

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

Fiscal Year
2020

**Bronx
Community District
12**

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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) 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.

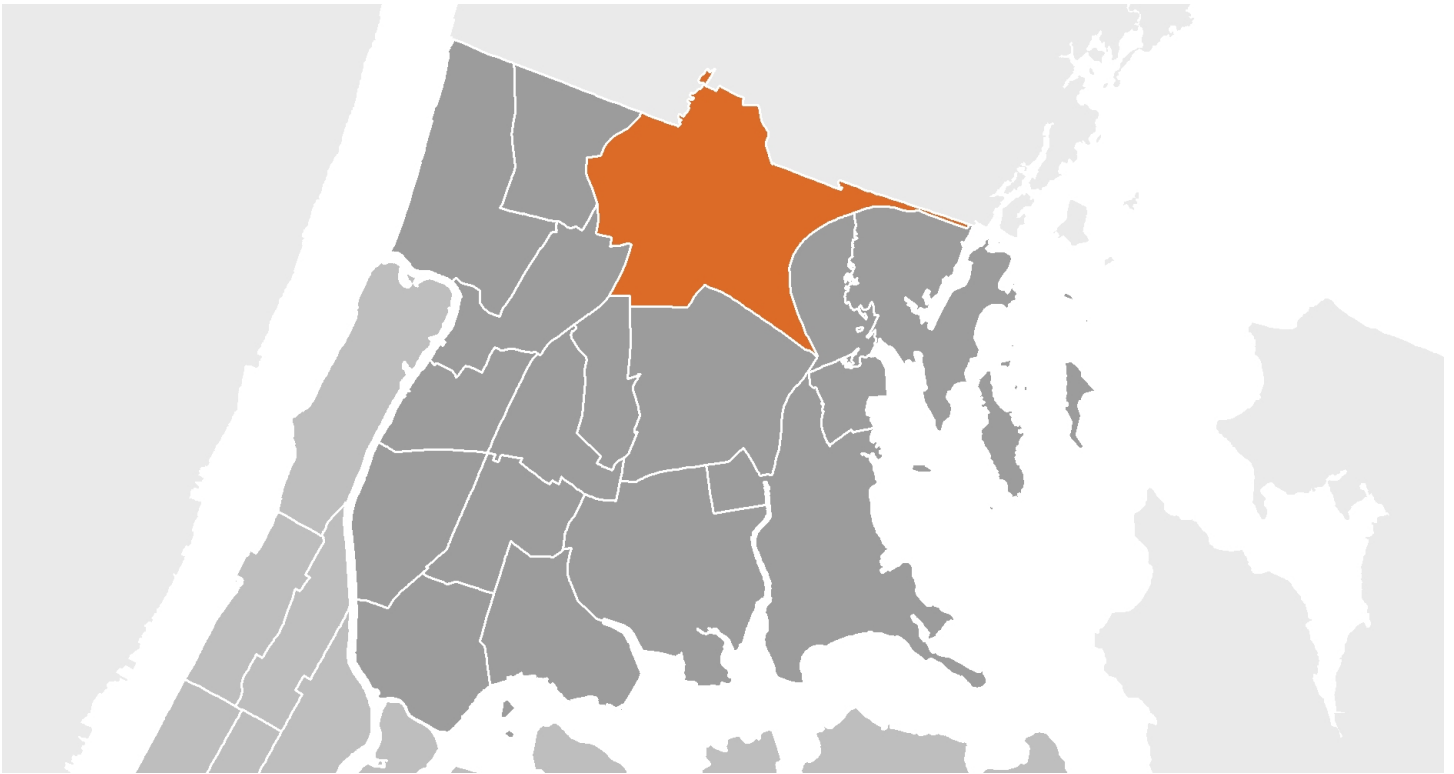
b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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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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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Bronx Community Board 12

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Chair: Dr. William Hall

District Manager: George Torres

2. Community District Profile

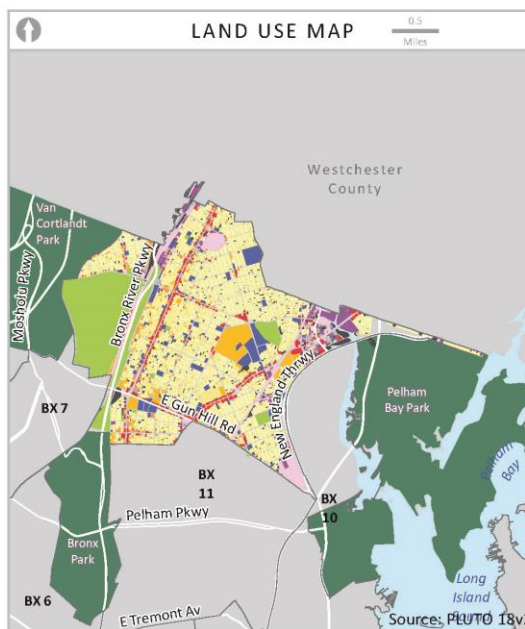
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

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%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		144,341
Square Miles		5.6
Population Density		27,204/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 12 in 2018:

1. Parks
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 2020.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	14,393	38%
Multifamily Walk-up	3,552	12%
Multifamily Elevator	107	6%
Mixed Use	482	2%
Commercial	406	4%
Industrial	151	3%
Transportation/Utility	78	2%
Public/Institutional	238	7%
Open Space	32	21%
Parking	419	2%
Vacant	748	3%
Other	50	0%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Bronx CD 12

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
50%	51%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Bronx CD 12	Citywide Target
67%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx
46	44 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx
9%	26%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx
16	14.5
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

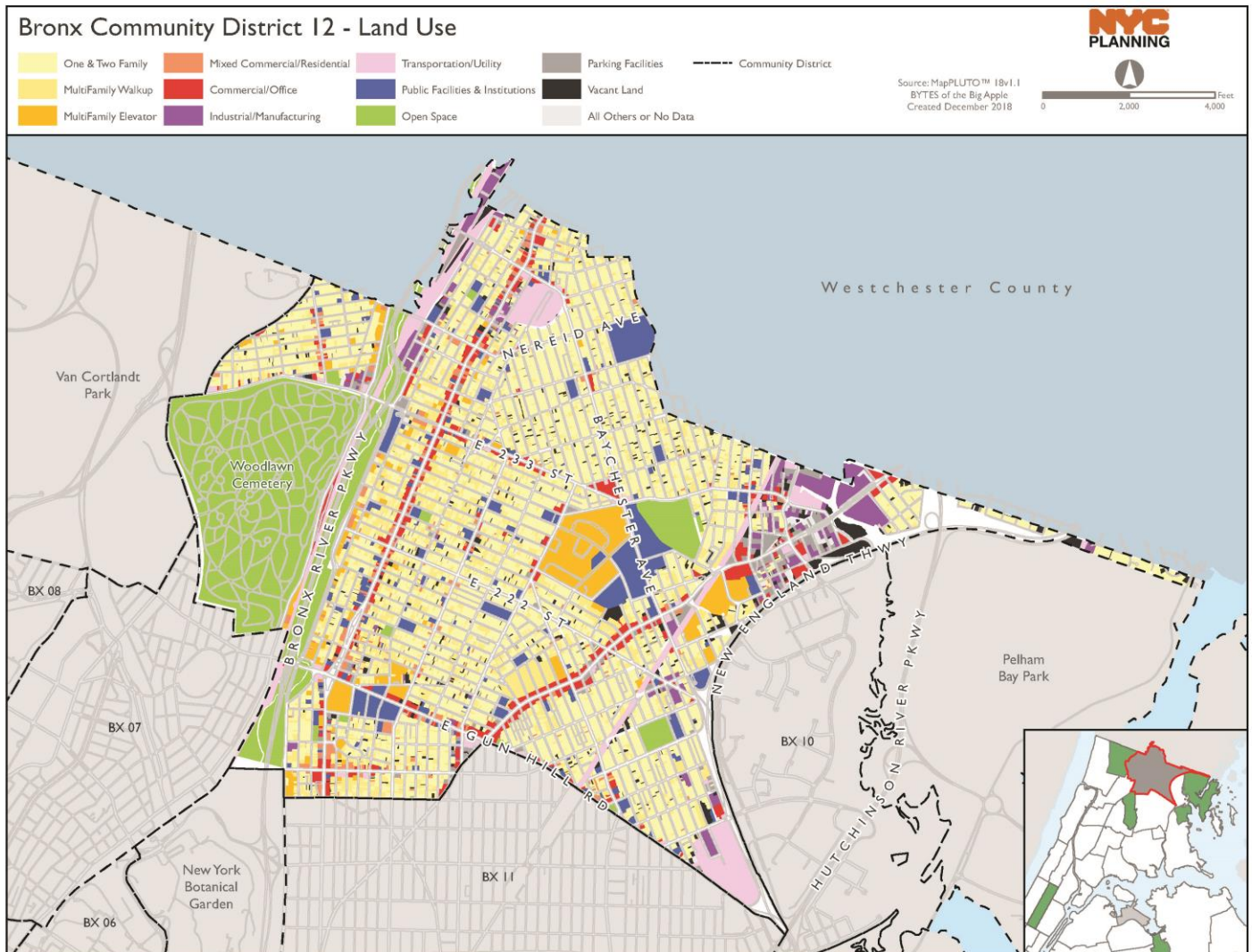
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx
23%	19%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx
8.3%	7.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Bronx CD 12	Bronx
23%	26%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

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

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

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*
- *Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)*
- *Trash removal & cleanliness*

Community Board 12's top three concerns for Fiscal Year 2020 are from constituents complaining about Quality of Life complaints that range from parking concerns, illegal dumping, trees and speed humps.

Our district is made up primarily of 1-2 family homes with intermittent larger scale multifamily home developments along our commercial corridors. Many homeowners believe the street in front of their respective homes belongs to them. The Board Office receives daily complaints from homeowners stating that people have over extended their parking privileges by leaving their vehicles on the street longer than City ordinance allows; 7-days rule. We also receive complaints about vehicles that have commercial license plates of being parked on residential streets. Moreover, we have commercial businesses in industrial areas of our district that complain about other commercial businesses using the street as their own parking lot. Finally, our district makes the most 311 complaints to DSNY of abandoned vehicles in the Bronx by a more than 3 to 1 margin.

Our second need would come in the form of more resources for the Parks Department. The quality of our Parks is always in need but our request would direct those resources to maintenance; specifically street tree maintenance. Similar to the complaint above regarding parking our Board is besieged by phone calls from residents concerned about trees. Our complaints range from requests for tree pruning to removal dead trees that are all but certain to fall and maim residents or worse. It is our understanding after discussing many of our concerns with the Parks Department that they do not have the monies necessary to increase routine maintenance. Tree pruning is now done on a seven year rotation. We would like to see it done on a three year rotation as it used to be many years ago. There is no budget for stump removal unless a new tree is being planted in its place. The rating system used by the Parks Department for sidewalk replacement and fixing only handles the worst cases and quickly runs out of monies every year. The Parks Department often refers these complaints to DOT's Sidewalk Replacement Program. The Parks Department created a new system two years ago called the Tree Risk Management System to assess the damaged or dangerous trees. Our concern is that this has done nothing to increase the removal of dead trees or branches that may be in danger of falling. It is our concern that similar to the sidewalks program this system only requires a minimal response rather than dealing with the greater demand.

Our third need would come in the requests for DOT to hire more staff to deal with the back log of request for speed reducers. During budget consultations DOT stated that speed hump requests have skyrocketed and the back log is due to the increased number of requests. They have the same number of people dealing with an increased demand for studies to be conducted. This has resulted in DOT's responses to constituents being delayed up to two years for speed humps. Moreover, it was suggested during Budget Consultations that a mapping system be created showing where speed hump studies have been conducted and why they were approved/disapproved as many requests are duplicates. The hope would be to reduce the number of requests if people were able to see in advance what the study was on a map.

The final note is recognition by Community Board 12 that as residents and constituents of this district we need to do a better job of articulating our concerns by calling 311 to register our complaints. We have done better in recent years but agencies have not been quick to change or respond. We are asking our agencies to step-up their enforcement efforts. The cleanliness of White Plains Road in our district has been a problem for many years. It is only this year with help from our Council member that the Doe Fund was hired to keep WPR clean. We have an illegal dumping problem along Webster Avenue and Bullard Avenue. The Board worked with our elected officials to address these issues only to be told by DSNY that they could not implement Alternate Side of the Street Parking on both sides of the street because they did not have the staffing to do it. The NYPD does not have the staffing to deal with illegally parked vehicles. The Rotational Tow program they contract with does not have the space to store these illegally parked and towed vehicles. A request was made to shift these responsibilities to DSNY. A request was made for DSNY to amend their policy on the

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

aging provision when they can remove an abandoned vehicle. DSNY's process allows a vehicle to be tagged by an agent but not towed. This allows the owner of the vehicle time to move the vehicle thereby requiring the whole process to begin again.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Our concern is not with services for the homeless but rather the siting of these facilities in communities like ours. The Department of Social Services (DHS/HRA) has not been forthright with our Board regarding these facilities. The current administration released Turning the Tide to address homelessness and a plan to site 90 new shelter facilities in a more equitable manner. The previous administration, in an effort to curb homelessness, greatly expanded the Cluster Site program in the Bronx. In other boroughs there was a combination of using hotels as transient housing for homeless individuals. Our concern lies in the fact that this administration has not shared where these cluster sites are located. This administration has not been honest in their Turning the Tide Strategy. DHS uses two hotels in our district that are located in M1-1 zones. They do not classify these sites as hotels and have moved to make them permanent signing multi-year contracts with the providers to provide services in a building that is a hotel against City Ordinances. This is similar in nature to moving most of the Cluster Site apartments into the "Master Lease Program" and then converting those buildings into permanent shelters without community notification or involvement. This is an end run around the process. This administration does not have a viable plan other than to throw more good money after bad. This administration has done nothing but increase the agencies budget only to see homelessness increase under their watch. Their plan is to convert these cluster sites into the 90 new shelters thereby undercutting their own arguments of equitable distribution of homeless shelters. This strategy impacts communities like ours negatively and reinforces the public's perception of inept government bureaucracy.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/8	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	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.	Community Board 12 4101 White Plains Road



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/8	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	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.	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other/Quality of Life

Community Board 12 receives many Quality of Life Complaints ranging from illegally parked vehicles to loud music complaints. The local precinct is quick to respond however their enforcement is limited. Most people just outlast what the local precinct is able to do. Someone will park illegally until the precinct just labels this complaint as " We have done what we can and will do no more." This is unfortunate and further erodes faith in public institutions.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



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	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Request for additional funding for more services like additional Mobile Litter Patrols and Basket Service pick-ups.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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 Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/8	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	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.	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	Other transportation infrastructure requests	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.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

The Parks Department needs to increase the frequency of street tree pruning efforts. We would like to see this increase from the current seven year cycle to a three year cycle.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

We would like to see the \$42,500 distributed by the City Council to each Community Board citywide base lined in the budget so we could hire more staff to sustain our operations.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/5	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	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.	Shoelace Park
2/5	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	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.	4101 White Plains Road



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/8	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	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.	Community Wide
6/8	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	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.	Community Wide
7/8	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	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.	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.

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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	

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Bronx Community Board 12 Expense Requests

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

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1/8	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	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.	Community Wide	Community Board #12 and Its Civic and Neighborhood Associations
2/8	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	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.	Community Wide	
3/8	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	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.	Community Wide	

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4/8	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	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.	Community Board 12 4101 White Plains Road	
5/8	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	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.	Community Wide	
6/8	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	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.	Community Wide	

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7/8	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	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.	Community Wide	
8/8	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Request for additional funding for more services like additional Mobile Litter Patrols and Basket Service pick-ups.	Community Wide	