

## **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.

If you have questions about this report or suggestions for changes please contact: CDNEEDS\_DL@planning.nyc.gov

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.

#### Disclaimer

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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

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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**

	201	0	202	.0	Cha	nge, 2010-:	2020
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
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 / HISPAN</b>	NIC ORIGIN						
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
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing 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

### **Staten Island**

	201	0	202	.0	Cha	nge, 2010-	2020
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	468,730	100.00	495,747	100.00	27,017	5.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	109,201	23.3	106,354	21.5	-2,847	-2.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN	NIC ORIGIN						
Total population	468,730	100.0	495,747	100.0	27,017	5.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	81,051	17.3	96,960	19.6	15,909	19.6	2.3
White non-Hispanic	300,169	64.0	277,981	56.1	-22,188	-7.4	-7.9
Black non-Hispanic	44,313	9.5	46,835	9.4	2,522	5.7	-0.1
Asian non-Hispanic	34,697	7.4	58,753	11.9	24,056	69.3	4.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,860	0.4	3,900	0.8	2,040	109.7	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	6,640	1.4	11,318	2.3	4,678	70.5	0.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	176,656	100.0	183,692	100.0	7,036	4.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	165,516	93.7	173,202	94.3	7,686	4.6	0.6
Vacant housing units	11,140	6.3	10,490	5.7	-650	-5.8	-0.6

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

#### Staten Island Community District 2

	201	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020	
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	132,003	100.00	140,795	100.00	8,792	6.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	27,850	21.1	28,715	20.4	865	3.1	-0.7
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN</b>	NIC ORIGIN						
Total population	132,003	100.0	140,795	100.0	8,792	6.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	17,428	13.2	20,181	14.3	2,753	15.8	1.1
White non-Hispanic	93,318	70.7	85,970	61.1	-7,348	-7.9	-9.6
Black non-Hispanic	3,951	3.0	4,901	3.5	950	24.0	0.5
Asian non-Hispanic	14,961	11.3	25,887	18.4	10,926	73.0	7.1
Some other race, non-Hispanic	518	0.4	1,052	0.7	534	103.1	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,827	1.4	2,804	2.0	977	53.5	0.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	50,319	100.0	51,599	100.0	1,280	2.5	0.0
Occupied housing units	47,387	94.2	48,690	94.4	1,303	2.7	0.2
Vacant housing units	2,932	5.8	2,909	5.6	-23	-0.8	-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

Our district is approximately 24 square miles in area encompassing the entire mid-island section of Staten Island.

Our geographic district comprises the following neighborhoods: Arrochar — Bloomfield — Bulls Head — Chelsea — Dongan Hills — Egbertville — Emerson Hill — Grant City — Grasmere — High Rock — Lighthouse Hill — Midland Beach — New Dorp — New Springville — Oakwood — Ocean Breeze — Old Town — Richmond — South Beach — Todt Hill — Travis.

These neighborhoods include single and two-family homes, townhouses, three NYC Housing Authority developments, several six-story apartment complexes, co-ops, and garden apartments. Community Board 2 is one of the city's last significant growth areas and this expansion requires prompt and efficient delivery of essential city services. However, we often find that due to prior budget cutbacks, many agencies are still operating with minimal resources. This makes it challenging for them to respond to quality-of-life complaints as promptly as we and our constituents would like. The stability of our district relies heavily on the strength and viability of its commercial sectors and housing stock. Community Board 2 is fortunate to have concerned, energetic, and devoted citizens who work actively to maintain the stability of our area.

Our district is home to Business Improvement Districts, and one Merchant's Association.

West Shore BID - provides essential services including private maintenance, private security, signage, and wayfinding, advocacy for property owners, and critical infrastructure improvements. The BID encompasses over 72 parcels of land predominately developed for open industrial uses with relatively few buildings. The area of the BID is approximately 230 acres. About half of the overall BID acreage (approximately 114 acres) is occupied by 42 private businesses/uses; 25 are engaged in industrial or transportation (60%); 13 are engaged in commercial businesses (30%); and one is non-profit use (2.4%). Area businesses include construction companies, auto storage and repair, and cement production. About 13% of the land (approximately 30 acres) consists of vacant but developable private property. The BID also includes about 98.12 acres of publicly owned land owned by either New York City or New York State. There are no residential units in the district. The area does not have sanitary or storm sewers and many streets are in disrepair and subject to frequent flooding. The goal of the WS BID is to transform the West Shore into a premier industrial corridor for Staten Island and the City.

New Dorp Business Improvement District (BID) consists of a group of 180 businesses and 146 properties in a mile-long stretch along New Dorp Lane, from Hylan Boulevard to Richmond Road, and on New Dorp Plaza, from Beach Avenue to Jacques Avenue. The Richmond Road Merchants Association has been formed to help improve Dongan Hills/Grant City commercial district that includes more than 75 businesses along the stretch of Richmond Road from Delaware Avenue to Stobe Avenue. These neighborhood enrichment development efforts have enhanced over a thousand businesses by providing a variety of services including sanitation, security, events, and beautification.

Richmond Avenue BID - In 2022, Councilman Joseph Borelli charged SIEDC with launching a Business Improvement District (BID) exploration project along one of the borough's most significant shopping corridors: Richmond Avenue via the creation of the Richmond Avenue Merchants Association. With a focus on the heavily trafficked stretch from approximately Rockland Avenue to Forest Hill Road, outreach and a community needs assessment was begun. Merchants located within approximately the 2-mile district, home to the Staten Island Mall, multiple large shopping plazas, and numerous other big box retailers such as the borough's only Costco, are excited about the premise for joint marketing, beautification efforts and additional business support that can prevent shoppers from crossing the bridge to New Jersey for shopping excursions. One of the first visible efforts in the district is the installation of festive holiday lights designed to enhance the area during the peak shopping season.

Richmond Road Merchant's Association - The merchants on Richmond Road from Delaware Avenue to Stobe Avenue are some of the most diverse and colorful shops on the Island. Throughout the year many family and holiday events are held on the grounds of one of Staten Island's oldest towns to date.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Crime and Public Safety**

Crime and Public Safety Public safety remains a top concern for our district, as rising incidents of crime and quality-of-life offenses continue to impact residents and businesses. Addressing this issue requires a collaborative approach that includes increased police presence, enhanced community policing initiatives, and investment in programs to deter criminal activity. We strongly advocate for additional funding and resources to support local law enforcement efforts, such as deploying foot patrols in high-traffic areas, expanding surveillance systems, and improving street lighting to deter crime. Furthermore, fostering partnerships with community organizations and schools can provide preventative measures and engage youth in positive activities to reduce crime rates.

#### **Schools**

School Safety School safety is a critical priority for our community. Schools must be protected from threats of violence, as safety plays a vital role in the emotional well-being and academic success of young children. The fear of school shootings and stabbings has a profound and terrifying impact on children, parents, and educators. Schools should be sanctuaries where children feel safe and secure, free from abuse, violence, psychosocial issues, and the dangers posed by disasters—both natural and man-made. With the rise in mental health challenges among youth it may be beneficial to employ additional mental health professionals in schools. This investment will provide crucial support for students and foster a safe and nurturing environment for their development. Ensuring the physical and mental well-being of every child begins the moment they are dropped off at a school's front entrance. School Safety Recommendations: To enhance school safety and protect students from threats of violence, it is essential to implement measures that strengthen building security and ensure a safe environment for children. The following recommendations are proposed to improve school safety in our district: 1. Install Metal Detectors: Screen individuals entering the school to prevent weapons from entering the premises. 2. Front Door Security Cameras: Install cameras aimed at the front entrance to monitor and log all visitors. 3. Buzzer Systems on Exit Doors: Ensure all exit doors have buzzer systems to control access and prevent unauthorized entry. 4. NYPD Officers at Front Entrances: Station an NYPD officer at the front desk by the main entrance to provide a visible law enforcement presence, in addition to school safety agents. 5. Safety Agents at All Entrances: Place school safety agents at each entrance inside the building to monitor and control movement. 6. NYPD Presence During Dismissal: Assign NYPD officers outside school buildings during dismissal times to maintain order and provide an added layer of security. These measures, combined with increased mental health support will help harden building security and foster a safe and welcoming environment for students, staff, and families.

#### Land use trends

Land Use We strongly oppose zoning changes that would increase residential density in our district. Instead, we advocate for zoning policies that prioritize economic development to strengthen our community. Zoning should focus on fostering economic growth by attracting development projects that create sustainable jobs and promote livable, thriving neighborhoods. Additionally, primary service infrastructure—such as roads, transportation systems, and sewer networks—must receive adequate funding to maintain essential services. Many neighborhoods in our district suffer from outdated and deteriorating infrastructure, which hinders community prosperity and cannot support increased density.

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

## Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

#### Other - Write In (Required)

Senior advocates estimate that by 2040, New York's 60+plus population will increase to 1.86 million. By 2040, boomers will be part of the oldest population group. Staten Island is also projected to have the greatest senior population in New York City by 2030. As the population ages, we need to be able to provide services to ensure that resources are available to give our seniors the quality of life they deserve. Elder abuse protection, housing, healthcare, senior centers, and many other support systems must be enhanced and continued to meet the needs of our growing senior population. And, as the senior population grows, additional and appropriate placement of services is needed. Guidelines should look for criteria that evaluate medical, psychological, and social needs. Our growing aging population requires more funding and more services for our seniors.

## 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**

Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home located at 460 Brielle Avenue, is the only city-hospital on Staten Island, however, it does not provide acute healthcare for our residents. Our three private healthcare institutions are overburdened by those without healthcare insurance. There is a need to restore Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home's vacant buildings. We request full funding for the restoration.

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

The City should conduct a thorough inventory of large, city-owned parcels of land to identify properties that could be allocated to responsible developers for the construction of 55+ housing developments, similar to those in New Jersey.

These communities provide seniors with the opportunity to connect with neighbors of similar ages while enjoying a safe, peaceful environment. Such housing options would enable older residents to continue thriving during their retirement years while remaining in the community they call home.

## **HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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.

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

#### Other - Write In (Required)

School safety is our number one priority. Form a School Emergency Response Team (SERT). The school emergency response team (SERT) is responsible for the safety of students and staff during dangerous situations. Emergency situations such as hurricanes, earthquakes, medical emergencies, and active shooters are examples of situations that pose an immediate threat. Emergencies, whether natural disasters or man-made situations, come on suddenly and unexpectedly, SERT members are trained to be alert and prepared to activate the emergency response plan. Emergency professionals working with OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration), FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and U.S. Homeland Security help schools prepare their emergency plans and create a SERT with defined roles. When emergencies strike, the personnel on-scene are the best line of protection and defense. Prior to the arrival of the NYPD or FDNY, the designated emergency response team can handle emergency situations.

## Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Needs for Youth Education**

School-based crime prevention programs can be very effective. Kids will make good decisions if they have the right principles installed in their thinking. The NYC Department of Education should consider incorporating the N.O.V.A. principles to their curriculum for fifth grade through high school. N.O.V.A. stands for "Nurturing youth to seek out positive opportunities, internalize good Values, and to accept accountability for their choices in life. N.O.V.A. was designed to provide a resource to children, families, and communities to fight against harmful influences, while providing guidance toward positive opportunities and values."

#### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

No comments.

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

## **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

Priority	Agency	Title
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

## **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 8	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

#### Youth crime

Investing in Youth Crime Prevention Programs

Youth crime prevention programs are essential for creating safer communities and empowering young people to make positive life choices. Addressing the root causes of youth crime—such as lack of education, poverty, peer pressure, and limited access to recreational activities—can significantly reduce criminal behavior and improve long-term outcomes.

Effective programs focus on mentorship, education, job training, and after-school activities to engage young people and provide them with constructive alternatives to crime. Community partnerships involving schools, local organizations, and law enforcement play a crucial role in delivering these initiatives.

By investing in preventative measures, we can not only reduce crime rates but also help at-risk youth build brighter futures, ensuring they become productive members of society. This proactive approach benefits the entire community by fostering a sense of safety, unity, and opportunity.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services</u>

## **Needs for Emergency Services**

CB2 supports full funding for all fire and emergency medical services in our district and citywide.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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**

Priority	Agency	Title
1/8	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers
2/8	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents
4 / 8	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

#### Protective infrastructure (sea walls, flood walls, etc.)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' plan to construct a 5.3-mile seawall stretching from Fort Wadsworth to Oakwood Beach, intended to protect Staten Island's East Shore from coastal storms, has been significantly delayed. Originally scheduled for completion by 2021, the project is now estimated to finish in 2026.

These delays are deeply concerning. Each postponement not only adds millions of dollars to construction costs but also increases homeowners' flood insurance premiums year after year. Staten Islanders have waited long enough for this vital project.

It is imperative that the Army Corps prioritizes this seawall, accelerates construction, and ensures its completion as soon as possible—well before 2026. The community urgently needs relief from escalating costs and the ongoing threat of storm damage.

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

### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

Public infrastructure improvements—including sewer, drainage, and roads—are urgently needed in the West Shore section of Staten Island. Without these upgrades, the West Shore cannot grow or attract new businesses over time. Many streets are in dire need of improvement, including:

- Gulf Avenue (between Fifth Street and Edward Curry Avenue)
- Bloomfield Avenue (between Gulf Avenue and Chelsea Road)
- Edward Curry Avenue (between Gulf Avenue and Chelsea Road)
- Chelsea Road (between Bloomfield Avenue and South Avenue)
- South Avenue (between Chelsea Road and Meredith Avenue)
- Industrial Road (entire length)
- Spencer Street (entire length)
- Meredith Avenue (from its northern limit to the West Shore Expressway overpass)

#### Infrastructure Challenges

Many sites in the West Shore suffer from poor drainage, a lack of sewers, and inadequate road conditions. Persistent standing water remains a pervasive issue, with property owners unable to install septic tanks due to the proximity of protected wetlands.

While one industrial business in the area owns its own sewage treatment plant, others do not. This may be a potential avenue to explore. Property owners and community stakeholders agree that infrastructure upgrades will enhance curb appeal, increase property values, attract new tenants to vacant land, and assist industrial businesses in better serving their customers.

#### The Bloomfield Area

The Bloomfield section of Staten Island is particularly impacted, as it lacks a sewer system and was never included in the city's drainage plan. Several years ago, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) updated the city drainage plan to include Bloomfield and the

streets listed above. However, a Bluebelt system was deemed unfeasible, leading DEP to propose a new sewage pump station and street-raising projects.

These projects are costly, requiring funding and evaluation from the NYC DOT. Advocating for securing the city's commitment to install proper drainage systems in the Bloomfield area is critical to the successful operation of all businesses in the area.

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

Community Board 2 is deeply committed to addressing residents' concerns about sanitation and environmental issues. The cleanliness of our streets and neighborhoods is of great importance to the entire community.

Streets littered with garbage not only deter investment but also create a perception that an area is neglected and unsafe. When quality-of-life issues, such as sanitation and maintenance, are not adequately addressed, all economic development initiatives aimed at attracting businesses and consumers are hindered.

We strongly support frequent sanitation inspections and continued efforts to maintain clean, well-swept sidewalks and streets. A clean environment is essential to fostering a thriving, vibrant, and welcoming community.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

## **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

	Priority	Agency	Title
	2/3	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP
•	CS	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year
	CS	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

## **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

	Priority	Agency	Title
Ī	7 / 8	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

#### Other - Write In (Required)

Our growing aging population requires more funding and more services for our seniors. Advocates project that 1 in 5 New Yorkers will be over the age of 65 in 2030. Staten Island is also projected to have the largest aging population in New York City by 2030. As the population ages, we need to be able to provide services to ensure the safety and well-being of our senior population. The developmental trends within District 2 will help address these issues. The previously planned former Farm Colony would provide much needed senior-targeted housing and create a new district that compliments and enhances the surrounding community. This residential community would be located on Brielle Avenue. It would contain approximately 350 residential units, 17,000 square feet of commercial space, as well as a central green space and accessory parking. The Sea View Senior Living Center will create much-needed senior-housing and provide quality care for many of the area residents. This center will be used for both assisted living and non-assisted services and as a community center for our senior population.

## **Needs for Housing**

See budget requests.

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

#### **Needs for Land Use**

No comments.

#### **Needs for Housing**

The City should conduct a thorough inventory of large, city-owned parcels of land to identify properties that could be allocated to responsible developers for the construction of 55+ housing developments, similar to those in New Jersey.

These communities provide seniors with the opportunity to connect with neighbors of similar ages while enjoying a safe, peaceful environment. Such housing options would enable older residents to continue thriving during their retirement years while remaining in the community they call home.

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

No comments.

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

## Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### Roadway and traffic design

There is an urgent need to develop an innovative pavement plan that incorporates sophisticated engineering data collection and analysis, paired with comprehensive economic evaluations. This approach should consider pavement performance, cost-benefit analyses, vehicle travel impacts, and long-term system optimization under various funding scenarios.

Poorly designed or deteriorating pavements with inadequate drainage systems exacerbate flooding issues, causing water to pool and overflow into surrounding areas, damaging infrastructure and properties. Addressing these issues requires not only improved drainage systems but also a redesign of the pavement treatment plan.

A revamped approach should aim to reduce the current 15- to 20-year paving cycle, ensuring more frequent and effective maintenance. By optimizing pavement treatments and incorporating advanced engineering techniques, we can extend the lifespan of roads, improve safety, and reduce the long-term costs associated with repairs and flood mitigation.

## Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

The West Shore of Staten Island is rapidly emerging as the island's business hub, making the development of a West Shore light rail system a critical infrastructure priority. The area is already home to major economic drivers, including an 855,000-square-foot Amazon fulfillment center employing over 2,250 people, and a newly constructed 330,000-square-foot office building on the Staten Island Teleport campus. These projects, while boosting economic growth, have significantly increased vehicle and truck traffic along the West Shore Expressway.

A West Shore light rail system would provide a reliable and attractive travel option for residents of Staten Island's South Shore and Mid-Island communities. The proposed system would extend New Jersey Transit's Hudson-Bergen Light Rail over the Bayonne Bridge into Staten Island's western areas, eventually connecting with SIRTOA service at the Richmond Valley station.

Key Benefits of the West Shore Light Rail

- Reduced Roadway Congestion: Diverting vehicles from busy roadways eases traffic and improves air quality.
- Time Savings: Faster and more efficient commutes for Staten Island residents.
- Improved Reliability: A dependable transit option that minimizes delays compared to current roadway travel.
- Economic Growth: Increased property values near light rail stations, making the area more desirable for businesses and residents.

According to the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation (SIEDC), the West Shore is projected to welcome 65,000 new residents by 2030. To support this growth, investing in sustainable and forward-thinking transportation solutions like the West Shore light rail system is essential.

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

A major issue regarding transit service is the complete lack of connectivity to surrounding airports. In Queens, there are four buses available for residents to access LaGuardia Airport. An overwhelming majority of Staten Island residents who fly go through Newark Airport. Residents taking public transportation to Newark airport are required to go through Penn Station or the Port Authority Bus Terminal; a commute that is likely over two hours long.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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.

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

#### Street tree and forestry services (including street tree maintenance)

The New York City Parks Trees and Sidewalks program aims to assist homeowners with repairing sidewalk damage caused by tree root growth. However, funding for this program is limited, allowing the Department to address only the most severe cases of damage, primarily in front of tax-class one properties.

If a sidewalk is inspected and does not meet the threshold for repair, homeowners may request a new inspection after three years or choose to repair the sidewalk at their own expense. Unfortunately, many homeowners face significant challenges due to extensive tree root damage, including being unable to use their driveways because the roots have lifted the sidewalk to an unacceptable level.

This issue highlights the need for increased funding and expanded eligibility for the Trees and Sidewalks program to ensure all affected homeowners can access the necessary repairs. Supporting these improvements would alleviate safety concerns, restore property functionality, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

#### **Needs for Parks**

See budget requests.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

No Comment.

#### **Needs for Cultural Services**

No comments.

### **Needs for Library Services**

No comments.

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

## **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

Priority	Agency	Title
1/3	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
3 / 3	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

## **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

Priority	Agency	Title
6/8	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR
8 / 8	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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

## **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

Priority	Agency	Title
CS	NYCEM	Other capital request

## **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 8	NYPD	Other expense request

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### 1 of 3 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)

Location: Eton Place

Renovate Willowbrook Park with new apparatus such as ramped play equipment, universally acceptable swings, and charcoal barbecue grills. Willowbrook Park's Carousel, picnic grounds, and ballfield attract many families and an upgrade would enhance one of Staten Island's most popular Greenbelt parks.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. This particular section of Willowbrook Park would benefit from a capital upgrade. NYC Parks does not have a dedicated capital budget. The agency receives capital funding through discretionary allocations made by the elected officials.

### 2 of 3 Other capital budget request for DEP

**DEP** 

Other capital budget request for DEP

Create a sewer project plan to construct storm sewers on Benedict Road, Callan Avenue in the Todt Hill neighborhood to prevent property flooding and destruction.

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

## 3 of 3 Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

DPR

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: Richmond Avenue, Victory Boulevard,

Provide funding for the reconstruction of Baseball Fields at Willowbrook Park. Include lighting and entry drive/parking area improvements.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Parks does not have a dedicated capital budget. The agency received capital funding through discretionary allocations made by the elected officials. To date, a project to reconstruct the ballfields at Willowbrook Park has been partially funded.

#### CS Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

Community Board 2 continues to support the request to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. This would help ease traffic in the surrounding community.

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

### CS Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

**DEP** 

Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC006 into the budget for the next fiscal year.

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

## CS Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year

Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC05B into the budget for the next fiscal year.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The scope of work and the budget for project MIBBNC05B are still in development, so DEP is not ready to commit it into our Capital plan yet.

#### CS Other capital request

NYCEM

**DEP** 

Other capital request

Provide sufficient funding to construct the planned levee, buried seawall, and vertical floodwall along Staten Island's East Shore.

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

#### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

#### 1 of 8 Hire additional uniformed officers

NYPD

Hire additional uniformed officers

Provide funding to hire an additional uniformed officers. Prior to the pandemic, the city had about 36,000 uniformed officers.

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

#### 2 of 8 Hire additional school safety agents

**NYPD** 

Hire additional school safety agents

Provide funding to hire 100 safety agents on Staten Island to enhance the safety of children and educators, and to ensure the quality of education for our children,

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

#### 3 of 8 Other expense request

NYPD

Other expense request

Provide funding for bullet durable ballistic resistant vests to be issued to each school safety agent working in Staten Island school sites.

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

#### 4 of 8 Hire additional school safety agents

**NYPD** 

Hire additional school safety agents

Hire additional safety agents to ensure the safety of students, faculty and visitors in public school buildings and the surrounding premises to patrol and operate scanning equipment, to verify and identity the potential of unsafe conditions.

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

#### 5 of 8 Other expense budget request for DOE

DOE

Other expense budget request for DOE

Increase funding to hire additional school nurses. Funding should be increased to ensure a full-time nurse at every school.

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

#### 6 of 8 Other expense budget request for DPR

Other expense budget request for DPR

Increase the budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation to 1% of the total city operating budget which would mean \$1 billion annually. There was a Parks Department budget cut two fiscal years ago with the onset of COVID-19 and the condition of the parks are suffering.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The agency is supportive of having an increased budget in order to expand maintenance programs and hire additional staff. This would enable increased efficiency and the ability to perform maintenance at increased levels.

#### 7 of 8 Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

**DSNY** 

**DPR** 

Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

Provide additional funding for the curbside E-waste collection program.

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. Additional special waste sites, two per borough, will begin operating 3 days per week at the end of December 2024. Additional information is available on DSNY's website.

## 8 of 8 Other expense budget request for DPR

**DPR** 

Other expense budget request for DPR

There is a small overgrown, undeveloped piece of property on Winfield Avenue between Hylan Boulevard and Fayette Avenue that is in the Green Street and owned by Parks that has a drain ditch. The exit drain clogs during a heavy rainfall. The drain ditch fills up with several feet of water and the stormwater overflows into the street causing damage to private property. The ditch is filled with weeds, twigs, branches, leaves and debris. It is imperative that this undeveloped piece of property is maintained on a regular basis to keep it clean and safe for the area residents.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Greenstreets are regularly maintained by NYC Parks staff. The staff will continue to perform this regular maintenance. For maintenance to storm catch basins, please reach out to DEP.