

***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 13's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. 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 2017.

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 FY19 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

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

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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1. Community Board Information

Queens Community Board 13

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2. Community District Profile

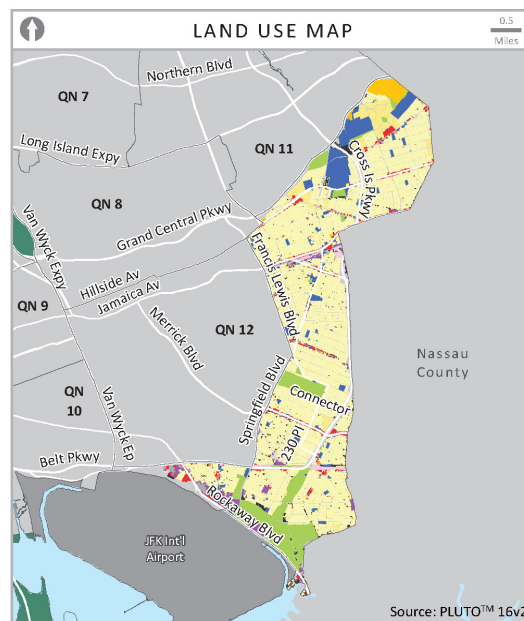
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Queens Community District 13



Neighborhoods¹: Bellaire, Bellerose, Brookville, Cambria Heights, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, Laurelton, New Hyde Park, Queens Village, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
196,284	188,593	-4%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		199,745
Square Miles		12.6
Population Density		14,968/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Queens Community Board 13 in 2017:

1. Commercial development
2. Transit (buses & subways)
3. Youth and children's services

To learn more, please read [Queens CD 13's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	39,895	62%
Multifamily Walk-up	694	5%
Multifamily Elevator	8	2%
Mixed Use	628	1%
Commercial	558	3%
Industrial	169	2%
Transportation/Utility	100	1%
Public/Institutional	245	8%
Open Space	99	13%
Parking	332	1%
Vacant	889	2%
Other	59	<1%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Queens CD 13

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	64
Public Libraries	7
Hospitals and Clinics	6
Parks	13
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
45%	48%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Queens CD 13	Citywide Target
39%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
47	43 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Queens CD 13	Queens
12%	29%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Queens CD 13	Queens
8.7	9.1
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

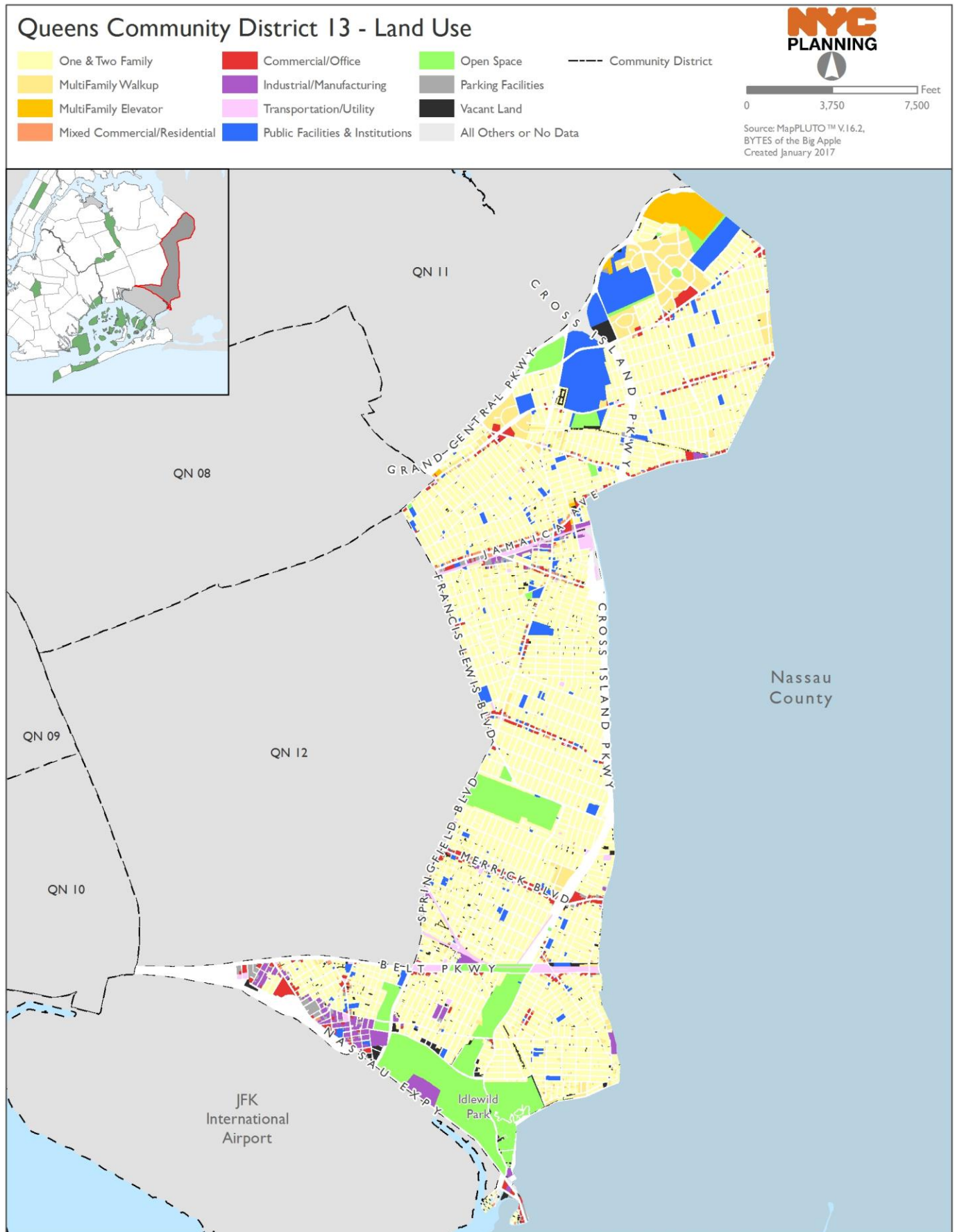
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
29%	30%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 13	Queens
9.1%	8.6%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Queens CD 13	Queens
13%	18%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 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

Queens Community Board 13 is located in East/Southeast Queens with the Grand Central Parkway as its northern border, Francis Lewis Boulevard going to Springfield Boulevard as its western border, JFK Airport as its southern border and the Nassau County line as its eastern border. It is made up primarily of one- and two-family homes, with a scattering of garden co-op apartments and apartment buildings. The district encompasses sixteen distinct communities, which includes: Bellaire, Bellerose, Brookville, Cambria Heights, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, Laurelton, Meadowmere, New Hyde Park, North Shore Towers, Parkside Terrace, Queens Village, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens, Warnerville and Wayanda. There is a strong sense of neighborhood identification in each of these communities. One community may fight for a long awaited library, while another struggles with clean streets and an influx of renters due to illegal conversions. Many of our neighborhoods have a desperate need for street resurfacing, or more accurately street reconstruction; yet, often this is delayed because of sub-surface DEP projects that are planned for upcoming fiscal years. Many other communities suffer from regular flooding or chronic illegal dumping. Other issues affect the entire board such as a proliferation of group homes and day programs significantly beyond the fair share due our communities. There are many dead trees and tree branch complaints, and residential yards and driveways being used as auto repair facilities. The many beautiful parks and playgrounds in the district need more staff and equipment for the tremendous maintenance demands.

This district has a large senior population, growing larger as people tend more to stay in the area as opposed to migrating to the south. The district's overall population is increasing. The transition in many communities involves immigrants and young families with children moving into the community and requiring services. Developers look for open lots to build with variances, or to demolished viable one and two family homes to build larger multi-family buildings. While these buildings add to the amount of available housing, often they do not in appearance complement the surrounding houses. Many young families are moving in adding to the diversity and vibrancy of our district. However, these younger couples create need for more classrooms and additional after-school activities. The growing youth population trend indicates a critical need for programming to provide activities for youth.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 13 are:

- *Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)*
- *Trash removal & cleanliness*
- *Youth and children's services*

Most of the complaints that come into the Board Office have to do with "quality of life" issues. These include illegal truck parking, illegal signs posted on poles, street mechanics who work in residential driveways and/or backyards, noise from loud music in neighboring homes, dead trees needing to be taken down and speeding by motorists on residential streets. There is no community center within QCB 13 for our young people to socialize and exercise. The communities in this district are very concerned about maintaining the character of their neighborhoods and preventing over-development creating density, keeping out houses with illegal conversions. In the Southern part of the district, there is a big need to improve the commercial corridors with better lighting and the forming of merchant's associations.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

- There is a need for assisting seniors in getting trained on using technology. - Special Needs individuals need job opportunities to keep their lives full and growing. - There is a need in the community for targeting community members who are in need of necessary health care services. Certain areas better access to these services.

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

Renovate and upgrade all senior centers in the district. Enhance educational and recreational programs, e.g. tai chi, health initiatives, information for additional care providers, additional senior center staffing, extended hours for senior centers, extend home care services from 4 hours to 8 hours; senior education programs with respect to the internet; NORC; senior abuse focusing on their finances.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Understanding that homelessness is a citywide issue, we support the City identifying abandoned properties and converting them into affordable housing through various programs that are already underway. With respect to those sheltered in hotels located within the Board area, we would like DHS to look at other communities as this Board has more has more than its fair share.

Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

There are families with special needs individuals within this district that would like to see programming and education for both teenagers and adults that will lead to job opportunities allowing them a level of independence.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/33	DFTA	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	<i>More senior programming for literacy; a secret some seniors hide very well.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
18/33	DFTA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</i>	<i>Services Now For Adult Persons (SNAP) increase funding for programming.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
24/33	HRA	<i>Other domestic violence services requests</i>	<i>Create more of an AWARENESS about indications of domestic violence. This would occur through a public relations campaign.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
26/33	DFTA	<i>Enhance programs for elder abuse victims</i>	<i>Create more of a campaign for identifying things that would indicate "Elder Abuse." More training for those working in senior centers in seeing factors of abuse. AWARENESS.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Funding to provide a job placement site in eastern Queens that encompasses Community Board 13 to provide more access to opportunities for youth in our communities. This would be the bridge that allow local businesses and organizations to connect to SYEP as a job site.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

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Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/33	DYCD	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Partnership with various companies in JFK Airport in its expansion and other related businesses provide employment opportunities for youth in our community.</i>	<i>JFK International Airport</i>
17/33	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services</i>	<i>Having a SYEP Provider Site in Community Board 13 enables youth to access summer job opportunities closer to home. This Community Board encompasses a large geographic area making traveling access to existing sites difficult.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
25/33	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>Summer jobs programs that simulate internships so youth can develop job skills.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
27/33	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	<i>Need for a Cornerstone program at Campus Magnet Complex.</i>	<i>Q490 207-01 116th ave</i>



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Emergency and disaster preparedness

The Community Board has JFK Airport and Jamaica Bay on the south, a high water table, and Rosedale is the artery that leads to a portion of Five Towns which is the emergency evacuation route from the Rockaways. Consequently, the area is subject to a disaster in the case of a plane crash or severe storm. Proper planning, community education and drills are needed. Support for expansion for a CERT Team is also needed.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Historically, community policing has reduced crime and promoted better relations with residents. The program of Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCOs) when finally reaching the 105 Precinct, will be valuable to solve the many quality of life issues that occur on the daily basis.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Response times with emergency services have been good. However, the Rosedale community has grown in population and other fire companies are so far away, it would benefit from having more personnel because asking for a new fire company does not seem feasible at this time.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/19	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Surveillance cameras are needed in the merchants district of Rosedale. (243rd Street between Caney and Mayda Roads)</i>	<i>243rd street Caney Road Mayda Road</i>
14/19	NYPD	<i>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</i>	<i>Increase funding for additional NYPD tow trucks for tractor trailers illegally parked within the Board. Presently, arrangements have to made with another borough.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
15/19	FDNY	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	<i>E-304 is in need of overhead a door.</i>	<i>218-44 97th ave</i>



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/33	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	This is a dangerous corner where children and seniors must dodge traffic. Three major streets converge here creating an awkward intersection.	243 Street 147 Avenue Huxley Street
11/33	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	Add a fifth firefighter to Engine 314 (Rosedale) to be more efficient and to improve overall performance.	Engine 314 142-04 Brookville Boulevard
13/33	NYPD	Increase resources for other crime prevention programs	Enforcement of illegally parked 18-wheelers on Springfield Blvd	Springfield Blvd 121st Street 130th Avenue
31/33	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Empowering the precinct with enough resources (manpower and equipment) to address the preponderance of truck traffic and parking within the confines of the Board.	Community Wide
32/33	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Have enough personnel for foot patrols on the main commercial corridors and transportation hubs at night.	Community Wide



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

On the major commercial strips garbage accumulates rapidly. Whenever there is a public trash can it becomes a magnet for bags of [uncollected] residential waste. This problem is so bad many store owners do not want waste baskets in front of their businesses because of the inevitable sanitation ticket that was not their fault. In some residential areas and along the service roads that abut highways, there is a lot of dumping of construction waste and general garbage. Finally, and unfortunately, too many people litter and there needs to be a public campaign vilifying those who randomly drop their trash on the ground.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

- Air emissions from the planes are creating respiratory issues including asthma, sinus conditions, etc. near JFK Airport. - More enforcement for delivery trucks with excessive idling.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

- There is a need for more frequent cleaning of litter baskets. - Routine cleaning of vacant lots where frequently dumping occurs. - Continued to education homeowners about leaf pick up and composting. - Outreach to schools and community centers on not littering.

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
1/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	Many light poles around the district have flyers stapled that never get removed. Increased enforcement and the resultant fines after the cleaning could help to reduce this eyesore and misuse of public property.	Community Wide
4/33	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Develop a sewer plan for the communities of Meadowmere and Warnerville. This study must be made to determine a method of relieving the flooding and giving these communities the amenities their tax dollars afford them.	Community Wide
6/33	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Year-round electronic waste disposal within borough	Community Wide
15/33	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	More frequent pickup of garbage	Guy R. Brewer Boulevard South Conduit Avenue Rockaway Boulevard
22/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The sidewalks in this strip are frequently dirty	Hillside Avenue 249 Street Little Neck Parkway
28/33	DSNY	Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste	More frequent hazardous waste disposal events	Community Wide
30/33	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Educate the community on the process of electronic waste removal (refrigerators and ac units)	Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Commercial district revitalization

Commercial District Revitalization, especially along the corridors of Linden Boulevard, Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica Avenue and Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, will bring the types of goods and services important for the community that have quality, diversity in types of businesses and that attract consumers promoting an overall vitality.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

A study by DCP for downzoning of Queens Village.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

- More proactive in sealing up abandoned "zombie" houses. - Maintaining construction fences around the abandoned properties. - Maintaining the yards of abandoned properties. - Support programs that convert properties into affordable housing. - The removal of squatters from abandoned properties. - To clearly identify the agency that will identify and enforce issues specified above. - Maintain support of foreclosure legal services.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

- Create a strategic approach to local economic development. - Improve our commercial corridors through beautification and cleanliness. - Encourage various business owners to join forces to form merchant's associations.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/19	EDC	<i>Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements</i>	<i>Upgrade lighting, trees planted</i>	<i>Guy R. Brewer Boulevard 145 Avenue Rockaway Boulevard</i>
16/19	HPD	<i>Other housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>For the City to identify abandoned properties rehabilitate them for use by low income families.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/33	DCP	<i>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</i>	<i>Initiation of a study to downzone the area of Queens Village to keep it as one- and two-family homes. People move to this area because of its particular quality; we wish maintain this.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
8/33	SBS	<i>Conduct a commercial district needs assessment</i>	<i>Springfield Gardens has lost a supermarket and a Walgreen's over the past 2 years and there is still a need for the goods and services that were provided by these businesses.</i>	<i>Guy R. Brewer Boulevard 145 Avenue Rockaway Boulevard</i>
14/33	DOB	<i>Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings</i>	<i>There are many areas within the Board where mechanics work on cars in their residential driveways and on the streets. There needs to be more resources available to prevent this occurrence.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
20/33	EDC	<i>Expand programs for certain industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare</i>	<i>More programming for teaching information and technology.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
21/33	EDC	<i>Improve public markets</i>	<i>Put in a Farmer's Market</i>	<i>145-01 Farmers Boulevard</i>
23/33	SBS	<i>Support storefront / facade improvements</i>	<i>The facades along this strip do not show any continuity for shopping or dining.</i>	<i>Linden Boulevard Springfield Boulevard 235 Street</i>



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Bus crowding and quality issues

- There are certain bus lines that we feel should be extended to better serve the residents of this Board. - Better bus service will contribute to less car traffic and alternative transportation modes like dollar vans and cabs. This is important for the safety of our residents and the revenue of the city.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

- Many of our neighborhoods are requesting traffic calming, specifically speed humps and stop signs. These traffic calming methods will slow traffic and provide more pedestrian safety. - There are uneven corners (non-perpendicular) on major thoroughfares that require left turn signals to keep traffic moving safely. These locations are detailed below.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

The Q77 bus line needs to be extended from 145 Road to 147 Avenue to connect with the east-west bus lines. The walk along Springfield Park to make this transfer is two city blocks making it unfair to seniors, the disabled, and those not fleet afoot.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/19	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (Francis Lewis Blvd between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)	Francis Lewis Blvd Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway
5/19	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	The Braddock Avenue Bridge has deteriorated and is in need of repair. The sidewalk is crumbling and the metal guard rail is rusting to the point where it is dangerous as a safety feature.	Braddock Avenue Cross Island Service Road West Jamaica Avenue
8/19	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	There is a need for better street lighting on Hollis Ave. (between 208th street and Francis Lewis Blvd)	Hollis ave 208 street Francis Lewis Blvd
10/19	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	The Laurelton Mall on 135th Avenue between 229th Street and the Laurelton Parkway needs curbing.	135th Avenue 229th Street Laurelton Parkway
11/19	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	There is a need for better lighting on Linden Blvd between 221st and 231st streets.	Linden Blvd 221 street 231 street
12/19	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (130th ave between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)	130th ave Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway
CS	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Left turn signal lights at the intersection of Jamaica Avenue and Springfield Boulevard	Springfield Boulevard Jamaica Avenue



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/33	NYCTA	<i>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</i>	<i>Q77 - Extend the last stop to 147th Avenue</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
33/33	DOT	<i>Conduct traffic or parking studies</i>	<i>We request a traffic signal at Little Neck Parkway and Grand Central Parkway Service Road South because it is a heavily congested area (vehicles, trucks, school buses) where pedestrian safety is compromised.</i>	<i>68-03 Little Neck Parkway</i>



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

The staff presently assigned to the Board's parks do an excellent job. During the summer when the parks are used more extensively, additional staff and equipment for both maintenance and safety would vastly increase the overall enjoyment of these recreational areas.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The parks and playgrounds in the district have varying needs as detailed below. The reconstruction of the Bellerose playground is a high priority, as is the resurfacing of much the district's basketball courts. Many of the MPAA areas need resurfacing, as these areas need some creativity in determining what sporting activities can be encouraged with the decline in the play of asphalt softball. In addition, better scheduling for use of grass fields with baseball and soccer.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/19	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Breninger Playground needs its spray shower repaired so the children may enjoy the water spray on hot summer days.	Benninger Playground
4/19	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Gunn Playground needs its MPAA repaved and adjacent property purchased for park expansion. (Land swap)	Gunn Playground
6/19	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Construction of restrooms at Idlewild Park.	Idlewild Park
9/19	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Add park benches for more seating in Springfield Park.	Springfield Park
13/19	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Restranging and re-poling flagpoles throughout the district.	Community Wide
19/19	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Spectator seating should be installed at the Cricket Field at Idlewild Park.	Idlewild Park
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Update the playground area in Bellerose playground (adjacent to PS 133). The equipment here is outdated compared to neighboring playgrounds, and the previous City Councilman had allocated some money for this project.	Bellerose Playground



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/33	DPR	<i>New equipment for maintenance</i>	<i>An additional John Deere tractor to cut grass throughout the District area.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
29/33	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Increase security staff at Springfield Park Brookville Park and other parks with in the district (PEP)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/19	DOT	Provide traffic enforcement cameras	Speeding near PS 195Q.	PS 195Q 253-50 149 Avenue
18/19	DOT	Provide traffic enforcement cameras	Speeding near PS 138Q.	PS 138Q 251-11 Weller Avenue

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/33	DPR	Other cleaning requests	The road adjacent to JFK runways, Rockaway Boulevard, is used by cyclists on their way to the Rockaways. This is also an truck route and is about 1 1/2 miles long without any houses. Technically it is Parks property, but general litter accumulates without regular cleanup.	Rockaway Boulevard Guy R. Brewer Boulevard Brookville Boulevard
12/33	DYCD	Support recruitment or hiring of employees	Reaching out to business owners and professional offices in Community Board 13 to provide internships for summer youth to learn job skills.	Community Wide
19/33	HPD	Other homelessness prevention program request	Identify and rehabilitate abandoned houses that can be marketed for low-income families.	Community Wide

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 13 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 13 submitted 19 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/19	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Surveillance cameras are needed in the merchants district of Rosedale. (243rd Street between Caney and Mayda Roads)	243rd street Caney Road Mayda Road	Rosedale Civic Association
2/19	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (Francis Lewis Blvd between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)	Francis Lewis Blvd Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway	Federated Blocks of Laurelton
3/19	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Breininger Playground needs its spray shower repaired so the children may enjoy the water spray on hot summer days.	Benninger Playground	
4/19	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Gunn Playground needs its MPAA repaved and adjacent property purchased for park expansion. (Land swap)	Gunn Playground	
5/19	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	The Braddock Avenue Bridge has deteriorated and is in need of repair. The sidewalk is crumbling and the metal guard rail is rusting to the point where it is dangerous as a safety feature.	Braddock Avenue Cross Island Service Road West Jamaica Avenue	
6/19	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Construction of restrooms at Idlewild Park.	Idlewild Park	
7/19	EDC	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	Upgrade lighting, trees planted	Guy R. Brewer Boulevard 145 Avenue Rockaway Boulevard	
8/19	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	There is a need for better street lighting on Hollis Ave. (between 208th street and Francis Lewis Blvd)	Hollis ave 208 street Francis Lewis Blvd	
9/19	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Add park benches for more seating in Springfield Park.	Springfield Park	

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10/19	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	The Laurelton Mall on 135th Avenue between 229th Street and the Laurelton Parkway needs curbing.	135th Avenue 229th Street Laurelton Parkway	Federated Block of Laurelton
11/19	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	There is a need for better lighting on Linden Blvd between 221st and 231st streets.	Linden Blvd 221 street 231 street	Cambria Heights Civic Association
12/19	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Parapet wall for pedestrian crossing on North and South sides of the bridge. (130th ave between Brookville Blvd and Laurelton Parkway)	130th ave Brookville Blvd Laurelton Parkway	
13/19	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Restraining and re-poling flagpoles throughout the district.	Community Wide	
14/19	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	Increase funding for additional NYPD tow trucks for tractor trailers illegally parked within the Board. Presently, arrangements have to made with another borough.	Community Wide	Various Civic Organizations
15/19	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	E-304 is in need of overhead a door.	218-44 97th ave	
16/19	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	For the City to identify abandoned properties rehabilitate them for use by low income families.	Community Wide	
17/19	DOT	Provide traffic enforcement cameras	Speeding near PS 195Q.	PS 195Q 253-50 149 Avenue	
18/19	DOT	Provide traffic enforcement cameras	Speeding near PS 138Q.	PS 138Q 251-11 Weller Avenue	
19/19	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Spectator seating should be installed at the Cricket Field at Idlewild Park.	Idlewild Park	
CS	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Left turn signal lights at the intersection of Jamaica Avenue and Springfield Boulevard	Springfield Boulevard Jamaica Avenue	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Update the playground area in Bellerose playground (adjacent to PS 133). The equipment here is outdated compared to neighboring playgrounds, and the previous City Councilman had allocated some money for this project.	Bellerose Playground	Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association; State Senator Tony Avella

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1/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	Many light poles around the district have flyers stapled that never get removed. Increased enforcement and the resultant fines after the cleaning could help to reduce this eyesore and misuse of public property.	Community Wide	
2/33	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Q77 - Extend the last stop to 147th Avenue	Community Wide	
3/33	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Initiation of a study to downzone the area of Queens Village to keep it as one- and two-family homes. People move to this area because of its particular quality; we wish maintain this.	Community Wide	
4/33	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Develop a sewer plan for the communities of Meadowmere and Warnerville. This study must be made to determine a method of relieving the flooding and giving these communities the amenities their tax dollars afford them.	Community Wide	
5/33	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	An additional John Deere tractor to cut grass throughout the District area.	Community Wide	
6/33	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Year-round electronic waste disposal within borough	Community Wide	
7/33	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	Partnership with various companies in JFK Airport in its expansion and other related businesses provide employment opportunities for youth in our community.	JFK International Airport	
8/33	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	Springfield Gardens has lost a supermarket and a Walgreen's over the past 2 years and there is still a need for the goods and services that were provided by these businesses.	Guy R. Brewer Boulevard 145 Avenue Rockaway Boulevard	
9/33	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	This is a dangerous corner where children and seniors must dodge traffic. Three major streets converge here creating an awkward intersection.	243 Street 147 Avenue Huxley Street	
10/33	DPR	Other cleaning requests	The road adjacent to JFK runways, Rockaway Boulevard, is used by cyclists on their way to the Rockaways. This is also an truck route and is about 1 1/2 miles long without any houses. Technically it is Parks property, but general litter accumulates without regular cleanup.	Rockaway Boulevard Guy R. Brewer Boulevard Brookville Boulevard	
11/33	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	Add a fifth firefighter to Engine 314 (Rosedale) to be more efficient and to improve overall performance.	Engine 314 142-04 Brookville Boulevard	
12/33	DYCD	Support recruitment or hiring of employees	Reaching out to business owners and professional offices in Community Board 13 to provide internships for summer youth to learn job skills.	Community Wide	

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13/33	NYPD	Increase resources for other crime prevention programs	Enforcement of illegally parked 18-wheelers on Springfield Blvd	Springfield Blvd 121st Street 130th Avenue	
14/33	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	There are many areas within the Board where mechanics work on cars in their residential driveways and on the streets. There needs to be more resources available to prevent this occurrence.	Community Wide	
15/33	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	More frequent pickup of garbage	Guy R. Brewer Boulevard South Conduit Avenue Rockaway Boulevard	
16/33	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	More senior programming for literacy; a secret some seniors hide very well.	Community Wide	
17/33	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment	Having a SYEP Provider Site in Community Board 13 enables youth to access summer job opportunities closer to home. This Community Board encompasses a large geographic area making traveling access to existing sites difficult.	Community Wide	
18/33	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Services Now For Adult Persons (SNAP) increase funding for programming.	Community Wide	
19/33	HPD	Other homelessness prevention program request	Identify and rehabilitate abandoned houses that can be marketed for low-income families.	Community Wide	
20/33	EDC	Expand programs for certain industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare	More programming for teaching information and technology.	Community Wide	
21/33	EDC	Improve public markets	Put in a Farmer's Market	145-01 Farmers Boulevard	
22/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	The sidewalks in this strip are frequently dirty	Hillside Avenue 249 Street Little Neck Parkway	
23/33	SBS	Support storefront / facade improvements	The facades along this strip do not show any continuity for shopping or dining.	Linden Boulevard Springfield Boulevard 235 Street	

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24/33	HRA	<i>Other domestic violence services requests</i>	<i>Create more of an AWARENESS about indications of domestic violence. This would occur through a public relations campaign.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
25/33	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>Summer jobs programs that simulate internships so youth can develop job skills.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
26/33	DFTA	<i>Enhance programs for elder abuse victims</i>	<i>Create more of a campaign for identifying things that would indicate "Elder Abuse." More training for those working in senior centers in seeing factors of abuse. AWARENESS.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
27/33	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	<i>Need for a Cornerstone program at Campus Magnet Complex.</i>	<i>Q490 207-01 116th ave</i>	
28/33	DSNY	<i>Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste</i>	<i>More frequent hazardous waste disposal events</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
29/33	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Increase security staff at Springfield Park Brookville Park and other parks with in the district (PEP)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
30/33	DSNY	<i>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</i>	<i>Educate the community on the process of electronic waste removal (refrigerators and ac units)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
31/33	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>Empowering the precinct with enough resources (manpower and equipment) to address the preponderance of truck traffic and parking within the confines of the Board.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
32/33	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Have enough personnel for foot patrols on the main commercial corridors and transportation hubs at night.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
33/33	DOT	<i>Conduct traffic or parking studies</i>	<i>We request a traffic signal at Little Neck Parkway and Grand Central Parkway Service Road South because it is a heavily congested area (vehicles, trucks, school buses) where pedestrian safety is compromised.</i>	<i>68-03 Little Neck Parkway</i>	