

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

**Fiscal Year
2026**

**Queens
Community District
13**

November 2024



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) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

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 FY24 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. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

Queens

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	2,230,722	100.00	2,405,464	100.00	174,742	7.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	461,901	20.7	455,995	19	-5,906	-1.3	-1.7
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	2,230,722	100.0	2,405,464	100.0	174,742	7.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	613,750	27.5	667,861	27.8	54,111	8.8	0.3
White non-Hispanic	616,727	27.6	549,358	22.8	-67,369	-10.9	-4.8
Black non-Hispanic	395,881	17.7	381,375	15.9	-14,506	-3.7	-1.8
Asian non-Hispanic	508,334	22.8	656,583	27.3	148,249	29.2	4.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	39,923	1.8	66,175	2.8	26,252	65.8	1.0
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	56,107	2.5	84,112	3.5	28,005	49.9	1.0
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	835,127	100.0	896,333	100.0	61,206	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	780,117	93.4	847,210	94.5	67,093	8.6	1.1
Vacant housing units	55,010	6.6	49,123	5.5	-5,887	-10.7	-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Queens Community District 13

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	188,593	100.00	199,218	100.00	10,625	5.6	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	40,595	21.5	35,861	18	-4,734	-11.7	-3.5
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	188,593	100.0	199,218	100.0	10,625	5.6	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	22,337	11.8	24,911	12.5	2,574	11.5	0.7
White non-Hispanic	24,619	13.1	18,192	9.1	-6,427	-26.1	-4.0
Black non-Hispanic	104,035	55.2	102,711	51.6	-1,324	-1.3	-3.6
Asian non-Hispanic	27,689	14.7	36,954	18.5	9,265	33.5	3.8
Some other race, non-Hispanic	4,229	2.2	7,057	3.5	2,828	66.9	1.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	5,684	3.0	9,393	4.7	3,709	65.3	1.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	63,216	100.0	66,259	100.0	3,043	4.8	0.0
Occupied housing units	59,662	94.4	63,211	95.4	3,549	5.9	1.0
Vacant housing units	3,554	5.6	3,048	4.6	-506	-14.2	-1.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Queens Community Board 13 is 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 three large clusters of garden coop apartments and a scattering of 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. The 116 Precinct is finally constructed and scheduled to open by January 2025. Communities on both sides of the district are pleased that additional law enforcement with increased personnel will soon become the norm, which will help alleviate the random criminal activity and quality of life issues always popping up. The other changes happening are major development occurring in two distinct locations on the edges of the district. On the southwest border, an Amazon distribution facility has been built and is now operating, with a new milk distribution plant beginning construction. Adding to that, four new terminals at JFK Airport are being redeveloped and expanded while presently under construction. These projects will certainly increase the already overburdened roadways with additional traffic. NYC DOT has done some studies, but as these facilities become fully operational, will it be able to assess the full impact on the surrounding communities. The overwhelming number of complaints received relate to speeding on residential streets. Requests for traffic mitigations including STOP signs, traffic signals and speed humps to make these side-streets safe for residents and pedestrians. The other major issue affecting the board is the Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center (HERRC) constructed off of Hillside Avenue on the Creedmoor Campus with accommodations for 1000+ men. Its presence has created major concerns for the public school and athletic fields across the street, the senior center immediately adjacent, and the YMCA a block away. These migrants - understandably - wander around the communities frightening residents necessitating an increased police presence. Other issues affecting the entire board are the proliferation of homeless shelters. Being located next to an airport, many smaller hotels existed to serve travelers. Yet, with state legislation requiring all NYC residents to have a right to shelter, and the lack of affordable housing, the city has taken advantage of using these smaller hotels to house the homeless. Service providers and hotel owners' contract for use with the surrounding community being notified shortly before these new residents move in. This community district seems to have more than its fair share of these shelters which often negatively affect quality of life in the immediate area. There are many dead trees and tree branch complaints, sidewalks uplifted because of tree roots, and residential yards and driveways being used as auto repair facilities. The many beautiful parks and playgrounds in the district need more staff and equipment for the tremendous maintenance demands. Illegal dumping occurs wherever there is open land - on a road that transverses our park wetlands, and all along the highway service roads. The paving over of front and backyards (losing permeable land area) is another issue as homeowners attempt to create additional parking for their vehicles. Enforcement by DOB is non-existent which creates conditions for additional water going into the sewer system in areas that have historically had flooding problems. "Smoke Shops" are proliferating throughout the district on our commercial strips, in many cases selling cannabis without a license. Yet, a slew of applications for legal cannabis dispensaries have been received by the board to review. As this process is rolled out; and with the uncertainty of the role the community boards will play in the siting of those given licenses, there is a tremendous amount of concern how these businesses will affect quality-of-life in these areas.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 13

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends

New York City has an affordable housing shortage that has garnered a tremendous amount of attention from our local elected officials. Many use this issue as a policy they will prioritize as they run for office. QCB13 is a semi-suburban, bedroom community whose residents move here for the "lack of density" and bucolic neighborhoods, away from those areas of the city so densely populated. A huge priority for this district is neighborhood preservation without being imposed upon with issues affecting other areas of the city. It is of the utmost importance for this district to keep the zoning policies that have been fought for and put in place over many years of planning and struggle.

Parks and open space

The district has enormous amount of parkland including three big parks (Brookville, Springfield and Idlewild 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 and traffic signals. These requests reflect the reality 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. More funding is needed for DOT so more studies can be conducted and mitigation measures implemented more quickly.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, moisture, mildew, mold, etc.)

The southwestern part of the district borders the runways at JFK Airport. As such, residents are exposed to huge jets landing right above their homes and the noise and possible remnants of fuel dumping occurring immediately on them - day and night. In addition, many of the jets are bringing cargo to freight businesses located in the same area which bring trucks - 53-foot tractor trailers constantly coming and going with their noise and air pollution, not to mention the struggle to keep these enormous vehicles from illegally parking on local streets.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Homeless

Any necessary services to improve the quality of life should be provided.

Needs for Older NYs

Expediting the capital funding for Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) new building on Union Turnpike. Presently, this organization is located on the Creedmoor Campus which is dilapidated and otherwise unoccupied. This agency serves many seniors in the district with outstanding services and urgently needs to get into this new facility. The funding stream has been mired in bureaucratic red tape with funding allocations from governmental agencies at all three levels. It is imperative that things get worked out to allow for this building, easily accessible by both car and bus, and in the central part of this eastern Queens community, before this not-for-profit organization has to leave its present deteriorating building with nowhere to go and its valuable services cut to so many seniors in need. The issues here have been compounded by the installation of a city-operated HERCC which houses 1000+ migrant men.

Needs for Homeless

The migrant crisis has superceded the homeless issues in NYC. Having a HERCC on the Creedmoor Campus adds an additional burden to our communities. It remains to be seen how long the city can continue to undertake this enormous Federal responsibility. Yet, support services from the city - especially with security - are required to keep a sense of safety and coordination for our communities. 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.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 10	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 13	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs
10 / 13	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Since students are still trying to make gains in their educational achievement, the focus continues to be in that area. In revising the way reading is taught students will need more assistance learning the new methods. It is our hope that educational policies take this into account and fund whatever enhanced teaching techniques will elicit better performance in learning the skill of reading for the schools in our district. We also continue to be concerned about student's mental health and request an expansion of mental health services in schools in our district.

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. We request sufficient funding for the in-person learning with the requisite measures needed to keep students, teachers, administration and staff safe.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 13	DOE	Other educational programs requests

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

In alignment with another priority in the district - the unending requests for traffic mitigations - more enforcement against speeding. Understanding that we are presently in a random violent crime epidemic, the priority of the NYPD is for addressing these heinous crimes seemingly occurring every day and being highly publicized. But there is another, less lethal and less publicized need for public safety in this district with cars speeding wherever they can without consequence. The addition of more authorized speed cameras (by the State) is a good start. Periodic traffic enforcement blitzes at strategic locations will go a long way in having the residents our communities feel safer.

Local laws and recent court decisions have hamstrung the police's ability to respond and mitigate quality of life issues that seem endlessly to occur when people are not comfortable speaking to their neighbors.

Auto and truck repair businesses are also taking advantage of public spaces to store vehicles. The police can only issue a summons so many times - a location is needed to tow vehicles where the cost can effectively be a deterrent to this unlawful practice of storage.

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 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, and a special focus from Patrol Borough Queens South, but the amount of 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. Finally, given the requirement to have two officers on-site near the migrant HERRC, additional police officers assigned to the 105 Precinct.

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 is quite popular and provides an added 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 13	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)

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. 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, specifically, the area of Brookville Boulevard known as "Snake Road" (between 149 Avenue & Rockaway Boulevard). 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 Sanitation Services

Funding must be allocated for the maintenance of the many center medians in the district. The quickly become unsightly during the warm weather months.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
7 / 13	DSNY	Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations

Queens Community Board 13

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

Neighborhood preservation

Neighborhood preservation in terms of keeping in place the zoning that maintains these communities as primarily one-family houses with low density. Understanding NYC has an affordable housing shortage, the residents in QCB13 have left these densely populated areas specifically to live in neighborhoods with yards, trees, homeowners and peace and quiet. It is the reason our communities look and sound the way they do. This impetus for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), basement apartments, and other rezoning proposal ideas for creating more housing is totally anathema to our residents. What might work in one community does not necessarily work in another. The city should not have a "one size fits all" policy when it comes to the affordable housing problem.

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

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 are not nearly as vibrant with many stores - both mom & pop and chain - boarding up. The only new businesses seem to be a proliferation of smoke shops and many applications to open up Cannabis Dispensaries. Some restaurants are hanging on - but things remain tough. Small businesses are going to need assistance learning how to compete with online shopping through making their stores more attractive, diversification and partnering with other businesses on their strip to capture more foot traffic.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 13	DOB	Expand code enforcement

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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. In addition, with the UBS Arena and its many events, the newly opened shopping mall across the street in the east, and an Amazon Distribution facility in the southwest, the district will need to have monitored the increased vehicular traffic and how it affects the neighboring communities.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

A bus shelter at the southbound intersection of Farmers and Guy R. Brewer Boulevards. This heavily used bus stop is important for many bus riders going south into the Rockaways.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 10	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests
3 / 10	DOT	Reconstruct streets
5 / 10	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
6 / 10	DOT	Reconstruct streets
7 / 10	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests
8 / 10	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
9 / 10	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
10 / 10	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 13	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT
11 / 13	NYCTA	Other transit service requests
12 / 13	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests

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.

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

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, soccer and cricket. In addition, the district has a large number of trees the city is responsible to maintain. Every week there are numerous request for either tree pruning or repairs for sidewalks uplifted by tree roots. More funding is needed to address these safety issues.

Needs for Community Boards

Community Boards have moved forward 10 years technologically in having to meet virtually and utilizing new equipment and software to do things differently. There will be occasions when we meet in-person when community boards may need to hire outside contractors. Additional funding for these new needs is necessary going forward to keep up with the increasing technological demands.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 10	DPR	New equipment for maintenance
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 13	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR
4 / 13	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
8 / 13	DPR	Provide better park maintenance
13 / 13	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 10 **Renovate or upgrade a senior center**

DFTA

Renovate or upgrade a senior center

Completion of funding for the renovation of the new building of Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) on Union Turnpike.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.

2 of 10 **Other transit infrastructure requests**

NYCTA

Other transit infrastructure requests

Location: Guy R. Brewer Boulevard - New York Farmers Boulevard & New York Farmers Boulevard
A bus shelter at the 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.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

3 of 10 **Reconstruct streets**

DOT

Reconstruct streets

Location: Brookville Boulevard - 147 Avenue & 149 Avenue
Reconstruct & repave this heavily used portion of Brookville Boulevard

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate.
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pr2023/federal-funding-brookville-blvd-flood-mitigation-study.shtml>
The City of New York was awarded \$3.1 million in federal grant money, via FEMA and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and alternative analysis to address and mitigate flooding along Brookville Boulevard between 149th Avenue and Rockaway Boulevard, along the Queens/Nassau border.

4 of 10 **New equipment for maintenance**

DPR

New equipment for maintenance

Queens District 13 needs one or more of the following: 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.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There's currently no capital funding available for this request.

5 of 10 Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)**DOT**

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: Grand Central Parkway Service Road - Little Neck Parkway & Little Neck Parkway
Repave bumpy roadway.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log any requests in the webform here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources as resurfacing is not a capital request item.*

6 of 10 Reconstruct streets**DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: 121 Avenue - 227 Street & Laurelton Parkway
Repair and reconstruct roadway

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log any requests in the webform here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.*

7 of 10 Other transportation infrastructure requests**DOT**

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Union Turnpike - Cross Island Parkway & Lakeville Road
Upgrade Center Median curbs

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log any requests in the webform here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.*

8 of 10 Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)**DOT**

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: 134 Road - 217 Street & 217 Street
Repave Roadway.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log any requests in the webform here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources as resurfacing is not a capital request item.*

9 of 10 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps**DOT**

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Location: 260 Street - 74 Avenue & 74 Avenue
The center median curb where people park is crumbling and presents a trip hazard that is dangerous for those getting into and out of their cars.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will try to accommodate this request with existing resources as they become available.

10 of 10	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	DOT
Location: Francis Lewis Boulevard - 130 Avenue & 130 Avenue The center median needs curbing to protect the garden and irrigation system local residents have worked very hard to keep clean and beautify.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will try to accommodate this request with existing resources as they become available.</i>

CS	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
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>Agency Response: This request has already been completed. There is capital funding allocated for this project.</i>

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 13	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.) Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	NYPD
The city has constructed a HERCC facility on the Creedmoor Campus housing 1000 male migrants which requires a 24-hour police presence. Additional officers need to be assigned to the 105 Precinct to account for this increased responsibility to assure adequate personnel for public safety.		<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

2 of 13	Other expense budget request for DOT Other expense budget request for DOT	DOT
Additional funding to have another DOT crew that can install speed humps - the most requested traffic mitigation by constituents		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will try to accommodate this request with existing resources as they become available.</i>

3 of 13	Other expense budget request for DPR Other expense budget request for DPR	DPR
Additional contractors engaged to go along with the funding for the "Tree & Sidewalk Program" which repairs uplifted sidewalks resultant to tree roots.		<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We agree that additional funding would increase the capacity of this program, but additional funding cannot be determined at this time.</i>

4 of 13 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

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.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Funding for our block pruning program was restored following the pandemic, and our 7-year cycle matches industry standards. If, in between block prunes, an individual trees needs attention for public safety reasons, we encourage anyone to submit a service request by locating the tree on the NYC Tree Map (and clicking on the "report a problem" tab), calling 311, or using our online tree service request system. Our inspectors will visit the tree and determine the appropriate action in accordance with our Tree Risk Management program.

5 of 13 Expand code enforcement**DOB**

Expand code enforcement

More inspectors are needed to enforce building code violations; illegal construction; paved over yards, illegal conversions; work without permits; and unenclosed construction sites.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The agency will use the current funding available to accommodate the request. In addition, if additional funding is needed it will be discussed with OMB.

6 of 13 Other educational programs requests**DOE**

Other educational programs requests

Elementary schools in Districts 26 & 29 are under-performing. After-school enrichment programming, along with mental health services, are needed so these students can perform at least at their grade level and be prepared to compete when they reach high school.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

7 of 13 Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations**DSNY**

Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations

Community Board 13 is surrounded by highways. The grassy areas adjacent, and exit/entrance ramps collect garbage as vehicles constantly throw garbage out of their vehicles. The garbage builds up; we are requesting a big cleanup and maintenance going forward.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

8 of 13 Provide better park maintenance**DPR**

Provide better park maintenance

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. Additionally, the heavily used parks need more presence from the "PEP" officers.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding cannot be determined at this time.

9 of 13 Enhance educational and recreational programs**DFTA**

Enhance educational and recreational programs

Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Center - increase funding for this heavily used center.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.

10 of 13 Enhance educational and recreational programs**DFTA**

Enhance educational and recreational programs

Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) needs increased funding for programming.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.

11 of 13 Other transit service requests**NYCTA**

Other transit service requests

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.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

12 of 13 Other traffic improvement requests**DOT**

Other traffic improvement requests

Location: 220 Street - Jamaica Avenue (eastbound) & Jamaica Avenue (eastbound)

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, PS/IS 295 is one quarter block away with parents and school children crossing this intersection every school day. 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.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will continue to address issues using existing resources.

13 of 13 Other park maintenance and safety requests**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

The waterways in Brookville Park need dredged and the overgrown phragmites need to be removed. This invasive species limits visibility and gives visitors concerns about their safety because they cannot be seen.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Phragmites were cut in September 2024. Please contact DEC for dredging requests.