

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 Bronx Community Board 12'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

Bronx Community Board 12

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Website: www.nyc.gov/BronxCB12

Chair: Mr. William Hall

District Manager: George Torres

2. Community District Profile

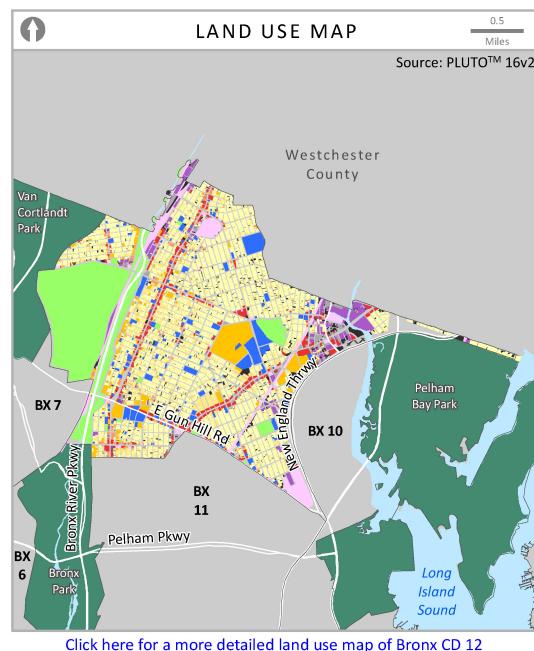
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Bronx Community District 12



Neighborhoods¹: Baychester, Eastchester, Edenwald, Olinville, Wakefield, Williamsbridge, Woodlawn

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
149,077	152,344	+2%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		143,158
Square Miles		5.6
Population Density		27,204/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 12 in 2017:

1. Crime
2. Quality of life issues
3. Trash removal & cleanliness

To learn more, please read Bronx CD 12'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	14,388	38%
Multifamily Walk-up	3,534	12%
Multifamily Elevator	108	6%
Mixed Use	459	2%
Commercial	418	4%
Industrial	156	3%
Transportation/Utility	75	2%
Public/Institutional	233	6%
Open Space	32	21%
Parking	390	2%
Vacant	793	3%
Other	59	<1%

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	42
Public Libraries	5
Hospitals and Clinics	17
Parks	6
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 51%
51%	of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 67%
67%	of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 46 minutes
46	minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 26%
9%	of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 15.7
15.7	major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016

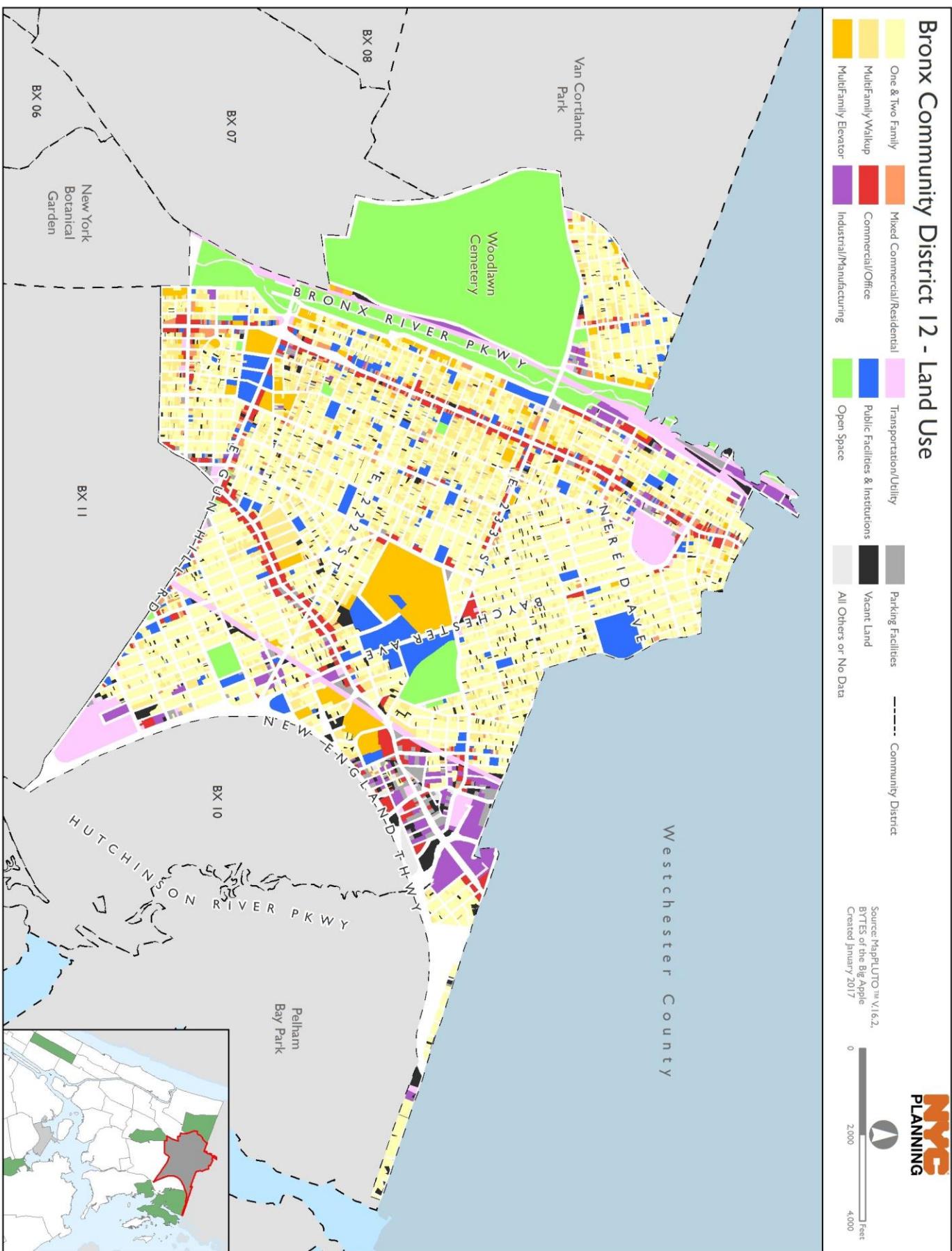
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 19%
23%	of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 14%
14.4%	of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx 28%
23%	of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.

¹ Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ² 2000 US Census; ³ 2010 US Census; ⁴ American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). ⁵ NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶ Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹ NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰ Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹ 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

The greatest joy of serving our friends and neighbors at Community Board 12, The Bronx is that of meeting them and being able to assist them in a variety of ways. Whether it involves solving a difficulty arising between local residents, rectifying a problem relative to the delivery of government services, or just lending an open and understanding ear to one who is looking to be heard, it is a blessing to get to know people and have the opportunity to work on their behalf. These sentiments are shared, we know, by all who work at our Town Hall Headquarters.

Over our many years of service at Town Hall, we have strived to make local government effective and truly accessible to neighborhood citizens. The refurbishment and renovation of Town Hall and of our Carriage House, with the aid and the support of our elected officials, was a significant accomplishment in this regard. Important as well are our engagement in innumerable meetings, frequent telephone calls, and copious correspondence that cause the hours of a typical day at the Community Board to fly by so quickly. Our objective is to keep in touch with our community and to make them aware of how much we value hearing from them.

Community Board 12 is composed of several distinct neighborhoods, each one unique and vibrant in its own way. Community Board 12 is an extremely diverse community welcoming both newly arrived Irish immigrants into Woodlawn and West Indian immigrants into Baychester. This rich diversity of cultures makes Community Board 12 a desirable community.

Baychester is located in the eastern part of the district, consists of low and flat land that used to be marshland and valleys. Its boundaries are East 222nd Street to the north, Pelham Parkway to the south and Bronxwood Avenue to the west. Eastchester Road is the main commercial thoroughfare. The local subway is the IRT Dyre Avenue number 5 line.

Eastchester covers roughly half a square mile. Its boundaries are the Bronx-Westchester County border to the north, the New England thruway to the east, Baychester Avenue to the south, and the intersection of East 233 Street and Baychester Avenue to the west. Boston Road is the primary thoroughfare, and Dyre Avenue is the main commercial strip.

The neighborhood includes an industrial district and one New York City Housing Authority development, Boston Sector Houses.

It is also home to Seton Falls Park, known as the “Grand Canyon” of the Bronx. Situated on more than 30 acres of land, this nature preserve offers a respite from its urban surroundings with a waterside walking trail, a manmade waterfall, and a bird sanctuary. Also boasting several playgrounds, Seton Falls Park offers recreation options for the whole family.

Edenwald is located north of Baychester, south of Wakefield, east of Bronxwood Avenue, and west of Boston Post Road. It is home to the 47th precinct of the New York City Police Department, and to two NYCHA public developments, Baychester Houses and Edenwald Houses.

Fishbay is a small, quaint neighborhood which covers approximately one-fifth of a square mile, and has a population of just under 8,000. The community is bounded by Laconia Ave. to the west and Boston Road to the east. Haffen Park, at the intersection of Gunther and Burke Avenues, has frequently been praised as a “kid-friendly playground” and has a pool.

Olinville is today considered part of the Williamsbridge neighborhood, and shares the 10467 zip code. It is situated west of White Plains Road between Allerton Avenue and Gun Hill Road, and is served by the IRT White Plains Road number 2 and 5 subway lines.

Wakefield was once woods and farmland like the rest of the northern Bronx. The boundaries of the 1.3 square mile neighborhood are the Westchester County border at East 243rd Street the north, East 222nd Street to the south, and the Bronx River, the Bronx River Parkway and the Metro-North Railroad tracks to the west.

Wakefield is home to a number of parks, the most popular of which is Shoelace Park, the northern section of Bronx

3. Overview of Community District

Park. Shoelace Park hugs the banks of the Bronx River, and includes a kayak launch at East 219th Street.

The neighborhood, is served by the IRT White Plains Road number 2 and 5 subway lines, MetroNorth's Harlem Line, and the BxM11 express bus line. White Plains Road is the main shopping district, popular for its many fresh produce markets and Spanish, West Indian, and East Indian specialty food shops.

Williamsbridge is located in the northeast section of the Bronx, and covers roughly a mile and a half. Its boundaries are East 222 Street to the north, Boston Road to the east, East Gun Hill Road to the south, and the Bronx River to the west. White Plains Road is the primary thoroughfare of Williamsbridge. The local subways are the IRT White Plains Road number 2 and 5 lines, and MetroNorth's Harlem Line also provides service to the neighborhood.

Woodlawn is at the very north end of the Bronx. Its boundaries are McLean Avenue to the north -- which is also the New York/Westchester County Line -- the Bronx River to the east, Woodlawn Cemetery to the south, and Van Cortlandt Park to the west.

The main commercial thoroughfare is Katonah Avenue, which runs north-south through the heart of Woodlawn, and is a popular destination for its many fine restaurants and specialty shops.

Woodlawn Cemetery is known as the resting place of many of history's greats and has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 12 are:

- *Parks*
- *Police-community relations*
- *Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)*

The Board chose these three items as the most pressing issues because these are the top complaints we receive as a Community Board. Every month at our District Service Cabinet Meetings and Full Board Meetings residents and constituents raise Quality of Life concerns that primarily focus on the lack of enforcement from City Agencies.

The 47th Precinct covers Community Board 12. They have the most officers of any precinct in the borough because of the high incidents of crime. We have been fortunate because we have an excellent relationship with the 47th Precinct and the NYPD overall. The Neighborhood Coordination Officer program was first launched in the 47th Precinct. This program seeks to connect the local beat cop directly with the residents by making these select officers responsible to different sectors of the precinct. We hope this initiative leads to a reduction of the types of Quality of Life complaints we receive.

Community Board 12 is a transit rich district insofar as we have two separate train lines that dissect our district. We have several major commercial corridors in Gun Hill Road, Boston Road and White Plains Road to name a few. Cleanliness and trash removal is a challenge especially under the "El" on White Plains Road. Even with assistance from the Doe Fund cleaning periodically White Plains Road is plagued with garbage strewn about its corridor. Additionally, many of our corridors are littered with automobile repair shops and chop shops. Many of these businesses take advantage of lax enforcement and park their vehicles illegally on the sidewalk or take up on-street parking with cars that have no plates or tags.

The Community Board has been working with residents and concerned citizens to file the appropriate complaints with the City. It is our hope that with proper enforcement and renewed diligence we might be able to address some of these long standing problems.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

We choose to prioritize homelessness because our district is unfairly burdened by the City's lack of a comprehensive plan to deal with it. We find that not for profit organizations have targeted our district because rents are low or properties are cheaper to purchase than other portions of the City. They may also feel that there will be little to no resistance from the community at large when targeting the district to place a homeless shelter. CB12 is saturated with homeless shelters in addition to other City and State funded facilities that only temporarily address the issue. We would welcome a strategy that looked to make these facilities permanent and make the residents stakeholders in the community.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/8	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP</i>	<i>CB12 has served as a satellite facility for HRA's outreach efforts on Food Stamps/SNAP. Every Tuesday and Wednesday CB12's offices become a hub of activity of those seeking HRA's assistance for Food Stamps/SNAP benefits. We encourage an expansion of these services to five days a week and that additional services are offered like APS. In years past HRA has said that further study was required of the agency. We met with officials from HRA and thought we were close to negotiating an expansion of services at our office. Unfortunately, those conversations ended with no change or expansion to the current services. We would like to know what happened.</i>	<i>Community Board 12 4101 White Plains Road</i>



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Increased funding is needed for the SYEP program to meet the demand of the youth that apply for these jobs. Summer jobs are a primary and effective means in developing skills in our youth and deterring youth crime. We also encourage DYCD and the City to find meaningful internships that take advantage of New York City's stature. The City is the media capital of the world in addition to Wall Street and high-end law firms. The City should partner with these firms to target underprivileged children that might not otherwise get a foot in the door.

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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3/8	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>Increase funding for SYEP and look to end the yearly budget dance. Base line the increases so that those participating in the program can build upon their programs to offer better outcomes and services for our youth. We should look to models used in other City's like Philadelphia and work with the private sector to offer more meaningful summer jobs to youth. Use the SYEP program as the doorway to internships that would otherwise not be available to those of us that do not have someone advocating on their behalf. Offer multi-year placements so that our youth have an opportunity to grow with one particular employer. End the lottery system to make sure that once a youth enters the SYEP program they can stay in it. Incentivize the hiring of youth similar to what SBS does.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

It is my understanding that the 47th Precinct continues to be plagued by a high number of incidents. I cannot speak to why this is but I am certain it is not the other issues referenced above.



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency*Cleanliness/trash collection*

CB12 has two transit lines in addition to the Metro North. We have several commercial districts throughout the district. The cleanliness of the district or lack there of may be the number one issue. More services are required to keep high trafficked areas like White Plains Road clean and clear of debris.

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/8	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Request for additional funding for more services like additional Mobile Liter Patrols and Basket Service pick-ups.</i>	Community Wide

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development*Commercial district revitalization*

CB12 has several commercial districts with many vacant storefronts. Moreover, there is no diversification of the types of services in those storefronts that are occupied. Many of our retail establishments are of the food services type; restaurants or convenience stores. We would like to see more offerings from retailers.

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/8	NYCHA	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>Provide funding for cameras throughout Edenwald, Boston Secor, Baychester, NYCHA Developments in order to deter crime. Crime in our N.Y.C.H.A. Housing Developments persists as a major problem and concern. The installation of cameras has only partially taken place in some projects. A complete monitoring system must be installed in each of our N.Y.C.H.A. Developments for the safety of the tenants. It is our understanding that the monies for these projects were allocated. We would like a detailed explanation on when NYCHA plans on getting these cameras installed. The monies were allocated several budget cycles in the past. We want to ensure that these monies are not redirected to other projects.</i>	Community Wide

**Transportation**Main Issue Related to Transportation*Sidewalk and curb construction*

There are many sidewalks and curbs that need to be fixed within the district. Unfortunately, this responsibility lies with the homeowner and many of my homeowners do not have the resources to fix this problem. Moreover, some of the sidewalks in need of repair are so because of the City's infrastructure. Trees and their roots have caused many sidewalks to buckle or become trip hazards. DOT is woefully underfunded in dealing with this issue. We would like to see the City add more money to DOT's budget to address this issue.

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/8	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Community Board 12 is plagued by many unfinished/unimproved/unmapped streets. These unfinished streets lead to many quality of life concerns. Many of these streets become overgrown and unkempt. This becomes a burden for other City Agencies like DOH and DSNY who do not have the resources to continuously maintain these locations. We ask DOT to take up a study to survey where all these streets exist in the District with the goal of putting together a Capital Reconstruction plan to address all these unfinished streets.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community board resources (offices, staff and equipment)

This is very self serving since it impacts the Community Board directly. Boards budgets should increase to reflect the growing need to attract and keep the staff. Additionally, the services that are paid for through the budgets have gone up steadily without any increase to keep pace. As a result boards have been forced to make difficult decisions regarding the level of services offered. We would like to see a significant increase in funding for Community Boards.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/5	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade Shoelace Park and the Bronx River Greenway. The Parks Department has a Master Plan for the reconstruction and modernization of Shoelace Park. Many of the playgrounds and facilities lie in the flood plane of the Bronx River. CB12 is asking for a plan on how best to implement the Master Plan. Considering the project cannot begin unless it is fully funded is it best to parcel the Master Plan into more project ready phases.</i>	<i>Shoelace Park</i>
2/5	DCAS	<i>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Community Board 12 is an incredible resource to the community at large. We are fortunate to be a building that has an open space. In the last two years CB12 has poured money into upgrading our technology. We now need to upgrade our facility. We need new windows and we need the Carriage House to be more open and accessible to the community at large. We are also asking for DCAS to make the Carriage House a Public Assembly space with the proper DOB permits.</i>	<i>4101 White Plains Road</i>



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1/8	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<p><i>Please increase funding for Community Boards. We ask that the City to increase each Boards budget to \$350,000 so that Boards will have the adequate resources to provide the Charter-mandated services to their Districts. Last year response stated that the budget was increased. Yes, it was increased to included the union mandated raises required of the Mayor's Pay Plan. There has not been a significant increase in years. Either increase the Boards budget to allow us to function or do away with the Boards. However, do not let us perish from our inability to attract and keep talent.</i></p>	Community Wide
6/8	DPR	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<p><i>Request: Provide Funding for cameras in Seton Falls Park, Shoelace Park and Haffen Park in order to deter crime. Explanation: Community Board 12 believes that installing cameras can act as a deterrent to crimes and provide evidence that could aid law enforcement officials in the prosecution of crime in these parks. The Board asks that the Department of Parks and Recreation purchase these cameras in order to address this significant public safety issue.</i></p>	Community Wide
7/8	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<p><i>Request: Provide Funding for Additional PEP Officers or Transfer money to the NYPD so that they take the roll of the PEP Officers in all NYC Parks. Explanation: Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds. Vandalism has increased and there is a need for additional PEP officers to patrol the parks. It is inconceivable that year after year, park patrons in Community Board #12 have to endure numerous quality of life issues because existing PEP officers are not present. We request that the Department hire more officers in order to protect our parks and their patrons.</i></p>	Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

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3/5	DCAS	Fix the cupola and the roof of Town Hall located at 4101 White Plains Road.	When it rains and snows there are leaks throughout the building. The cupola has not had any repairs since the 47th Precinct move from this location.	4101 White Plains Road
4/5	DCAS	Replace all of the windows with sound proof windows within Town Hall located at 4101 White Plains Road.	Because of the elevated train tracks (Number 2 line) it becomes difficult to hear constituents while the train is passing.	4101 White Plains Road
5/5	DCAS	Replace the HVAC unit for Town Hall located at 4101 White Plains Road.	The air conditioning and heating system does not work at all in the Carriage House. The air conditioning and heating systems do not work properly on the second and third floors. We are looking to make Town Hall more energy efficient. The Board was informed that this project was included in FY 17's budget. We would like to see where this project is and when it will be implemented. We were told by DCAS that they were going in a different direction with this request. We are asking for an explanation.	4101 White Plains Road

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 submitted 5 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
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2/8	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<p><i>Community Board 12 is plagued by many unfinished/unimproved/unmapped streets. These unfinished streets lead to many quality of life concerns. Many of these streets become overgrown and unkempt. This becomes a burden for other City Agencies like DOH and DSNY who do not have the resources to continuously maintain these locations. We ask DOT to take up a study to survey where all these streets exist in the District with the goal of putting together a Capital Reconstruction plan to address all these unfinished streets.</i></p>	Community Wide	
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4/8	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>CB12 has served as a satellite facility for HRA's outreach efforts on Food Stamps/SNAP. Every Tuesday and Wednesday CB12's offices become a hub of activity of those seeking HRA's assistance for Food Stamps/SNAP benefits. We encourage an expansion of these services to five days a week and that additional services are offered like APS. In years past HRA has said that further study was required of the agency. We met with officials from HRA and thought we were close to negotiating an expansion of services at our office. Unfortunately, those conversations ended with no change or expansion to the current services. We would like to know what happened.</i>	Community Board 12 4101 White Plains Road	
5/8	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	<i>Provide funding for cameras throughout Edenwald, Boston Secor, Baychester, NYCHA Developments in order to deter crime. Crime in our N.Y.C.H.A. Housing Developments persists as a major problem and concern. The installation of cameras has only partially taken place in some projects. A complete monitoring system must be installed in each of our N.Y.C.H.A. Developments for the safety of the tenants. It is our understanding that the monies for these projects were allocated. We would like a detailed explanation on when NYCHA plans on getting these cameras installed. The monies were allocated several budget cycles in the past. We want to ensure that these monies are not redirected to other projects.</i>	Community Wide	
6/8	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Request: Provide Funding for cameras in Seton Falls Park, Shoelace Park and Haffen Park in order to deter crime. Explanation: Community Board 12 believes that installing cameras can act as a deterrent to crimes and provide evidence that could aid law enforcement officials in the prosecution of crime in these parks. The Board asks that the Department of Parks and Recreation purchase these cameras in order to address this significant public safety issue.</i>	Community Wide	
7/8	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Request: Provide Funding for Additional PEP Officers or Transfer money to the NYPD so that they take the roll of the PEP Officers in all NYC Parks. Explanation: Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds. Vandalism has increased and there is a need for additional PEP officers to patrol the parks. It is inconceivable that year after year, park patrons in Community Board #12 have to endure numerous quality of life issues because existing PEP officers are not present. We request that the Department hire more officers in order to protect our parks and their patrons.</i>	Community Wide	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 Expense Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 submitted 8 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
8/8	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Request for additional funding for more services like additional Mobile Litter Patrols and Basket Service pick-ups.</i>	Community Wide	