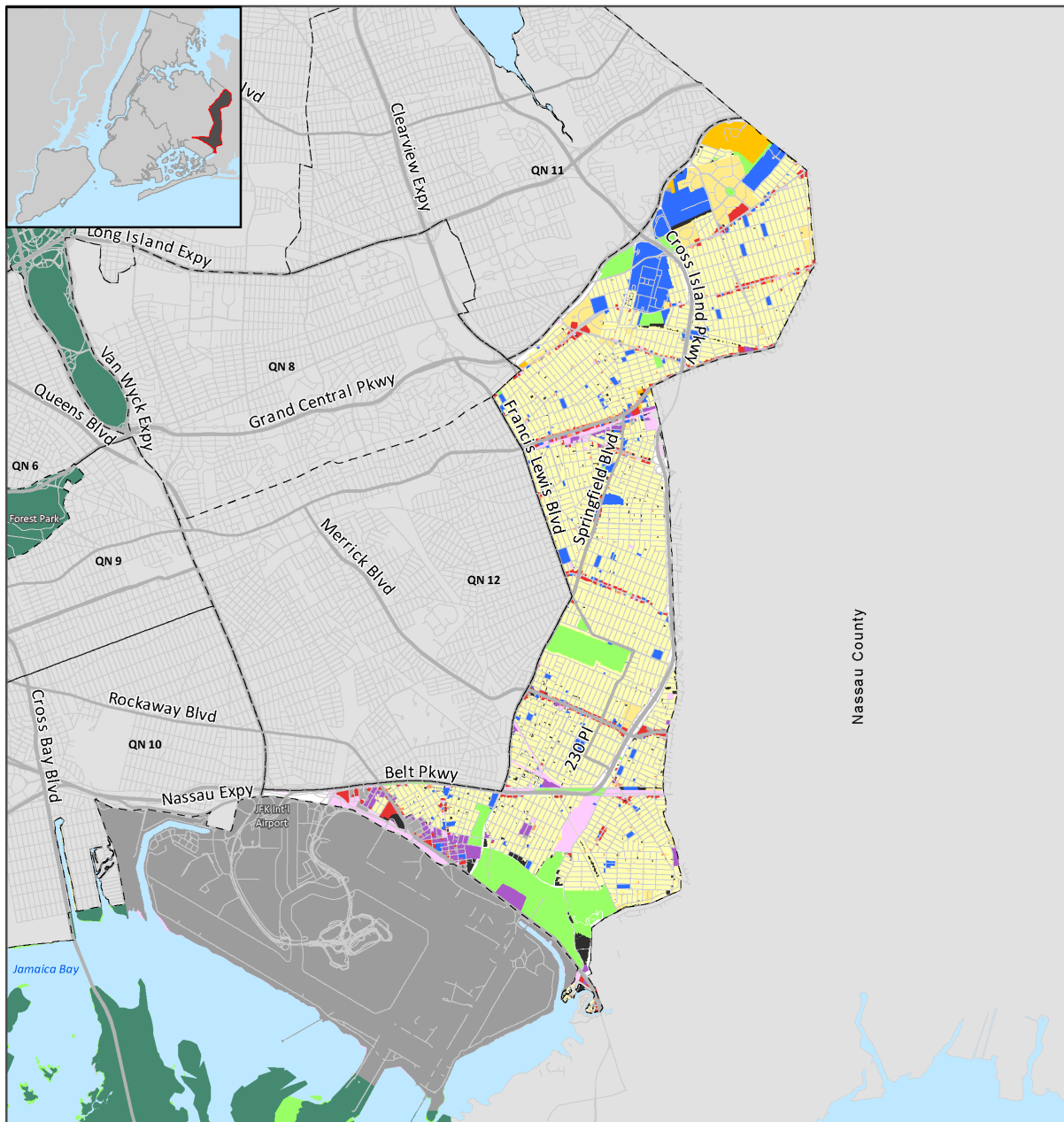
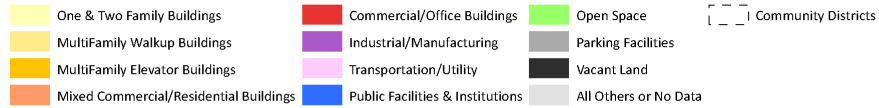
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2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov.

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:

Crime and public safety

As neighborhoods change so do its cultural norms. Different cultures and different age groups tend to produce conflict as the incumbent residents are used to things being a certain way. Change creates "quality of life" issues with late night parties, loud music and lots of activity when the incumbent residents want to keep things peaceful and quiet. Noise complaints, blocked driveways and vandalism ensue.

Parks and open space

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.

Traffic

QCB13 receives 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. 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

Chronic diseases prevention and management (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

COVID-19 has taken over life in America. Having gone through the initial horrific outbreak last Spring, we approach another potential high infection rate with the weather getting colder and our general population suffering from "COVID Fatigue." Additional resources must continue to be put into awareness for safety as well as policies that allow DFTA through senior centers and other community-based organizations to reach out on a regular basis to seniors who live alone checking on their well being.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

COVID-19 has taken a toll on our populations both physically and psychologically. While those getting infected must address the physical symptoms expeditiously, the psychological ramifications often go undiagnosed. These include stress, anxiety and depression which often affect the senior population more than others. This occurs because seniors are often afraid to leave their houses as COVID-19 has been shown to have a more severe consequence to this population if they get infected.

QCB13 has a large senior population and many live alone. There have been volunteer programs that assist them in leaf pickup and snow removal, however, many of these seniors have smartly kept themselves away from others. As we move into another cold season where it is necessary to be indoors, we request additional funding for DFTA to support programming for senior centers and other community-based organizations for outreach to senior populations.

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

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 3/15 | DFTA | Other capital budget request for DFTA | <i>Funding to provide tablets and internet for seniors so they can have the necessary access to information and online services.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 7/19 | DFTA | Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place | <i>Many seniors are afraid to leave their homes during the pandemic. Funding to senior centers and CBOs is needed to support outreach to these individuals so they are not socially isolated and to assure their safety and needs are being taken care of.</i> | |
| 10/19 | DFTA | Other expense budget request for DFTA | <i>Services Now For Adult Persons (SNAP) increase funding for programming.</i> | |
| 11/19 | DFTA | Enhance educational and recreational programs | <i>Increase funding for programming.</i> | |
| 19/19 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Messaging on wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands need to constantly be reinforced to keep our citizenry diligent during the pandemic.</i> | |

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Remote learning and technology

COVID-19 has overwhelmed almost all other priorities that might be chosen in a "normal" year. Because of both the choice [and in some cases, requirement] of remote learning, we think it is essential that all students are given the equipment and service necessary for all to learn on the same footing. This means each child in a household enrolled in a public school should have their own individual tablet or laptop along with sufficient broadband to efficiently receive their lessons.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

In past years we have made specific requests on behalf of individual schools only to discover that any capital improvements are ultimately decided by the CEO of that individual school, the Principal. Community boards normally do not have regular contact with principals, and only with parent leaders if they happen to be board members or volunteer as committee members.

District 29 has notoriously been laden with under-achievement among its students. Many schools do not have the sports teams and other extra-curricula activities that create a rich learning environment. In this COVID-era, our overall request is to provide sufficient funding for any in-person learning with the requisite measures needed to keep students, teachers, administration and staff safe.

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 |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 14/19 | 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

Crime prevention programs

The NCO program has been very successful but the officers are overwhelmed. Our communities assist the police in dealing with criminal activity; yet, there needs to be a bigger headcount of NCOs to keep this program effective. This is particularly necessary in QCB13 because it is the largest precinct geographically in Queens with 13 distinct communities broken out by the 105 Precinct into 5 NCO Sectors. The most important issue for this community board has been the funding moved away from the planned 116 Precinct. This had been the number 1 priority for decades, and as soon as the shovel was ready to be put into the ground, the politics of the nation shifted and the mayor moved the money to another community board. QCB13 wants the funding restored and the construction of the 116 Precinct restarted.

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 worked incredibly well in the 105 Precinct, and so far has been quite effective in solving the many quality of life issues that occur on a daily basis. Unfortunately, the community is using the NCOs so much that they are becoming weary. In light of the precinct size and many distinct neighborhoods, additional police assigned to the NCO Program is requested.

Illegal truck parking on some of our larger streets remains a problem. There is enforcement by the 105 Precinct with summonses, but the fine amount is clearly not a deterrent. The problem with "booting" is there is no lot to tow the booted vehicle if it remains in the same spot for more than 3 days. It would be helpful if the City located a place to tow these illegally parked and booted trucks, and to raise the fines for tickets.

Needs for Emergency Services

The Fire Safety Education Unit's programming have been very successful in raising awareness in our communities. Over the past few years there have been some catastrophic fires with lives lost. This had occurred as the wood framed houses had too many people and no plan for escape.

The program of free alarm installations in conjunction with the Red Cross was quite popular and added a layer of safety for many homes. In addition, making young people aware of fire safety through various events on different media platforms will reap untold safety rewards. This programming needs to remain and must be robust.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1/15 | NYPD | Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct | <i>Restoration of this previous Number 1 District Priority. QCB13 wants the funding restored and the construction planning resumed for this #1 priority.</i> | 243 Street & North Conduit Avenue |

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 1/19 | 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> | |
| 8/19 | NYPD | Assign additional community affairs officers | <i>The NCOs in the 105 Precinct are being heavily utilized. We need more so the present NCOs, who have become familiar with their assigned communities, do not burn out.</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. In previous years, the three Council Members within QCB13 (Grodenschik, Miller, Richards) have added funding for additional weekly collections, but this year with a COVID-reduced budget, that is not possible. Also, with the loss of Job Training Participant (JTP) and Alternative Sentencing Worker (ASW) programs, even less manpower is available that in the past had been quite effective in keeping our medians and highway berms clean. Along the service roads that abut the four highways bordering the district (Grand Central Parkway east; Cross Island Parkway north and south; Laurelton Parkway north and south; Belt Parkway east and 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

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

- Routine cleaning of vacant lot locations where frequent dumping occurs.
 - Public outreach at transit hubs and along commercial strips about not littering.
 - Outreach to schools and community centers on not littering.
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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 |
|----------|--------|---|---|--|
| 12/19 | 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 Langdale Street |
| 17/19 | 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 224 Street |

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 is going to be required on a wide scale as we move through this pandemic. Between the quarantine period and subsequent limited amount of patrons allowed inside of a store or restaurant, many small businesses are struggling to survive or have simply closed. Restaurants have been given a possible lifesaver with outdoor curbside dining, yet it remains to be seen how long this will be feasible as the weather turns colder. There is concern that once the commercial rent eviction moratorium is lifted at the end of 2020, large numbers of small businesses will be in too much debt and unable to stay in their spaces. Massive City resources both from an advisory perspective and capital availability will be needed in the coming months to keep our small businesses and commercial strips viable in the short term.

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. - Maintain support of foreclosure legal services.

Needs for Economic Development

Our commercial strips have been hit hard by the pandemic. Between the quarantine and the ability to have reduced amount of customers subsequently, often this is not enough revenue for them to survive. Restaurants were thrown a lifeboat with curbside outdoor dining, but it remains to be seen how long this will last as the colder weather moves in.

Small businesses are going to need assistance in two ways: (1) getting advice on how to get their books in order to access loans and grants from both the private and public sectors; and (2) learning how to compete with online shopping through making their stores more attractive and partnering with other businesses on their strip to capture more foot traffic.

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 |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 3/19 | SBS | Conduct a commercial district needs assessment | <i>Many of the QCB13 commercial strips are going to need assistance revitalizing as the affects of the pandemic begin to retreat. Funding for this programming is going to be crucial for many small businesses. Free distribution of PPE should be part of this program.</i> | |
| 15/19 | 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> | |

TRANSPORTATION

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

QCB13 is inundated with requests for traffic mitigation measures. Speeding along residential streets has become a huge problem. More funding is needed so studies may be quickly completed and more crews are available for the installation of speed humps, STOP signs and potentially, traffic signals.

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 |
|----------|--------|---|--|---|
| 2/15 | DOT | Other capital traffic improvements requests | <i>This exit needs the left turn lane, which directs traffic eastbound on to Hillside Avenue, expanded one lane so the traffic does not back up to the Cross Island southbound. This will be particularly important as the Islanders arena opens in Fall, 2021.</i> | |
| 5/15 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Street is sinking around catch basins along this strip</i> | Commonwealth Boulevard Hillside Avenue Jericho Turnpike |
| 6/15 | 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> | |
| 7/15 | 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> | |
| 8/15 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>DEP has been doing infrastructure work on Braddock Avenue which has made this major street a moonscape. Much of this work is completed and there is a segment that needs to be repaired asap.</i> | Braddock Avenue 222 Street Billings Street |
| 9/15 | 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 New York Farmers Boulevard |

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| 10/15 | 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 229th Street |
| 11/15 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <i>Center medians on Union Turnpike need curbing</i> | Union Turnpike 249 Street Winchester Boulevard |
| 13/15 | 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 Brookville Blvd |
| 14/15 | 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 Brookville Blvd |
| 15/15 | 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 133 Avenue |

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|--|
| 4/19 | 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 145 Road |
| 5/19 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <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 (eastbound) |
| 18/19 | 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. There are equipment needs for this area that need to be addressed to keep up with the usage.

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 |
|----------|--------|--|---|--|
| 4/15 | DPR | New equipment for maintenance | <i>Queens District 13 needs one or more of the following: Large Packer; mini dump truck; pickup truck. This will allow our parks personnel to address the maintenance needs of the heavily used parks, especially Brookville and Springfield Parks.</i> | |
| 12/15 | 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> | |
| CS | 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 |
| CS | 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) In addition, the playground needs an upgrade. This is partially funded.</i> | |

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 2/19 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>As "Climate Change" has increased the severity of storms, it has also increased the anxiety of our residents with swinging trees and tree branches. QCB13 receives a large number of calls with concern about damaged trees and overhanging tree branches. The contract for tree pruning needs to be increased before there is excessive property damage or personal injury.</i> | |
| 6/19 | DPR | Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers | <i>Certain areas of the borough have a titled "Parks Administrator" with a seperate budget, partially funded by councilmatic monies. Having two large parks adjacent to each other (Brookville & Springfield Parks) should qualify Parks District 13 for this title and funding stream.</i> | |

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| 9/19 | 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> | |
| 13/19 | DPR | Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting | <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 Springfield Lane |
| 16/19 | 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> | |

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 |
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| 1/15 | NYPD | Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct | <i>Restoration of this previous Number 1 District Priority. QCB13 wants the funding restored and the construction planning resumed for this #1 priority.</i> | 243 Street & North Conduit Avenue |
| 2/15 | DOT | Other capital traffic improvements requests | <i>This exit needs the left turn lane, which directs traffic eastbound on to Hillside Avenue, expanded one lane so the traffic does not back up to the Cross Island southbound. This will be particularly important as the Islanders arena opens in Fall, 2021.</i> | |
| 3/15 | DFTA | Other capital budget request for DFTA | <i>Funding to provide tablets and internet for seniors so they can have the necessary access to information and online services.</i> | |
| 4/15 | DPR | New equipment for maintenance | <i>Queens District 13 needs one or more of the following: Large Packer; mini dump truck; pickup truck. This will allow our parks personnel to address the maintenance needs of the heavily used parks, especially Brookville and Springfield Parks.</i> | |
| 5/15 | DOT | Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) | <i>Street is sinking around catch basins along this strip</i> | Commonwealth Boulevard Hillside Avenue Jericho Turnpike |
| 6/15 | 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> | |

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| 7/15 | 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> | |
| 8/15 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>DEP has been doing infrastructure work on Braddock Avenue which has made this major street a moonscape. Much of this work is completed and there is a segment that needs to be repaired asap.</i> | Braddock Avenue 222 Street Billings Street |
| 9/15 | 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 New York Farmers Boulevard |
| 10/15 | 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 229th Street |
| 11/15 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <i>Center medians on Union Turnpike need curbing</i> | Union Turnpike 249 Street Winchester Boulevard |
| 12/15 | 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> | |
| 13/15 | 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 Brookville Blvd |
| 14/15 | 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 Brookville Blvd |

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| 15/15 | 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 133 Avenue |
| CS | 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 |
| CS | 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) In addition, the playground needs an upgrade. This is partially funded.</i> | |

Expense Budget Requests

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 1/19 | 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> | |
| 2/19 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>As "Climate Change" has increased the severity of storms, it has also increased the anxiety of our residents with swinging trees and tree branches. QCB13 receives a large number of calls with concern about damaged trees and overhanging tree branches. The contract for tree pruning needs to be increased before there is excessive property damage or personal injury.</i> | |
| 3/19 | SBS | Conduct a commercial district needs assessment | <i>Many of the QCB13 commercial strips are going to need assistance revitalizing as the affects of the pandemic begin to retreat. Funding for this programming is going to be crucial for many small businesses. Free distribution of PPE should be part of this program.</i> | |
| 4/19 | 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 145 Road |
| 5/19 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <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 (eastbound) |
| 6/19 | DPR | Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers | <i>Certain areas of the borough have a titled "Parks Administrator" with a seperate budget, partially funded by councilmatic monies. Having two large parks adjacent to each other (Brookville & Springfield Parks) should qualify Parks District 13 for this title and funding stream.</i> | |

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| 7/19 | DFTA | Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place | <i>Many seniors are afraid to leave their homes during the pandemic. Funding to senior centers and CBOs is needed to support outreach to these individuals so they are not socially isolated and to assure their safety and needs are being taken care of.</i> | |
| 8/19 | NYPD | Assign additional community affairs officers | <i>The NCOs in the 105 Precinct are being heavily utilized. We need more so the present NCOs, who have become familiar with their assigned communities, do not burn out.</i> | |
| 9/19 | 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> | |
| 10/19 | DFTA | Other expense budget request for DFTA | <i>Services Now For Adult Persons (SNAP) increase funding for programming.</i> | |
| 11/19 | DFTA | Enhance educational and recreational programs | <i>Increase funding for programming.</i> | |
| 12/19 | 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 Langdale Street |
| 13/19 | DPR | Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting | <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 Springfield Lane |
| 14/19 | 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> | |

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| 15/19 | 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> | |
| 16/19 | 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> | |
| 17/19 | 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 224 Street |
| 18/19 | 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> | |
| 19/19 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Messaging on wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands need to constantly be reinforced to keep our citizenry diligent during the pandemic.</i> | |