

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

Fiscal Year  
2026



Queens  
Community District

# 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 the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. 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, 2024.

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:

### **1. 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.

### **2. 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.

### **3. Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 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 8

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## **2. 2020 CENSUS DATA**

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

## New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

## Queens

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	2,230,722	100.00	2,405,464	100.00	174,742	7.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	461,901	20.7	455,995	19	-5,906	-1.3	-1.7
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	2,230,722	100.0	2,405,464	100.0	174,742	7.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	613,750	27.5	667,861	27.8	54,111	8.8	0.3
White non-Hispanic	616,727	27.6	549,358	22.8	-67,369	-10.9	-4.8
Black non-Hispanic	395,881	17.7	381,375	15.9	-14,506	-3.7	-1.8
Asian non-Hispanic	508,334	22.8	656,583	27.3	148,249	29.2	4.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	39,923	1.8	66,175	2.8	26,252	65.8	1.0
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	56,107	2.5	84,112	3.5	28,005	49.9	1.0
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	835,127	100.0	896,333	100.0	61,206	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	780,117	93.4	847,210	94.5	67,093	8.6	1.1
Vacant housing units	55,010	6.6	49,123	5.5	-5,887	-10.7	-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

## Queens Community District 8

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	151,107	100.00	161,402	100.00	10,295	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	30,996	20.5	32,754	20.3	1,758	5.7	-0.2
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	151,107	100.0	161,402	100.0	10,295	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	25,621	17.0	29,486	18.3	3,865	15.1	1.3
White non-Hispanic	52,871	35.0	44,302	27.4	-8,569	-16.2	-7.6
Black non-Hispanic	19,107	12.6	18,682	11.6	-425	-2.2	-1.0
Asian non-Hispanic	47,039	31.1	60,413	37.4	13,374	28.4	6.3
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,908	1.3	3,200	2.0	1,292	67.7	0.7
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	4,561	3.0	5,319	3.3	758	16.6	0.3
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	56,863	100.0	59,385	100.0	2,522	4.4	0.0
Occupied housing units	54,331	95.5	56,623	95.3	2,292	4.2	-0.2
Vacant housing units	2,532	4.5	2,762	4.7	230	9.1	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

### Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 8, Queens is bounded by the Long Island Expressway to the north, Hillside Avenue to the south, Van Wyck Expressway to the west and the Clearview Expressway to the east. It includes the communities of Briarwood, Flushing Suburban, Flushing Heights, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Hillcrest Estates, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Kew Gardens Hills, Utopia and West Cunningham Park. It also includes parts of Hollis and Queens Village (north of Hillside Avenue). These communities are overwhelmingly residential with several commercial strips. There were over 160,000 residents counted during the 2020 Census who reside in Community District 8. There has been a moderate but steady increase in population. Our residents are mostly middle income, multi-ethnic, multi-racial individuals who own their own homes, condos and co-ops or are renters. The residences consist of one and two-family homes, garden apartments, large apartment buildings such as the Fresh Meadows Development, co-ops such as Electchester, Hilltop Village and Parkway Village. Our district also houses the New York City Housing Authority complex - Pomonok. It is important to understand that our population, as counted by the census, does not accurately represent the need for services in our district. Queens College, CUNY Law School, St. John's University and Lander College for Men are located within our borders. Thousands of students who are not counted by the US Census reside in our community while attending college/university from the months of August through May. Hillside Avenue is also a major transportation hub. Thousands of residents come from eastern Queens and Long Island to board the E and F train to Manhattan. The services that we receive should reflect the needs of these individuals along with those of our permanent residents. Community Board 8 residents are concerned with quality of life issues, upgrading the infrastructure, personal safety and security, education and maintaining their fair share of City services.

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

**BUILDINGS** - Much of Community Board 8's housing stock is residential with many one-family and two-family dwellings. Additional Buildings Department inspectors are necessary to enforce existing regulations and address quality of life violations. DOB introduced the Development Challenge Process initiative a many years ago. Additional plan examiners are needed to review and respond to these challenges and the many requests that we receive for audits. More plan examiners would eliminate the self-certification by architects and engineers. We receive our share of illegal conversion and illegal occupancy complaints. The lack of affordable, regulated housing is the root cause of the prevalence of illegal apartments. There are very few rent stabilized apartments within Community District 8.

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

- The paved center malls require year-round cleaning and more frequent seasonal weed-control.
- Retain the five day-a-week pick-ups at public schools and extra pick-ups at the Pomonok Houses.
- Sanitation Police are needed for night patrol to discourage illegal dumping especially on abandoned properties and entrances to and exits to Grand Central Parkway, Clearview Expressway, Long Island Expressway and Van Wyck Expressway.
- Additional agents for Sanitation Code Enforcement are needed to address the quality-of-life complaints that we receive. While the enforcement issues for residential properties are addressed, we noticed that enforcement of our commercial strips is insufficient (i.e. Hillside Avenue and Main

Street). While we do not want to stifle business by fining our small business owners, some of them are repeat offenders who show a total disregard for the community. The issuance of a violation is the only way to receive cooperation.

- Community Board 8 continues to support dedicated baskets for our commercial areas. We must be provided with seven-day service to ensure the cleanliness of our commercial strips. The Adopt-a-Basket program must be better promoted to encourage public and private sector partnerships. This should be promoted through public service announcements on television and radio.
- SENIORS/YOUTH/EDUCATION/LIBRARIES - A civilization is best judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable members (seniors and youth). There has been a marked increase in the youth population in CB8 and such an increase demands additional services. Increased funding for after school programs, summer youth employment, senior transportation and NORCs are needed. Twenty percent of our population is under 18 years of age. Our schools must have the necessary equipment (smart boards, computers, iPads, etc.) for our students to compete. The pandemic showed the inequities that exists with so many students that were unable to fully participate remotely due to the lack of equipment and internet connections. In today's world, our libraries have become multimedia centers that provide access to computers and the internet for adults and children. They serve thousands of New Americans and English learners who do not have access to home computers and/or the internet. It is vital that additional funds be provided to our libraries so that they may be open seven days a week and have up to date software and hardware for our residents.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Queens Community Board 8

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Parks and open space**

PARKS - One of the most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and, as such, they must be well maintained. The quality of our parks and park facilities is one of the most important issues facing our district. Community District 8 is fortunate to be home to many parks and numerous playgrounds. This is in addition to over 50 greenstreets. All of these park facilities require regular maintenance. There is always a need for new irrigation systems, updated playground equipment and safety resurfacing on a rolling basis. Our major parks: Cunningham Park, Captain Tilly Park, and Flushing Meadows Corona Park are used by thousands of our residents, those of neighboring districts and Nassau County. Our parks host major events such as an annual performance of the Philharmonic Orchestra attended by thousands of people. For many, our parks and playgrounds are the destination for families with children who have staycations. Some of our smaller parks/playgrounds such as Hoover/Manton Playground and Vleigh Playground, Playground Seventy-Five are in need of upgraded play equipment and/or safety resurfacing. We must keep our parks well maintained and safe havens for all our residents. To this end, funding for parks personnel and park facilities is a must.

#### **Street conditions (roadway maintenance)**

STREET CONDITION - Many of our roads are in need of trench restoration. Each passing car, delivery truck and New York City bus add pressure to the roads and undermine the streets. We asked for funding for trench restoration for several locations which have been on our list for many years. Goethals Avenue needs to be reconstructed. It is half built with vegetation growing on half of the road. This road abuts St. John's University which services close to 20,000 students..Several of our roads are bus routes. They have broken bus pads that require replacement. For instance, a plethora of NYC Transit buses (i.e. Q36, Q43, Q77, Q76, Q1, etc.) and Nassau buses traverse Hillside Avenue. These items have also been on our list for many years.

#### **Street flooding**

SANITATION - Community Board 8 has many center medians along its major thorough fare that are not properly maintained on a consistent basis. They are located along Hillside Avenue, Francis Lewis Boulevard, Union Turnpike, Queens Boulevard, Main Street, 164th Street, etc. Each year, we must request weeding and debris removal from these medians. Months pass before they are addressed. To make matters worse, the contract to spray them with herbicide has been suspended for several years which makes weed removal more difficult. This has been compounded by the reduction of funds and head count for the Lot Cleaning Unit that maintains them. With the return to organics collection, we noticed increased miss collection of regular garbage collection. The Leventhal Agreement that assigns responsibility for maintenance must be revisited. Medians that have grass and trees fall under the purview of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The concrete part of the median falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation. Concrete medians that have trees fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Sanitation; unfortunately, this agency is not properly equipped to address weeds growing out of tree pits. Unless, they have a special division that has the funds, equipment, and the training to properly maintain these medians, we will continue to have these issues in our communities. Community Board 8 supports one percent of the overall New York City budget to go to the Department of Parks and Recreation. If these funds are added, maybe the responsibility to maintain all center medians may be better handled by that agency which has the equipment and experience to maintain tree pits/vegetation along center medians.

## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Queens Community Board 8

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Community Board 8 supports funding for the expansion of access to primary healthcare services for those within CD8. We endorse the new paradigm of healthcare, not just sick care, which must include the traditional care provided by physicians and midlevel health providers plus efforts to encourage healthy living. Some examples would be: nutritional education, programs for smoking cessation, exercise as part of one's routine and many others. Special emphasis must be placed on managing chronic diseases. Care managers should be utilized to ensure that individuals receive transdisciplinary health care with a goal toward controlling chronic disease, prevention of acute incidents, emergency room visits, hospitalization and optimizing independence. In today's world, we must also encourage every adult and eligible child to receive COVIC-19 vaccinations and subsequent boosters.

##### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Needs for Homeless**

Any necessary services to improve the quality of life should be provided.

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

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###### **Needs for Older NYs**

According to the US Census of 2020 our population continues to increase. We understand that there are many benefits to seniors aging in place: 1) Keeping a familiar environment 2) Fostering community continuity 3) Maintaining their social networks 4) Strengthening of family ties 5) Fostering both their physical and mental wellbeing. We do not have any NORCs for our residents who reside in apartment buildings nor NORCs (WOW) for our 1-2 family residences within our district. We want our seniors to remain in their neighborhoods and the NORCs facilitate the desire of many seniors to age in place. These are done through the multi-faceted services that they provide.

###### **Needs for Homeless**

Community Board 8 has one family shelter in Briarwood and it is in dire need of air conditioning. The Briarwood shelter, when built was considered the model shelter for the City of New York. Unfortunately, this model shelter only has air conditioning in the areas where the staff works. There is no air conditioning where the residents sleep. We have asked for many years that air conditioning be provided for these families with children. The response received in FY 2016 was that DHS provides a cooling room in every shelter. When not available, the residents are given the location of other cooling rooms. How does that help the families with young children who cannot sleep at night

due to the heat? The last three fiscal years the responses given were that further study was necessary. Keep in mind that when we originally requested this in Fiscal Year 2010, the response was that this was being studied. How long does it take to study this before action is taken? The residents of this shelter have been waiting a long time for this much needed accommodation and we look forward to a plan of action this fiscal year. Heat kills people.

#### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

No comments

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## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 40	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
12 / 24	DOHMH	Provide more tuberculosis information and services
13 / 24	DOHMH	Rat Mitigation
15 / 24	DFTA	Increase Transportation services capacity
17 / 24	DFTA	Other senior center program requests
24 / 24	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Queens Community Board 8

#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **After school programs**

In today's world it is often vital that both parents have jobs to make ends meet. The two major problems that arise are access to affordable preschool child care and enough after-school programs to meet the needs of these parents. One in five youth in Community District 8 from kindergarten through 8th grade is obese. It is vital to provide athletic opportunities both in and out of schools to lower this outrageous number. We support the retention and expansion of Gifted and Talented Programs in our schools.

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## **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Title</b>
12 / 40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school
13 / 40	SCA	Provide technology upgrade
20 / 40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school
21 / 40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school
24 / 40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school

### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Title</b>
5 / 24	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program
14 / 24	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Queens Community Board 8

#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Additional Equipment, Vehicle Maintenance and Additional Police Officers --- Please see explanation under Needs for Public Safety and Needs for Emergency Services.

#### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **Needs for Public Safety**

We would greatly benefit from additional police officers, as every summer, many officers are reassigned from our precinct to beach duty. In recent years, a certain number of our officers has been assigned to do tasks normally assigned to corrections officers at Rikers Island and lock-up in Queens Courts. This leaves a shortage of officers to address safety and quality of life issues in our district.

##### **Needs for Emergency Services**

About 20% of individuals who reside in Community District 8 are obese; hence, we must have the proper equipment to address their needs, such as two bariatric ambulances with lifts and special wheelchairs. We would also greatly benefit from a mobile emergency response vehicle (MERV), a rapid response vehicle and a mobile command vehicle for the borough. The MERV is to be used to shelter and treat individuals in one place in case of a disaster. The rapid response vehicle is needed to respond ahead with a liaison to coordinate during emergencies. The ability to enhance or reestablish communication and coordination during emergency incidents is a must. It is best to be prepared by having the right equipment, as we do not know when emergencies or disasters will occur.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 40	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations
7 / 40	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
17 / 40	NYPD	Technology Upgrade
28 / 40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
29 / 40	FDNY	FDNY Trailers
30 / 40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
31 / 40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
34 / 40	FDNY	Life-sized Mannequins

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 24	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Queens Community Board 8

#### Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### **Water runoff and flooding**

Community Board 8Q's Sanitation & DEP Committee, in conjunction with the Area Chairs, have identified water runoff and flooding as the most important Core Infrastructure and City Services needed for CB8Q. In recent years, we have seen a surge of storms that have placed a great burden on our sewer system resulting in flooded streets. We have experienced serious flooding to our resident's and commercial establishment's basements and ponding of water on our streets throughout the Community District.

Some storms have created flooding where residents had to abandon their cars and take refuge on the roofs of their vehicles. Flooding is a threat to both human life and property. Ponding is increasingly a public health concern given the West Nile Virus and the possibility of future transmission of the Zika Virus. Given the trend toward warming climates, other mosquito transmitted viruses currently found further south may be an issue a few decades into the future. We choose water runoff and flooding as our most important issue; however, these are interrelated challenges that contribute to the city's capacity to handle increased rainfall.

Furthermore, we have several locations where water does not dissipate several days after regular rainfall. These locations have been on our list for capital funding for many years with no action taken by the Department of Environmental Protection to alleviate the problem.

#### Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

SANITATION - Although Community Board 8 has relatively clean streets, we have issues that need attention. With the steady increase in population, our superintendent must receive the support necessary to address our sanitation issues. The paved center malls require year-round cleaning and more frequent seasonal weed-control. We must at least retain the five day-a-week pick-ups at public schools and extra pick-ups at the Pomonok Houses. Sanitation Police are needed for night patrol to discourage illegal dumping especially on abandoned properties and entrances to and exits to Grand Central Parkway, Clearview Expressway, Long Island Expressway and Van Wyck Expressway. In addition, there should be movable/portable cameras to catch illegal dumping. Additional agents for Sanitation Code Enforcement are needed to address the quality of life complaints that we receive. While we do not want to stifle business by fining our small business owners, some of them are repeat offenders who show a total disregard for the community. The issuance of a violation is the only way to receive cooperation. Community Board 8 continues to support dedicated baskets for our commercial areas. While the enforcement issues for residential properties are addressed, we noticed that enforcement of our commercial strips is insufficient (i.e. Hillside Avenue), especially due to the onslaught of illegal food vendor who litter and leave their cardboards and crates behind at the end of the day.

We must be provided with seven-day service to ensure the cleanliness of our commercial strips. The Adopt-a-Basket program must be better promoted to encourage public and private sector partnerships. This should be promoted through public service announcements on television and radio.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
22 / 40	DEP	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers
23 / 40	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment
33 / 40	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 24	DEP	Clean catch basins
4 / 24	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning
7 / 24	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection
16 / 24	DSNY	Other enforcement requests
20 / 24	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY
21 / 24	DSNY	Other cleaning requests
23 / 24	DSNY	Weeds Removal Contract

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Queens Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Building code and/or zoning enforcement**

The Building/Housing Committee recommended a few years ago that Building Code Enforcement be a top priority since it will protect homeowners, coop/condo owners and renters alike. To further support this request for Building Code Enforcement, in recent years the Borough of Queens has had the second highest number of requests for code enforcement in the City making it vital that additional code enforcement be provided to Queens.

#### **Needs for Housing**

See budget requests.

### Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Needs for Housing**

There is a need for affordable housing in Community District 8. There is a significant percentage of renters within our district who are rent burdened. According to the NYU Furman's Annual "State of the City's Housing and Neighborhoods," our median monthly rent in 2022 was \$1780. In addition, 26.0% of renter households in our community district were severely rent burdened (spent more than 50% of household income on rent). We are in dire need of affordable units set aside to address the great number of our rent burdened residents.

As of 2022, the homeownership rate in our district was 49.1%, which is higher than the citywide share of 32.7%; however, prices of residential properties have increased 74% since 2009, as per the Furman' Annual "State of the City's Housing and Neighborhoods." This may negatively affect the ability of our residents to become property owners in the future.

#### **Needs for Economic Development**

Our commercial strips could use a facelift by improving cleanliness and adding streetscape. We support giving small business owners incentives to improve their businesses located within our community district. We welcome the establishment of Business Improvement Districts to help revitalize our commercial strips.

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
14 / 40	NYCHA	Fund Community Center Repairs

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
22 / 24	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

### Queens Community Board 8

#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Roadway maintenance**

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

#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

See budget requests.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

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

##### **Needs for Transit Services**

Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20). The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technologically savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 40	DOT	Reconstruct streets
3 / 40	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
5 / 40	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
10 / 40	DOT	Reconstruct streets
15 / 40	DOT	Repair or construct medians, or other street assets
39 / 40	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas
40 / 40	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
8 / 24	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT
18 / 24	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Queens Community Board 8

#### Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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

One of the most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and, as such, they must be well maintained. The quality of our parks and park facilities is one of the most important issues facing our district. Community District 8 is fortunate to be home to many parks and numerous playgrounds. This is in addition to over 50 greenstreets. All of these park facilities require regular maintenance. There is always a need for new irrigation systems, updated playground equipment and safety resurfacing on a rolling basis. Our major parks: Cunningham Park, Captain Tilly Park, and Flushing Meadows Corona Park are used by thousands of our residents, those of neighboring districts and Nassau County. Our parks host major events such as an annual performance of the Philharmonic Orchestra attended by thousands of people. For many, our parks and playgrounds are the destination for families with children who have staycations. Some of our smaller parks/playgrounds such as Hoover/Manton Playground, Vleigh Playground, Playground Seventy-Five are in need of upgraded play equipment and/or safety resurfacing. We must keep our parks well maintained and safe havens for all our residents. To this end, we support one percent of the general New York City budget set aside for the Department of Parks and Recreation to meet these demands.

##### **Needs for Parks**

See budget requests.

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

##### **Needs for Parks**

See our most important issue above.

##### **Needs for Library Services**

The Briarwood Branch Library must to be able to meet the needs of its residents. All the libraries would benefit from additional computers, books, bandwidth and bilingual materials due to the increase in our New American population. This would assist in their desire and ability to speak and write English.

##### **Needs for Community Boards**

We are requesting that the Office of Management and Budget Increase Community Board funding to facilitate merit raises, to keep our technology current and to maintain staffing levels. It is imperative to have well trained and experienced staff for the smooth operation of our Community Board office. In the past, the Community Boards have seen their budgets fluctuate. When this occurs, the staff believes that their jobs are insecure, they look for other opportunities. Once new staff is hired, this means that many working hours are now devoted to training. These hours could be better spent working to address the community's concerns. The COVID-19 pandemic showed that we must have hybrid meetings to reach most community members and make government more accessible. This adds to our technology cost. At present, to hold a hybrid meeting we must hire outside IT professionals in addition to paying for our meeting room rental. This costs our Board about \$600 more per meeting, which was unsustainable.

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 40	DPR	Tennis Court Renovation
8 / 40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
9 / 40	DPR	Renovate P.S. 154 Playground
11 / 40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
16 / 40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
18 / 40	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR
19 / 40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
25 / 40	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library
26 / 40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
27 / 40	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
32 / 40	DPR	Pickle Ball Courts
35 / 40	DPR	New equipment for maintenance
36 / 40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
37 / 40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
38 / 40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
CS	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 24	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests
6 / 24	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
9 / 24	DPR	Other park programming requests

10 / 24	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests
11 / 24	DPR	Other park programming requests
19 / 24	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests

## **6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request*

### **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>1 of 40</b>	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	DHS
	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	
Location: 134th Street Air conditioning is needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter. This can be achieved by upgrading the electrical system to facilitate window units. Electrical upgrades should be done automatically and not require a capital funding request from the Community Board. Cooling rooms are not sufficient. The residents should be afforded the same treatment as the staff who work in temperature controlled rooms.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. Providers can request new needs; those requests are evaluated on a case by case basis.</i>	
<b>2 of 40</b>	<b>Reconstruct streets</b>	DOT
Reconstruct streets		
Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. 75th Avenue (186th St. to 188th St.) 181st Street (67th Ave. & 69th Ave.) Goethals Ave (168th Street to 170th Street) Asphalt pedestrian pathway of 73rd Terrace (136th to 137th Streets)	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. 75th Avenue at 186th is included in a current trench restoration contract, HWTRQX1 in construction. Other locations will be inspected for possible future contracts. Please log any requests in the webform here: <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml">https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml</a>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources. For 73 Terrace, DOT will inspect to determine feasible next steps</i>	
<b>3 of 40</b>	<b>Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps</b>	DOT
Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps		
Stand alone funding (separate from sidewalks) is needed to address the curb repair backlog for all locations within Community Board 8. Installation of new sidewalk and curbs: A) 170th Street (Goethals Ave and Union Turnpike) B) 171st Street (65th Avenue and 67th Avenue) C) Utopia Parkway (73rd Avenue to Horace Harding Expressway including center medians) D) Queens Blvd medians (84th Drive to 87th Avenue) E) Goethals Avenue (northside) from 168th Street to 170th Street F) East side of 185th Street from 67th Ave H) 199th Street from Peck Ave to Union Tpke.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will try to accommodate this request with existing resources as they become available.</i>	
<b>4 of 40</b>	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	FDNY
Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations		
Provide the funds to complete all work orders from the fire houses within Community District 8 and add cameras. Install security cameras/system at every fire house in Community District 8 to prevent vandalism and theft. Engine 298 - Ladder 127 - 153-11 Hillside Avenue Engine 299 - Ladder 152 - 61-20 Utopia Parkway Engine 315 - Ladder 125 - 159-06 Union Turnpike. It has come to our attention that our fire houses have been vandalized and electronics were stolen.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>	

**5 of 40 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps**

DOT

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Install and/or repair bus pads. CB8 requested replacement of the cracked and broken bus pads since 2005. A) 188th Street & Union Turnpike B) 188th Street from Union Turnpike to 73rd Avenue C) Hillside Avenue (westbound lane) from Francis Lewis Boulevard to 205th Street. Hillside Avenue is the route for about 10 bus lines. The lack of bus pads makes it necessary for numerous requests for repairs of hummocks each year. Install bus pads to prevent the street from deteriorating.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log specific location requests in the webform here: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.*

**6 of 40 Tennis Court Renovation**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The existing Tennis Courts flood, have cracks, need new nets and new tennis court resurfacing. The existing courts do not meet tennis courts safety standards as per the NYC parks.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding to available for this request.*

**7 of 40 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras**

NYPD

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime. There has been about 50% increase in crime within our district according to the Compstat report. Suggested locations: Pomonok Area, 188th Street and Horace Harding Expressway, Main Street Wall (Manton Street and 84th Avenue)

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**8 of 40 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding to reconstruct the bridge. Please provide more details about the possible scope to rehabilitate Flushing Meadows Corona Park.*

**9 of 40 Renovate P.S. 154 Playground**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: 75th Avenue - 160th Street & 162nd Street

Play equipment is damaged and appears unsafe for playing. Surfaces are rusty and have missing parts with screws visible that pose a hazard to small children.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding available for this park. Parks will inspect the play equipment to address concerns.*

**10 of 40 Reconstruct streets**

DOT

Reconstruct streets

Location: Goethals Ave - 168 Street & 168 Street

Goethals Ave is partially built. As one travels eastbound along Goethals Avenue, the road narrows. It was not built to its fully mapped width and a portion of the street has vegetation instead of asphalt.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOT supports this request but funding has yet to be identified to initiate a capital project.*

**11 of 40 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Renovate Cunningham Park's Ballfields #11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 &amp; 17 to address drainage issues and add new benches.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding available for this request.***12 of 40 Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school** SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

Construct a design lab/classroom for woodworking and engineering classes at JHS 217, as per the design at Thomas Edison H.S. Construct a lab for Artificial Intelligence projects. Add AC units in the auditorium and gymnasium

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***13 of 40 Provide technology upgrade** SCA

Provide technology upgrade

Upgrade electrical wiring to 220 to support electrical needs of smart boards and air conditioners for P.S. 173. Electrical upgrades should be done automatically by the agency and they should not wait for capital funding requests by the Community Board.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***14 of 40 Fund Community Center Repairs** NYCHA

Other capital budget request for NYCHA

Funding to repair community center that are located in NYCHA Housing. These centers have programming funded by DYCD.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. For more information on projects underway in Queens, please see the capital projects tracker here: <https://capitaltracker.nycha.info/>. NYCHA is happy to work with elected partners and other stakeholders to secure funding for these types of repairs and projects.***15 of 40 Repair or construct medians, or other street assets** DOT

Repair or construct medians, or other street assets

Location: Utopia Parkway - 69th Avenue & 69th Avenue  
Repair and/or create new concrete medians on Utopia Parkway. The medians are broken and many are at the same level as the roadway.*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log specific location requests in the webform here: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.***16 of 40 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Redesign, address drainage and electrical issues at Briarwood Playground (JHS 217). Eliminate one basketball court and create a tennis court.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding for this request. Please continue to advocate for this park.*

**17 of 40 Technology Upgrade**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

**NYPD**

Funding for a robust IT infrastructure for the NYPD.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***18 of 40 Other capital budget request for DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

**DPR**

Provide mobile/temporary bathrooms near ball fields in southern section of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Needed for the youth and adults who use the Park, especially during large events.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***19 of 40 Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

**DPR**

Build an environmental center in Flushing Meadow Corona Park. This center is needed to provide a variety of programs for the community.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***20 of 40 Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school**

Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

**SCA**

Replace temporary mini building located in the school yard with a permanent building for M.S. 217.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***21 of 40 Renovate or upgrade an elementary school**

Renovate or upgrade an elementary school

**SCA**

Replace tables in cafeteria; replace auditorium seats; install auditorium wall padding and renovate outdoor wooded area at P.S.26Q.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***22 of 40 Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers**

Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers

**DEP**

Location: Salerno Avenue - Keno Avenue &amp; Keno Avenue

There is a ponding issue at this location. The street becomes icy during the winter. The ponding is conducive to breeding mosquitoes during the warm weather. Como Avenue (Pinto Street and Keno Avenue), on Salerno Avenue (Keno and Clio Streets) and Highland Avenue (from Kingston Place to Dalny Road), 185th Street off 69th Ave - dead end.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.***23 of 40 Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment**

Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

**DSNY**

Purchase additional garbage trucks to ensure enough capacity for organics recycling.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. All Department of Sanitation heavy-duty equipment is on a normal replacement cycle.*

**24 of 40 Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school**

SCA

Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school

Upgrade school technology to use parent coordinator's office as a web-based resource at P.S. 178Q.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**25 of 40 Provide more or better equipment to a library**

QL

Provide more or better equipment to a library

Funds are needed for smart boards for the conference rooms of the Queens Public Library at Hillcrest.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.*

**26 of 40 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Renovate Vleigh Playground. The asphalt needs to be replaced. Additional lighting is needed. This park has not been upgraded for many years.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding available for this request.*

**27 of 40 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements**

DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Funds needed for the acquisition of the Klein Farm for use as an agricultural and/or horticultural center.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding available for this request. If Parks were to receive capital funding to acquire this property, it would become a public park.*

**28 of 40 Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances**

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

Two bariatric ambulances - vehicle is designed with lifts and special wheelchairs to be used for individuals over 500 lbs.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**29 of 40 FDNY Trailers**

FDNY

Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests

Two (2) FDNY Trailers are needed which are dedicated to the Borough of Queens.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**30 of 40 Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances**

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

Purchase MERV (Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle)This vehicle is used during disasters to treat individuals in one place.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**31 of 40 Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances**

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

A mobile command vehicle and a rapid response vehicle (Sierra Pick-up Truck) is needed to respond ahead with a liaison. This is used for coordination purposes for the Borough Of Queens

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**32 of 40 Pickle Ball Courts**

DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Utopia Playground - Replace soccer field with pickle ball courts. There is a growing need for pickle ball courts in the community.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**33 of 40 Other capital budget request for DSNY**

DSNY

Other capital budget request for DSNY

Equip DSNY Enforcement with portable cameras to can catch vehicles that illegally dumping.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain. Camera placement as requested also requires State legislative action in addition to funding.*

**34 of 40 Life-sized Mannequins**

FDNY

Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests

New life-sized mannequins [for the whole department] are needed for efficient training of firefighters. The mannequins are over several decades old and are outdated.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**35 of 40 New equipment for maintenance**

DPR

New equipment for maintenance

Funds are needed to purchase a packer (small garbage trucks), pick-up truck, and gator. to assist in maintaining our parks.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding available for this request.*

**36 of 40 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Renovate the park's building to include tempered glass windows. Add security system. The building is not secured. It was broken into in 2022 and the agency lost valuable equipment for maintenance.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**37 of 40 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Cunningham Park. - Add benches.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**38 of 40 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Resurface current Hoover-Manton baseball field with asphalt.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. This project is in construction.*

**39 of 40 Upgrade or create new plazas** DOT

Upgrade or create new plazas

Fund renovation of the Queens Boulevard Promenade bet. 84th Drive and 87th Avenue. Replace and/or repair perimeter fence. A number of the 100-year old trees have been lost to storms, fences and art ornaments have been damaged due to car accidents; benches have become worn out and unusable. The promenade has fallen behind the level of investment that the commercial district has made.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. This segment of Queens Blvd is within the Phase E limits, which has not reached the capital scoping phase. However, as this segment operates as a NYC DPR Greenstreet they can be contacted about replacing benches and replanting trees. Please log specific fence repair location requests in the webform here: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.*

**40 of 40 Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.** NYCTA

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Construct a Briarwood subway station elevator extension from the mezzanine to platform for full access for people with disabilities.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**CS Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park** DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Replace play equipment at Freedom Square Playground including swings. Equipment is old and needs to be replaced.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding available for this request.*

**CS Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Additional seating in the Utopia Playground for Children, parents and spectators, especially in the basketball court area.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**CS Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library** QL

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

The Briarwood Library needs to be expanded and renovated to meet with the increase in demand.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. This project is managed by the NYC Department of Design & Construction. The library will be renovated.*

<b>CS</b>	<b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</b>	<b>QL</b>
	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	

We continue to support funding for the rehabilitation of the Hollis Branch Library. Funds are also needed for upgrading equipment, increasing bandwidth to accommodate additional computers and for additional books.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

<b>CS</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<b>DPR</b>
	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	

Renovate the Hoover/Manton Playground. The project should include renovation of the playground and handball courts.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. There is capital funding to reconstruct Hoover-Manton Playground, asphalt baseball field, and basketball courts.*

<b>CS</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	<b>DPR</b>
	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	

Location: 165th Street - Highland Avenue & Highland Avenue  
Reconstruct pond. Add a new aerator system at Captain Tilly Park for the goose pond. [Part of FY 2023 tracking code 408202009C] Build new cement borders and/or add pavers,

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. This project is capitally funded.*

<b>CS</b>	<b>Provide more or better equipment to a library</b>	<b>QL</b>
	Provide more or better equipment to a library	

Funds are needed for computers and smart boards for the conference rooms. Pomonok Branch - 158-21 Jewel Avenue [State Senator Toby Stavisky will fund this technology upgrade].

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

<b>1 of 24</b>	<b>Hire additional uniformed officers</b>	<b>NYPD</b>
	Hire additional uniformed officers	

Additional officers are needed to address safety and quality of life issues. Funds for overtime is also needed. Funds are needed to increase police presence and visibility to deter crime.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

<b>2 of 24</b>	<b>Clean catch basins</b>	<b>DEP</b>
	Clean catch basins	

Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CD8.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**3 of 24 Other park maintenance and safety requests**

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Fund /purchase of potable water trucks to water Million Trees NYC newly planted trees and Green Street gardens planted throughout CD8. Fund a Green Streets beautification program for (69th Avenue, 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue) center island malls in Fresh Meadows. In addition. The Department must consult on annual basis with the community about their plans.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Parks has insufficient funds for this request. we recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials/city council member.*

**4 of 24 Increase vacant lot cleaning**

DSNY

Increase vacant lot cleaning

Increase funding for staffing of the Vacant Lot Unit. Due to lack of funding for adequate staffing, concrete center medians were not adequately maintained.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.*

**5 of 24 Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program**

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program

Maintain funding for summer youth employment programs.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**6 of 24 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**

DPR

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Assign additional personnel to Parks and Forestry for street tree maintenance. Much funding has gone to planting new trees. With new trees the need for maintenance increases. It takes too long to have tree stumps removed. They pose a trip hazard to residents and liability for the City. No funding was allocated for FY 2021 and that is unacceptable.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**7 of 24 Provide more frequent litter basket collection**

DSNY

Provide more frequent litter basket collection

Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. Additional funds should be allocated to ensure that all commercial areas receive the same frequency of service.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.*

**8 of 24 Other expense budget request for DOT**

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

DOT - Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for Community District 8. (408202009E)

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOT will try to accommodate this request with existing resources as they become available.*

**9 of 24 Other park programming requests**

Other park programming requests

**DPR**

Increase funding for DPR's enforcement personnel. Community Board 8 has many parks, playgrounds and sitting areas. Maintaining the safety of these areas of refuge for our residents is paramount. Personnel is needed to enforce infractions in the parks (i.e. dog walkers in restricted areas, smokers, etc...)

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding cannot be determined at this time*

**10 of 24 Other park maintenance and safety requests**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

**DPR**

Horticultural Maintenance Program - Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding cannot be determined at this time*

**11 of 24 Other park programming requests**

Other park programming requests

**DPR**

Funding and maintenance of Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery. DCAS and DPR are in the process of acquiring this site for preservation through ULURP Application#: C180241 PCQ.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Request has been completed*

**12 of 24 Provide more tuberculosis information and services**

Provide more tuberculosis information and services

**DOHMH**

Additional funds for the prevention of all infectious diseases.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOHMH appreciates the continued support on disease surveillance and overall public health*

**13 of 24 Rat Mitigation**

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

**DOHMH**

Execute an extermination program to eliminate the nest of rodents from 83rd Avenue between Manton Street and Queens Blvd. in Briarwood.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Integrated pest management is considered to be more ideal approach which entails more education to property owners and their responsibilities in mitigating rodent activity and presence, trash containment*

**14 of 24 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)**

Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

**DYCD**

Increase funding for Beacon Programs and any other after school programs in CD8. Funds need to increase to meet the growing need in the community.

*Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**15 of 24 Increase Transportation services capacity****DFTA**

Other senior center program requests

Increase funding for car service for older adults.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.***16 of 24 Other enforcement requests****DSNY**

Other enforcement requests

Increase personnel for Sanitation Police to increase sanitation inspection in all categories and throughout the district.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.***17 of 24 Other senior center program requests****DFTA**

Other senior center program requests

Enhance funding for senior services. Funds are needed to meet the demands for services. (408202018E)

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.***18 of 24 Other traffic improvement requests****DOT**

Other traffic improvement requests

Increase arterial highway forces for cleaning areas adjacent to highways and assign additional personnel for maintenance. Community District 8 is boarded by several arterial highways (LIE, GCP, Van Wyck and Clearview Expressway). These areas are often full of litter. They are only cleaned by DOT every three or four weeks. Cleaning is needed at least on a weekly basis.

*Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DOT will try to accommodate this request with existing resources as they become available.***19 of 24 Other park maintenance and safety requests****DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Provide an irrigation source for landscaped areas in Freedom Park.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding cannot be determined at this time.***20 of 24 Other expense budget request for DSNY****DSNY**

Other expense budget request for DSNY

Funds to maintain the new plaza over the Van Wyck Expressway on Queens Blvd.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.*

**21 of 24 Other cleaning requests**

Other cleaning requests

**DSNY**

Location: Main Street - Manton Street & Manton Street  
Funds to maintain the area along the Manton/Main street wall

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.*

**22 of 24 Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)**

Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

**DOB**

Hire additional inspectors to address OSHA issues and and a Buildings Marshall for Airbnb.

*Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.*

**23 of 24 Weeds Removal Contract**

Other cleaning requests

**DSNY**

Funding for contract to spray weeds with non-toxic herbicide to assist with the maintenance of concrete center medians by the lot cleaning unit. These medians have been poorly maintained since the end of the prior spraying contract.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.*

**24 of 24 Enhance NORC programs and health services**

Enhance NORC programs and health services

**DFTA**

Provide funding to create NORCs in Community Board 8.

*Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.*