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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 HOSTS PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS MEETING

NYC Parks Deputy Director of Planning, Steven Lenard will be at Bronx Community Board 8 on Wednesday, December 23rd, at 7:30 PM, at the Riverdale Mental Health Association (5676 Riverdale Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room), to discuss the Parks Without Borders initiative and facilitate a working group focused on the nomination of prospective sites in Bronx Community District 8. The objective of the working group is to promote a nominating process that allows for the selection of eight sites citywide that will qualify for \$50 million dollars in mayoral funding available for Parks Without Borders capital projects. Community input will also be solicited for smaller projects in parks citywide.

NYC Parks is conducting outreach to community groups, and other CB8 stakeholders to ensure that residents and community groups have the opportunity to attend the presentation, provide feedback, and spread the word throughout the community.

Parks Without Borders takes a new approach to park entrances and boundaries where they most directly interact with the surrounding community. NYC Parks will improve fences and gates and add other amenities, such as public art and landscaping, to make entrances more inviting.

As part of Parks Without Borders, NYC Parks, in cooperation with DOT, NYPD and other agencies, will also find new ways to bring the beauty of the park into the community by greening key intersections and entrances, and by identifying new opportunities to activate underused public spaces with temporary art and programming. We will also look for opportunities to extend park amenities to adjacent sidewalks and pedestrian plazas. Parks Without Borders is a key strategy to help ensure the livability of neighborhoods and the strength of our communities.

We look forward to seeing you on December 23rd!