

A map of Staten Island, New York, showing its various community districts. The map is rendered in shades of gray, with the district boundaries clearly outlined. One district, located on the western tip of the island, is highlighted in a solid yellow color. This highlighted district is Community District 2. The map also shows the surrounding water bodies and some major roads.

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
2027

**Staten Island
Community District
2**

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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) 2027. 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, 2025.

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

Staten Island

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	468,730	100.00	495,747	100.00	27,017	5.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	109,201	23.3	106,354	21.5	-2,847	-2.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	468,730	100.0	495,747	100.0	27,017	5.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	81,051	17.3	96,960	19.6	15,909	19.6	2.3
White non-Hispanic	300,169	64.0	277,981	56.1	-22,188	-7.4	-7.9
Black non-Hispanic	44,313	9.5	46,835	9.4	2,522	5.7	-0.1
Asian non-Hispanic	34,697	7.4	58,753	11.9	24,056	69.3	4.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,860	0.4	3,900	0.8	2,040	109.7	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	6,640	1.4	11,318	2.3	4,678	70.5	0.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	176,656	100.0	183,692	100.0	7,036	4.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	165,516	93.7	173,202	94.3	7,686	4.6	0.6
Vacant housing units	11,140	6.3	10,490	5.7	-650	-5.8	-0.6

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

Staten Island Community District 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	132,003	100.00	140,795	100.00	8,792	6.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	27,850	21.1	28,715	20.4	865	3.1	-0.7
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	132,003	100.0	140,795	100.0	8,792	6.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	17,428	13.2	20,181	14.3	2,753	15.8	1.1
White non-Hispanic	93,318	70.7	85,970	61.1	-7,348	-7.9	-9.6
Black non-Hispanic	3,951	3.0	4,901	3.5	950	24.0	0.5
Asian non-Hispanic	14,961	11.3	25,887	18.4	10,926	73.0	7.1
Some other race, non-Hispanic	518	0.4	1,052	0.7	534	103.1	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,827	1.4	2,804	2.0	977	53.5	0.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	50,319	100.0	51,599	100.0	1,280	2.5	0.0
Occupied housing units	47,387	94.2	48,690	94.4	1,303	2.7	0.2
Vacant housing units	2,932	5.8	2,909	5.6	-23	-0.8	-0.2

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

Community District Overview

Community Board 2 (CB2) covers approximately 24 square miles in the heart of Staten Island, encompassing a diverse mix of mid-island neighborhoods, including portions of Arrochar, Bloomfield, Bulls Head, Chelsea, Dongan Hills, Egbertville, Emerson Hill, Grant City, Grasmere, High Rock, Lighthouse Hill, Midland Beach, New Dorp, New Springville, Oakwood, Ocean Breeze, Old Town, Richmondtown, South Beach, Todt Hill, Travis, and Willowbrook. Historically, CB2 includes some of Staten Island's oldest neighborhoods, most notably Richmondtown, home to the Staten Island Historical Society and Historic Richmond Town, which preserves colonial-era buildings and the borough's cultural heritage. The district blends this historic character with modern suburban development, creating a unique mix of residential tranquility, commercial activity, and civic vibrancy.

Geographically, CB2 stretches from the Staten Island Expressway and the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge south to New York Harbor, including Hoffman and Swinburne Islands and extends east and west along key corridors such as Ebbitts Street, Jason Avenue, Tysens Lane, Amboy Road, and Richmond Road. Housing stock includes one- and two-family homes, townhouses, and apartment complexes, complemented by significant green spaces and scenic waterfront areas that enhance residents' quality of life.

Staten Island Community Board 2 also offers some of the borough's most attractive recreational amenities. The district's beach and the Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) Boardwalk provide a serene coastal escape ideal for walking, jogging, biking, family outings, and community gatherings. Willowbrook Park with its scenic pond and iconic carousel, is a popular destination for families, while Brady's Pond in Grasmere offers a quiet setting for walking, birdwatching, and enjoying nature. Additional parks and forested areas, particularly around Todt Hill, include walking trails, open fields, and natural landscapes that highlight the district's environmental richness.

CB2 balances its suburban character with a vibrant commercial and industrial landscape supported by multiple Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and merchants' associations.

- The West Shore Industrial BID, located in Bloomfield and Chelsea, spans 230 acres and contains a range of industrial and commercial businesses, providing security, maintenance, and infrastructure improvements while addressing challenges such as outdated streets and flooding.
- The New Dorp BID focuses on a mile-long commercial corridor along New Dorp Lane and New Dorp Plaza, supporting approximately 180 businesses through marketing, beautification, and community events.
- The Richmond Road Merchants Association serves the Dongan Hills and Grant City corridor, supporting more than 75 businesses with sanitation, security, and beautification services.
- The Richmond Avenue Merchants Association operates along Richmond Avenue between Travis Avenue and Forest Hill Road, supporting a bustling commercial corridor that includes the Staten Island Mall, multiple shopping plazas, and several big-box retailers, including the borough's only Costco.

Together, these organizations promote business growth, enhance community safety, support beautification efforts, and help make CB2 a dynamic hub for commerce, recreation, and neighborhood life.

At its core, Community Board 2 is more than a geographic area, it is a community of engaged residents, businesses, and institutions dedicated to maintaining and improving the neighborhoods they call home. Through volunteer efforts and active civic participation, the district continues to

evolve while preserving its unique character, ensuring a bright future for all who live and work in the area.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Staten Island Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Schools

School Safety

School safety remains a top priority for Community Board 2. Schools must be sanctuaries where students feel secure, free from abuse, violence, and the threats posed by natural and man-made disasters. Ensuring both the physical and mental well-being of students begins the moment they are dropped off at a school's front entrance. Population growth and the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are expected to increase student enrollment across the borough, making robust school safety measures more critical than ever.

Recent City pilot programs connecting select schools directly with 911 dispatchers have shown the potential to significantly reduce emergency response times and improve coordination during critical incidents. Community Board 2 strongly supports expanding this program to all public schools in District 31.

In addition, schools should implement concrete measures to strengthen building security and protect students:

- Locked school doors to control access.
- NYPD officers stationed at front entrances, in addition to School Safety Agents, to provide immediate law enforcement presence.
- Additional School Safety Agents during arrival and dismissal when student traffic is highest.
- Metal detectors, front-door security cameras, and buzzer systems on exit doors to monitor and control access.
- Enhanced mental health staffing to support students' social-emotional needs.

These combined measures will harden building security, support student well-being, and ensure that schools remain safe, nurturing environments for learning and development.

Crime and Public Safety

Crime and Public Safety

Public safety remains a top priority for Staten Island's District 2, as rising incidents of crime, traffic violations, and quality-of-life offenses continue to impact residents, businesses, and community well-being. Addressing these challenges requires a coordinated approach involving law enforcement, emergency services, community organizations, and schools.

We strongly advocate for increased funding and resources to support local law enforcement, including expanded foot patrols in high-traffic areas, enhanced surveillance systems, improved street lighting, and the deployment of modern public safety technology. Strengthening collaboration with community groups and educational institutions will provide preventative programs that engage youth, promote safe neighborhoods, and reduce opportunities for crime.

Additionally, public safety efforts must consider emerging demands on emergency services, including rapid response to domestic violence, traffic incidents, and medical emergencies. Strategic investments in personnel, training, and infrastructure will ensure that law enforcement and first responders can meet current needs and future growth while maintaining safe streets, transit corridors, and public spaces across Staten Island.

Emergency and disaster response

Emergency and Disaster Response

Staten Islanders must be prepared to respond swiftly and effectively to a wide range of emergencies, including severe weather events, flooding, fires, medical crises, and other natural or man-made disasters. Strengthening disaster response requires investments in training, equipment, and infrastructure for first responders, as well as robust communication systems to ensure timely alerts and coordination across agencies.

Given Staten Island's unique geography, the safety and accessibility of our bridges are critical components of emergency planning. Ensuring that bridge infrastructure is resilient and that evacuation routes remain clear during emergencies is essential for protecting residents and enabling rapid response.

We advocate for enhanced support for emergency management programs that prioritize both immediate response and long-term resilience. This includes community education initiatives on preparedness, emergency drills, and the development of accessible evacuation plans, particularly for vulnerable populations such as seniors, residents with disabilities, and low-income households.

By building a coordinated, well-resourced emergency response framework, including strengthened bridge safety and evacuation planning, we can reduce loss of life, minimize property damage, and ensure rapid recovery, protecting residents and preserving the community's quality of life even in the face of unexpected disasters.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Staten Island Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)

Senior Population and Services

By 2040, New York's population aged 60 and older is projected to reach 1.86 million, as Baby Boomers join the ranks of the oldest population groups. Staten Island is expected to have the largest senior population in New York City, with one in five New Yorkers projected to be over 65 by 2030. As our population ages, it is essential to ensure that seniors have access to the resources and services needed to live safely, independently, and with dignity.

Accessible, community-based programs are critical to supporting aging in place. These include protection against elder abuse, healthcare, housing, senior centers, in-home support, transportation assistance, and emergency services such as cooling and heating centers. Meeting the needs of older adults will require careful planning, strategic placement of services, and increased funding to ensure seniors' physical, psychological, and social well-being.

Local organizations play a vital role in supporting older adults. Programs such as the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Staten Island, the Community Agency for Senior Citizens (CASC), and Meals on Wheels provide essential services including home-delivered meals, case management, wellness programming, and remote engagement opportunities. These initiatives help combat social isolation, food insecurity, and limited mobility, promoting independence and quality of life for seniors.

Continued investment in affordable and accessible senior housing, healthcare, transportation, and community-based programs is essential to meet the evolving needs of Staten Island's aging population. Supporting seniors is not only a responsibility but a priority for ensuring a safe, healthy, and engaged community.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Health Care Facilities Needs

Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, located at 460 Brielle Avenue, is the only city-operated hospital on Staten Island. Currently, it does not provide acute healthcare services for residents, leaving our community reliant on three private healthcare institutions that are overburdened, particularly by patients without healthcare insurance. This strain results in longer wait times, limited access to care, and added pressure on our local healthcare system.

Restoring the vacant buildings at Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home would allow the facility to expand critical healthcare services, including acute and rehabilitative care, directly addressing these gaps. Full funding for this restoration is essential to enhance healthcare access, reduce the burden on private hospitals, and ensure that all Staten Islanders, insured or uninsured can receive timely, high-quality care.

Needs for Older NYs

Needs for Older New Yorkers

City agencies ought to consider conducting a comprehensive inventory of large, city-owned parcels to identify sites suitable for the development of 55+ housing, modeled after successful age-restricted communities in New Jersey. These developments offer seniors opportunities to connect with peers while enjoying a safe and peaceful living environment. Expanding such housing options would allow older adults to remain in the communities they know, continue thriving during their retirement years, and age in place with dignity.

Needs for Homeless

Needs for Homeless

No Comment.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Needs for Low Income New Yorkers

No Comment

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

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.

Staten Island Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Other - Write In (Required)

School Safety

The safety of students, educators, and staff in Staten Island's public schools remains a top community priority. Recent City pilot programs connecting select schools directly with 911 dispatchers have demonstrated the potential to significantly reduce emergency response times and improve coordination during critical incidents. Community Board 2 strongly supports expanding this pilot program to all public schools within District 31, ensuring that every student and staff member benefits from the same level of protection, regardless of school size or location.

In addition to direct 911 connectivity, safety can be enhanced through concrete measures including: locked school doors to control entry, an NYPD officer stationed at the front desk to provide immediate law enforcement presence, and additional School Safety Agents during arrival and dismissal times, when student traffic is highest.

Funding and technical resources are needed to install and maintain these systems, and coordination among the NYPD, FDNY, DOE, and the Office of Technology and Innovation is essential to ensure reliable integration. Expanding these programs represents a proactive investment in the safety and well-being of Staten Island's students, educators, and school communities

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Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Needs for Youth Education

Ensuring high-quality education for Staten Island's youth is a critical community need. Schools must provide not only strong academic instruction but also access to programs that support social-emotional development, career readiness, and STEM learning. Population growth and the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are expected to increase student enrollment across the borough, placing additional demands on classroom space, teaching staff, and educational resources.

Community Board 2 emphasizes the importance of equitable access to advanced coursework, vocational training, arts programs, and technology enhanced learning for all students. Investment is needed in modernizing school facilities, expanding classroom capacity, and providing up-to-date educational technology to prepare students for post-secondary education and the workforce. Targeted programs to reduce achievement gaps and support students with diverse learning needs are also essential for fostering academic success and long-term community development.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Supporting the health, well-being, and development of Staten Island's children and youth is a critical community need. Access to comprehensive social services, including mental health counseling, substance use prevention and early-intervention programs (for both alcohol and other

drugs), nutrition initiatives, after-school activities, and family support services—is essential for fostering safe and nurturing environments.

Population growth, the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and increasing residential density place additional demands on child welfare services, particularly in neighborhoods not originally designed for higher occupancy.

Community Board 2 emphasizes the urgent need for expanded funding and resources for child welfare programs, including early intervention, foster care support, youth mentoring initiatives, and specifically substance use education, prevention, treatment referral, and recovery support for adolescents and young families. On Staten Island, for example, nearly 14.2% of youth report having their first alcoholic drink before age 13 and over 11% of high-school-aged youth report binge-drinking monthly. In addition, the borough has experienced one of the highest overdose-death rates in New York City (38 per 100,000 in 2022) which underscores the broad impact of substance misuse on families and child welfare.

Strengthening collaboration between social services, schools, healthcare providers, substance use prevention/treatment organizations, and community-based youth/family programs is essential to ensure that children and families receive timely, coordinated support. Investments in these integrated services help prevent neglect, abuse, and substance misuse; promote healthy development; and provide equitable opportunities for all Staten Island youth to thrive in safe, stable, and supportive environments.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Staten Island Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)

Staten Island requires a coordinated and multi-faceted approach to public and emergency services to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of its residents. Population growth and the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are increasing demand on police, fire, and EMS services, particularly in neighborhoods not originally designed for higher occupancy. Ongoing commercial development, geographic constraints, and limited transit access place additional pressure on emergency infrastructure, necessitating specialized resources to address crime prevention, domestic violence, traffic safety, fire protection, and medical emergencies.

Schools and youth facilities require enhanced emergency preparedness, including updated fire, medical, and lockdown procedures, staff training, and coordination with local first responders. Vulnerable populations, such as seniors, homebound residents, and those in healthcare facilities need accessible emergency services and evacuation planning. Aging infrastructure and limited personnel can slow response times, directly affecting community safety. Additionally, the growing presence of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and other critical infrastructure underscores the need for updated protocols, specialized first responder training, and community awareness to ensure safety and resilience.

Strengthening emergency preparedness across these areas is vital to protect residents, businesses, schools, hospitals, and transportation corridors, and to ensure that Staten Island's emergency services can meet both current and future needs.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Needs for Public Safety

Staten Island requires a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to strengthening public safety across all neighborhoods. Continued investment is needed to upgrade emergency response infrastructure, expand personnel, enhance crime prevention programs, and deploy advanced technology to improve coordination and response times. Addressing specific public safety concerns such as domestic violence, drug-related offenses, and traffic violations requires specialized resources and targeted interventions. In addition, maintaining safe transit corridors, commercial districts, and housing areas remains essential to protecting residents and ensuring a strong quality of life. By prioritizing these efforts, perhaps we can ensure that public safety resources are adequately equipped to meet both current and future challenges.

Needs for Emergency Services

Needs for Emergency Services

To meet the growing public safety demands of Staten Island, additional personnel and resources are essential across fire, EMS, and law enforcement. Increasing staffing levels will improve response times, ensure comprehensive coverage, and enhance community safety.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 1	Install Metal Detectors

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 3	Hire additional uniformed officers
NYPD	2 / 3	Hire additional school safety agents

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Staten Island Community Board 2

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Upgrade and Modernize Aging Water Infrastructure

Recent water main breaks in our district have highlighted the vulnerability of aging water infrastructure. To prevent service disruptions, property damage, and public safety hazards, we request increased funding and technical support for proactive inspection, replacement, and monitoring of water mains.

Investments in modern monitoring technology, predictive maintenance, and targeted pipe replacement are critical to ensuring a reliable and safe water supply for the residents and businesses of CB2..

Installation of Noise Monitoring Cameras

In 2023, the New York City Council approved the "Stop Spreading the Noise" law, which required that each borough receive at least five noise-monitoring cameras by Sept. 30 of this year. These cameras are intended to issue tickets to vehicles that exceed the city's noise limit of 85 decibels.

Noise remains a serious quality-of-life concern across all boroughs, including Staten Island. With the Island's strong car culture, vehicle noise—whether from factory engines or from legally or illegally modified ones—ranks high among local nuisances.

Noise cameras seemed like a potentially effective tool. They wouldn't solve the issue completely, but they could at least serve as a deterrent.

But when the rollout wrapped up last Tuesday, Staten Island was left without a single camera. Not one. It's the only borough that didn't receive any. Couldn't one or two have been reassigned from elsewhere so the Island wasn't entirely excluded?

In total, 12 cameras were installed in the other four boroughs, despite the law calling for 25 citywide.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The following locations have been identified as experiencing continuous water leakage from the street. This leakage contributes to road damage and pothole formation, and in winter creates hazardous freezing conditions that necessitate excessive salting. The frequent application of salt not only affects road safety but also accelerates the degradation of nearby Bluebelt wetlands and the saltwater marshes into which they drain (DOT, DEP, Parks).

Rockland Ave. at 500 Rockland Ave.

Rockland Ave at Florida Terrace and Burton Court.

Rockland Ave. at Eleanor St. and Tonking Rd.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Needs for Sanitation Services

Community Board 2 is deeply committed to addressing residents' concerns about sanitation and environmental conditions. The cleanliness of our neighborhoods, streets, and industrial corridors is a top priority for the community, as it directly impacts quality of life, public health, and economic vitality. Littered or poorly maintained streets and roads not only detract from neighborhood appearance but also discourage investment and create the perception that an area is neglected or unsafe.

When sanitation and maintenance issues are not adequately addressed, broader community improvement and economic development efforts are undermined. Community Board 2 strongly supports frequent sanitation inspections, consistent litter basket service, and ongoing efforts to maintain clean, well-swept streets and roads throughout the district, including both residential areas and key industrial corridors such as Gulf Avenue, Chelsea Road, and Edward Curry Avenue.

The Board urges the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to allocate sufficient resources for regular cleaning, litter basket collection, and illegal dumping enforcement, particularly in commercial and industrial zones where truck traffic and debris accumulation are persistent challenges. Maintaining a clean, well-managed environment is essential to fostering a thriving, vibrant, and welcoming community for all residents, workers, and businesses within Staten Island Community District 2.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	CS	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year
DEP	CS	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Staten Island Community Board 2

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

Commercial district revitalization

Commercial District Revitalization

Economic growth in District 2 relies on strong infrastructure, transportation access, and support for small businesses and industrial enterprises. Community Board 2 encompasses key commercial corridors as well as West Shore manufacturing and light industrial zones that provide essential jobs and services. Investments in roads, sidewalks, transit, and utilities, combined with programs for business support and workforce development, will strengthen the local economy and promote thriving, well-connected communities.

Targeted upgrades in the West Shore manufacturing district and Mid-Island service corridors, such as improved drainage, waste management, and modernized utilities are critical to maintaining competitiveness. Programs assisting small businesses and industrial operators with façade improvements, workforce training, and compliance support will further enhance economic stability and create local jobs.

Community Board 2 advocates for policies that foster equitable growth, resilient infrastructure, and long-term vitality, ensuring that residents and businesses can thrive in a safe, modern, and well-connected environment.

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

Needs for Land Use

Needs for Land Use

The Mid-Island section of Staten Island continues to experience increasing development pressure, highlighting the need for a coordinated and forward-looking approach to land use planning. This area serves as a critical transition zone between established residential neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and environmentally sensitive resources such as wetlands and flood-prone areas. Without strategic planning, incremental development risks intensifying traffic congestion, placing additional strain on aging infrastructure, and contributing to the loss of open space that is essential for stormwater management and community quality of life. A comprehensive land-use strategy is needed to balance growth with environmental protection, ensure efficient transportation and public services, and guide future development in a way that supports both economic vitality and community resilience.

Needs for Housing

Needs for Housing

No Comment

Needs for Economic Development

Needs for Economic Development

The Mid-Island section of Staten Island faces a growing need for targeted economic development to better serve its residents and strengthen the borough's overall economic base. While the area contains several established commercial corridors, many remain underutilized or lack the diversity of businesses needed to meet local demand and provide quality jobs. Small businesses continue to face challenges related to high operating costs, limited storefront availability, and insufficient foot

traffic, while outdated commercial spaces often require modernization to attract new investment. Strategic economic development initiatives, such as supporting small business retention and expansion, encouraging mixed-use redevelopment, improving transportation access, and revitalizing key commercial nodes—would help stimulate local job creation, enhance neighborhood services, and increase economic resilience. By focusing on sustainable growth and community-oriented investment, Mid-Island can strengthen its role as a vibrant economic center for Staten Island.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

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.

Staten Island Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Roadway and traffic design

Roadway and Traffic Design

Staten Island's roadway infrastructure requires urgent investment to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable movement of vehicles throughout the borough. Chronic potholes, deteriorating pavement, and deferred maintenance continue to impede traffic flow, damage vehicles, and compromise safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

With increasing residential development, including New York City's plan for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), traffic volumes are expected to rise significantly. To accommodate this growth, it is critical to maintain existing travel lanes and, where feasible, widen streets rather than reduce capacity. Roadway improvements must prioritize keeping traffic moving efficiently while addressing safety and accessibility.

Increased capital and expense funding is urgently needed for proactive pothole repair, targeted paving, and comprehensive roadway maintenance. Streets should be prioritized based on pavement condition, traffic volume, and community impact. Strategic investments made now will reduce long-term repair costs, improve emergency response times, and support local economic activity.

The City should develop an innovative, data-driven pavement management plan that incorporates advanced engineering data collection, pavement performance analysis, cost-benefit evaluations, and long-term system optimization under various funding scenarios. This plan should aim to reduce the current 15–20 year paving cycle and enable more frequent, effective maintenance.

Poorly designed or deteriorating pavements with inadequate drainage exacerbate local flooding, damaging infrastructure and private property. Addressing these issues requires both improved drainage systems and revised pavement treatment strategies.

A modernized approach that integrates drainage improvements, advanced pavement engineering, and smart prioritization will extend road lifespans, enhance safety, reduce flooding impacts, and lower long-term costs ensuring Staten Island's transportation network can meet current and future demands.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The West Shore of Staten Island is rapidly emerging as the borough's primary business and employment hub, making the development of a West Shore Light Rail system a critical infrastructure priority. The area is home to major economic drivers, including Amazon's 855,000-square-foot fulfillment center, which employs over 4,000 full-time workers (and up to 7,000 during peak seasons), as well as a newly constructed 330,000-square-foot office building on the Staten Island Teleport campus. While these projects have significantly boosted economic growth, they have also increased vehicle and truck traffic along the West Shore Expressway, intensifying the congestion and roadway wear.

A West Shore Light Rail line would provide a reliable, sustainable, and efficient travel option for residents of Staten Island's South Shore and Mid-Island communities. The proposal envisions extending New Jersey Transit's Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR) across the Bayonne Bridge into Staten Island's western corridor, with an eventual connection to the Staten Island Railway (SIRTOA) at the Richmond Valley station.

The following may be key benefits of the West Shore Light Rail system:

- **Reduced Roadway Congestion:** Diverting trips from overburdened highways to transit will ease traffic, improve air quality, and reduce vehicle emissions.
- **Improved Commute Times:** Provides a faster and more predictable alternative to existing roadway travel.
- **Enhanced Reliability:** Offers a dependable transit option resilient to traffic and weather delays.
- **Economic Development:** Encourages commercial investment and increases property values near light rail stations.

According to the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation (SIEDC), the West Shore is projected to gain 65,000 new residents by 2030. To support this growth, the City should work in coordination with MTA, NJ Transit, and the Port Authority to advance the West Shore Light Rail project through planning, design, and funding phases.

Investment in this project represents a transformative, long-term solution to Staten Island's growing transportation challenges promoting sustainable development, improving mobility, and supporting economic expansion across the borough.

Needs for Transit Services

Needs for Transit Services

A major transit issue for Staten Island residents is the complete lack of direct connectivity to regional airports, particularly Newark Liberty International Airport. Unlike Queens where four bus routes provide access to LaGuardia Airport, Staten Island has no comparable public transit options linking residents to any of the region's major airports.

An overwhelming majority of Staten Island travelers use Newark Airport. However, residents relying on public transportation must travel via either Penn Station or the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan before transferring to New Jersey Transit services. This indirect route typically results in a commute exceeding two hours, creating a significant inconvenience and limiting equitable airport access for borough residents.

Establishing direct or streamlined transit connections between Staten Island and Newark Airport should be a high priority. Options could include express bus service, integrated ferry-to-bus connections, or partnerships with regional transportation agencies such as NJ Transit and the Port Authority. Improved airport connectivity would enhance regional mobility, reduce travel times, and support Staten Island's economic and tourism-related activity.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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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.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Staten Island Community Board 2

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

Street tree and forestry services (including street tree maintenance)

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Maintaining Staten Island's trees and surrounding infrastructure is essential for safe, accessible streets and sidewalks. The NYC Parks Trees and Sidewalks program helps homeowners repair sidewalk damage caused by tree roots, but limited funding addresses only the most severe cases, primarily for tax-class one properties. Many residents, particularly those who cannot afford repairs, face trip hazards, damaged driveways, and other safety risks, highlighting an urgent equity issue.

Proactive tree maintenance, including additional pruning, routine road and sidewalk cleanups, and the long-overdue stump removal program is critical. When dead trees are removed, stumps are often left behind, creating unsafe and unhealthy conditions; children frequently climb or jump on them, increasing the risk of injury.

Investing in these preventative measures reduces long-term repair costs, protects public infrastructure, and promotes healthier, longer-living trees. Expanded funding would ensure all residents can safely navigate their neighborhoods while preserving Staten Island's streets, sidewalks, and public spaces for residents, visitors, and local businesses alike.

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

Needs for Parks

Needs for Parks

In today's world, parks must be safe havens for families, children, and all residents. Staten Island's parks require targeted investments in public safety, including improved lighting throughout parks and pathways, increased presence of park police or security personnel, and enhanced surveillance systems in high-traffic or vulnerable areas. Additional measures such as emergency call stations, regular patrols, and community safety programs can further deter crime, prevent accidents, and provide reassurance for visitors. Ensuring well-maintained infrastructure, sidewalks, playgrounds, and recreational areas is also critical to reducing hazards and promoting safe use. Prioritizing these safety improvements will help Staten Island's parks remain welcoming, secure, and enjoyable spaces for the entire community.

Needs for Cultural Services

Needs for Cultural Services

Staten Island's cultural institutions are vital community assets. They provide essential access to arts, history, and community programming, enriching the lives of residents across all five boroughs. These cultural centers serve as anchors of local identity and education while also contributing significantly to New York City's broader cultural and economic vitality.

We urge that these institutions receive fair and equitable funding to ensure their continued service to the community.

Needs for Library Services

Staten Island's residents rely on public libraries as essential community resources for education, technology access, and lifelong learning. To better serve the community, libraries should be open seven days a week, ensuring all residents, including students, working families, and seniors have

consistent access to books, digital resources, and programming. Additional funding is needed to support extended hours, staff, technology upgrades, and expanded community programs, so Staten Island libraries can remain vibrant, inclusive, and accessible centers for learning and engagement.

Needs for Community Boards

Needs for Community Boards

To fulfill their charter-mandated responsibilities, Community Boards need equitable and reliable funding for staff, technology, office infrastructure, and community engagement tools that allow them to effectively represent and serve their districts.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	2 / 3	Blue Lights on Emergency Call Boxes
DPR	3 / 3	Reconstruction of Staten Island FDR Boardwalk
DPR	CS	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 1	Other expense budget request for DPR

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Combating the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis in Staten Island: Education, Prevention, and Expanded Services Staten Island is facing a critical fentanyl and opioid crisis, threatening lives, public safety, and the wellbeing of our neighborhoods. Overdoses and drug-related incidents impact not only those struggling with addiction but entire communities. To confront this epidemic effectively, prevention and education must be prioritized alongside treatment and recovery services. Schools serving grades 6–12 play a vital role. Comprehensive, evidence-based programs should teach students about the risks of opioids and fentanyl, incorporate peer-led initiatives, and provide access to counseling and mentorship. Health and wellness curricula can be integrated into existing programs, while after-school workshops and family engagement sessions reinforce these messages, giving students the knowledge and skills to make safe choices before experimentation begins. Additionally, the treatment and recovery services already in place must be expanded through additional funding to reach more individuals in need. Collaborative partnerships between schools, local organizations, healthcare providers, and law enforcement can ensure these programs are effective and sustainable. By combining concrete school-based education, prevention programs, community engagement, and expanded treatment services, Staten Island can reduce overdose deaths, prevent youth substance use, and build safer, healthier communities for the future.

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 3	Reconstruction of baseball fields

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 2	School Safety Metal Detector Installation Proposal
DOE	2 / 2	Front Entrance Surveillance Enhancement
DOT	1 / 1	Other expense budget request for DPR
DSNY	1 / 1	Curbside E-waste collection
NYPD	3 / 3	Bullet Resistant Vests

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 3 Reconstruction of baseball fields Other capital request for DPR

DPR

Location: Victory Boulevard - Morani Street & Richmond Avenue

This project requests funding for the comprehensive reconstruction of the baseball fields at Willowbrook Park, including full rehabilitation of playing surfaces, upgrades to fencing and field amenities, and installation of improved drainage systems. The project also includes new, energy-efficient LED field lighting to replace outdated fixtures and support expanded, safe use during evening hours. Additionally, improvements to the entry drive and parking areas are proposed, including resurfacing, increased capacity, enhanced ADA accessibility, upgraded lighting, and better stormwater management. These upgrades will improve safety, expand community programming, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and enhance the overall recreational value of Willowbrook Park.

2 of 3 Blue Lights on Emergency Call Boxes Other capital budget request for DPR

DPR

We are seeking funding to install blue-light emergency call boxes in the parks within Staten Island Community Board 2. These devices will provide park visitors with an immediate, direct connection to law enforcement and emergency services, ensuring faster response times during critical situations. By enhancing public safety and security, this initiative will make our community parks safer and more accessible for all residents and visitors.

3 of 3 Reconstruction of Staten Island FDR Boardwalk New equipment for maintenance

DPR

Location: Father Capodanno Boulevard - Fort Wadsworth & Miller Field

This project requests the reconstruction and comprehensive rehabilitation of the Staten Island FDR Boardwalk, which has deteriorated significantly and now presents multiple safety hazards to the public. Conditions observed include lifted and uneven boards, rotted or weakened wood, exposed nails, surface holes, and unstable walking areas. These hazards impede safe access for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, families, and seniors who rely on the boardwalk as a major waterfront recreation space. The proposed capital project would include replacement of damaged decking, substructure repairs, installation of durable materials, removal of hazardous elements, and improvements to overall structural stability and accessibility.

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

Location: Eton Place

Renovate Willowbrook Park with new apparatus such as ramped play equipment, universally acceptable swings, and charcoal barbecue grills. Willowbrook Park's Carousel, picnic grounds, and ballfield attract many families and an upgrade would enhance one of Staten Island's most popular Greenbelt parks.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

CS Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

DEP

Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC006 into the budget for the next fiscal year.

CS Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

DEP

Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC05B into the budget for the next fiscal year.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 1 Install Metal Detectors**NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

Installing metal detectors in District 2 middle and high schools is a crucial step to strengthen student safety and prevent weapons from entering our campuses. Metal detectors serve as a strong deterrent, reduce the likelihood of dangerous items being brought to school, and provide a proactive layer of protection that supports our existing safety measures. This investment will help create a secure, predictable learning environment where students and staff can focus on education rather than potential threats. Funding this initiative demonstrates the district's commitment to safeguarding our schools and responding responsibly to growing safety concerns.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**New York Police Department (NYPD)****1 of 3 Hire additional uniformed officers****NYPD**

Hire additional uniformed officers

Provide funding to hire an additional uniformed officers. Prior to the pandemic, the city had about 36,000 uniformed officers.

2 of 3 Hire additional school safety agents**NYPD**

Hire additional school safety agents

We are requesting funding to hire additional school safety agents on Staten Island to ensure that each school achieves a safe student to-agent ratio, providing comprehensive coverage during arrival, dismissal, after school programs, and emergency situations. We recommend a ratio of no more than 1 agent per 200 students, which ensures adequate supervision for campus size, multiple entrances, and after school activities.

3 of 3 Bullet Resistant Vests**NYPD**

Other expense request for NYPD

To further protect school safety agents and maintain a secure learning environment, we request funding to provide bullet-resistant vests for all school safety agents assigned to Staten Island schools. These vests will enhance the safety of agents while performing their duties, ensure compliance with standard law enforcement protective equipment protocols, and help maintain a secure environment for students and staff. Funding should cover acquisition and ongoing replacement to ensure all agents remain properly equipped.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 1 Other expense budget request for DPR****DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

We respectfully request an increase in the budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation to address the significant backlog in the street-tree lifting sidewalk repair program. Many sidewalks have been raised or damaged by tree roots, creating dangerous trip hazards, particularly for young children, older adults, and individuals with mobility challenges. Additional funding will allow the department to accelerate repairs, reduce liability risks, and ensure that our neighborhoods remain safe and accessible for all residents. Investing in timely maintenance now will also help prevent more costly repairs in the future.

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**1 of 1 Curbside E-waste collection****DSNY**

Other expense request for DSNY

Provide additional funding to support and expand the curbside E-waste collection program in Community Board 2. Increased funding will allow for more frequent pickups, accommodate growing community demand, and ensure the safe, environmentally responsible disposal of electronic waste. This investment supports public health, environmental sustainability, and improved quality of life for residents.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 1 Other expense budget request for DPR**DOT**

Other expense request for DOT

For the safety of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and the general public, we are requesting funding to implement safety improvements at all speed camera locations to reduce speeding. These improvements include electronic signage displaying current speed versus legal speed, roadway modifications such as rumble strips. Additionally, any speed camera location recording more than 100 violations within a six-month period should be evaluated to determine further corrective actions needed to enhance safety.

Department of Education (DOE)**1 of 2 School Safety Metal Detector Installation Proposal****DOE**

Other expense request for DOE

To strengthen the safety and security of our district schools, we are requesting funding for metal detectors in grades 6-12 and high school buildings. These devices will help prevent prohibited items from entering our facilities and enhance overall campus safety.

2 of 2 Front Entrance Surveillance Enhancement**DOE**

Other expense request for DOE

Requesting funding for front-door security cameras. These cameras will provide real-time monitoring and recorded footage of all entry allowing staff to quickly identify and respond to potential security concerns. In addition, the recorded footage will support investigations of incidents and help a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors.