

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

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**Bronx
Community District 03**

INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Bronx Community Board 3's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

b) Policy Area- Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the Community Board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY18 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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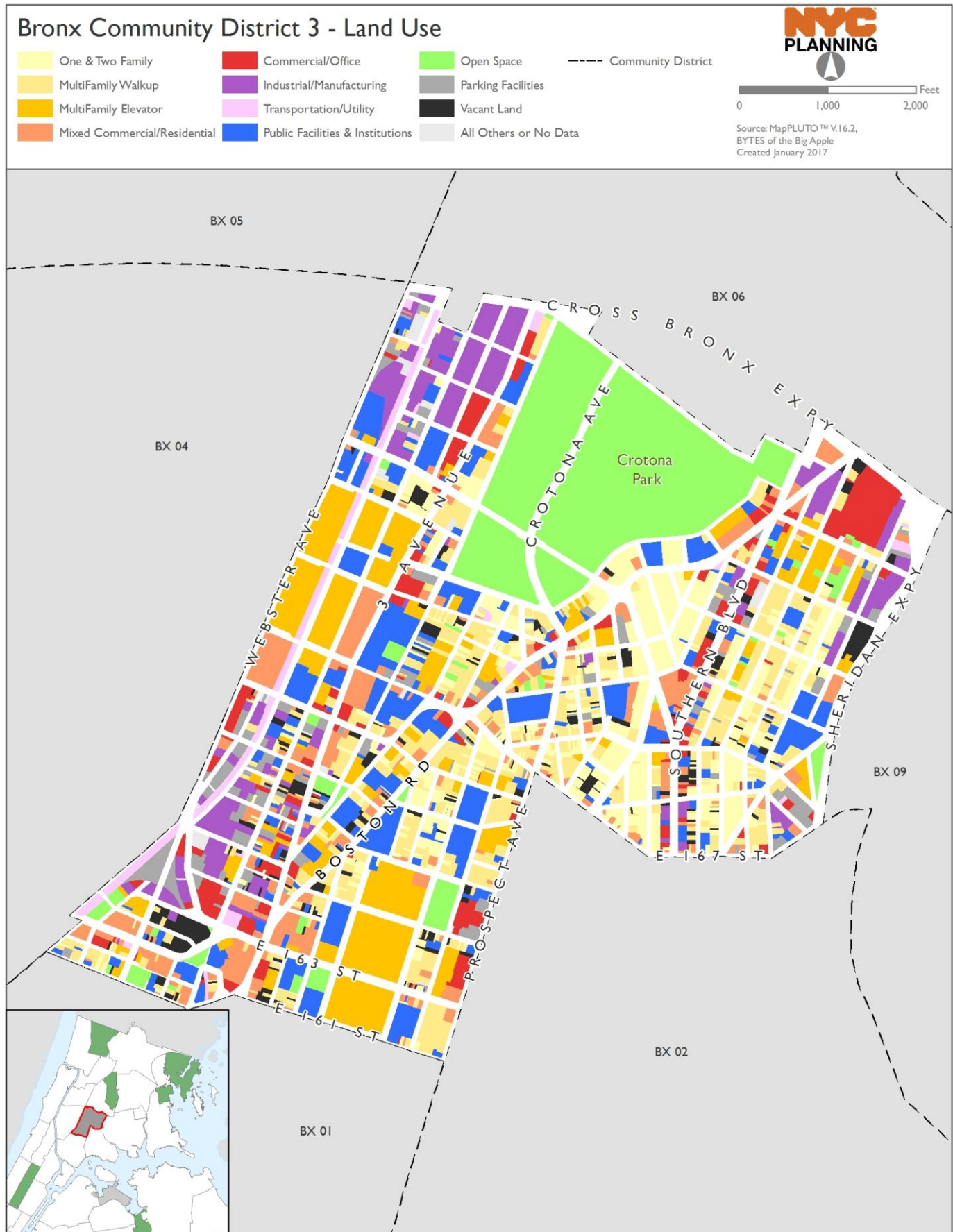
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Bronx Community District 3 encompasses parts of the Morrisania, Melrose, Claremont, Crotona Park East, Bathgate and Woodstock neighborhoods in Bronx County. The boundaries for Bronx Community District Three are north by the Cross Bronx Expressway and Crotona Park North; east by the Sheridan Expressway, E. 169 St., E. 167 St. and Prospect Avenue; south by E. 159 St. and E. 161 St. and west by Park and Webster Avenues.

Due to varying socio-economic factors during the period 1970-1980, Community District 3 experienced the most significant population decline compared to all districts within the borough (64%). Between 2000 and 2010, the district led the borough in new population growth (16.3% change), exceeding the 4.8% cumulative increase in population for Bronx County as a whole, during this period. Overall, the district has experienced a 50% increase in its population from 1980, largely the result of an unprecedented increase of 8,457 units of new residential housing, and the preservation of an additional 9,036 units, since FY'1990.

In accordance with Bronx Community District 3's Neighborhood Development Plan-Partnership For the Future, adopted by the NYC Council in November of 1992 as New York City's first community based planning initiative submitted in accordance with Sect. 197a of the NYC Charter, the NYC Department of City Planning has determined that the goals of Community District 3 to "increase the district population as well as provide for mixed-income housing", has been met substantially.

Recent district and borough profile reports published by the NYC Department of City Planning for 2015, also indicate that while Bronx County experienced a decline in death rates per 1,000 persons of 0.7% for the period 2005-2012, the rate of decline within Community District 3 was more significant at 1.1%.

Similarly, while Bronx County as a whole, experienced a decline in the rate of infant mortality for the period 2005-2012 of .6%, the rate of decline in Community District 3 was significantly higher at 3.9%. The percent of decline in birth rates for Community District Three vis-à-vis Bronx County as a whole for the period 2005-2012, was comparable at 1.2% per 1,000 persons.

Based on 2010 U.S. census demographics, Community District 3 is comprised primarily of individuals of Hispanic origin (57.7%), followed by Black/African Americans (39.4%). The percent of change from 2000-2010 for individuals of Hispanic origin was 26.9% compared to 3.9% for Black/African Americans for the same period. For the period 2000-2010, the percent of individuals over 18 years of age totaled 25% compared to 0.3% for those under 18 years of age.

General Areas of Concern:

With the growth in population over the years attributable to increased new housing unit production and US immigrant migration patterns, the district continues to be faced with challenges in the areas of unemployment, insufficient job development/training programs, insufficient youth and after-school program services, inadequate educational attainment for youth/young adults, insufficient English Learning Language (ELL) programs for new immigrant groups, insufficient education services related to public health disparities and nutrition and the ever increasing demands placed on its communities by the city administration, related to disproportionate siting of temporary homeless and special needs housing.

NYS Dept. of Labor unemployment rate for Bronx county - 7.0% (June 2015); NYS average- 5.3%

NYC DOE (2013-2014) School Quality Report results for CD 3 (primarily School Districts 9 and 12) show below average ratings in attendance and achievement on NYS standardized tests.

NYCDOHMH Community Health profiles and vital statistics summaries show CD 3 as having the highest age adjusted death rate of 8.7 % per 1,000 persons (2013).

Bronx Community District Three contains approximately 5% (2,717) of NYC's total homeless population based on the September 2014 estimate of 56,000 persons; approximately 18 facility sites. This figure represents three times (3X)

3. Overview of Community District

what the average estimate, per district, would be (1.7%), should NYC Fair Share siting requirements have been strictly implemented.

This land-use and facility planning decision by the NYC DHS, independent of and in consideration of the provision of ample supportive services for the populations in question, is singularly the largest factor which would undermine balanced planning and quality of life achievements made throughout the years, in the district.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 3 are:

- *Public health facilities*
- *Unemployment*
- *Other/After-School program services for youth and young adults*

Based on information provided in DOHMH Community Health Profiles and Characteristics, second edition-2006, the following represents Bronx CB 3 neighborhoods data for Morrisania, Bathgate and Crotona and general conclusions provided by DOHMH. This information may also be indicative of health indices in other communities within CD 3. - More than 1 in 3 adults consider themselves to be in fair or poor health. - More than 1 in 5 adults in the Central Bronx and Morrisania, smokes. - More than 1 in 4 adults in the Central Bronx and Morrisania are obese. - The self-reported asthma rates in the Central Bronx (10%) and Morrisania (7%), are above the rate in NYC overall (5%). - the rate of individuals with diabetes in the Central Bronx and Morrisania range between 11-16%, compared to 9% in NYC overall. - Avoidable hospitalization rates in the Central Bronx and Morrisania communities rank poorly; 40th and 39, respectively. - Deaths related to HIV (17%), Cancer (14-16%) and Heart disease (13-14%) are the primary causes of death in the Central Bronx and Morrisania communities. The annual death rate for people younger than 75 in the Central Bronx and Morrisania, rank 34th and 42nd among the city's 42 neighborhoods, respectively. - Despite a decrease in death rates in CD 3 communities, death rates remain consistently higher than in other parts of the Bronx and NYC as a whole (15-20%). - CD 3 neighborhoods rank below average on most indicators compared to NYC as a whole. Indicators with below average rankings include having a regular doctor, being heart healthy, getting help for depression, living alcohol and drug free, having a healthy baby and making your home safe and healthy. Indicators in which the CD 3 communities ranked average or above average, include knowing your HIV status, being checked for cancer and being tobacco free. The unemployment rate for Bronx county is 7% or greater (June 2015) compared to NYS (5.3%). Bronx CB 3 continues to be challenged as a result of insufficient and locally accessible job development and training program services, in growth industries of tomorrow. Bronx CB 3 is also challenged to provide sufficient after school tutorial, recreational and family support programs for students in primary and secondary school. The lack thereof, has resulted in chronic school absenteeism and academic performance at all grade level



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

Despite NYC DOHMH health indices which speak to adverse health conditions affecting residents in the communities of Morrisania, Melrose, Claremont, Crotona Park East, Bathgate and Woodstock related to Asthma, Obesity, HIV/AIDs, Diabetes, Cancer and Heart disease, residents within the district are continually challenged in areas related to income support, rental housing subsidy needs, food and medical assistance, based on HRA caseload statistics as of June 2015.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

It is clear from the 2013 NYC DOHMH Summary of Vital Statistics Report, that Bronx CD 3 is faced with the need to become a more health conscious community, individually, through education and improved choices related to nutrition and healthy eating options; as well as environmentally by reducing human behavioral factors which contribute to area dumpout conditions, unsanitary street and sidewalk cleanliness conditions and the proliferation of vermin within our neighborhoods. The NYC DOHMH, Bureau of Pest Control Services, must increase its community education and awareness campaigns and outreach efforts, in collaboration with the local community board, the NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs, the NYC Dept. of Education, the NYC Dept. of Sanitation, local community based organizations, tenant and homeowners associations and merchant groups and associations, in these areas.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

According to information provided by DFTA (CENSUS 2010), the elderly population (60 yrs.+) represents 17.2% of NYC's population. The decade 2000-2010, had shown an uptick of 12.4% in the elderly population after a decline since 1980. Approximately 30% of persons 60 and over are between the ages 60 and 64; one in three are 75 and over and one in ten are 85 and over. In contrast to the 12.4% increase in the elderly population since 1980, the total population of NYC grew by 2.1% only. The population under 60, was almost unchanged due to a decline in the number of young persons age 14 and under, during the past decade. It is clear that CENSUS 2010 demographics in this area, support the need of the city administration to increase funding to address the needs of the city's growing elderly population. DFTA records show that Bronx CD 3 is home to 4 senior centers but serviced by 11 in areas related to arts, congregate lunch, health mgmt., telephone assurance, physical health/exercise, case assistance and case assistance medicaid, education/recreation, information, nutrition education, transportation, home delivered alternative meals, technology, visiting, etc.. Bronx CB 3 advocates for continued citywide budgetary increases in all programs, particularly the meals on wheels program, evidenced by the city administration's efforts to increase the agency's budget in FY' 17 by 5% (\$1.8m) in this area. Bronx CB 3 also advocates for increased funding for transportation/escort services, case management, nutrition education, physical health/exercise, geriatric mental health and technology training, in an effort to support the nutritional, physical, emotional and technological needs of its growing senior population.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Citywide, Bronx Community District Three is at the forefront as a district, in its representation of the social consciousness and sensitivity, born by local governance, in meeting the ever growing needs and demands of the city's homeless population. Needless to say, the city administration, through its NYC Dept. of Homeless Services, must re-evaluate the application of the NYC Fair Share Siting criteria, in determining the basis for future facility sitings in Bronx Community District Three.

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[De Blasio re Pyramid Safe Haven - 470 E. 161 St.](#)


Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

Bronx Community Board Three supports increased funding for the following program services for low income and vulnerable residents within Bronx Community District Three: Increased job training/development and educational programs for adults with enhanced job search and placement support. These program services should assist young adults out of school, as well, in obtaining certifications in skilled trades or occupations with future local and regional employment growth opportunities. Provide additional or expanded programs for youth (under 18); i.e. recreation, tutorial and guidance counseling services. Provide increased funding to HRA for the Cash Assistance population as well as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance/Food Stamps Program, and programs to assist in the payment of utility service bills for low income persons.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|---|
| 9/25 | DOHMH | <i>Healthy life styles programs</i> | <i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i> | <i>Morrisania Health Station 1309 Fulton Avenue</i> |
| 11/25 | DHS | <i>Services for the homeless</i> | <i>Improve safety at homeless shelters</i> | |
| 14/25 | DFTA | <i>Senior center programs</i> | <i>Other senior center program requests</i> | |
| 17/25 | DOHMH | <i>Animal and pest control services</i> | <i>Other animal and pest control requests</i> | <i>1826 Arthur Avenue</i> |



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Educational Attainment with After School Programs and Services for Youth are of paramount importance in the Area of Youth, Education and Child Welfare. In line with a baseline report provided under the CAS/Phipps South Bronx Rising Together initiative (CD 3 focus area for study - NYC DOE), it was determined that the percentage of students in CD 3 had a third grade reading proficiency of 19.3%, when the citywide proficiency rating was 30.1%. While the CD 3 8th grade proficiency in Math(15.4%) exceeded the Bronx as a whole(14.8%), the NYC average was 21.9%. Other issues affecting educational attainment were chronic absenteeism(35.5%); 25.4% at-risk and 39.1% with good attendance, based on a 2012-2013 study. The CD 3 SBRT zone showed 17.7% of students in 4 year cohort who were college ready.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Bronx Community Board Three has worked with the Childrens Aid Society and Phipps Neighborhoods through a grant they received from CHASE in 2013, to develop a cradle through college and career pathway for all children and youth in the Crotona Park East, Melrose and Morrisania neighborhoods of CD 3. Bronx CB 3 embraced this undertaking coined "South Bronx Rising Together "(SBRT), based on statistical data which show these and other communities within the district area, as academically challenged and part of the poorest congressional district in the nation (CD 15). The focus of this Collective Impact approach was to knit together institutions within the community focused on youth success . The purpose of the Collective Impact strategy would be to create a community that is college and career ready, by leveraging the expertise of a network of families, schools, business leaders, community advocates and service providers, to support the lifelong success of children and youth within Bronx Community District Three. The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that all children are healthy, all enter kindergarten ready to succeed, all succeed academically, all stakeholders in this endeavor contribute positively to the community, all graduate from high school-college ready, all attain a degree or post secondary credential and all begin a career.

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[DOC059](#)

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

US Census demographics (2010) demonstrate that Bronx Community District Three is part of the poorest congressional district in the United States. Of the approximately 82, 559 residents, 41.4% are children or youth under the age of 24. 63.1% of children are born into poverty (61.9% of children are Latino; 31% are African American) and 32.3% of all residents are foreign born. Bronx Community Board Three advocates for increased funding to the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development for the provision of enhance or expanded after school programs for elementary, middle and high school students. Our board further underscores the dramatic and unquestionable need to provide increased funding which would support the addition and expansion of Cornerstone and Beacon programs throughout the district area. Bronx Community Board Three also advocates for increased funding in the area of adolescent and adult literacy programs as well as ESOL programs for immigrant youth. Bronx Community Board Three supports and encourages the expansion of the Summer Youth Employment Program throughout the year.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 18/27 | DYCD | Youth Services | Construct a multi-service youth center | |
| 27/27 | DOE | Schools and educational facilities | Renovate site component | PS/MS4 |



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 7/25 | DOE | <i>Educational programs</i> | <i>Other educational programs requests</i> | |
| 10/25 | DYCD | <i>Youth workforce development</i> | <i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i> | |
| 12/25 | DOE | <i>Educational programs</i> | <i>Other educational programs requests</i> | |



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*General crime*

NYPD COMPSTAT figures over the past 22 years have shown a significant overall reduction in the seven major crime categories for CD 3- BRONX (-70%change). The recent increase in the NYPD patrol officer count (approx. 12) for the 42 Pct., should assist in curtailing increased trends in crime related to murder, rape, robbery, burglaries and GLAs (2015-2014). Attention is also needed at the local level in focusing on youth on youth crime which has surfaced related to robberies of electronic devices and in overall education of youth in the area of youth crime prevention at district schools.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Bronx CD 3 urges the appropriation of additional NYPD expense resources to address increased criminal activities, particularly related to Grand Larceny and GLA Auto, within the NYCHA PSA 7 Union Consolidated, Butler, Forest, McKinley, Eagle Avenue, East 163 St., Morris Houses, Webster and Morrisania NYCHA developments in the district. Bronx Community Board Three further requests the assignment of additional patrol officers based on US census demographics which show CD 3 has having the most significant gain in population compared to other Bronx communities between 2000-2010. Recent statistical information provided by NYPD Patrol Bronx command for criminal activity in parks/playgrounds, shows CD 3 as having the most arrests due to criminal activity occurring within the parks/playgrounds. This information supports the need for additional patrol officer assignments in all Bronx CD 3 sectors for FY'17 and baselined.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 12/27 | NYPD | NYPD facilities and equipment | Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct | NYPD 42nd Precinct |

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1/25 | NYPD | NYPD staff and training resources | Assign additional housing police officers | |
| 8/25 | NYPD | NYPD staff and training resources | Assign additional uniformed officers | NYPD-42nd Precinct |
| 23/25 | NYPD | NYPD staff and training resources | Other NYPD staff resources requests | |
| 24/25 | NYPD | NYPD facilities and equipment | Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles | NYPD - 42nd Pct. |

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Other|The issue of street and sidewalk cleanliness continues to remain a challenge despite increased District 3 DOS scorecard ratings, particularly due to the need for increased education campaigns in schools for resident youth and through television, radio and social media for young adults. Illegal dumping similarly has plagued the district adversely affecting scorecard ratings. DOS must work to collaborate with the NYCHA, to increase and improve maintenance of site perimeters and improve upon re-cycling compliance throughout the district as a whole.

Street and Sidewalk cleanliness is a reflection of the quality of the district in all respects including public perception of safety and security. Adverse street and sidewalk cleanliness including environmental issues and illegal dumping practices, contribute to other community environmental health concerns.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Due to increased population counts as a result of new multi-family residential housing and mixed-use development in the community from 1980 to present, the core infrastructure (water/trunk mains and sewers) have been challenged and are in need of repair/replacement.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Since 1990, Bronx Community District Three has received increasingly higher DOS scorecard ratings (50(+)% to 80(+)%), as provided through the Office of the Mayor. In the interest of ensuring that CD 3 obtains similarly high ratings for street and sidewalk cleanliness in FY'17 and into the out years, Bronx CD 3 seeks a new garage facility for improved management based on increased population demographics and new multi-family residential construction (FY 90'-FY 15'; 8,457 units), new and improved cleaning equipment and added police enforcement personnel, for district locations which are high profile sites for illegal dumping.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|---------------------|--|--|
| 19/27 | DEP | Water supply system | Other water supply system upgrade requests | Claremont Parkway Crotona Park East Crotona Avenue |
| CS | DEP | Water supply system | Replace or upgrade water mains | Southern Boulevard E. 174 St. Jennings St. |

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------|--|----------|
| 18/25 | DSNY | Sanitation Enforcement | Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws | |



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Unemployment/ Underemployment

Bronx Community District Three is located in the poorest congressional district in the nation (CD 15). The NYS Department of Labor unemployment rate for Bronx County is 7% as of June 2015; NYS average - 5.3%. The NYC administration via the Economic Development Corporation, must promote increased measures to foster economic development initiatives within the existing industrial and IBZ zones within the Community District Three, while offering business tax incentives to attract new and growing industries into the future. This, along with additional job development and training programs, will result in increased local employment opportunities for area residents in CD 3.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Between 2000 and 2010, Bronx CD 3 led the borough in new population growth (16.3% change), exceeding the 4.8% cumulative increase in population for Bronx County as a whole, during this period. Based on information provided by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, the district has experienced a 50% increase in its population from 1980, largely the result of an unprecedented increase of 8,457 units of new residential housing, and the preservation of an additional 9,036 units, since FY'1990. Despite the gains in increased "affordable" housing and preservation efforts on the part of the city administration, Bronx Community Board Three recognizes that the city administration through HPD and HDC, must re-establish AMI eligibility indexes for affordable housing and moderate income housing models for applicants, to be more reflective of AMI indexes specific to Bronx county and local census tracts in the areas the residential developments are being constructed. This approach to eligibility will serve as a more realistic and effective approach by the city administration, in offering housing opportunities to the residents of Bronx Community District Three and other areas throughout the city. Apart from this re-evaluation of AMI eligibility indexes, Bronx CB 3 urges city, state and federal efforts to promote added long term housing subsidy programs, as a result of severe unemployment and under-employment and wage issues, which exist in the communities of Bronx CD 3. Bronx CB 3 also supports efforts on the part of the city administration to streamline the processing and compliance, on the part of NYCHA, to address longstanding apartment housing code violations, grounds conditions and common area violations within the city's public housing developments; particularly at the nation's largest public housing assemblage in Claremont Village - CD 3 (Butler, Webster/Morrisania, and Morris Houses).

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Bronx Community Board Three recommends that the city administration provide increased funding to increase the number of Workforce I career centers to service the residents of Congressional District 15, while providing and/or expanding existing occupational skills training programs. Bronx Community Board Three also recommends increased efforts on the part of the city administration to promote a commercial district needs assessment for the Southern Boulevard, E. 174 St., Boston Road and Third Avenue retail corridors in Community District Three. The results of the assessment might address or support funding for retail façade improvements, business improvement plans and merchant organizing efforts.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 17/27 | NYCHA | Public housing upgrades or renovations | Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space | Claremont Neighborhood Center |

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------------|
| 2/25 | NYCHA | Public housing upgrades or renovations | Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades | |
| 3/25 | NYCHA | Public housing maintenance, staffing and management | Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness | |
| 13/25 | DOB | Building code and zoning enforcement | Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings | |
| 19/25 | SBS | Workforce development | Provide or expand occupational skills training programs | 584 E. 163 St. |



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Other/The following represents the primary transportation concern which is interrelated; Street Lighting, Limited pavement marking visibility and Roadway Maintenance

This issue directly affects the safety of motorists and pedestrians and speaks to the broader issue involving the liability of NYC in personal injury cases and insurance claims. Additionally, this issue affects the ease of traffic mobility/flow and safety, in general.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Since 1980, the population of Bronx Community District Three has grown by 50%. An analysis by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development has further shown that since 1990, there have been 8,457 new residential housing units constructed with over 9,036 units preserved. Despite DOT efforts to address street maintenance and repair, as well as intersection control studies and other engineering analyses, which have significantly enhanced overall traffic flow, safety and the viability of the district's infrastructure; Bronx Community Board Three encourages funding to allow DOT to initiate traffic and parking studies in meeting with the increased district population count since FY' 1990.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 4/27 | DOT | Transportation infrastructure | Repair or provide new street lights | Southern Boulevard E. 174 St. Freeman St. |
| 24/27 | DOT | Transportation infrastructure | Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps | Nehemiah Condominiums |
| 26/27 | DOT | Transportation infrastructure | Reconstruct streets | E. 161 Street Park Avenue Third Avenue |

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| 21/25 | DOT | Traffic and traffic flow | Other traffic improvements requests | |
| 22/25 | DOT | Transportation infrastructure | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | |



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Other/Bronx Community Board Three has focused its capital priorities on improvements to its parks and recreational facilities, in the interest in supporting an improved recreational infrastructure to encourage youth and young adults to enjoy open space/recreational activities, thus improving overall health indices and disparities of the district, compared to NYC at-large.

Use of improved parks and recreational facilities by district residents, would assist in addressing community health concerns and mitigate certain NYC DOHMH health indices as follows: CD 3 suffers most amongst all NYC community districts in areas related to age adjusted death rates: 8.7 per 1,000 persons (highest in NYC), More than 1 in 3 adults consider themselves to be in fair or poor health. More than 1 in 5 adults in the Central Bronx and Morrisania, smokes. More than 1 in 4 adults in the Central Bronx and Morrisania are obese. The self-reported asthma rates in the Central Bronx (10%) and Morrisania (7%), are above the rate in NYC overall (5%). The primary causes of death relate to HIV (17%), Cancer (14-16%) and Heart disease (13-14%).

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Bronx CB 3 in collaboration with the NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation, working with the Friends of Crotona Park and numerous local community based organizations and residents groups, have developed a "Crotona Park Master Plan 2034". This plan includes recommendations for park improvements, park design/network changes and capital and expense budget requests(2034; proposed maturity year). This plan was developed recognizing Crotona Park as a major natural resource in District Three, for which long range community planning efforts were of paramount importance. Local funding efforts of the NYC Council and Bronx Borough President have framed parks and recreational support over the years.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Bronx Community Board Three supports the increase of \$18m (+) in operating funds for the NYPL in FY'16; nevertheless, requests that this funding be baselined in FY'17 in order to preserve system wide enhancements, including additional librarians, hours, programs and books. Bronx Community Board Three is advocating for a new boiler and electrical upgrade at the Morrisania library (\$1.5 million), as well as an ADA elevator (\$725k).

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|---|
| 1/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Crotona Park Ballfields 4 and 5 |
| 2/27 | NYPL | Library facilities, equipment and | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | Morrisania Library |
| 3/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Hill Dale and Dale Playground |
| 5/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Eae J. Mitchell Park |
| 6/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Railroad Park/Playground |
| 7/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Crotona Park - Playground #4 |
| 8/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Gouverneur Morris Playground |
| 9/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Drew Playground |
| 10/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Crotona Park- Ballfield#1 |
| 11/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Crotona Park |
| 13/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Crotona Park- Playground #9 |
| 14/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | Crotona Park |
| 15/27 | DPR | Park maintenance and safety | Provide better park maintenance | |
| 16/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Crotona Park |
| 20/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Morgan Playground - CS 132 |
| 21/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Charlton -Thompson Garden |
| 22/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Basil Behagen Playground |
| 23/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | |
| 25/27 | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | McKinley Square E. 169th St. and Boston Road |
| CS | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Melrose Commons Park |
| CS | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Playground #10 Comfort station |
| CS | DPR | Park, buildings, and access improvements | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Estella Diggs Park |



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
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| 4/25 | DPR | <i>Park maintenance and safety</i> | <i>Provide better park maintenance</i> | |
| 5/25 | DPR | <i>Park maintenance and safety</i> | <i>Provide better park maintenance</i> | <i>Crotona Park</i> |
| 6/25 | NYPL | <i>Library facilities, equipment and</i> | <i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i> | <i>NYPL - Morrisania Branch Library</i> |
| 15/25 | DPR | <i>Park programming</i> | <i>Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers</i> | <i>Crotona Park</i> |
| 16/25 | DPR | <i>Park programming</i> | <i>Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers</i> | <i>Crotona Park</i> |
| 20/25 | DPR | <i>Park maintenance and safety</i> | <i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i> | |
| 25/25 | DPR | <i>Street trees and forestry services</i> | <i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i> | |

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

| Priority | Agency | Need | Request | Location |
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| 18/27 | DYCD | Youth Services | Construct a multi-service youth center | |

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| 1/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Renovate Crotona Park Ballfields 4 and 5 (contiguous and integrated playing area) to provide for removal of old and installation of new bleachers, new drainage, new fencing, new playing field surface with related field markings, water fountains and a comfort station Bronx CB 3 capital priority #5; Tracking Code 103201101C) Ballfields 4 and 5 at Crotona Park North near Prospect Avenue, require renovation due to the existing field condition which has been compromised over the years due to regular and seasonal league play. | Crotona Park Ballfields 4 and 5 | |
| 2/27 | NYPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | Provide for Replacement of the HVAC system at the Morrisania branch library with an energy efficient model (\$300k). This funding is supplemental to an existing appropriation. Bronx Community Board Three is also requesting replacement of the existing boiler with a new energy efficient model (\$500k). This replacement will reduce energy consumption and Greenhouse Gas emissions. ; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 7; Tracking Code: | Morrisania Library | New York Public library - Morrisania Branch |
| 3/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Renovate Hill and Dale Playground (Playground#5) in Crotona Park at Crotona Park East and Suburban Place; Capital Budget Priority # 8; Tracking Code 103201102C) Bronx CB 3 is recommending that the NYC DPR fund the renovation of Hill and Dale playground due to its existing poor condition. This playground requires new drainage due to heavy ponding after rainfall, new play equipment and safety surface matting as well as removal of the existing concrete structures within the play area. | Hill Dale and Dale Playground | PS 61, IS 90, JHS 98, Bronx HS Performance and Stagecraft; Academy for Scholarship and Entrepreneurship; A.Co |

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| 4/27 | DOT | <i>Repair or provide new street lights</i> | <i>Provide Enhanced Street Lighting at Southern Boulevard from E. 174 St. to Freeman St. at the "Underside" of the Elevated IRT train lines #2 & 5; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 10; Tracking Code: 103199501C; In consideration of EDC plans for future commercial /retail development along Southern Blvd., and the imminent DDC project involving installation of trunk mains an sewers at Southern Blvd. between E. 174 St. and E. 167 St. in CD 3 FY'17 (HED553), enhanced illumination is needed along the underside of the elevated IRT train structure (2&5) lines. This item was previously submitted to NYC Transit in FY 1995 but has been re-submitted to DOT due to jurisdictional issues. Enhanced lighting will also compliment the scheduled painting of the train structure by NYCTA in 2016.</i> | <i>Southern Boulevard E. 174 St. Freeman St.</i> | <i>Whedco; MBD Community Housing Corp.</i> |
| 5/27 | DPR | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i> | <i>Provide for installation of high intensity security/sports lighting , additional electrical outlets for stage area and installation of fence at the garden area at Eae J. Mitchell Park (E. 174 St. and Longfellow Avenue); Bronx CB 3 Capital budget priority # 11; Tracking Code 103200501C; Eae J. Mitchell Park requires high intensity sports/security lighting throughout the park, particularly along the north side adjacent to the Cross Bronx Plaza Shopping Mall. This lighting will serve as a deterrent for substance abuse and narcotics sales within the park during late evening hours. Added electrical outlets suited for special events, stage and musical performances, are also needed as well as a fence to secure the garden area.</i> | <i>Eae J. Mitchell Park</i> | <i>Mid-Bronx Community Housing corp.; North Longfellow United Block Association</i> |
| 6/27 | DPR | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i> | <i>Provide for the reconstruction of the existing comfort station within Railroad Park/Playground (Melrose Park; Site 58) within the Melrose Commons Urban Renewal Area(East 161 St. and Park Avenue); Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #12; Tracking Code 103200203C; Railroad park is utilized by children at the Morrisania Air Rights project, neighborhood day care centers, and the immediate community. Plans should be undertaken to renovate the existing building to provide a comfort station and park concessions. These improvements would serve to benefit the area by fostering increased utilization of the Metro-North Subway station. This location serves as a major point of transfer for existing bus line numbers BX 6, 13, 41 and 32.</i> | <i>Railroad Park/Playground</i> | <i>Nos Quedamos/We Stay committee</i> |

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| 7/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Reconstruct Crotona Park - Playground #4 (Crotona Park East, Crotona Park North, E. 175 St. and Southern Boulevard); Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #14; Tracking Code 103200404C); provide for the reconstruction of playground #4 to include recreational amenities for neighborhood youth - estimated cost: \$500K+ | Crotona Park - Playground #4 | |
| 8/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Renovate the existing comfort station at Gouverneur Morris Playground ADA compliant (Third Avenue at E. 170 St.); Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #15; Tracking Code 103200502C; The capital reconstruction of Gov. Morris Playground totaled nearly \$1.7 million and included new spray showers, swings, playground and park house improvements, basketball lighting, asphalt grading, sitting area and handball court improvements, in addition to \$173k in requirements contract work for fencing, color seal coating, new backboards, rims, and related curb work associated with the basketball courts. Presently, the Morris Houses TA requests the renovation of the existing comfort station, as it is the only capital item unaddressed. It also services numerous children in local day care/head start programs. | Gouverneur Morris Playground | Morris Houses Tenants Association |
| 9/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Install security lighting at Drew Playground (Fulton Avenue between E. 169 St. and E. 170 St.); Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #17; Tracking Code 103200801C; In view of recent capital improvements undergone and proposed for Drew Playground related to asphalt work, renovation of basketball courts with sports coating, bench replacements, fence installation, playground improvements, play unit installation and sprinkler system installation, Drew playground is in need of security/sports lighting at the general park sitting and play areas, to promote extended play conditions for youth during summer hours. The installation of such lighting in the area of the basketball courts, would allow for extended and summer league play. | Drew Playground | St. John's Lutheran Church; Children's Circle Day Care Center |

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| 10/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Install New high Intensity Sports/Security Lighting at Ballfield #1 in Crotona Park at Claremont Parkway and Crotona Avenue; Tracking Code 103200804C; FY' 2017 CAPIS P-103CRO1; Project in Procurement -\$1.531 mil. (Council/Mayoral); March 2017 procurement completion. Ballfield #1 was the subject of capital improvements completed in 2008 which included new bleachers, new sod, and upgraded irrigation at a cost of \$800k, provided by Councilman Rivera(CD 15). At the request of Jaws Baseball Little League, Inc. Bronx CB 3 is requesting the installation of new high intensity sports/security lighting for extended evening and tournament play for youth. | Crotona Park-Ballfield#1 | Jaws Baseball Little League Inc. |
| 11/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Install park benches within Crotona Park; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #18; Tracking Code 103200802C; Due to the increased utilization of Crotona Park as a result of capital improvements to ballfields and play areas, residents have sought to increase the availability of park seating within the park for passive relaxation and enjoyment purposes, in accordance with the Crotona Park Master Plan-2034. | Crotona Park | Phipps Houses |
| 12/27 | NYPD | Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct | Renovate the NYPD 42nd Police Precinct; Bronx Community Board Three capital priority #21, Tracking code: 103200004C. Consider plans to renovate the NYPD 42nd Pct. at 830 Washington Avenue, to include a new or upgraded HVAC system throughout, new front desk replacement (\$160k), new flooring, painting, platform re-construction, sub-floor structural improvements and overall spruce up in line with the Precinct Enhancement Program. Plans should also include additional on or off street parking options for sector vehicles assigned to the precinct. | NYPD 42nd Precinct | Mid-Bronx Community Housing Corp. |

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| 13/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Renovate Playground # 9 in Crotona Park at Crotona Park South near Clinton and Crotona Avenues; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #35; Tracking Code: 103201403C; Due to the deteriorated condition of this playground, Bronx CB 3 is requesting the total renovation of the playground to include a new multi-purpose synthetic turf for soccer/football play, ramp for skateboard play and new basketball court or courts with upgraded play surface, backboards and rims. The scope of work for this project should also include new and advanced fitness and exercise equipment for teenagers and young adults, as well as a play area with technologically advanced sprinkler/spray shower systems for youth. | Crotona Park-Playground #9 | Goodwill Baptist Church and Future Star Productions; Crotona Park South Homeowners Association |
| 14/27 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | Renovate the Crotona Pool and Recreation Center to allow for year round recreation uses for youth and adolescents as well as provide available space for seniors (Crotona Park Master Plan-2034). The indoor facility could also serve as a venue for special events within Crotona Park; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #25; Tracking Code: 103201003C (scope modified); This facility, once created, would become the new sports/fitness center for Crotona Park, as well as an indoor facility for special events. | Crotona Park | |
| 15/27 | DPR | Provide better park maintenance | Provide Additional Equipment for Effective Parks Maintenance; (Tracking Code 103198923C). Provide the following equipment to enable M&O staff to effectively maintain our parks and playgrounds: 6 weed whackers of commercial strength, 5 leaf blowers of commercial strength. The following equipment is needed for dedicated assignment to Crotona Park exclusively: Harvester for Indian Lake (stored in Crotona Park), Pick up truck with hitch and tailgate, 4 dual hydrostatic gas zero turn riding mowers (John Deere Model BM25104), 1 dedicated plow vehicle, 1 mini-pack garbage truck and 1 bobcat with attachments | | Friends of Crotona Park; New York Junior Tennis and Learning Center |
| 16/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Install New High Intensity Sports/Security Lighting at Newly Constructed Synthetic Soccer Field at Crotona Park North and Crotona Park East in Crotona Park. FY'16 priority request #29; FY'17 priority request 28; Tracking code 103201103C. | Crotona Park | |

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| 17/27 | NYCHA | Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space | Install new air conditioning HVAC system with total electrical system upgrade at Claremont Neighborhood Center, Inc. located at 489 E. 169 St. in Bronx Community District Three. FY' 16 priority request 31; FY' 17 priority request 30; tracking code 103201105C | Claremont Neighborhood Center | Claremont Neighborhood Center Inc. |
| 18/27 | DYCD | Construct a multi-service youth center | Construct a multi-service youth center in the Crotona Park East neighborhood of Bronx Community District Three. The Crotona Park East neighborhood of Community District Three is in need of a new multi-purpose youth center for youth and adolescents. Service areas should focus on job development/training, recreation, after school tutorial assistance and computer skills training. FY'16 priority request 32; FY'17 priority request 31; tracking code 103201105C | | Future Star Productions, Inc. |
| 19/27 | DEP | Other water supply system upgrade requests | Bronx CB#3 Capital Budget priority request #32 Install storm water line infrastructure with accompanying catch basins along Claremont Parkway between Crotona Park East and Crotona Avenue. Installation of infrastructure for storm water run-off with accompanying catch basins, is essential at this location due to a history of severe flooding and ponding conditions along this stretch of roadway after heavy rainfall. Flooding conditions warranting this capital improvement are particularly evident at the intersection of Crotona Avenue and Claremont Parkway, at the center of Crotona Park. | Claremont Parkway Crotona Park East Crotona Avenue | MBD Community Housing Corp.; NYC Parks and Recreation- Bronx Borough Office/Maintenance Div. |
| 20/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Rehabilitate CS 132 Playground (Morgan Playground) at E. 168 St., Park Avenue and Washington Avenue; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 33; Tracking Code; 103201203C; Bronx CB 3 is requesting that CS 132 Playground be rehabilitated to include improvements to the play surface. backboards, and rims at the entire basketball courts, including new line markings and park logo. Additionally, the board is requesting that the NYC DPR re-surface the walls and floors of the existing handball courts. | Morgan Playground - CS 132 | |

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| 21/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park | Install New High Intensity, Motion Sensored, Security Lighting at Charlton-Thompson Garden located at E. 164 St. between Boston Road and Cauldwell Avenue; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 34; Tracking Code: 103201401C; Charlton-Thompson Garden in Bronx CB 3 serves as a memorial to two African American Congressional Medal of Honor award recipients from the Korean War. This park was recently reconstructed in 2010 due to its former deteriorated condition. Of major concern to area residents and to the Friends of Charlton-Thompson Garden Preservation committee and the National Association of Black Veterans in Bronx County, is the fact that the park has been the subject of vandalism and graffiti, which have affected the integrity of this memorial for two of our nation's war heroes. | Charlton - Thompson Garden | Friends of Charlton-Thompson Garden Preservation Committee; National Association of Black Veterans |
| 22/27 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Repair broken and Defective Concrete Facing at Handball Courts and Related Grounds at Basil Behagen Playground - Union Avenue, Tinton Avenue and E. 166 St. in Bronx CD 3; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 26; Tracking Code 103201005C; Bronx CB 3 is requesting the intervention of NYC DPR in repairing the broken/defective concrete facing at numerous locations on the handball courts and the related ground areas. Additionally, the scope of work should address other defective concrete conditions throughout the park, particularly the softball play area. These defects have impaired the ability of players to enjoy games at the park site. Bronx CB 3 recommends that this item be addressed via a NYC Requirements contract. | Basil Behagen Playground | |
| 23/27 | DPR | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Develop Greenthumb and Flower Garden at Block 2979, Lots 28, 30, 31,33,35,36 (Hoe Avenue between Home and Freeman Streets); Bronx CB 3 capital budget priority request #6; Tracking Code 103199506C Due to increased residential development within the area of Crotona Park East and in consideration of the interest of the Hoe Avenue and Home St. Garden committee, Bronx CB 3 is requesting that NYC Parks and Recreation provide for the development of a green and flower garden at this location. The scope of work should include landscaping, vegetable and flower plantings and passive seating. It is further recommended that NYC DPR collaborate with Bronx CB 3 and the area homeowners association on Hoe Avenue, to develop a final design for approval by Bronx CB 3. | | West Farms Haven HOA; Hoe Avenue HOA |

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| 24/27 | DOT | <i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i> | <i>Bronx Community Board Three requests the repair or replacement of defective sidewalks and/or flags fronting the perimeter of the Nehemiah Condominiums bounded by Prospect Avenue, Union Avenue, E. 161 St. and E. 163 St. This development was previously built using city and state subsidies under the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development Housing Partnership program.</i> | <i>Nehemiah Condominiums</i> | <i>Nehemiah Condominium Board of Directors</i> |
| 25/27 | DPR | <i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i> | <i>Bronx Community Board Three requests the creation and establishment of a newly designed and aesthetically pleasing contemporary sign with foundation structure, denoting "BRONX HOME OF HIP HOP". It is recommended that such sign contain overhead lighting for evening illumination and be resistant to water damage and other natural elements.</i> | <i>McKinley Square E. 169th St. and Boston Road</i> | <i>Community Ball Athletic Leadership League (C-BALL)</i> |
| 26/27 | DOT | <i>Reconstruct streets</i> | <i>Provide for the Reconstruction of E. 161 St. between Park Avenue and Third Avenue; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #3; Tracking Code: 103200207C; Bronx CB 3 is requesting the re-construction of E. 161 St. between Park and Third Avenues to complement an existing urban design initiative for a new streetscape of E. 161 St. bounded by River Avenue and Park Avenues within CD 4. This request will underscore the re-construction of the bridge underpass at E. 161 St., in addition to the new Criminal Court complex undertaken by the NYS Dormitory Authority. Additionally, approx. \$3.5 mil. will be spent for streetscape improvements to the Morrisania Metro-North train stop.</i> | <i>E. 161 Street Park Avenue Third Avenue</i> | <i>Nos Quedamos/We Stay Committee; Office of the Bronx Borough President</i> |
| 27/27 | DOE | <i>Renovate site component</i> | <i>Renovate Swimming Pool at PS/MS4 located at Fulton Avenue and E. 173 St.; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 16; Tracking Code: 103200704C; Bronx Community Board Three is requesting that DOE, in collaboration with the School Construction Authority, fund improvements to the swimming pool at PS/MS 4 to include ceiling painting and re-grouting of the existing tile(\$30k), in addition to the replacement of broken tiles, deck re-surfacing and upgrading of pool lockers and locker room.</i> | <i>PS/MS4</i> | <i>Phipps Houses Group</i> |

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| CS | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Provide for Renovation of Phase II of Estella Diggs Park at Third Avenue and E. 167 St. Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #4 (Tracking Code: 103200101C) Phase II funding request (\$1.3 mil.) would address site stabilization due to topography, landscaping, perimeter fencing, pathways, new recreational playground and/or facility to include a waterfall at the site of E. 167 St. and Third Avenue; east side, Block 2608, lots 38,39,40,43,48,53,54). Such site will attract resident youth living at Claremont Consolidated NYCHA development on Washington Avenue, as well as numerous developments along Boston Road and E. 163 St. within CD 3. Phase I was completed on 5/10/11 at a cost of \$2.9 mil. | Estella Diggs Park | St. Augustine's Church |
| CS | DEP | Replace or upgrade water mains | Bronx CB #3 DEP Capital priority request #1 in FY 16 (Tracking Code 103198502C) - Initial Budget Line HW-698, Project ID HWX-698W - Trunk Water Main replacements in connection with reconstruction of Southern Blvd. from E. 174 St. to Jennings St. in Bronx Community District Three. The project was assigned to DEP with expanded scope to include sanitary sewer replacements and is now managed by DDC. The current budget lines are SE-2X, WM-1, WM-6, WM-944; Project IDs HED-553,SEX-002245. The FY'16 Adopted Budget register indicates that the final design contract has been let and that this project is expected to go into construction in FY'17. DDC has informed the board that the project contract has been executed and that construction is expected to commence before the end of calendar yr. 2015. | Southern Boulevard E. 174 St. Jennings St. | MBD Community Housing Corp. |
| CS | DPR | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Provide New Construction of Park at Site 32 with the Melrose Commons URA. Budget Line: P-D021, P-C021, WM0011; Project ID(s) P-103MP32, P-101MELR, P-1CROT41 Bronx CB 3 capital budget priority request #2 (Tracking Code-103200206C) Bronx CB 3 has requested funding to construct a new park at this location which divides Bronx Community Districts 3 and 1. This park, once completed, will address the open space and recreational needs of the residential community within the Melrose neighborhoods shared by Bronx Community Districts 3 and 1. The work scope and design is expected to include a youth and tot play area, water play area, arbor, granite stairs/plaza, common lawn and buffer planting, garden and adult fitness area. | Melrose Commons Park | Nod Quedamos/We Stay Committee; Bronx Borough President |

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| CS | DPR | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i> | <i>Reconstruct Comfort Station within Crotona Park at E. 171 St. and Fulton Avenue; Bronx CB 3 Capital Budget Request #9; Tracking Code 103199504C) Improvements to the existing comfort station are needed to allow for reactivation of its former use. This would support the prior rehabilitation by NYC DPR of Playground#10 in FY 97/98. The improvements should include allowances for ADA accessibility. Councilman Joel Rivera had appropriated \$840k from FY 2012 for this purpose. This project is in design.</i> | <i>Playground #10 Comfort station</i> | <i>Friends of Crotona Park</i> |

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| 1/25 | NYPD | Assign additional housing police officers | Increase Housing Police Officers at PSA 7 and assign to Forest Houses, Butler Houses, Webster/Morrisania Houses and Morris Houses developments, within Bronx Community District Three. FY'16 priority request #3; FY'17 priority request #2; Tracking Code 103198509E | | Claremont Village Tenants Associations; Forest Houses Tenants Association |
| 2/25 | NYCHA | Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades | Install security surveillance cameras at NYCHA Butler and Webster/Morrisania Houses in Claremont Village. FY'16 priority 4; FY'17 priority 3; Tracking Code 103200503E. Federal CIAP and/or modernization funds were secured for the purpose of installing high tech security surveillance cameras at Morris Houses in 2000. These funding appropriations allowed for installation of cameras in and around building perimeters and has significantly reduced crime based on COMPSTAT crime indexes within PSA 7. As a result, Bronx Community Board Three is requesting similar fiscal appropriations for camera installations at Butler and Webster/Morrisania Houses. | | NYCHA |
| 3/25 | NYCHA | Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness | FY'16 priority request #13; FY'17 priority request #11; Tracking Code 103198511E. Purchase containers for storage of solid waste at NYCHA developments in Community District Three-Bronx. Allocations of compactor containerization units are requested for placement at NYCHA sites to contain large amounts of refuse which remain on the street attracting dogs and vermin. Placement of the containerization units at NYCHA sites, will allay adverse mayoral scorecard ratings for street and sidewalk cleanliness issued by the Office of the Mayor to DOS Bronx West Three district. | | |
| 4/25 | DPR | Provide better park maintenance | Increase Personnel in CD Three for Effective Operations; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request # 6; Tracking Code: 103198904E; Provide the following additional personnel for effective parks maintenance and operation of our parks and playgrounds: a. Two (2) Associate Park Service Workers. The APSW requirements include CDL licensing for truck operations related to refuse removal throughout CD 3 parks and playgrounds b) Two (2) climbers and pruners. The following personnel request is for dedicated staffing to Crotona Park exclusively: 12 seasonal CPWs for maintenance of park (Spring/Summer); 4 full time CPWs for year round dedicated lake cleaning and maintenance, 1 gardener, 2 PEP sergeants and 6 officers for year round park security and 1 driver (APSW) | | Friends of Crotona Park |

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| 5/25 | DPR | <i>Provide better park maintenance</i> | <i>Assign Additional Maintenance and Operations Personnel in Crotona Park; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request # 10; Tracking Code: 103199504E; The rehabilitation/upgrading of playgrounds and ball fields in Crotona Park, as well as ongoing concerns regarding the cleaning and maintenance of Indian Lake, warrant the assignment of the following dedicated staff personnel exclusively to Crotona Park: 12 seasonal CPWs for maintenance of park (Spring/Summer); 4 full time CPWs for year round dedicated lake cleaning and maintenance, 1 gardener, 4 climbers and pruners, 2 PEP sergeants and 6 officers for year round park security and 1 driver (APSW)</i> | <i>Crotona Park</i> | |
| 6/25 | NYPL | <i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i> | <i>Increase funding for the New York Public Library Services at the Morrisania Library; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request #7; Tracking Code: 103199503E; In order to provide the opportunity for district children and youth to fully participate in the NYPL's many services, funding for the Morrisania branch needs to be increased to allow for six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient support staff to support these functions. This request is justified in that the circulation rate for Morrisania has increased as well as the attendance at the branch.</i> | <i>NYPL - Morrisania Branch Library</i> | |
| 7/25 | DOE | <i>Other educational programs requests</i> | <i>FY'16 priority request #15; FY'17 priority request #13; Tracking code 103201401E. Increase funding for after school programs for Bronx Community District Three schools in DOE School Districts 8, 9 and 12. Due to educational challenges faced by both English and non-English speaking students at both the elementary, junior high school and high school levels, increased funding is needed for after school support and tutorial assistance for students, as well as resources for parents, to assist them in promoting the educational achievement of their children in school districts 8, 9 and 12, in Bronx Community District Three.</i> | | <i>South Bronx Rising Together project</i> |
| 8/25 | NYPD | <i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i> | <i>FY'16 priority request # 22; FY'17 priority request #20; Tracking Code 103198301E. Assign additional police personnel to the NYPD 42nd. Pct. to combat crime, ensure public safety and provide concentrated enforcement efforts at narcotics prone locations throughout the district area.</i> | <i>NYPD-42nd Precinct</i> | <i>NYPD 42nd Pct. Community Council</i> |

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| 9/25 | DOHMH | Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc. | In consideration of the fact that NYC DOHMH health indices speak to adverse health conditions in Bronx Community District Three related to Asthma, Obesity, HIV/AIDs, Diabetes, Cancer and Heart Disease, Bronx Community Board Three is requesting an increase in the assignment of health educators and related personnel at the Morrisania Health Station-1309 Fulton Avenue, for engagement with DOE and private school students, residents, local community based organizations and youth service providers, for the purposes of providing on going health education and education for disease prevention, throughout Bronx Community District Three. | Morrisania Health Station 1309 Fulton Avenue | |
| 10/25 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program | FY' 16 priority request#23; FY'17 priority request# 21; Tacking code 103201001E. Increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program to prevent the extent of idle youth behaviors and adverse youth involvement with local neighborhood gangs. | | Future Star Productions, Inc. Madison Sq. Boys and Girls Club; Claremont Neighborhood Center Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Ctr |
| 11/25 | DHS | Improve safety at homeless shelters | FY'16 priority request 311;FY'17 priority request #9;Tracking code 103200101E. (Scope modified) Provide for increased security at all DHS contracted shelters and facilities in CD 3. Security measures need to be enhanced to preclude unauthorized and illicit activities which occur around the perimeter of the shelter grounds and to preserve sound quality of life conditions in the areas in which these facilities are located. | | |
| 12/25 | DOE | Other educational programs requests | FY'16 priority request #14; FY'17 priority request #12; Tracking Code 103198512E. Install large containers for refuse and solid waste at public school sites. As a result of DOE protocols involving the service of school lunches using paper goods as opposed to the type of food service that was permanent and not disposable, solid waste remains on the street in front of schools. This condition is unsightly and attracts dogs and vermin. | | Jackson Avenue Homeowners Association |

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| 13/25 | DOB | Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings | FY'16 priority request 5; FY'17 priority request 4; Tracking code 103199402E. Provide additional DOB inspectors Bronx wide to address issues of owner non-compliance with the NYC Administrative code and zoning requirements. Added funding for additional DOB inspectors will support the needs of each specific community district to address DOB violations relating to illegal property uses, work without permits, illegal SRO conversions and many other problematic building and zoning code conditions. | | |
| 14/25 | DFTA | Other senior center program requests | FY'16 priority request 17; FY'17 priority request # 15; Tracking Code 103198408E. Allocate additional funding to operate programs for the aged. Bronx Community Board Three requests additional funds to be allocated to increase services related to transport/escort, congregate and home delivered meals and other coordination and social action programs | | Neighborhood SHOPP - CASA BORICUA; ARTURO SCHOMBERG SENIOR CENER |
| 15/25 | DPR | Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers | Provide Funding for Personnel to Facilitate the Continued Operation of the Crotona Park Nature Center; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request # 17; Tracking Code 103200102E; In order to promote environmental/park wildlife education of neighborhood youth and those attending local community and elementary and intermediate schools in CD 3, park personnel are needed to staff the operation of the Crotona Park Nature Center year round. | Crotona Park | |
| 16/25 | DPR | Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers | Hire Additional Recreational Staff for the Crotona Pool and Recreation Center; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request # 19; Tracking Code; 103198501E; With new public and private renovated housing within the district, the following additional staff are needed in the recreation center and pool area of Crotona Park: 2 recreational directors, 3 playground assistants. 3 recreational aides, 2 community aides, 1 clerk and 2 urban park rangers. | Crotona Park | PS 61 Community Resource Center |
| 17/25 | DOHMH | Other animal and pest control requests | FY'16 priority request #24; FY'17 priority request # 22; Tracking Code 103199501E. Assign the following additional personnel to the Bronx DOHMH Bureau of Pest Control; two (2) exterminators, three (3) clerical staff persons, eight (8) field staff persons for building and yard clean-up including additional supplies of talon. | 1826 Arthur Avenue | Bronx CB 3 Health Committee |
| 18/25 | DSNY | Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws | FY'19 priority request #25; FY'17 priority request # 23; Tracking code 103198902E. Increase Sanitation Police force by 20 officers citywide, to address issues involving illegal dumping and dumpout conditions on street and sidewalks. | | |

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| 19/25 | SBS | Provide or expand occupational skills training programs | Provide funding for development of year round home health aide training program at existing ground floor commercial space located at 584 E. 163 St. This location is a mixed use property owned by Morrisania Revitalization Corporation, a local development corporation within Bronx Community District Three. | 584 E. 163 St. | Morrisania Revitalization Corporation |
| 20/25 | DPR | Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement) | Provide Twenty (20) Additional Park Enforcement Patrol Officers (PEP) to Ensure Quality of Life Observance in Bronx Parks/Recreational Areas; Bronx CB 3 expense priority # 1; Tracking Code: 103199405E; Community Board Three supports the need for additional PEP staffing in support of increased concerns regarding park security and vandalism. CD 3 expresses the urgency of this need in its efforts to ensure the viability of CD 3 parks and recreational facilities. | | |
| 21/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvements requests | Increase the number of Highway Repairmen at the NYC Dept. of Transportation; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request #18; Tracking Code: 103200103E; Bronx Community Board Three is requesting an increase in the number of Highway Repairmen assigned to the Bronx Office of NYC DOT, by ten(10), to assist in the repair of potholes/cave-in conditions within Bronx County. | | |
| 22/25 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | Assign Additional Personnel to the New York City Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic; Bronx CB 3 expense budget requests #8; Tracking Code: 103199502E; In consideration of agency delays in the restoration and replacement of missing/defective traffic signage throughout the district, the following personnel are requested for assignment at the NYC DOT, Bureau of Traffic: Three (3) Device Maintainers. | | |
| 23/25 | NYPD | Other NYPD staff resources requests | FY'16 priority request #16; FY'17 priority request #14; Tracking Code 103198502E. Increase traffic personnel assignments in District Three in the functional area of traffic control. The following personnel are requested to be added: 1 senior traffic control inspector, 2 traffic control agents. | | McKinley Square Merchants |
| 24/25 | NYPD | Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles | FY'16 priority request #7; FY'17 priority request #5. Assign Additional equipment to the NYPD 42nd Pct. to include 1 van for the NYPD youth outreach program, 8 additional wheel scooters for police patrol surveillance and 10 bicycles for patrol purposes. | NYPD - 42nd Pct. | |

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| 25/25 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | Increase Forestry Services in District Three; Bronx CB #3 expense budget request #16; Tracking Code: 103198903E; Provide six(6) additional climbers/pruners to the Bronx Office of NYC DPR to assist in the backlog of tree pruning and hazardous tree removal complaints. Personnel are needed to address tree limb overgrowth conditions which compromise street lamp lumen emission efficiency within parks, on street and at arterial highway locations. | | |

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Health Care and Human Services



De Blasio re Pyramid Safe Haven - 470 E. 161 St.

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=82E99570-B0EF-405A-AA70-085E420079D4>

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



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