Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2023





Staten Island 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) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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 FY23 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

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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.

Staten Island Community District 2

	201	.0	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.

# **New York City**

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		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**

	2010		2020		Change, 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

# 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 Willowbrook, Todt Hill, Dongan Hills, Midland Beach, New Dorp, Arrochar, Old Town, Grasmere, Manor Heights, Bloomfield, Chelsea, Travis, Heartland Village, New Springville, Bulls Head, and Lighthouse Hill. Staten Island is primarily made up of one and two-family houses and many thriving businesses. Each town is proud of its unique qualities and individual characteristics which residents strive to maintain. The stability of our district depends greatly on the 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 board has supported, assisted and participated in activities that will continue to do so for the betterment of our district.

### **Small Businesses**

There are 2 Business Improvement Districts in Community Board 2's District, and one Merchant's Association. The West Shore Industrial Business District is located on the West Shore of Staten Island in the Bloomfield and Chelsea sections, bordering the neighborhood of Travis. It includes properties broadly bounded by Bloomfield Avenue to the north, the Arthur Kill to the west, Meredith Avenue to the south, and the West Shore Expressway to the east. The West Shore BID provides much needed services including private maintenance, private security, signage and way-finding, advocacy on behalf of property owners and important infrastructure improvements. The BID contains 72 parcels of land predominately developed with open industrial uses and relatively few buildings. The area of the BID is approximately 230 acres. About half of the overall BID acreage (approximately114 acres) are 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 bus parking and servicing, 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 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 the 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 1,000 businesses by providing a variety of services including sanitation, security, events and beautification.

# 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

### **Economic recovery and development**

Once again, a top priority for our district is the commercial revitalization and development of the East Shore of Staten Island. The East Shore extends 3 miles from Fort Wadsworth in the north to Great Kills in the South. The East Shore consists primarily of low-lying areas boarded by open water to the southeast and hills inland that slope upwards to the northwest. The coastline within this area includes sandy beaches along Father Capodanno Boulevard in South and Midland beaches, including vast expanses of marshes in these areas as well as Ocean Breeze, New Dorp Beach and Oakwood Beach. These low-lying wetlands include residential neighborhoods developed adjacent to portions of Staten Island's Bluebelt System – a long term stormwater management plan by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Agency to develop a series of connecting streams, ponds and wetlands that will provide stormwater management. It is well-known that the East Shore of Staten Island sustained severe damage from Hurricane Sandy. Residential revitalization, as well as storm damage mitigation programs have been well underway but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in regards to commercial development. In order to attract business owners to the area, it is essential that sidewalk improvement, street improvement, and signage projects are implemented. Sidewalk improvement needs for the East Shore are increased street furniture and lighting (i.e city benches, ornamental solar lights on street trees, holiday lighting on the main commercial corridors) and enhancement of greenery of streets (i.e., street trees, tree guards, rain gardens, bioswales). Street improvement needs include enhanced traffic calming measures (i.e., mid-block painted crosswalks on Midland Avenue and Sand Lane, medians and pedestrian refuge island on Hylan Blvd.) and expanding bike infrastructure (i.e., shared bike lane on Sand Lane). Other improvements that will beautify the area are creating a gateway between the beach and commercial corridors (i.e., gateway public art sculpture on Father Capodanno Boulevard), creating a pedestrian pathway connecting boardwalk to Father Capodanno at Midland Avenue and creating shared space around Fountain of the Dolphins.

# **Street flooding**

Street flooding has been a major issue on Staten Island for many years during and after a heavy rainfall. The most recent tropical storm, Ida created massive flooding. Our streets fill up so quickly with water and become lakes and rivers. Garbage bags and other debris are scattered onto the streets. Household items that are ruined by the flood waters are stacked on lawns and driveways all over the Island, and vehicles become engulfed in the flood water. As President James Oddo said in his letter to Mayor Bill de Blasio on September 7, 2021, Tropical Storm Ida has reinforced the importance of investing in stormwater management across the five boroughs. He recommended that New York City seek funds to accelerate the completion of the Mid-Island Bluebelt. The Mid-Island Bluebelt is comprised of three watersheds, encompassing 2,200 acres along the east shore of Staten Island. Additional funding could give the New York City Department of Environmental Protection the resources to accelerate the completion of Phase I (New Creek) on schedule while simultaneously beginning Phase II (South Beach) and Phase III (Oakwood). Community Board 2 insists that the additional funding is provided and the projects are accelerated.

### Transit (buses & subways)

Traffic congestion and mobility continues to be another one of the district's top problems. As the population continues to grow, our ability to move on and off throughout the Island has become difficult at best, and at times nearly impossible. Public Transportation is limited to only a few main corridors, these include the MTA- operated local and express buses along Hylan Boulevard, the Staten Island Railway, Staten Island's only rail line, and the Staten Island Ferry in Saint George. The borough of Staten Island is automobile dependent. The majority of our roadways consist of two-lane country roads (one lane in each direction) with an antiquated traffic signal system that needs to be upgraded. The roadways are not designed for the flood of cars, trucks and buses that we see today. Staten Island is under served by public transportation. By increasing public transportation options, particularly by expanding city-wide Ferry service, the commute time would likely improve. A large percentage of Staten Island residents require 60 minutes or more to commute to work. Community Board 2 requested last year and it is

requesting again this year Ferry service from St. George to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and DUMBO. The connection between the boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$19 toll could provide incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of these boroughs. The connection will improve connectivity, provide access to workforce opportunities, reduce wear and tear on roads and boost local businesses. DUMBO is home to emerging job hubs, strong academic institutions, and cultural institutions. The commute time between St. George, Staten Island and DUMBO takes approximately one hour and requires multiple transfers between ferry and trains. A direct line could reduce travel time and alleviate overcrowding on subways.

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

### Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)

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. Therefore, we not only need an increase in senior services, but also to advocate for managed long-term care companies to better evaluate client's needs so they can be placed in the appropriate care setting. Guidelines should look for criteria that evaluate medical, psychological, and social needs. However, some social adult-day care centers remain unregulated by the city or state, which does not address the medical and social needs of our elderly and disabled. Proper regulations must protect the vulnerability of our seniors. Last year there were 288 registered social adult day care centers in New York City, and about 15 registered on Staten Island. These programs are funded by Medicaid through Managed Long-term Care companies (MLTC). MLTC is a system that streamlines the delivery of long-term services to people who are chronically ill or disabled and who wish to stay in their homes and communities. The New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) enforces the standards from a 1994 State Office of the Aging guideline. DFTA can impose fines for the agencies that are breaking rules. However, there is no enforcement of these fines. Social adult day care centers remain unregulated by the city or state, which does not address the medical and social needs of our elderly and disabled. Proper regulations are needed to protect the vulnerability of our seniors. A regulatory program with DFTA must have direct authority oversight of adult day care. Seniors should be placed in facilities that serve their required needs, not just placed in "pop-up" daycare centers which in truth are real "babysitting" services for our seniors. Guidelines should look for criteria that evaluate medical, psychological, and social needs. The need of seniors services is critical as the population increases. Community Board 2's Aging committee is grateful of DFTA's support on SI programs that are run at the Jewish Community Center of SI. Their funding has provided needed community programming and innovations in senior centers directed to residents with dementia and early cognitive impairments. These programs are popular with older persons and their caregivers with events often being conducted to packed houses.

# Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the drug addiction crisis as people have been on lock down, lost loved ones, and lost employment. According to the CDC's preliminary data, there has been another big increase in overdose deaths during the first four months of 2020. The opioid epidemic continues to escalate in Staten Island. It is crucial to expand access to evidence-based treatments and therapies. Camelot of Staten Island is a certified inpatient chemical dependency treatment program facility that provides counseling for adults, adolescents, children, and families whose lives have been affected by drug or alcohol use. In 2015 and 2017 Camelot had received two grants from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). The \$1 million grant was to fund construction of a new building at Camelot's 263 Port Richmond Avenue location, and for operational costs that incurred in the day to day operation in the proposed new building that would add 35 treatment beds for males 18 and older and offer residential treatment services including medication assisted treatment and group and individual therapy, as well as outpatient services. The second grant in the amount of \$750,000 was for operational costs that incurred in the day to day operation in Camelot's planned new building on the campus of Sea View Hospital

Rehabilitation Center and Home at 460 Brielle Avenue, for a 25-bed intensive residential treatment program facility for women and 22 beds for children suffering addiction. Both projects have been delayed. There is an urgency to prevent overdose deaths and protect babies being born addicted. It is imperative that these projects move forward. Staten Island has been plagued with too many overdose deaths and the numbers keep increasing. This year, 27 women lost their lives to drug overdose.

Camelot has been Staten Island's lead agency in treating substance use disorder for well over 50 years. Their experience with the campus' existing 45 bed men's program on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home (460 Brielle Avenue, SI), since 2012, has been without incident in an attractive well-kept facility and grounds. The Community Board embraces their goals and looks forward to the two projects.

### **Needs for Older NYs**

No comments

### **Needs for Homeless**

No comments

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

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/22	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Allocate funding in the budget to rehabilitate the vacant buildings on the campus of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home. There are approximately 40 buildings and less than half are currently being used.	460 Brielle Avenue
15/22	ННС	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	Fund the development of a Staten Island Health and Wellness Campus on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, which would also include housing and services for seniors and the disabled.	460 Brielle Avenue

# **Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/30	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Increase DOHMH funds to cut down on the rat population. There has been thousands of rat sightings on Staten Island in recent years. As we all know, Rats have the potential to spread a wide variety of diseases. They tend to live in environments such as drains, sewers, and rubbish where germs can be found. These germs can then be spread wherever rats go by way of their fur, feet, urine or droppings. The main diseases of concern are Weils disease. Rats can also damage property by gnawing at wood, lead and soft metals, electrical wiring, water pipes, and drainage systems.	
9/30	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide additional funding to the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island. The JCC has specialized programs for persons struggling with dementia and early cognitive impairments. These programs provide an affordable alternative to institutional placement and inhome care.	1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, New York, NY

14/30	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	COVID-19 cases are increasing once again across the country, with new cases being reported every day. Provide funding to create a Long-Term Care Task Force to investigate the impact COVID-19 had on long-term care and how services can improve. The Task Force could create a report that would examine the impact of issues like staffing shortages, visitation bans, safety protocols and more in nursing homes.	
19/30	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide additional funded to Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels is a vital service for recipients who receive 2 meals a day.	
26/30	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Increase staffing levels for mosquito control efforts. This is needed in areas of high mosquito concentration to curtail the spread of West Nile.	

# YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

### Schools and educational facilities (Maintenance)

Air-conditioning units must be installed in all public schools on Staten Island for health and safety reasons. Most high schools and elementary schools have air-conditioners, but few intermediate schools are air-conditioned. As early as late spring into early summer, classroom temperatures rise as high as the upper 90's. With extreme heat comes poor air quality. Children and adults with respiratory conditions, such as asthma or heart conditions, may be especially sensitive to the the heat and air quality. This creates unacceptable working conditions for our teachers and students.

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

### **Needs for Youth Education**

Staten Island has a high rate of opioid overdoses in New York City, according to city Health Department data, and the second-highest rate of heroin overdose deaths per 100,000 residents in 2017. Due to the widespread substance abuse among our youth, more programs and interventions are needed to reduce the prevalence of substance abuse and prevent the escalation of substance abuse behaviors. The request again this year is to have every public elementary, intermediate, and high school on Staten Island assigned a Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS). The SAPIS program provides a range of prevention and intervention services in Kindergarten through 12th grade. We need to do more and do better to help reduce drug abuse and school failure.

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

No comments

# Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/22	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide funding for security cameras at Staten Island Technical High. It is the only public high school on the island that doesn't have them. This is a priority that needs to be addressed especially in these unsafe times.	485 Clawson Street
9/22	SCA	Renovate interior building component	The New Dorp High School east gymnasium requires an upgrade. The upgrade would include painting, refinishing the floor, repairing light fixtures, and installing a digital scoreboard and collapsible bleachers.	465 New Dorp Lane
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Install central air-conditioning units in all public schools on Staten Island. Most high schools and elementary schools have air-conditioners, but few intermediate schools are air-conditioned. As early as late spring into early summer, classroom temperatures rise as high as in the upper 90's. This is unacceptable working conditions for our teachers, as well as students.	
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Install central air-conditioning units in PS 54. As early as late spring into early summer, classroom temperatures rise as high as in the upper 90's. This is unacceptable working conditions for students, as well as teachers.	1060 Willowbrook Road, Staten Island
CS	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.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location

15/30	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Provide funding for additional school truck services, assistance to schools to maximize recycling, and support to help schools comply with their collection schedules (organics, paper/cardboard, metal/glass and plastic, and refuse in accordance with the neighborhood's daytime schedule. Proper garbage disposal prevents rodents and disease.
18/30	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6- 8)	Provide full funding for all after school programs in the district.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

**Needs for Public Safety** 

No comments

**Needs for Emergency Services** 

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/22	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	Provide funding to equip all new ambulances with power-lift capability.	
14/22	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	We request that NYC fund a designated space for a FDNY satelite training facility to support ongoing training for EMT's and paramedics. NYC recently acquired a 7-acre property (former St. John Villa Academy) in Staten Island earmarked for the Department of Education. In addition to being used as a training facility, it would serve the Staten Island Community as classroom space for community residents to take the free FDNY CPR training courses.	57 Cleveland Place, Staten Island, New York, NY 10305

# **Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	Provide funding to increase Police Officer headcount by 1000.	
2/30	NYPD	Provide additional ShotSpotter coverage	Provide funding for deployment of new devices to detect and identify areas with a high number of shootings.	
3/30	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	Provide funding to assign additional Drug Recognition Experts to decrease the number of drugged driving incidents.	
28/30	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	Funding needed for two crossing guards at the Michael J. Petrides School, 715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island.	

# 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' plans to build a 5.3-mile Seawall that stretches from Fort Wadsworth to Oakwood Beach which is intended to protect Staten Island's East Shore from coastal storms was supposed to be completed by 2021. For years, this project has been delayed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers now estimates that the five-plusmile, East Shore Seawall won't be finished until the end of 2026. This is totally unacceptable. It is imperative that this project moves forward with no further delays. Each delay adds millions of dollars to the cost of construction. And, the homeowner's flood insurance premiums go up every year - one homeowner reported that he paid \$34,000 for flood insurance in 2020. This is very disturbing. The USACE needs to make this project their top priority and figure out how to get this project started and finished sooner than 2026. Staten Islanders have waited long enough and need relief!

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

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

The NYC Economic Development Corporation had developed an Industrial Business Improvement District within the proposed "Green Zone" on the West Shore of Staten Island. The West Shore was designated as an Opportunity Zone and further designated within the same boundaries of the proposed, larger Green Zone on the West Shore of Staten Island. Over time, the WS-IBID plans to grow into one of the most successful and sustainable industrial corridors in the tri-state area. Public infrastructure, including sewers, drainage, and roads, need fixing. Without these upgrades, the West Shore Industrial Business Improvement District will not be able to sustain a current business, nor will the district be able to grow and attract new business over time. Many streets in the Green Zone are in dire need of improvement. It was specifically requested that New York City Department of Environmental Protection provide a scope for a ten-year plan that phases in the necessary sewage pump station(s) sanitary sewers and storm sewer necessary to carry out the development goals of the NYCEDC based on current approved drainage plans of DEP. Should it be determined that there is a further benefit to implement drainage plan modifications to include Bluebelt-type stormwater management to carry out the mayor's green infrastructure goals, we could suggest streets that should be included in the plans. Listed below are streets located within the boundaries of the Green Zone that are in dire need of improvement. Streets located within the boundaries of the Green Zone that are in dire need of improvement. Gulf Avenue between 5th 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; The entirety of Industry Road; The entirety of Spencer Street Meredith Avenue from the northern limit to the West Shore Expressway overpass. Without infrastructure improvements to streets within the district, the West Shore will not be able to grow to its potential. Many sites on the West Shore have poor drainage systems and a lack of sewers. Advocating and securing the City of New York's commitment to install proper drainage systems and sewers is imperative to the successful operation of all businesses in the area. Lack of adequate drainage and standing water remain pervasive and recurrent problems. Sewers and Drainage: Listed below are properties that need sewer installation and drainage improvements: Block 2810; Lots: 14, 47,59, 80, 96, 98, 102 Block 1750; Lot: 215 Block 1760; Lots: 46, 110, 115, 116, 200, 250, 255, Block 1780; Lots: 22, 57, 80, 85, 92, 151, 160, 164, 186, 200, 240, 250, 270, 298, Block 1801; Lots: 1, 6, 10, 20, 25, 27, 30, 31, 35, 75, 100, 150, 155, 160, 181, Block 1815; Lots: 175, 181, 191, 192, 199, Block 1850; Lots: 160, 180, 190, 260, Block 2810 Lot: 98. To date, property owners have not been able to even get septic tanks due to the proximity of the protected wetlands to some property. While one industrial business in the area does own its own sewage treatment plant, the others do not, and this may be another option

to explore. Property owners and community stakeholders agree that installing sewers in the West Shore will enhance curb appeal, increase property value, attract new tenants to vacant land, and assist the industrial businesses to better serve their customers.

# **Needs for Sanitation Services**

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Seek funds needed to accelerate the completion of the Mid-Island Bluebelt to enable DEP to complete Phase I (New Creek) on schedule, while simultaneously beginning Phase II (South Beach), and Phase III (Oakwood).	
2/22	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Create a capital project for a Storm sewer system at the intersection of South Gannon Avenue and Sheradan Avenue to help alleviate flooding issues that occur from surface water runoff from rain, and melting snow.	South Gannon Avenue Sheraden Avenue Sheraden Avenue Avenue
3/22	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Create a Bluebelt. A stormwater management infrastructure project is needed on Gulf Avenue between 5th 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; The entirety of Industry Road; The entirety of Spencer Street Meredith Avenue from the northern limit to the West Shore Expressway overpass.	
4/22	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.	
5/22	DEP	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.	
21/22	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Include Burton Court to the HWR1160 Project.	

**Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency** 

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Maintain/clean the retention tank in the drainage ditch on Winfield Avenue between Fayette Avenue and Hylan Boulevard.	
12/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Provide additional funding to increase Sanitation Police headcount.	
13/30	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Funding for additional litter basket service along busy commercial strips with heavy pedestrian traffic.	
20/30	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	Provide funding to restore and maintain vacant lot cleaning.	
21/30	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Provide funding for the curbside organics collection program.	
22/30	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Provide funding for the curbside E-waste collection program.	
23/30	DSNY	Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste	Provide baseline funding for the CB- based Reuse Swap events and SAFE disposal events.	
29/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Storm sewers are needed in several areas to prevent property flooding and destruction.	
30/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Install a catch basin in front of 473 Harold Street between Fields Street and Forest Hill Road.	

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

### **Neighborhood preservation**

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.

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

**Needs for Land Use** 

No comments

**Needs for Housing** 

No comments

**Needs for Economic Development** 

No comments

# Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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

# **Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/30	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspectors for Special Natural Area Districts enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.	
16/30	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	Bathymetric surveys allow us to measure the depth of a water body as well as map the underwater features of a water body. This information allows us to assess whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so	
17/30	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	Fund a study to determine whether our piers, docks and bulkheads are safe and ready to accommodate public access and maritime use. Study should assess state of maintenance, load capacity, presence and condition of fendering, cleats and bollards, guardrails, provisions for access, ladders and life-rings, and utilities.	

### TRANSPORTATION

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

### **Ferries**

It is imperative that commuters ease the already overburdened Staten Island roads and travel more expediently by water. OMB approved a cost limitation of \$6million for the purchase of ferries for the expansion of the East River Ferry Service citywide. The service will consist of 5 new ferry routes and Staten Island, the borough which heavily depends on ferry transportation, has not received additional service. Community Board 2 is requesting Ferry Service from St. George to Bay Ridge Brooklyn & DUMBO. The connection between these boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$19 toll could provide incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of these boroughs. This connection will improve connectivity, provide access to workforce opportunities, reduce wear and tear on roads and boost local businesses. DUMBO is home to emerging job hubs, strong academic institutions, and cultural institutions. The commute time between St. George, Staten Island and DUMBO takes approximately one hour and requires multiple transfers between the ferry and trains. A direct line could reduce travel time and alleviate overcrowding on subways.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

# **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

We need to address present and future traffic congestion and reliability problems which has worsened this past year. The Staten Island Expressway's HOV/Bus lanes should be open to all vehicles with no occupant restrictions after the morning and evening rush hours. This may help move and mitigate the traffic. Traffic congestion adversely impacts quality of life and economic productivity. In addition, it increases fuel consumption, the cost of traveler and freight movement, the number of crashes, and tailpipe pollutants harmful to human health.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

The MTA was more than \$14 billion short in its \$32 billion capital program for 2015-2019. This impacts the quality of transit services for Staten Islanders. 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 Port Authority Bus Terminal; a commute that is likely over two hours long. Community Board 2 continues to support the development of a West Shore Light Rail system. The West Shore of Staten Island is on its way to becoming Island's Business Hub. Soon, is home to an 855,000 square-foot Amazon Fulfillment Center, that employs 2,250 people. Furthermore, the Nicotra Group is constructing a 330,000 square foot Century Office Building on Staten Island's Teleport Campus. These huge construction projects will create more vehicles and trucks traversing the West Shore Expressway. A West Shore Light Rail system could provide a reliable and attractive travel choice for Staten Island residents located in South Shore and Mid-Island communities. The light rail is an electric system able to operate single or multiple car train sets along the shore or exclusive rights-of-way. The WSLR would extend New Jersey Transit's Hudson-Bergen Light Rail system (HBLRT) over the Bayonne Bridge and into western and southern portions of Staten Island and connect to SIRTOA service at the Richmond Valley Station. The benefits of Light Rail are: Trips are diverted from congested roadways, saves travel time, improves reliability, and increases property values near stations. SIEDC estimates that the area will be home to 65,000 new residents by 2030.

# **Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/22	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide funding to connect Ferry service from St. George to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and DUMBO to reduce commute time. The connection will improve connectivity, provide access to workforce opportunities, reduce wear and tear on roads and boost local businesses. It will improve commute time.	
19/22	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request funding to extend Father Capodanno Boulevard from Midland Beach to at least Ebbits Street. This would allow motorists to continue on Father Capodanno Boulevard to alleviate congestion on Hylan Boulevard from Midland Avenue to Ebbitts Street. An alternate route is needed to help alleviate congestion for our residents.	Father Capodanno Blvd Midland Beach Midland Beach
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Improve Richmond Road from Todt Hill Road to Amboy Road (HWRER99)	Richmond Road Todt Hill Road Todt Hill Road

# **Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/30	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Provide funding to purchase new models of accessible pedestrian signals that come with a button that has an adjustable locator tone to help people find it, a tactile arrow that helps people feel the button and guide them to the crosswalk, an audible message that indicates when the "Walk" signal is on and what street the person is crossing. The crossing tone sounds until the flashing "Don't Walk" signal comes on.for additional Audible Signals to help the blind navigate streets. Refer to DOT for best locations.	

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

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

### Park care and maintenance

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.

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

### **Needs for Parks**

Our NYC Parks play a fundamental role in physical and mental health. As Council Speaker Corey Johnson had said "Parks are our backyards, front yards, our wellness centers, where we host birthday parties, family reunions, weddings and so much more." In the midst of COVID-19 Parks have remained accessible to Staten Islanders, and all New Yorkers. Access to parks and open spaces is vital to public health. We are grateful that the cuts made to the city's Department to Parks and Recreation last year due to COVID-19 was reversed in this year's budget and hope that some of the funding will be used to upkeep the facilities is our borough that have not kept pace.

### **Needs for Cultural Services**

The Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art was established in 1945 to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Tibetan art and culture. The Museum presents a permanent historic display as well as temporary changing exhibitions. The Museum also presents an on-going calendar of public events including lectures, films, tai chi classes, and school visits. They welcome approximately 5,000 visitors per year, half of which are foreign tourists. The buildings that house the Tibetan Museum are the oldest examples of Himalayan style architecture in the United States and they were designed so that visitors could appreciate the art in a contextual setting. The Jewish Community Center of Staten Island is one of the largest social service agencies in the borough. For nearly 90 years, the JCC has been assisting individuals reach their fullest potential regardless of limited resources or abilities, age, gender, ethnicity or religion. They operate four sites and their programs and services supported over 40,000 people, including over 8,000 youth last year. The JCC's major initiatives include education/literacy, advocacy, healthcare/wellness, social and support services, emergency response and preparedness, community organizing and family engagement. The JCC would like funding to continue such programs as Rosemary's Place for those with Alzheimer's and dementia related illnesses, Sunrise Day Camp- a very unique program for children with cancer and their siblings, their Adult Education Department to help prepare the Immigrant Community for the TASC exam and help them earn their HSE diplomas, an afterschool program which also implements STEAM activities so that Staten Island children are able to achieve success not only in the classroom but in their adulthood, as well as their Senior Adult programs, which gives social, recreational, cultural and educational activities to senior adults over the age of sixty as well as a hot, nutritious meal in a safe environment that allows them to actively engage with others. The GRACE Foundation is committed to supporting, educating, and enhancing the quality of life for children/adults and their families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which is a neurological disorder that impacts the development of language and communication skills, as well as social interaction and relatedness. Each person with ASD is unique and requires individualized guidance and support, and there are no racial, ethnic or social boundaries in the diagnosis of ASD. The GRACE Foundation realized that, while awareness has increased over the past few decades as to what exactly is Autism, it does not make up for the absence of acknowledgement, inclusion and action on the part of those who have the power to improve, provide and create opportunity. Those diagnosed with ASD need not only their family's help, but also the community's to build safe, productive and supportive spaces where they can learn in the way that best suits their individual capabilities, in a warm environment surrounded by Page 28

those that understand them. The GRACE Foundation would like to receive funding so that they can expand their building and with it their commitment to supporting individuals with ASD and their families by adding a functional art lab, recording studio, photography studio, quiet sensory room, dance and yoga room, and private space for the growing Day Habilitation program. Meals on Wheels is a vital service for over 130 recipients who receive two meals daily. They emphasize the importance of the daily contact between the deliverer and meal recipient to monitor, on a daily basis, the well-being of their clients and includes partnering with twenty-one programs to service the special needs community whose consumers assist in delivering meals, assembling mailings or with packaging meals in the kitchen. We would like the funding for this organization to be continued so that they will be able to continue to serve the residents of Staten Island who are and will be in need of their services.

### **Needs for Library Services**

In FY22 libraries received a full restoration of expense funding from the city to FY20 levels. This funding helped maintain library services, collections, and programs. The NYPL also received approximately \$49 million in new capital funding to address critical infrastructure needs. The FY22 expense and capital funding allowed the City's three library systems to fully restore library services post-COVID and to continue to improve their facilities. Looking ahead to FY23, the impact of COVID-19 on the city's budget, as well as the budget priorities of a new administration are uncertain variables. They anticipate that they will continue working on their FY22 priorities through FY23. These include bringing in-person services to pre-pandemic levels, restoring resources for library materials budgets, investing in digital services and infrastructure, expanding educational programs, bringing after-school programming to scale, and eliminating late fines for patrons. The NYPL will also continue to work with the city to maintain and upgrade their buildings. It is imperiative that the board's library systems be supported and their needs and the needs of the community are met.

# **Needs for Community Boards**

No comments

# Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/22	NYPL	Provide new or replacement equipment to a library, including technology (NYPL)	Provide capital funding to equip Staten Island libraries with security cameras inside and out to ensure these "safe havens" remain secure.	
8/22	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Allocate funding in the amount of \$3.63M for HVAC replacement at the New Dorp Public Library.	309 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, New York, NY
12/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	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.	1 Eton Place
16/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Capital renovation is needed in Midland Playground.	
17/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Capital renovation is needed in Old Town Playground.	
18/22	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Allocate adequate capital funding to ensure that the three Staten Island branches of the NYPL can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement.	
20/22	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide capital funding to address the NYPL's critical infrastructure needs.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location

5/30	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	Funding to hire additional staff to regularly maintain the drain ditch in the Green Street on Winfield Avenue that is filled with weeds, twigs, tree branches, leaves and debris to prevent the drain from clogging during a heavy rainfall.
10/30	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Provide additional funding to increase the agency's headcount for security staffing (PEP) officers. This would ensure the safety of visitors to our parks.
11/30	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Provide adequate funding to hire and increase the agency's headcount to remove the thousands of backlogged tree stumps. Tree stumps are dangerous, especially for children and our senior population. They also attract pests and critters.
24/30	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Provide funding to increase Park's headcount for additional security staff.
25/30	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide funding to improve maintenance at newly reconstructed parks.
27/30	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	Bring in-person services to pre-pandemic levels, restore resources for library materials budgets, invest in digital services, expand educational programs, and bring after-school programming to scale.

# 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

# **Other Capital Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
22/22	Other	Other capital budget request	Provide sufficient funding to construct the planned levee, buried seawall, and vertical floodwall along Staten Island's East Shore.	

# **Other Expense Requests**

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

# 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

# **Capital Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Seek funds needed to accelerate the completion of the Mid-Island Bluebelt to enable DEP to complete Phase I (New Creek) on schedule, while simultaneously beginning Phase II (South Beach), and Phase III (Oakwood).	
2/22	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Create a capital project for a Storm sewer system at the intersection of South Gannon Avenue and Sheradan Avenue to help alleviate flooding issues that occur from surface water runoff from rain, and melting snow.	South Gannon Avenue Sheraden Avenue Sheraden Avenue
3/22	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Create a Bluebelt. A stormwater management infrastructure project is needed on Gulf Avenue between 5th 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; The entirety of Industry Road; The entirety of Spencer Street Meredith Avenue from the northern limit to the West Shore Expressway overpass.	
4/22	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.	
5/22	DEP	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.	
6/22	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide funding for security cameras at Staten Island Technical High. It is the only public high school on the island that doesn't have them. This is a priority that needs to be addressed especially in these unsafe times.	485 Clawson Street

7/22	NYPL	Provide new or replacement equipment to a library, including technology (NYPL)	Provide capital funding to equip Staten Island libraries with security cameras inside and out to ensure these "safe havens" remain secure.	
8/22	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	Allocate funding in the amount of \$3.63M for HVAC replacement at the New Dorp Public Library.	309 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, New York, NY
9/22	SCA	Renovate interior building component	The New Dorp High School east gymnasium requires an upgrade. The upgrade would include painting, refinishing the floor, repairing light fixtures, and installing a digital scoreboard and collapsible bleachers.	465 New Dorp Lane
10/22	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	Provide funding to equip all new ambulances with power-lift capability.	
11/22	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Allocate funding in the budget to rehabilitate the vacant buildings on the campus of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home. There are approximately 40 buildings and less than half are currently being used.	460 Brielle Avenue
12/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	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.	1 Eton Place
13/22	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide funding to connect Ferry service from St. George to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and DUMBO to reduce commute time. The connection will improve connectivity, provide access to workforce opportunities, reduce wear and tear on roads and boost local businesses. It will improve commute time.	

14/22	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	We request that NYC fund a designated space for a FDNY satelite training facility to support ongoing training for EMT's and paramedics. NYC recently acquired a 7-acre property (former St. John Villa Academy) in Staten Island earmarked for the Department of Education. In addition to being used as a training facility, it would serve the Staten Island Community as classroom space for community residents to take the free FDNY CPR training courses.	57 Cleveland Place, Staten Island, New York, NY 10305
15/22	ННС	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	Fund the development of a Staten Island Health and Wellness Campus on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, which would also include housing and services for seniors and the disabled.	460 Brielle Avenue
16/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Capital renovation is needed in Midland Playground.	
17/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	Capital renovation is needed in Old Town Playground.	
18/22	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Allocate adequate capital funding to ensure that the three Staten Island branches of the NYPL can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement.	
19/22	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request funding to extend Father Capodanno Boulevard from Midland Beach to at least Ebbits Street. This would allow motorists to continue on Father Capodanno Boulevard to alleviate congestion on Hylan Boulevard from Midland Avenue to Ebbitts Street. An alternate route is needed to help alleviate congestion for our residents.	Father Capodanno Blvd Midland Beach Midland Beach
20/22	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide capital funding to address the NYPL's critical infrastructure needs.	
21/22	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Include Burton Court to the HWR1160 Project.	

22/22	Other	Other capital budget request	Provide sufficient funding to construct the planned levee, buried seawall, and vertical floodwall along Staten Island's East Shore.	
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Install central air-conditioning units in all public schools on Staten Island. Most high schools and elementary schools have air-conditioners, but few intermediate schools are air-conditioned. As early as late spring into early summer, classroom temperatures rise as high as in the upper 90's. This is unacceptable working conditions for our teachers, as well as students.	
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Install central air-conditioning units in PS 54. As early as late spring into early summer, classroom temperatures rise as high as in the upper 90's. This is unacceptable working conditions for students, as well as teachers.	1060 Willowbrook Road, Staten Island
CS	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.	
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Improve Richmond Road from Todt Hill Road to Amboy Road (HWRER99)	Richmond Road Todt Hill Road Todt Hill Road

# **Expense Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	Provide funding to increase Police Officer headcount by 1000.	
2/30	NYPD	Provide additional ShotSpotter coverage	Provide funding for deployment of new devices to detect and identify areas with a high number of shootings.	
3/30	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	Provide funding to assign additional Drug Recognition Experts to decrease the number of drugged driving incidents.	
4/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Maintain/clean the retention tank in the drainage ditch on Winfield Avenue between Fayette Avenue and Hylan Boulevard.	
5/30	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	Funding to hire additional staff to regularly maintain the drain ditch in the Green Street on Winfield Avenue that is filled with weeds, twigs, tree branches, leaves and debris to prevent the drain from clogging during a heavy rainfall.	
6/30	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 dedicated inspectors for Special Natural Area Districts enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts.	
7/30	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Increase DOHMH funds to cut down on the rat population. There has been thousands of rat sightings on Staten Island in recent years. As we all know, Rats have the potential to spread a wide variety of diseases. They tend to live in environments such as drains, sewers, and rubbish where germs can be found. These germs can then be spread wherever rats go by way of their fur, feet, urine or droppings. The main diseases of concern are Weils disease. Rats can also damage property by gnawing at wood, lead and soft metals, electrical wiring, water pipes, and drainage systems.	

8/30	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Provide funding to purchase new models of accessible pedestrian signals that come with a button that has an adjustable locator tone to help people find it, a tactile arrow that helps people feel the button and guide them to the crosswalk, an audible message that indicates when the "Walk" signal is on and what street the person is crossing. The crossing tone sounds until the flashing "Don't Walk" signal comes on for additional Audible Signals to help the blind navigate streets. Refer to DOT for best locations.	
9/30	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide additional funding to the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island. The JCC has specialized programs for persons struggling with dementia and early cognitive impairments. These programs provide an affordable alternative to institutional placement and inhome care.	1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, New York, NY
10/30	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Provide additional funding to increase the agency's headcount for security staffing (PEP) officers. This would ensure the safety of visitors to our parks.	
11/30	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Provide adequate funding to hire and increase the agency's headcount to remove the thousands of backlogged tree stumps. Tree stumps are dangerous, especially for children and our senior population. They also attract pests and critters.	
12/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Provide additional funding to increase Sanitation Police headcount.	
13/30	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Funding for additional litter basket service along busy commercial strips with heavy pedestrian traffic.	
14/30	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	COVID-19 cases are increasing once again across the country, with new cases being reported every day. Provide funding to create a Long-Term Care Task Force to investigate the impact COVID-19 had on long-term care and how services can improve. The Task Force could create a report that would examine the impact of issues like staffing shortages, visitation bans, safety protocols and more in nursing homes.	

15/30	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Provide funding for additional school truck services, assistance to schools to maximize recycling, and support to help schools comply with their collection schedules (organics, paper/cardboard, metal/glass and plastic, and refuse in accordance with the neighborhood's daytime schedule. Proper garbage disposal prevents rodents and disease.
16/30	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	Bathymetric surveys allow us to measure the depth of a water body as well as map the underwater features of a water body. This information allows us to assess whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so
17/30	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	Fund a study to determine whether our piers, docks and bulkheads are safe and ready to accommodate public access and maritime use. Study should assess state of maintenance, load capacity, presence and condition of fendering, cleats and bollards, guardrails, provisions for access, ladders and life-rings, and utilities.
18/30	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6- 8)	Provide full funding for all after school programs in the district.
19/30	DFTA	Other expense budget request for DFTA	Provide additional funded to Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels is a vital service for recipients who receive 2 meals a day.
20/30	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	Provide funding to restore and maintain vacant lot cleaning.
21/30	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Provide funding for the curbside organics collection program.
22/30	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Provide funding for the curbside E-waste collection program.

23/30	DSNY	Expand disposal events for hazardous household waste	Provide baseline funding for the CB- based Reuse Swap events and SAFE disposal events.
24/30	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Provide funding to increase Park's headcount for additional security staff.
25/30	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide funding to improve maintenance at newly reconstructed parks.
26/30	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Increase staffing levels for mosquito control efforts. This is needed in areas of high mosquito concentration to curtail the spread of West Nile.
27/30	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	Bring in-person services to pre-pandemic levels, restore resources for library materials budgets, invest in digital services, expand educational programs, and bring after-school programming to scale.
28/30	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	Funding needed for two crossing guards at the Michael J. Petrides School, 715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island.
29/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Storm sewers are needed in several areas to prevent property flooding and destruction.
30/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Install a catch basin in front of 473 Harold Street between Fields Street and Forest Hill Road.