

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
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**Bronx
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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 Bronx Community Board 2's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020*. 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 2018.

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:

a) 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.

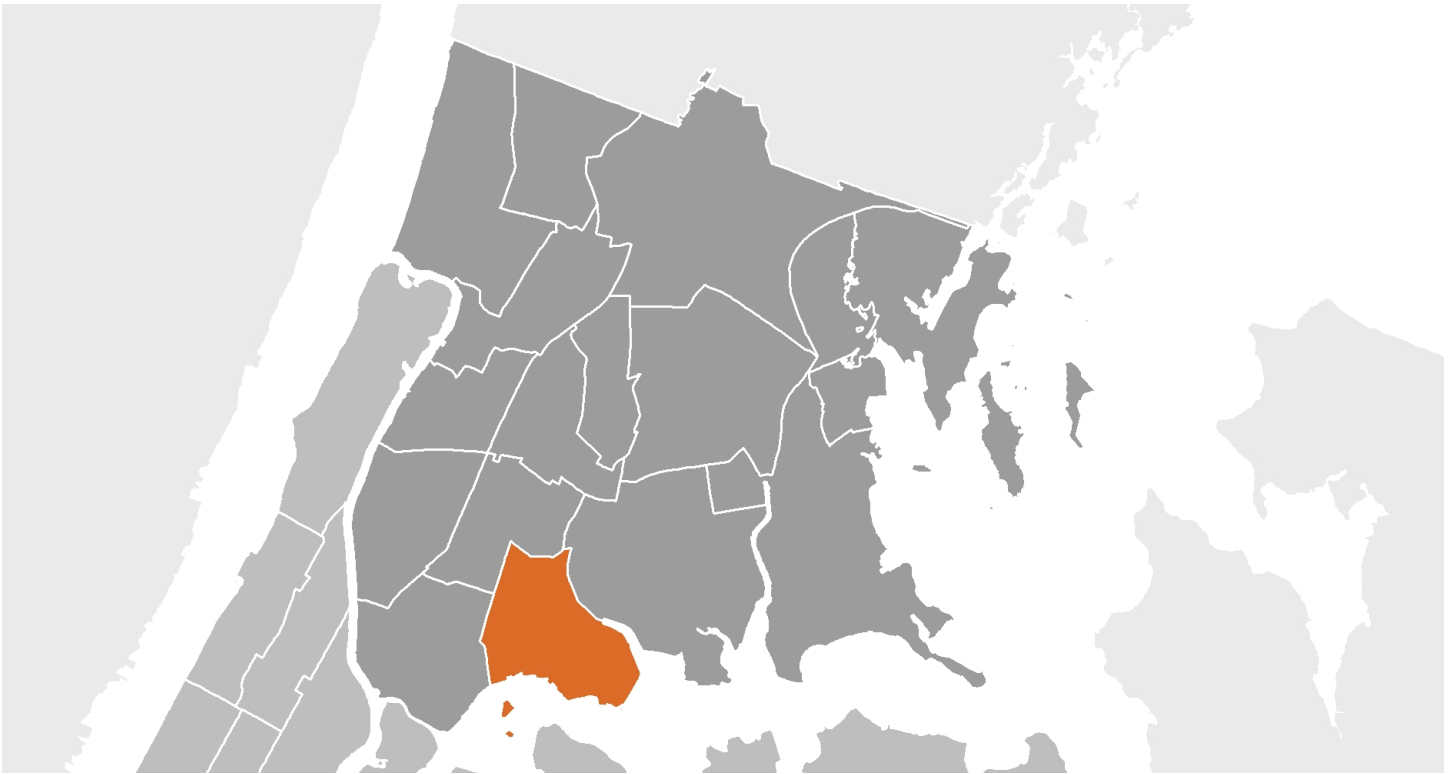
b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 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.

Bronx Community Board 2



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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

Bronx Community Board 2

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Chair: Mr. Roberto Crespo

District Manager: Rafael Acevedo

2. Community District Profile

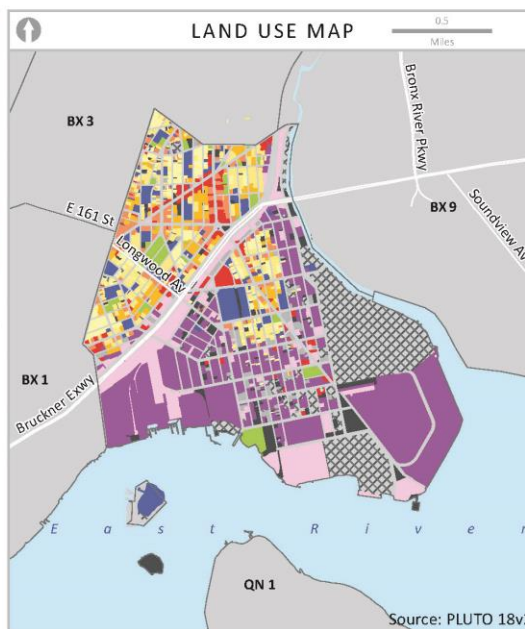
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Bronx Community District 2



Neighborhoods¹: Hunts Point, Longwood

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
46,824	52,246	+12%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		
Square Miles		2.2
Population Density		23,748/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 2 in 2018:

1. Health care services
2. Parks
3. Schools

To learn more, please read Bronx CD 2's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

Website: www.bxc2.org
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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	817	4%
Multifamily Walk-up	755	6%
Multifamily Elevator	112	3%
Mixed Use	199	3%
Commercial	108	3%
Industrial	356	35%
Transportation/Utility	53	4%
Public/Institutional	103	5%
Open Space	50	7%
Parking	164	4%
Vacant	196	10%
Other	82	17%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Bronx CD 2

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	39
Public Libraries	1
Hospitals and Clinics	19
Parks	18
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
49%	51%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Bronx CD 2	Citywide Target
97%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
43	44 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
34%	26%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
18.1	14.5
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

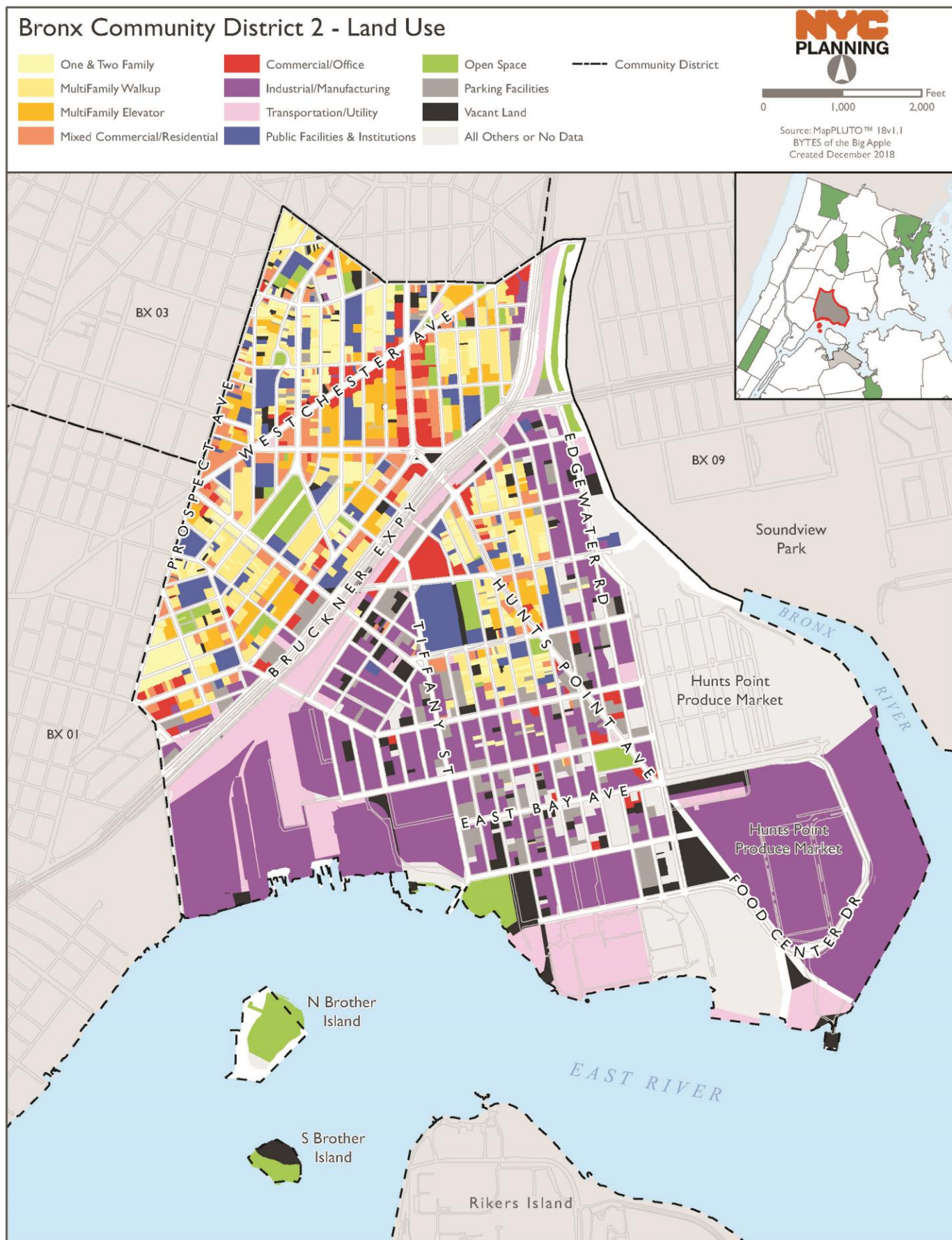
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
10%	19%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
6.1%	7.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Bronx CD 2	Bronx
29%	26%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community District #2 is located in the Southeast corner of the Bronx, bounded by the Bronx River on the east, the East River on the south, E. 149th Street and Prospect Avenue on the west and portions of E. 169th Street, E. 167th Street and Westchester Avenue on the north. It is comprised of the neighborhoods of Hunt's Point, Longwood and the southeastern portion of Morrisania.

The Europeans first settled Hunt's Point in 1663. At this time, Edward Jessup and John Richardson arrived on the peninsula and purchased the land from the Wekkguasegeeck tribe indigenous to the area. After Jessup died, his widow, Elizabeth entrusted the land to Thomas Hunt Jr., her son in-law.

Once part of West Farms in lower Westchester County, the area was annexed to New York City in 1874 and began to develop after a subway line from Manhattan was extended in 1904. As more people moved to the area, the city's business owners began to realize the advantages of locating to Hunt's Point. Among them were the convenient access to the Tri-State region, the existing rail lines running through the Hunt's Point area and the abundance of space available for the development of industrial and commercial activity.

The population was predominantly Jewish along with a few German, Irish and Italian immigrants; later it became largely Puerto Rican and African-American. By the 1960's local housing was deteriorating and many white residents left for the suburbs. Hunt's Point was beset by poverty, drugs, and crime in the 1970's and early 1980's. Characterized by frequent arson and mass abandonment, this period was undoubtedly the low point in the area's rich and diverse history. Living conditions became so difficult that almost 60,000 residents, approximately two-thirds of the existing population left, or were forced out, of the neighborhood during the 1970's.

Conditions later vastly improved through the initiatives of SEBCO Development Corp., Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association, South Bronx Development Corp., the Bronx Borough President's Office, and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development which created new housing and rehabilitated existing housing. The success of their efforts are clearly evident. Between 1980 and 1990, the population of the district grew by 14.7 percent, the largest margin of growth of any community in the Bronx. From 1990 to 2000 the Growth rate was 18.7 percent, the second highest in the borough. Since 1992, we have seen the development of over 4,800 new housing units. Of the new units, two-thirds are located in what were once vacated buildings and one-third are newly created low-density housing. So thorough is the development and renovation of the district that no city owned apartment building in the community stands vacant.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 2 are:

- *Health care services*
- *Parks*
- *Schools*

Schools - The District is having a growth in residents without new seating capacity in the local schools. Also, the District is in dire need of more Pre-K and 3K seating.

Public Health: Asthma, Obesity, Heart Failure and Diabetes continues to be our main health disparities. This District is in dire need of a recreational playground where the growing number of young men and women can go to be engaged in competitive sports.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Chronic diseases (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

BxCB2 community suffers from multiple health disparities such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, obesity and many more. Multiple diseases are attributed to healthy food options available in community which are not available or too expensive for local residents.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

Increase funding for senior services enhance daily delivery service of "Meals On Wheels" and restore HEAP Program along with general food banks.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/9	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	Increase pest control extermination services in our community to include Mosquito abatement, Raccoons, Rat abatement and bedbug control	Community Wide
9/9	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Increase funding for Senior Services within the community board including , recreational and educational programs, Meals on Wheel, Senior Day Care programs, and restore HEAP Program along with general food pantries.	Community Wide



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

We have an increase in population and need more seating capacity. Also, we need more Pre-k and 3K services. .

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

-Increase full funding for Summer Youth Programs -Increase funding for both after school programs and summer day camp programs run by community based organizations, such as tutoring, counseling, the arts, music & education

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/9	DOE	Improve school safety	Increase funds for Enhanced School Safety personnel	Community Wide
4/9	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	Increase funding for after school programs and summer day camp programs operated by Community Based organizations.	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*Traffic violations and enforcement*

Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

- Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic and vehicle traffic. - Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/9	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Provide Traffic Control Agents in high traffic intersections within the district. This includes but not limited to Southern Blvd and Hunts Point Ave; Bruckner Blvd and Hunts Point Ave; Baretto Street and Longwood Ave, Westchester Ave and Southern Blvd.	Community Wide
8/9	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - There has been an increase in youth on youth violence, which is more commonly occurring after school. Increasing School Safety Officers will assist the 41pct officers which are run thin because there has been an increase in foot traffic in Hunts Point due to HRA moving in (2600 new people in the community).	Community Wide



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Air quality and pollution

We have a high number of pollutants from truck traffic and the water waste treatment plant.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

When there is a rain storm there are certain locations in the district in which flooding is common due to: 1. No Catch Basins 2. Clogged Catch Basins

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/6	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	Develop the unused DOS Marine transfer Station on Farragat Avenue to use as a "Seaport" attraction and establish a harbor pier patrol site and Water taxi Stop.	2 Farragat St

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Housing, Economic Development and Land Use



Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Housing support (including tenant protection)

Affordable housing developments being created in this community is not meeting the needs of our residents because the AMI formula being used does not fit with our financial and economic needs.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

There is a need for affordable housing for single low income and middle income individuals.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/6	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	Create Veteran and LGBTQ Housing in CB2	Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic enforcement

Provide NYPD Traffic Control Agents on Southern Blvd & East 163 St & Hunt's Point Ave; intersections of Bruckner Boulevard and Hunts Point, Southern Boulevard and Longwood Avenue.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

Parks department personnel in the district is at a bare minimum and more staffing is needed. More PEP is needed to address a recent spike in homeless activity.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

District Service Cabenit meetings are mandated by the NYC Charter in which City Agencies are required to attend. However, there are agencies who do not attend at all: HPD, DOE, HRA, NYCHA and Consumer Affairs

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/6	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop Drake Park African Burial Ground as a historical site and cultural center	Drake Park African Burial Ground
2/6	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete Printers Park Phase III	Printer's Park
3/6	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop the land parallel to Baretto Point Park into a playing field that can be use for Soccer, Football, La Cross and Track and Field.	Baretto Point Park
5/6	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding to enhance the Green-way in CB2 to include two high priority items: (1) the development of the unused DOS Marine Transfer Station on Farragut Avenue for use as a "Seaport" attraction and establish a harbor pier patrol site and Water Taxi Stop. (2) Create a Boardwalk promenade along the waterfront parallel to the Green-way with benches and trees	Community Wide

**Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities****Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/9	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)	Community Wide
7/9	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase funding to fix the increasing number of broken sidewalks as a result of tree growth in the community.	Community Wide

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 2 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 2 submitted 6 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/6	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop Drake Park African Burial Ground as a historical site and cultural center	Drake Park African Burial Ground	NYS Senator Klein, NYS Senator Diaz, Sr.; NYS Assembly Member Crespo
2/6	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete Printers Park Phase III	Printer's Park	
3/6	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop the land parallel to Baretto Point Park into a playing field that can be use for Soccer, Football, La Cross and Track and Field.	Baretto Point Park	
4/6	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	Develop the unused DOS Marine transfer Station on Farragat Avenue to use as a "Seaport" attraction and establish a harbor pier patrol site and Water taxi Stop.	2 Farragat St	
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6/6	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	Create Veteran and LGBTQ Housing in CB2	Community Wide	

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 2 Expense Requests

Bronx Community Board 2 submitted 9 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/9	DOE	Improve school safety	Increase funds for Enhanced School Safety personnel	Community Wide	
2/9	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Provide Traffic Control Agents in high traffic intersections within the district. This includes but not limited to Southern Blvd and Hunts Point Ave; Bruckner Blvd and Hunts Point Ave; Baretto Street and Longwood Ave, Westchester Ave and Southern Blvd.	Community Wide	NYS Assembly Member Marcos Crespo; NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.
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5/9	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	Increase pest control extermination services in our community to include Mosquito abatement, Raccoons, Rat abatement and bedbug control	Community Wide	
6/9	DPR	Install streetscape improvements	increase sidewalk tree repair as a result of tree growth	Community Wide	
7/9	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase funding to fix the increasing number of broken sidewalks as a result of tree growth in the community.	Community Wide	
8/9	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - There has been an increase in youth on youth violence, which is more commonly occurring after school. Increasing School Safety Officers will assist the 41pct officers which are run thin because there has been an increase in foot traffic in Hunts Point due to HRA moving in (2600 new people in the community).	Community Wide	NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; NYS Senator Marcos Crespo
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