

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

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## INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Queens Community Board 8'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.

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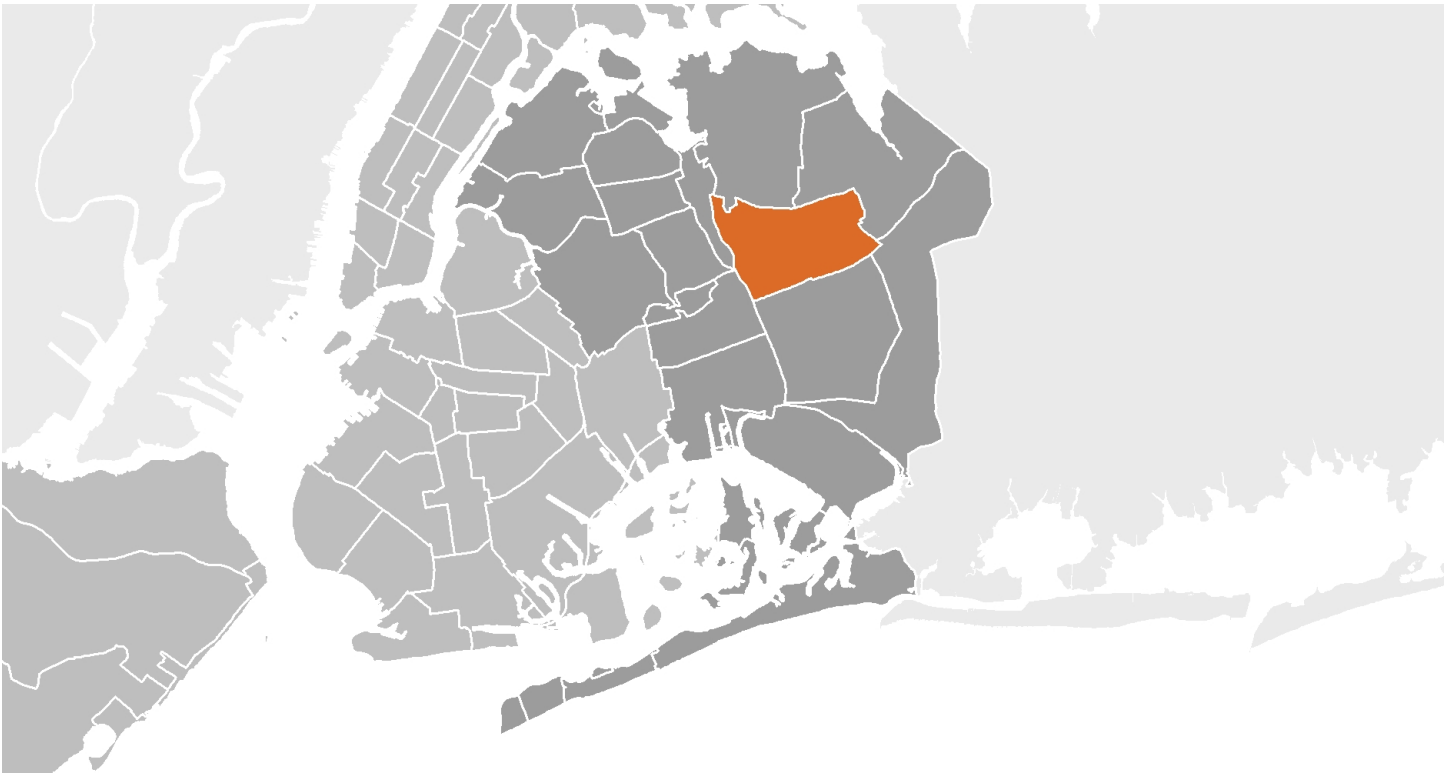
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*Budget Priorities:* Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

*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

### Queens Community Board 8

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## 2. Community District Profile

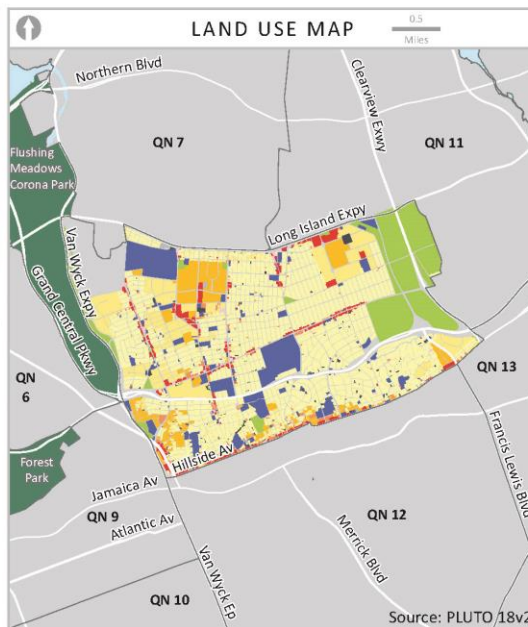
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# Queens Community District 8



**Neighborhoods**<sup>1</sup>: Briarwood, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Holliswood, Jamaica, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Utopia

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
146,594	151,107	+3%
2012-2016 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		162,548
Square Miles		7.4
Population Density		20,420/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Queens Community Board 8 in 2018:

1. Parks
2. Street conditions
3. Street flooding

To learn more, please read Queens CD 8's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

Website: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb8](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb8)  
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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	16,908	42%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,144	15%
Multifamily Elevator	127	7%
Mixed Use	347	1%
Commercial	310	3%
Industrial	13	0%
Transportation/Utility	32	0%
Public/Institutional	177	11%
Open Space	32	19%
Parking	81	0%
Vacant	209	1%
Other	9	0%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Queens CD 8

## A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	44
Public Libraries	6
Hospitals and Clinics	8
Parks	17
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Queens
<b>48%</b>	48%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Citywide Target
<b>64%</b>	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4, 8</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Queens
<b>43</b>	43 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Queens
<b>27%</b>	29%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Queens
<b>7.1</b>	8.7
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Queens
<b>40%</b>	31%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

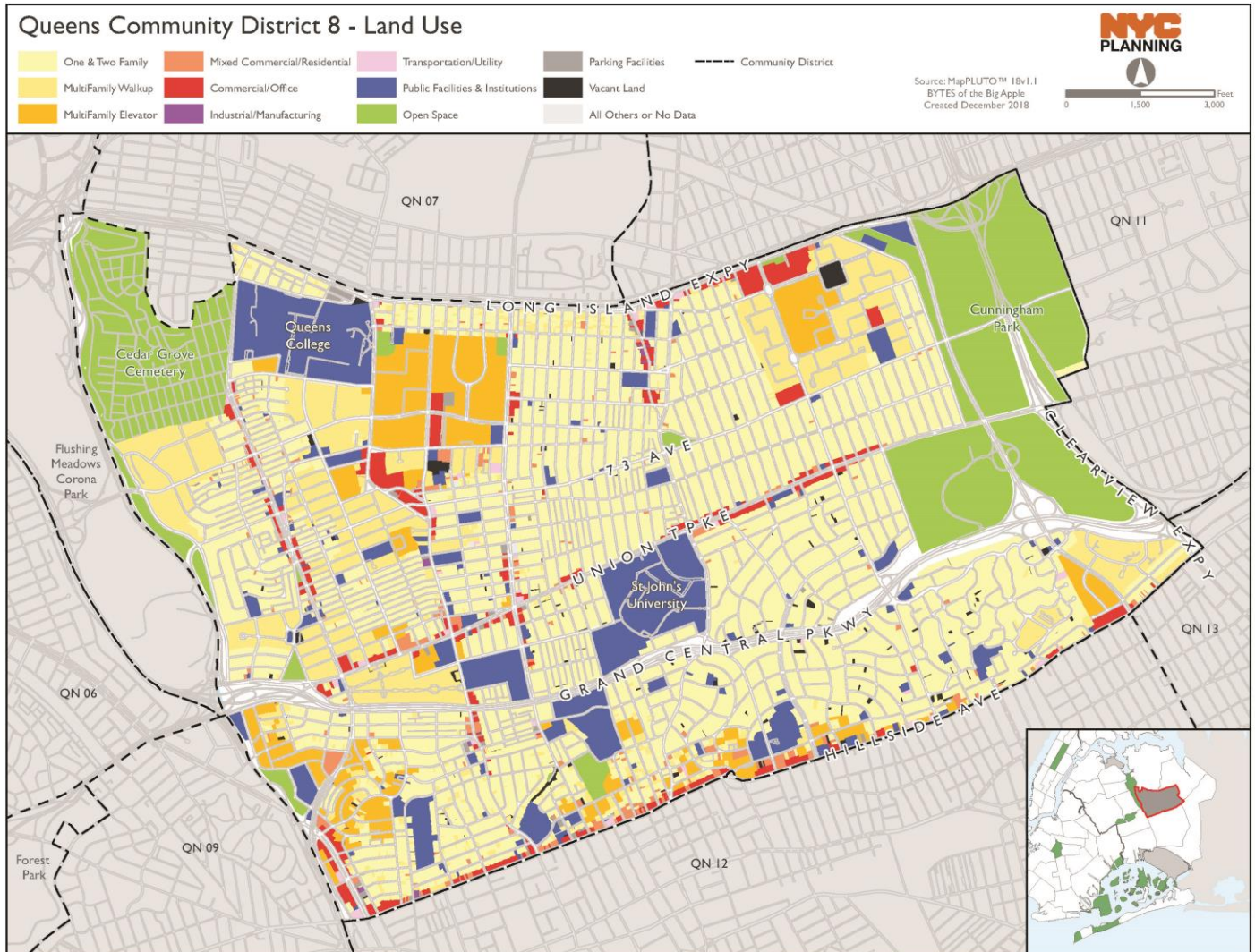
UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Queens
<b>5.7%</b>	5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Queens CD 8	Queens
<b>22%</b>	20%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC 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. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2011-2015 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 Board 8, Queens is bounded by the Long Island Expressway to the north, Hillside Avenue to the south, Van Wyck Expressway to the west and the Clearview Expressway to the east. It includes the communities of Briarwood, Flushing Suburban, Flushing Heights, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Hillcrest Estates, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Kew Gardens Hills, Utopia and West Cunningham Park. It also includes parts of Hollis and Queens Village (north of Hillside Avenue). These communities are overwhelmingly residential with several commercial strips.

There are over 150,000 residents of Community Board 8. There has been a moderate but steady increase in population. Our residents are mostly middle income, multi-ethnic, multi-racial individuals who own their own homes, condos and co-ops or are renters. The residences consist of one and two-family homes, garden apartments, large apartment buildings such as the Fresh Meadows Development, co-ops such as Electchester, Hilltop Village and Parkway Village. Our district also houses the New York City Housing Authority complex - Pomonok. It is important to understand that our population, as counted by the Census, does not accurately represent the need for services in our district. Queens College, CUNY Law School, St. John's University and Lander College for Men are located within our borders. Thousands of students who are not counted by the US Census reside in our community while attending college/university from the months of August through May. The services that we receive should reflect the needs of these individuals along with those of our permanent residents.

Community Board 8 residents are concerned with quality of life issues, upgrading the infrastructure, personal safety and security, education and maintaining their fair share of City services.

**TRANSPORTATION** - Many of our roads are in poor condition. We continue to request an increase in asphalt allocation for street resurfacing. Some of our roads are sinking and need to be reconstructed. To this end, we are asking for increased funding for trench restoration. We request stand-alone funding for curb installation and replacement. There has been a backlog of curb repair and curb installation for over a decade. Currently, DOT replaces curbs only when the adjoining sidewalk is repaired. Instead of repairing their own sidewalks within 45 days of receiving the notice of violation, homeowners choose to wait for DOT contractors to do the work. This is the only way to ensure that DOT replaces broken curbing. As a result, sidewalks remain damaged for a longer period of time and the danger to pedestrians is also prolonged. In addition, this will cost the City additional funds in case of lawsuits due to negligence.

**BUILDINGS** - Much of Community Board 8's housing stock is residential with many one-family and two-family dwellings. Additional Buildings Department inspectors are necessary to enforce existing regulations and address quality of life violations. DOB introduced the Development Challenge Process initiative many years ago. Additional plan examiners are needed to review and respond to these challenges and the many requests that we receive for audits. In addition, more plan examiners would eliminate the self-certification by architects and engineers.

We receive our share of illegal conversion and illegal occupancy complaints. The lack of affordable, regulated housing is the root cause of the prevalence of illegal apartments. There are very few rent stabilized apartments within Community District 8.

**SANITATION** - Although Community Board 8 has relatively clean streets, we have issues that need attention. With the steady increase in population, our superintendent must receive the support necessary to address our sanitation issues:

- The paved center malls require year-round cleaning and more frequent seasonal weed-control.
- Retain the five day-a-week pick-ups at public schools and extra pick-ups at Pomonok Houses.
- Sanitation Police are needed for night patrol to discourage illegal dumping, especially on abandoned properties.
- Additional agents for Sanitation Code Enforcement are needed to address the quality of life complaints that we receive. While the enforcement issues for residential properties are addressed, we noticed that enforcement of our commercial establishments is insufficient. While we do not want to stifle business by fining our small business owners, some of them are repeat offenders who show a total disregard for the community. The issuance of a violation is the

### 3. Overview of Community District

only way to receive cooperation.

- Unlike some other community boards, CB8 has no dedicated pick-up truck for litter baskets in our commercial areas. This must be provided to ensure the cleanliness of our commercial strips. The Adopt-a-Basket program must be better promoted to encourage public and private sector partnerships. This should be promoted through public service announcement on television and radio.

SENIORS/YOUTH/EDUCATION/LIBRARIES - A civilization is best judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable members (seniors and youth). There has been a marked increase in the youth and senior population from 2000 to the present and such an increase demands additional services. Increased funding for afterschool programs, summer youth employment, senior transportation and NORCs are needed. Our schools must have the necessary equipment (smart boards, computers, etc.) for our students to compete. In today's world, our libraries have become multimedia centers that provide access to computers and the internet for adults and children. They serve thousands of New Americans who do not have access to home computers and/or the internet. It is vital that additional funds be provided to our libraries so that they may be open seven days a week and have up to date software and hardware for our residents.

#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 8 are:

- *Parks*
- *Street conditions (roadway maintenance)*
- *Street flooding*

**PARKS** - The most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and, as such, they must be well maintained. Our parks sponsor many events throughout the year such as concerts, Shakespeare presentations, family fun days and movies that attract thousands of residents of CD8 and the surrounding areas.

**FLOODING** - The residents of Fresh Meadows, Utopia Estates, Hillcrest and Kew Gardens Hills are very concerned with the water table rising and inadequate sewer systems. In recent years, there have been many water main installations and upgrades; however, there have been very few sewer projects. We have requested installation of new sewer lines along Hillside Avenue for many years. Hillside Avenue is a low lying area bordering Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hill, Hollis and Briarwood. The F train, which is the only subway line that services our district, has been flooded many times after rainstorms. Many residents have no other means of getting into and home from Manhattan. This also affects businesses along Hillside Avenue. Hillside Avenue from 195th Street to 197th Street is flooded with water after each rainfall and the street deteriorates, as a result. There is just nowhere for the water to go.

**STREET CONDITION** - Many of our roads are in need of trench restoration. Each passing car, delivery truck and New York City bus add pressure to the roads and undermine the street. We asked for funding for trench restoration for several locations which have been on our list for many years.



#### Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

##### *Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, etc.)*

One needs only to look at the studies of the state of health and life expectancy of residents of Community Board 8Q, as well as all New Yorkers, to note inarguably that health is rooted in the circumstances of our daily lives to include environment and economic condition. While there are a number of important health issues to be faced in our district that are unquestionably important and not to be ignored, most of them single out selective segments of the population. However, the category of environmental health issues, to include noise, lead, respiratory illnesses, etc., notably affect the total population of our district, not limited by age, nor social or economic background. For this reason, Community Board 8Q's Health Committee has singled out environmental health as the most important issue. Many local governments across the country, including New York State, have recognized their responsibility in addressing health determinants and have promulgated laws accordingly ( i.e. anti-smoking, limiting excessively sugared drinks, etc.). Yet our daily lives continue to be heavily conflicted in our district, where we are sandwiched between two of our nation's largest and busiest airports with unbearable, if not illegal noise levels and dangerous fuel dumping; still-uncovered and untreated lead levels; death-dealing cancers from unregulated perfluorinated chemicals in our everyday consumer products; dangers from planet-warming pollutants and the respiratory dangers of carbon dioxide emissions from hydrofluorocarbons; and the many harmful chemicals we ingest, touch, smell and breathe. Our progressive city should continue to lead the way by aggressively addressing the many issues which bring such harm to our residents of all ages and lead the way to transitory alternatives that will move us closer to still better health, reduce illness, suffering and improve our quality of life as well as longevity.

#### Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Community Board 8 Queens supports funding for the expansion of access to primary healthcare services for those within CD8. We endorse the new paradigm of healthcare, not just sick care, which must include the traditional care provided by physicians and midlevel health providers plus efforts to encourage healthy living. Some examples would be: nutritional education, programs for smoking cessation, exercise as part of one's routine and many others. Special emphasis must be placed on managing chronic diseases. Care Managers should be utilized to ensure that individuals receive transdisciplinary health care with a goal toward controlling chronic disease, prevention of acute incidents, emergency room visits, hospitalization and optimizing independence.

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

According to the US Census of 2010, there were over 20,000 individuals within our district who were 62 years old and over. This is a significant increase from the previous census taken in 2000. There are many benefits to seniors aging in place: 1) Keeping a familiar environment 2) Fostering Community Continuity 3) Maintaining their social networks 4) Strengthening of family ties 5) Fostering both their physical and mental wellbeing We do not have any NORCs for our residents who reside in apartment buildings nor NORCs (WOW) for our 1-2 family residences within our district. We want our seniors to remain in their neighborhoods and the NORCs facilitate the desire of many seniors to age in place. These are done through the multi-faceted services that they provide.



### Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Community Board 8 has one family shelter in Briarwood and it is in need of air conditioning. Briarwood shelter, when built was considered the model shelter for the City of New York. Unfortunately, this model shelter has air conditioning only in the areas where the staff works. There is no air conditioning where the residents sleep. We have asked for many years that air conditioning be provided for these families with children. The response received in FY 2016 was that DHS provides a cooling room in every shelter. When not available, the residents are given the location of other cooling rooms. How does that help the families with young children who cannot sleep at night due to the heat? The last two fiscal years the responses given were that further study was necessary. Keep in mind that when we originally requested this in Fiscal Year 2010, the response was that this was being studied. How long does it take to study this before action is taken? This shelter has been waiting a long time for this much needed accommodation and we look forward to a plan of action this fiscal year.

### **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Location</b>
7/37	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Funds needed for fit-out/interior construction of the 8,000 sq. ft. of community space within the T-Building at the Queens Hospital Center. Dunn Development is renovating the T-Building and has agreed to set aside this space for a community center that will provide services for all ages. This building will also comprise 206 housing units including: regular rental units, special needs units, middle income units and low income units.	T-Building - QHC 82-68 164th Street
11/37	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	Air conditioning is needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter. This can be achieved by adding portable window units. Cooling rooms are not sufficient. The residents should be afforded the same treatment as the staff who work in temperature controlled rooms.	80-20 134th Street
13/37	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Create a new senior center for Community District 8	Community Wide





## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	Provide funding to create NORCs in Community Board 8.	Community Wide
16/25	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	We have a multi-ethnic population. In recent years, we have seen an increase in people who identify as Asian. As such, the services provided for seniors need to meet that change. When services are not readily available for one ethnic group, transportation to neighboring centers that do is desirable. While the population is not necessarily homebound but the frail senior population does have issues with using mass transit. For those that are homebound, they need to interact with people from the outside world. This could possibly mean using technology to help them stay connected. They can participate in senior activities remotely (i.e. through Skype).	Community Wide
18/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Enhance funding for senior services. Funds are needed to meet the demands for services.	Community Wide
25/25	DOHMH	Provide more tuberculosis information and services	Community Board 8 supports tuberculosis vans for new immigrants and funds for sexual health. We understand that these funds may have been reduced by the Federal Government and we want to curtail the spread of these diseases through prevention and education.	Community Wide



## Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare*After school programs*

We hold this to be the most important need for our district. The youth population has increased and become more diverse. Afterschool programs provide recreational and educational services including homework helper, tutorials, counseling, anti-bullying, substance abuse programs and other services that are so vital to the youth of our community. Additional programs will accommodate hundreds of our presently underserved youth.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

The future of Community Board 8 lies with the youth. Our community has been underserved by the City of New York. About 34% of the households in Community District 8 have children under the age of 18 according to NYU Furman's report of 2014. We do have afterschool programs that accommodate our youth but there aren't enough slots for all of our youth. This is a blot on our City. We urge the City of New York to provide funds for the underserved youth of our community in the following areas: substance abuse prevention, homework help, tutoring program, meaningful and organized recreational programs and arts programs (fine art, music and dance).

**Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/37	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Upgrade the sound system for the auditorium of P.S. 26. Upgrade the electrical wiring for P.S.26Q for the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria. The school is used in the summer to house the P.S. 224 students who are developmentally disabled. They require temperature controlled environments as per the mandate for ADA compliance.	P.S. 26
17/37	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Upgrade electrical wiring to 220 to support electrical needs of smart boards and air conditioners for P.S. 173.	Public School 173
29/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Convert former teacher's cafeteria into a classroom.	M.S. 216
30/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Replace tables in cafeteria; replace auditorium seats; install auditorium wall padding and renovate outdoor wooded area.	Rufus King school - P.S. 26 Q
31/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Upgrade electrical system, upgrade library and science lab at P.S. 173Q - The Fresh Meadow School.	P.S. 173Q
33/37	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Secure additional funds for smart boards in every classroom, computers for every classroom, administrative offices and upgrade the sound system for all schools in Community District 8.	Community Wide
34/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Upgrade school technology to use parent coordinator's office as a web-based resource.	P.S. 178 Q



## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Increase funding for summer youth employment programs. Every year the percentage of funds allocated to meet the needs for the program has been diminished. The number of youth (in the age group of 14 to 24 years old) that qualify for summer youth employment has increased. The yearly funding to meet that need has fallen short.	Community Wide
15/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Increase funding for Beacon Programs in CD8. Funds need to increase to meet the growing need in the community.	Community Wide
24/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Upgrade musical instruments at P.S. 178 to expand the music program and include a band (\$10,000 needed).	P.S. 178 Q

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### *Other/Additional Equipment and Vehicle Maintenance*

Our precinct will be better served when a mechanic is assigned to make major repairs to police vehicles. This would permit these vehicles to return to duty much sooner than the present system of repairs allows. In addition, we are pleased with the implementation of the NCO Program at the 107th Precinct. We have gotten additional officers.

#### Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/37	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Provide the funds to complete all work orders from the fire houses within Community District 8 and add cameras. Install security cameras/system at every fire house in Community District 8 to prevent vandalism and theft. Engine 298 - Ladder 127 - 153-11 Hillside Avenue Engine 299 - Ladder 152 - 61-20 Utopia Parkway Engine 315 - Ladder 125 - 159-06 Union Turnpike. It has come to our attention that our fire houses have been vandalized and electronics were stolen.	Community Wide
16/37	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime.	Community Wide

#### Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Traffic Safety programs for afterschool program participants.	Beacon 216 158-40 76th Road Block 9724, Lot 173
6/25	NYPD	Provide shotspotters	This is needed to assist our precinct in detecting the trajectory of bullets to better solve crime.	Community Wide
19/25	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Increase funding for CPR Training Program and for the Fire & Life Safety Education Outreach	Community Wide



#### Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### *Water runoff and flooding*

Community Board 8Q's Sanitation & DEP Committee, in conjunction with the Area Chairs, has identified water runoff and flooding as the most important Core Infrastructure and City Services needed for CB 8Q. In recent years, we have seen a surge of storms that have placed a great burden on our sewer system resulting in flooded streets. We have experienced serious flooding to our resident's and commercial establishment's basements and ponding of water on our streets throughout the Community District. Some storms have created flooding where residents had to abandon their cars and take refuge on the roofs of their vehicles. Flooding is a threat to both human life and property. Ponding is increasingly a public health concern given the West Nile Virus and the possibility of future transmission of the Zika Virus. Given the trend toward warming climates, other mosquito transmitted viruses currently found further south may be an issue a few decades in the future. We chose water runoff and flooding as our most important issue; however, these are interrelated challenges that contribute to the city's capacity to handle increased rainfall.

#### Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Kevin will provide statement on capacity.....,

#### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

While most of our streets are kept clean and CD8 score cards are better than many other districts, there is room for improvement. This is especially true of our commercial strips (Hillside Avenue and Queens Boulevard). While we commend our Superintendent for doing the very best with his limited resources, we continue to ask that he receives more support from the Department. We are asking for more bins (i.e. the new trio of garbage, paper and bottle recycling bins) for the district. With the addition of these new bins, he will need more support to empty them on a regular basis. For this, he needs at least a dedicated truck to empty these bins. Keep in mind that people come from all over, including Nassau County, to get to the Jamaica Estates 179th Street/Hillside Avenue subway station by many bus lines to board the F train to Manhattan. It is a transportation hub. Our bins fill up quickly with coffee cups in the morning and all sorts of litter throughout the day. When they overflow our streets are littered. It is unfortunate that the Department has been unable to provide a dedicated basket truck in the 2018 budget despite the high priority given by our community. We look forward to this added resource for Fiscal Year 2019. Sanitation Enforcement for our commercial strips is needed. Residents complain that violations are often issued to private homes for one piece of litter while blatant violations in front of storefronts go unnoticed.

#### **Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
32/37	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Purchase additional garbage trucks to ensure enough capacity for organics recycling.	Community Wide



## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

### Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



#### Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CD8.	Community Wide
4/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. This would improve the cleanliness of our streets. Hillside Avenue (Francis Lewis Boulevard to Queens Boulevard) Queens Boulevard (Hillside Avenue to Main Street) and Main Street. Routine center mall cleaning is also needed throughout the seasons. Additional funds should be allocated to ensure that all commercial areas receive the same frequency of service.	Community Wide
17/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Increase personnel for Sanitation Police to increase sanitation inspection in all categories and throughout the district.	Community Wide

## 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

##### *Other*

To facilitate the demands of the District, the Building/Housing Committee is recommending Building Code Enforcement as a priority since it will protect homeowners, coop/condo owners and renters alike. To further support the request for Building Code Enforcement, the borough of Queens receives more requests for code enforcement than any other borough.

#### Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

There is a need for affordable housing in Community District 8. There is a significant percentage of renters within our district who are rent burdened. According to the NYU Furman's Annual "State of the City's Housing and Neighborhoods," our median monthly rent in 2014 was \$1353. In addition, there was an increase in the rent burden for all renters from 17.4% in 2000 to 31.7% in 2014. There was an even more drastic change for those renters who have low incomes. It changed from 35.4% in 2000 to 58.5% in 2014. Community Board 8 had a change in zoning along Hillside Avenue that will facilitate larger developments. We welcome a certain number of affordable units set aside to address the great number of rent burdened residents.

#### Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Our commercial strips could use a facelift by improving cleanliness, adding streetscape and changing the façade of the businesses. We welcome the establishment of Business Improvement Districts to help revitalize our commercial strips.

#### **Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Location</b>
8/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Hire a dedicated inspector for Queens Community Boards' half day inspections. The number of requests sent to the Queens Borough Office is much greater than any other office in the five boroughs. The Queens' Office had a part-time inspector that used to accompany the District Managers on site visits on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, this person went on sick leave and was never replaced. We are requesting that a new full-time inspector be hired as a replacement.	Queens DOB Office 120-55 Queens Blvd
13/25	SBS	Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program	Hillside Avenue could use a facelift to make it more appealing for people that patron the diverse businesses. Improving cleanliness, maintenance of the storefronts and beautification through streetscape.	Hillside Avenue 179th Street Queens Boulevard



#### Main Issue Related to Transportation

##### *Roadway maintenance*

In looking at the traffic and transportation infrastructure in CB8, the Transportation Committee recognizes that street maintenance is our highest priority. Our roadways are deteriorating. Many have become hazardous to motorists and pedestrians. Many of our streets have serious potholes, sinkholes and depressions caused by inadequate repairs after street excavations. Patchwork repairs are the norm where what is needed is a comprehensive plan to improve and maintain our streets and roadways. In addition, damage caused by over-sized trucks and heavy vehicles on non-commercial streets have resulted in significant deterioration to the roadbeds and their substructure. The results of this have been the breaking of subterranean pipes which cause street collapses. In our district, resurfacing has raised roadbeds and reduced curbs on streets, center islands and malls. This deterioration causes surface water, during heavy storms, to overflow the sidewalks which results in serious flooding conditions and damage to the streets, curbs and properties in our community. Our City should focus on improving the streets and roads in Queens and stop deferring their maintenance. These improvements are sorely needed and can be visible proof to the residents of Queens that our tax dollars are being used to improve our infrastructure and their quality of life.

#### Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

In addition to the stated needs below for street resurfacing, sidewalk construction and street reconstruction, there has not been any funds allocated for separate curb repair in over a decade. When curbs are broken, this condition creates a trip hazard. This makes the City liable for tort claims. In addition, water collects where there are missing curbs and ultimately damages sidewalks. Pedestrian and traffic safety are items of concern, as well. We request adequate funding for the installation of stop signs, traffic lights, and traffic signs.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20). The residents of Kew Gardens Hills would welcome the return of the Q74 bus to Vleigh Place. The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technology savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App. We urge that the City explores the possibility of increasing service capacity along the F subway line. The trains are often at capacity when they reach the 169th Street station. The commuters at the subsequent subway stops are unable to board the train.



## Transportation

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/37	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. 75th Avenue (186th St. to 188th St.) Avon Road (Chevy Chase St. to 188th St.) 181st Street (67th Ave. & 69th Ave.) Goethals (168th to 170th Streets) 186th St. (73rd to 75th Aves.)	Community Wide
2/37	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Installation of new sidewalk and curbs: A) 170th Street (Goethals Ave and Union Turnpike) B) 171st Street (65th Avenue and 67th Avenue) C) Utopia Parkway (73rd Avenue to Horace Harding Expressway including center medians D) East side of 185th Street (64th Avenue to 67th Avenue)	Community Wide
3/37	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Install and/or repair bus pads. CB8 requested replacement of the cracked and broken bus pads since 2005. A) 188th Street & Union Turnpike B) 188th Street from Union Turnpike to 73rd Avenue C) Hillside Avenue (westbound lane) from Francis Lewis Boulevard to 205th Street. Hillside Avenue is the route for about 10 bus lines. The lack of bus pads makes it necessary for numerous requests for repairs of hummocks each year. Hillside Avenue was resurfaced a few years ago. Install bus pads to prevent the newly resurfaced street from deteriorating.	Community Wide
14/37	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Resurfacing of 183rd Street from Horace Harding Expressway eastbound to 73rd Avenue, including trench restoration from 67th Avenue to 73rd Avenue. The road is in disrepair.	183rd Street Horace Harding Expressway 73rd Avenue
15/37	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	This property owned by NYCDOT has not been maintained and is an eyesore. We request that it be restored to present a respectful appearance that can be maintained.	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 169th Street
21/37	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	Repair and/or create new concrete medians. The medians are broken and many are at the same level as the roadway.	Utopia Parkway 69th Avenue Horace Harding Expressway
23/37	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Replace and/or repair the cobblestones that make up the street at Clover Hill Place. The road is very steep. The cobblestones are needed to provide traction for DSNY vehicles to remove snow in the winter. The road is very steep and this is needed to ensure that residents and emergency vehicles can reach the top of the hill if necessary.	Clover Hill Place Clover Hill Road Dead End



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### Capital Requests Related to Transportation

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25/37	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	New sidewalk is needed on north side of Goethals Avenue from 168th Street to 170th Street. Area abuts NYC property. Sidewalk is needed for pedestrian safety.	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 170th Street
27/37	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Extend Center Median on 69th Avenue to 195th Lane - about 20 feet.	69th Avenue 195th Lane 192nd Street
CS	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Upgrade all street lighting in Community District 8 with environmentally sound lights.	Community Wide

### Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/25	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for Community District 8.	Community Wide
20/25	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Increase arterial highway forces for cleaning areas adjacent to highways and assign additional personnel for maintenance.	Community Wide
22/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20, Q88 - Express/Limited). The residents of Kew Gardens Hills would welcome the return of the Q74 to Vleigh Place. The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technology savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.	Community Wide
23/25	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	We urge that the City explores the possibility of increasing service capacity along the F subway line. The trains are often at capacity when they reach the 169th Street station. The commuters at the subsequent subway stops are unable to board the train.	Community Wide





### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

##### *Quality of parks and park facilities*

The quality of parks and park facilities is one of the most important issues facing our district. Community District 8 is fortunate to be home to many parks and numerous playgrounds. This is in addition to over 50 greenstreets. All of these park facilities require regular maintenance. There is always a need for new irrigation systems, updated playground equipment and safety resurfacing on a rolling basis. Our major parks: Captain Tilly Park, Cunningham Park, Flushing Meadow Corona Park are used by thousands of our residents and those of neighboring districts. Our parks host major events such as Philharmonic Orchestra concert attended by thousands of people coming from far and wide. For many, our parks and playgrounds are the destination for families with children who have staycations. Some of our smaller parks/playgrounds such as Hoover/Manton Playground, Utopia Playground, Vleigh Playground, Briarwood Playground and Albert Mauro Playground are in need of upgraded play equipment and/or safety resurfacing. We must keep our parks well maintained and safe havens for all our residents. To this end, funding for parks and park facilities is a must.

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and as such they must be maintained. The Community Board would like to see the reinstatement of playground associates to provide programs for children in the parks. In addition, the Brinkerhoff Cemetery has been designated a historic landmark and is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. This site needs maintenance to restore the damage done by years of neglect. While this is not the most important issue for Parks and Recreation, the maintenance of our existing street trees (i.e. pruning, dead tree and stump removal) is also a very important need in CD8. We have mature trees in all our neighborhoods (i.e. Briarwood, Fresh Meadows, Holliswood and Jamaica Estates that require routine maintenance. During extended periods of very hot weather, our greenstreets and street trees need to be irrigated to remain green. Water trucks are needed for that purpose.

#### Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

All Community Board 8 branch libraries meet the current spatial requirements as published by the Queens Public Library. The Briarwood Branch Library must be able to meet the needs of its residents. The Pomonok Branch Library is in dire need of a new sign. All the libraries could benefit from additional computers, books and bandwidth. ESL program for all the libraries due to the increase in our immigrant population. This would assist in their desire and ability to speak and write English.

#### Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

We are requesting that the Office of Management and Budget maintain the current Community Board funding to facilitate merit raises, keeping our technology current and maintaining staffing levels. Having trained and experienced staff is necessary for the smooth operation of our Community Boards. In the past, the Community Boards have seen their budgets decreased. When budgets fluctuate and the staff believes that they do not have job security, they look for other opportunities. Once new staff is hired, this means that many staff hours are now devoted to training. These hours could be better spent by working to address the community's concerns.



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	A) Rebuild and/or upgrade Cedar Grove Playground. B) Replace play equipment at Freedom Park including swings. C) Renovate Farm Playground - 73rd Road and 196th Street. D) Renovate Albert Mauro Playground (Park Drive East)[Continued Support]. Playgrounds need rehabilitation, as it has not been done in many years. New play equipment and new surfaces are needed.	Community Wide
6/37	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Create an annex for the Queens Public Library at Queens Hospital Center - 82-68 164th Street, Jamaica NY 11432	Queens Hospital Center
8/37	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	State of Good Repair Program - This program will help renovate park sites with persistent paved surfaces, sidewalks, lawns and other horticultural amenities.	Community Wide
9/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate comfort station and add new aerator system for the goose pond.	Captain Tily Block 9848, Lot 164
10/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
18/37	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Funds are needed for computers and smart boards for the conference rooms. Pomonok Branch - 158-21 Jewel Avenue Hillcrest Branch - 187-05 Union Turnpike.	Community Wide
19/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Fresh Meadow Park. Provide FREE Wi-Fi to both Fresh Meadow Park and Cunningham Park. Cunningham Park - 196th Place and Union Turnpike. Fresh Meadow Park - 188th Street and Horace Harding Expressway. It would attract more people to the park.	Community Wide
20/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Resurface Hoover/Manton Playground's basketball courts.	Manton Playground
22/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Convert Hoover Playground' concrete athletic field near 83rd Avenue to a little league baseball field.	Hoover Playground



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide mobile/temporary bathrooms near ball fields in southern section of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Needed for the youth and adults who use the Park, especially during large events.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
26/37	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Build an environmental center in Flushing Meadow Corona Park. This center is needed to provide a variety of programs for the community.	Flushing Meadow Corona Park
28/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate small neighborhood parks and triangles.	Community Wide
35/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Redesign, address drainage and electrical issues at Briarwood Playground (JHS 217). Eliminate one basketball court and create a tennis court.	Briarwood Playground
36/37	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funds for library's interior and exterior renovations. Partly funded by Councilman Rory Lancman more funds are needed.	QBPL - Hillcrest Branch 187-05 Union Turnpike Block 7204, Lot 40
37/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Vleigh Playground. The asphalt needs to be replaced. Additional lighting is needed. This park has not been upgraded for many years.	Vleigh Place Playground
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	We continue to support funding for the rehabilitation of the Hollis Branch Library. Funds are also needed for upgrading equipment, increasing bandwidth to accommodate additional computers and for additional books.	Hollis Library
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Replace play equipment at Freedom Square Playground including swings. Equipment is old and needs to be replaced.	Freedom Square Playground



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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	The Briarwood Library needs to be expanded and renovated to meet with the increase in demand.	Briarwood Branch Library
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate the Hoover/Manton Playground. The project should include renovation of the playground and handball courts.	MANTON PLAYGROUND Block 9652, Lot 112
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Additional seating in the Utopia Playground for Children, parents and spectators, especially in the basketball court area.	Utopia Playground
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Cunningham Park's Redwood Playground and 210th Street Playground. Create a third basketball court on 193rd Street at Cunningham Park	Community Wide



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Fund /purchase of potable water trucks to water Million Trees NYC newly planted trees and Green Street gardens planted throughout CD8. Fund a Green Streets beautification program for (69th Avenue, 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue) center island malls in Fresh Meadows. In addition. The Department must consult on annual basis with the community about their plans.	Community Wide
7/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Assign additional personnel to Parks and Forestry for street tree maintenance. Much funding has gone to planting new trees. With new trees the need for maintenance increases. It takes to long to have tree stumps removed. They pose a trip hazard for residents and liability for the City.	Community Wide
10/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Horticultural Maintenance Program - Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.	Community Wide
11/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Increase funding for park's enforcement personnel. Community Board 8 has many parks, playgrounds and sitting areas. Maintaining the safety of these areas of refuge for our residents is paramount. Personnel is needed to enforce infractions in the parks (i.e. dog walkers in restricted areas, smokers, etc...)	Community Wide
12/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Funding and maintenance of Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery. DCAS and DPR are in the process of acquiring this site for preservation through ULURP Application#: C180241 PCQ.	69-65 182nd Street
21/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide an irrigation source for landscaped areas in Freedom Park.	Freedom Park



## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Queens Community Board 8 Capital Requests

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1/37	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. 75th Avenue (186th St. to 188th St.) Avon Road (Chevy Chase St. to 188th St.) 181st Street (67th Ave. & 69th Ave.) Goethals (168th to 170th Streets) 186th St. (73rd to 75th Aves.)	Community Wide	Jamaica Estates Association; Hillcrest Estates Civic Association
2/37	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Installation of new sidewalk and curbs: A) 170th Street (Goethals Ave and Union Turnpike) B) 171st Street (65th Avenue and 67th Avenue) C) Utopia Parkway (73rd Avenue to Horace Harding Expressway including center medians D) East side of 185th Street (64th Avenue to 67th Avenue)	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association; Hillcrest Estates Civic Association
3/37	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Install and/or repair bus pads. CB8 requested replacement of the cracked and broken bus pads since 2005. A) 188th Street & Union Turnpike B) 188th Street from Union Turnpike to 73rd Avenue C) Hillside Avenue (westbound lane) from Francis Lewis Boulevard to 205th Street. Hillside Avenue is the route for about 10 bus lines. The lack of bus pads makes it necessary for numerous requests for repairs of hummocks each year. Hillside Avenue was resurfaced a few years ago. Install bus pads to prevent the newly resurfaced street from deteriorating.	Community Wide	Civic Association of Utopia Estates; Hilltop Village#4 Co-op Board
4/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	A) Rebuild and/or upgrade Cedar Grove Playground. B) Replace play equipment at Freedom Park including swings. C) Renovate Farm Playground - 73rd Road and 196th Street. D) Renovate Albert Mauro Playground (Park Drive East)[Continued Support]. Playgrounds need rehabilitation, as it has not been done in many years. New play equipment and new surfaces are needed.	Community Wide	Kew Gardens Hills Homeowner's Civic Association

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5/37	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Provide the funds to complete all work orders from the fire houses within Community District 8 and add cameras. Install security cameras/system at every fire house in Community District 8 to prevent vandalism and theft. Engine 298 - Ladder 127 - 153-11 Hillside Avenue Engine 299 - Ladder 152 - 61-20 Utopia Parkway Engine 315 - Ladder 125 - 159-06 Union Turnpike. It has come to our attention that our fire houses have been vandalized and electronics were stolen.	Community Wide	Jamaica Estates Association
6/37	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Create an annex for the Queens Public Library at Queens Hospital Center - 82-68 164th Street, Jamaica NY 11432	Queens Hospital Center	Hillcrest Estates Civic Association
7/37	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Funds needed for fit-out/interior construction of the 8,000 sq. ft. of community space within the T-Building at the Queens Hospital Center. Dunn Development is renovating the T-Building and has agreed to set aside this space for a community center that will provide services for all ages. This building will also comprise 206 housing units including: regular rental units, special needs units, middle income units and low income units.	T-Building - QHC 82-68 164th Street	
8/37	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	State of Good Repair Program - This program will help renovate park sites with persistent paved surfaces, sidewalks, lawns and other horticultural amenities.	Community Wide	
9/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate comfort station and add new aerator system for the goose pond.	Captain Tily Block 9848, Lot 164	
10/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association

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11/37	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	Air conditioning is needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter. This can be achieved by adding portable window units. Cooling rooms are not sufficient. The residents should be afforded the same treatment as the staff who work in temperature controlled rooms.	80-20 134th Street	Briarwood Community Association
12/37	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Upgrade the sound system for the auditorium of P.S. 26. Upgrade the electrical wiring for P.S.26Q for the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria. The school is used in the summer to house the P.S. 224 students who are developmentally disabled. They require temperature controlled environments as per the mandate for ADA compliance.	P.S. 26	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
13/37	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Create a new senior center for Community District 8	Community Wide	Community Board 8; Fresh Meadows Homeowner's Association
14/37	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Resurfacing of 183rd Street from Horace Harding Expressway eastbound to 73rd Avenue, including trench restoration from 67th Avenue to 73rd Avenue. The road is in disrepair.	183rd Street Horace Harding Expressway 73rd Avenue	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association.
15/37	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	This property owned by NYCDOT has not been maintained and is an eyesore. We request that it be restored to present a respectful appearance that can be maintained.	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 169th Street	Hillcrest Estates Civic Association
16/37	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime.	Community Wide	107th Precinct Council
17/37	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Upgrade electrical wiring to 220 to support electrical needs of smart boards and air conditioners for P.S. 173.	Public School 173	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association

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18/37	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Funds are needed for computers and smart boards for the conference rooms. Pomonok Branch - 158-21 Jewel Avenue Hillcrest Branch - 187-05 Union Turnpike.	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
19/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Fresh Meadow Park. Provide FREE Wi-Fi to both Fresh Meadow Park and Cunningham Park. Cunningham Park - 196th Place and Union Turnpike. Fresh Meadow Park - 188th Street and Horace Harding Expressway. It would attract more people to the park.	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowner's Civic Association.; Friends of Cunningham Park
20/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Resurface Hoover/Manton Playground's basketball courts.	Manton Playground	Briarwood Community Association.
21/37	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	Repair and/or create new concrete medians. The medians are broken and many are at the same level as the roadway.	Utopia Parkway 69th Avenue Horace Harding Expressway	
22/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Convert Hoover Playground' concrete athletic field near 83rd Avenue to a little league baseball field.	Hoover Playground	Briarwood Community Association
23/37	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Replace and/or repair the cobblestones that make up the street at Clover Hill Place. The road is very steep. The cobblestones are needed to provide traction for DSNY vehicles to remove snow in the winter. The road is very steep and this is needed to ensure that residents and emergency vehicles can reach the top of the hill if necessary.	Clover Hill Place Clover Hill Road Dead End	Holliswood Civic Association
24/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide mobile/temporary bathrooms near ball fields in southern section of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Needed for the youth and adults who use the Park, especially during large events.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park	Kew Garden Hills Civic Association; Kew Garden Hills Tenants Association

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26/37	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Build an environmental center in Flushing Meadow Corona Park. This center is needed to provide a variety of programs for the community.	Flushing Meadow Corona Park	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
27/37	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Extend Center Median on 69th Avenue to 195th Lane - about 20 feet.	69th Avenue 195th Lane 192nd Street	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
28/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate small neighborhood parks and triangles.	Community Wide	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association; Jamaica Estates Civic Association
29/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Convert former teacher's cafeteria into a classroom.	M.S. 216	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
30/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Replace tables in cafeteria; replace auditorium seats; install auditorium wall padding and renovate outdoor wooded area.	Rufus King school - P.S. 26 Q	
31/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Upgrade electrical system, upgrade library and science lab at P.S. 173Q - The Fresh Meadow School.	P.S. 173Q	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
32/37	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Purchase additional garbage trucks to ensure enough capacity for organics recycling.	Community Wide	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
33/37	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Secure additional funds for smart boards in every classroom, computers for every classroom, administrative offices and upgrade the sound system for all schools in Community District 8.	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
34/37	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Upgrade school technology to use parent coordinator's office as a web-based resource.	P.S. 178 Q	
35/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Redesign, address drainage and electrical issues at Briarwood Playground (JHS 217). Eliminate one basketball court and create a tennis court.	Briarwood Playground	
36/37	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funds for library's interior and exterior renovations. Partly funded by Councilman Rory Lancman more funds are needed.	QBPL - Hillcrest Branch 187-05 Union Turnpike Block 7204, Lot 40	
37/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Vleigh Playground. The asphalt needs to be replaced. Additional lighting is needed. This park has not been upgraded for many years.	Vleigh Place Playground	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Cunningham Park's Redwood Playground and 210th Street Playground. Create a third basketball court on 193rd Street at Cunningham Park	Community Wide	Friends Of Cunningham Park
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	We continue to support funding for the rehabilitation of the Hollis Branch Library. Funds are also needed for upgrading equipment, increasing bandwidth to accommodate additional computers and for additional books.	Hollis Library	Hilltop Village Co-op#4
CS	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Upgrade all street lighting in Community District 8 with environmentally sound lights.	Community Wide	

## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Queens Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 37 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

#### Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Replace play equipment at Freedom Square Playground including swings. Equipment is old and needs to be replaced.	Freedom Square Playground	Kew Gardens Hills Homeowner's Civic Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowner's Civic Association
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	The Briarwood Library needs to be expanded and renovated to meet with the increase in demand.	Briarwood Branch Library	Briarwood Community Association
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate the Hoover/Manton Playground. The project should include renovation of the playground and handball courts.	MANTON PLAYGROUND Block 9652, Lot 112	Briarwood Community Association
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Additional seating in the Utopia Playground for Children, parents and spectators, especially in the basketball court area.	Utopia Playground	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association



## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Queens Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 25 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Traffic Safety programs for afterschool program participants.	Beacon 216 158-40 76th Road Block 9724, Lot 173	
2/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CD8.	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
3/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Fund /purchase of potable water trucks to water Million Trees NYC newly planted trees and Green Street gardens planted throughout CD8. Fund a Green Streets beautification program for (69th Avenue, 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue) center island malls in Fresh Meadows. In addition. The Department must consult on annual basis with the community about their plans.	Community Wide	(Susan Cleary's) Tenants Association
4/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. This would improve the cleanliness of our streets. Hillside Avenue (Francis Lewis Boulevard to Queens Boulevard) Queens Boulevard (Hillside Avenue to Main Street) and Main Street. Routine center mall cleaning is also needed throughout the seasons. Additional funds should be allocated to ensure that all commercial areas receive the same frequency of service.	Community Wide	Jamaica Estates Civic Association; Briarwood Community Association
5/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Increase funding for summer youth employment programs. Every year the percentage of funds allocated to meet the needs for the program has been diminished. The number of youth (in the age group of 14 to 24 years old) that qualify for summer youth employment has increased. The yearly funding to meet that need has fallen short.	Community Wide	
6/25	NYPD	Provide shotspotters	This is needed to assist our precinct in detecting the trajectory of bullets to better solve crime.	Community Wide	
7/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Assign additional personnel to Parks and Forestry for street tree maintenance. Much funding has gone to planting new trees. With new trees the need for maintenance increases. It takes to long to have tree stumps removed. They pose a trip hazard for residents and liability for the City.	Community Wide	Jamaica Estates Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Association

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8/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Hire a dedicated inspector for Queens Community Boards' half day inspections. The number of requests sent to the Queens Borough Office is much greater than any other office in the five boroughs. The Queens' Office had a part-time inspector that used to accompany the District Managers on site visits on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, this person went on sick leave and was never replaced. We are requesting that a new full-time inspector be hired as a replacement.	Queens DOB Office 120-55 Queens Blvd	Hillcrest Estates Civic Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowners Association
9/25	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for Community District 8.	Community Wide	Jamaica Estates Civic Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
10/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Horticultural Maintenance Program - Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association; Jamaica Estates Association
11/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Increase funding for park's enforcement personnel. Community Board 8 has many parks, playgrounds and sitting areas. Maintaining the safety of these areas of refuge for our residents is paramount. Personnel is needed to enforce infractions in the parks (i.e. dog walkers in restricted areas, smokers, etc...)	Community Wide	
12/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Funding and maintenance of Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery. DCAS and DPR are in the process of acquiring this site for preservation through ULURP Application#: C180241 PCQ.	69-65 182nd Street	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association.
13/25	SBS	Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program	Hillside Avenue could use a facelift to make it more appealing for people that patron the diverse businesses. Improving cleanliness, maintenance of the storefronts and beautification through streetscape.	Hillside Avenue 179th Street Queens Boulevard	

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14/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	Provide funding to create NORCs in Community Board 8.	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
15/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Increase funding for Beacon Programs in CD8. Funds need to increase to meet the growing need in the community.	Community Wide	
16/25	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	We have a multi-ethnic population. In recent years, we have seen an increase in people who identify as Asian. As such, the services provided for seniors need to meet that change. When services are not readily available for one ethnic group, transportation to neighboring centers that do is desirable. While the population is not necessarily homebound but the frail senior population does have issues with using mass transit. For those that are homebound, they need to interact with people from the outside world. This could possibly mean using technology to help them stay connected. They can participate in senior activities remotely (i.e. through Skype).	Community Wide	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
17/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Increase personnel for Sanitation Police to increase sanitation inspection in all categories and throughout the district.	Community Wide	Jamaica Estates Association; Civic Association of Utopia Estates
18/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Enhance funding for senior services. Funds are needed to meet the demands for services.	Community Wide	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
19/25	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Increase funding for CPR Training Program and for the Fire & Life Safety Education Outreach	Community Wide	
20/25	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Increase arterial highway forces for cleaning areas adjacent to highways and assign additional personnel for maintenance.	Community Wide	Community Board 8
21/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide an irrigation source for landscaped areas in Freedom Park.	Freedom Park	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association

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22/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20, Q88 - Express/Limited). The residents of Kew Gardens Hills would welcome the return of the Q74 to Vleighb Place. The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technology savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.	Community Wide	
23/25	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	We urge that the City explores the possibility of increasing service capacity along the F subway line. The trains are often at capacity when they reach the 169th Street station. The commuters at the subsequent subway stops are unable to board the train.	Community Wide	
24/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Upgrade musical instruments at P.S. 178 to expand the music program and include a band (\$10,000 needed).	P.S. 178 Q	
25/25	DOHMH	Provide more tuberculosis information and services	Community Board 8 supports tuberculosis vans for new immigrants and funds for sexual health. We understand that these funds may have been reduced by the Federal Government and we want to curtail the spread of these diseases through prevention and education.	Community Wide	