



## **District Manager's Report**

TO: All Board Members

FROM: Johana P. Pulgarin  
District Manager

RE: MAY 2025

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1. District Service Cabinet Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2025
  2. Complaint Tally Sheet for May 2025
  3. NYC Conflicts of Interest Board: Plain Language Guide to Chapter 68 of the City Charter for Community Board Members
  4. NYC Health Department: Launching Syringe Redemption Pilot to Safely Tackle Syringe Litter Under Local Law 124 (Location includes: Borinquen Place, Brooklyn)
  5. U.S. Department of Justice: September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund
  6. NYC Department of Buildings Celebrates 20 Years of Providing No-Cost, No-Penalty Summer Inspection Program Will Run from May 19, 2025 – June 30, 2025
  7. NYC Department of Design and Construction: HWCSCHPKR Project Update – Ongoing Construction on Division Avenue and Williamsburg Street
  8. NYC Department of Sanitation: Getting Free Compost in New York City is Now Four-Times as Easy (May 17 – September 27)
  9. NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene: Final Rules – Commissioner's Regulation 24RCNY – Chapter 3 – Performance Summary Cards and Penalties for Child Care Programs (Amended Rule in Effect on June 16, 2025)
  10. NYC Department of Buildings: Meet with the Department of Buildings in Bushwick – June 12, 2025
  11. NYC Department of Transportation: Approval of Open Streets Locations: North 3 Street from Berry Street to Wythe Avenue, September 13, 2025 – October 5, 2025, and Penn Street from Williamsburg Street East to Wythe Avenue, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 (see attached for schedules)

12. NYC Department of Transportation: Proposed Rule (Busways) and Notices of Adoption (Mopeds on Bridges and Jaywalking) - Adopted Rules Effective June 26, 2025
13. Con Edison Invests in Infrastructure to Meet Increased Summer Energy Demand – Upgrades Across the 5 Boroughs, Affordability Programs for Low- and Moderate-Income Customers
14. NYPD Youth Police Academy Summer Program Is Now Open – Space is Limited, July 7 – August 15, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. (And It's Free!)
15. NYC Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice: 2025 BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Areas) Grants Available for CBOs, Community Boards, & City Agencies – Deadline for Applications July 31
16. Con Edison – Outreach to Life-Support Equipment Dependents – Needs the Contact Information of Users of Life Support Equipment (see attached form)
17. NYC Department of Transportation (DOT): Pulaski Bridge Single Lane Closure – Conducting Maintenance from June 2 – June 27, 11:00 P.M. - 5:00 A.M.
18. NYCT Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA): Planned Service Change – Major Track Repairs from May 30, 2025 – June 2, 2025, June 6, 2025 – June 9, 2025, June 13, 2025 – June 16, 2025
19. NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY): City Announces New Compost Bin Size Available for Purchase – 13-Gallon Bin Size
20. NYC Energy Management (NYCEM): Heat Safety and Preparedness Webinar – NYS Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Continues to Offer Financial Assistance Towards Purchasing an AC Unit for Low-Income Households and Free ACs for Essential Plan Members with Asthma Symptoms
21. NYC Department of Transportation (DOT): D265235 Construction Notice – Entrance Ramp Closure from Williamsburg Street to Eastbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, On or About June 3 – June 30, Monday thru Friday 12 A.M. – 5 A.M., Saturday 12 A.M. – 6 A.M., Sunday 12 A.M. – 9 A.M.
22. NYC Department of Transportation (DOT): Greenpoint Avenue Bridge Lanes Closure – Conducting Repairs on Greenpoint Avenue Bridge Over Newtown Creek, June 9<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 P.M. – 5:00 A.M.
23. NYC Parks – Help Gather Community Input for the Developing of the First Urban Forest Plan to Improve Air Quality, Absorbing Stormwater, and Protecting Communities from Extreme Heat (Questionnaire Open Until June 30, 2025)
24. NYC Department of Transportation (DOT): implement safety improvements in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, connecting conventional bicycle lanes to McGuinness Blvd. and the existing bike network. Beginning June 2025



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## DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING

MAY 15, 2025

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

District Manager, Ms. Johana P. Pulgarin called the District Service Cabinet Meeting to order and noted the agenda which included a round robin session.

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES / HOMELESS SERVICES (DSS):** Brooklyn Borough Director, Ms. Yuri Sanchez, reported no major updates.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP):** Brooklyn Coordinator, Ms. Denise Hubbard, provided updates on the two complaints that Community Board 1 (CB1) sent, which involves a seafood restaurant and a bar with an outdoor TV. DEP is currently contacting them to schedule inspection appointments. Ms. Hubbard hopes to have further information by our next meeting.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin inquired whether DEP receives a lot of complaints regarding bars, and if many of those are noise complaints. Ms. Hubbard responded that they do receive many complaints from these locations, but the only noise complaints they have noted are the ones they received from CB1.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin remarked that for noise complaints, bars are typically reported to the New York Police Department (NYPD) through 311. However, in cases of ongoing issues, the DEP may also step in to monitor noise levels. As such, when receiving noise complaints, CB1 will delegate them to NYPD and to DEP.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS (DOB):** Deputy Director of Community Engagement, Mr. Frank Fontana, introduced himself and mentioned that he is assisting in the representation of Ms. Milcah Ann Holmes-Thomas. He also shared that the Department of Buildings (DOB) has launched a free summer inspection program covering decks, patios, retaining walls, business signs, as well as unregistered boilers and elevators. This program – which is available from May 19 through June 30 of this year – will allow homeowners to call 211 to request a free inspection without the risk of receiving a violation.

Mr. Fontana brought up the complaint concerning a construction fence obstructing the sidewalk at Graham and Metropolitan Avenue. He gave an update on this complaint, saying that violations have already been issued to the contractor, and he will follow up with the DOB Department of Engineering to provide a more detailed update.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin emphasized the need to create a safe passage for pedestrians, as the current setup forces them to walk in the street, creating a hazardous situation.

First Vice-Chair, Mr. Simon Weiser, request informational flyers regarding the summer inspection program. Deputy Director Fontana send an email with the information requested and for the meeting at Borough Hall.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE (DOHMH):** Community Liaison for Brooklyn North, Ms. Afia McCausky, introduced Angelica Mendez as the new Special Assistant. She also addressed a complaint regarding concerns about odors originating from a restaurant during cooking, which was submitted by CB1 Assistant District Manager Mr. Castrillon and followed up on by Mr. Joseph from Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez's office. Ms. McCausky confirmed that the restaurant is in compliance with food safety regulations. As for the odor issue, she advised Mr. Joseph to contact the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) for further clarification on that issue.

Ms. McCausky brought up the syringe redemption program, which is a pilot to safely tackle the syringe litter issue that has been occurring in multiple boroughs in New York City. She explains that the program will train individuals to safely collect syringes in containers and reimburse these individuals for the syringes that they collect. One of the locations that the pilot program is currently operating in is at Borinquen Place, located in our district (see attached).

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin inquired about the pilot program, asking whether they could perform the program in other locations. Ms. McCausky replied that depending on the success of the program, they may consider expansion. District Manager Ms. Pulgarin said there was another



area in the district where the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) did clean and retrieved 45 needles (see attached press release).

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin said CB1 received a complaint regarding a shelter in the neighborhood about syringes. Brooklyn Borough Director, Ms. Sanchez answered that, while there were reports about syringes, no direct connection to their clients was found. Ms. McCausky explained that the DOHMH has been monitoring the situation. A needle disposal box is available on-site, and they will continue to observe the area.

Additionally, Ms. McCausky announced that a community advisory board meeting will be scheduled soon and assured that community board members will be informed once the date is confirmed.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF PARKS:** Associate Park Service Representative, Ms. Natalie Latibeaudiere, reported no updates for this meeting.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin inquired about the status and anticipated opening date of the Metropolitan Pool. Ms. Latibeaudiere responded that the pool may open by June or July, but she will contact the Parks Commissioner for a more accurate update and inform CB1 accordingly.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin raised the issue that CB1 has not been receiving updates about these matters. She noted that CB1 has sent a letter to the commissioner asking that CB1 be updated, as CB1 should know about these happenings. Ms. Latibeaudiere replied that they will share updates with CB1.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING:** Associate Borough Planner, Ms. Lucia Marquez Reagan, shared that the Capital Budget Meeting was held regarding community district needs, and they are in the process of organizing a training session on the Population FactFinder tool, followed by another training on the Zoning and Land Use Application (ZLUA) website. She noted that the only current active zoning application is for the Domino project.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin added that CB1 may hold a meeting during the summer, as the Domino application is on clock for reviewal by the Community Board.

**NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (90<sup>th</sup> Precinct):** Sergeant Alvaro Tobon from the 90<sup>th</sup> Precinct introduced himself as the Youth Coordination Sergeant and provided an update on recent crime trends. He noted an increase in grand larcenies, attributed to warmer weather and higher foot traffic in the area. Sergeant Tobon stated that NYPD is partnering with a crime prevention team to train local businesses to identify pickpockets in an effort to prevent pickpocketing.

Additionally, Sergeant Tobon stated that a new quality-of-life unit, known as “Q-Teams,” will be launched as a pilot program to address noise complaints and other community concerns. This pilot program will address all the quality-of-life complaints which include 311 complaints or anything

that has to do with abandoned vehicles and noise complaints. By having a specialized team focus on these complaints, NYPD can better prioritize 911 emergencies while still being able to address the 311 complaints that have been piling up.

First Vice Chair Mr. Weiser asked about the outcome of the recent postal robbery. Sergeant Tobon confirmed that arrests were made but did not have further details at this time.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin raised concerns about abandoned RVs in the neighborhood and referred to an article she read about a recent incident in Queens where an RV caught fire, highlighting the potential risk these vehicles pose to the community. Sergeant Tobon acknowledged the issue and said that NYPD has been working with Sanitation on this matter. He has also mentioned that NYPD has already addressed a sector within their precinct in which many people had RVs that were plugged into light poles.

First Vice Chair Mr. Weiser also requested an update on how the NYPD is addressing bicycle-related issues and ensuring pedestrian safety. Sergeant Tobon explained that the NYPD is issuing criminal court summonses and hefty fines to cyclists who violate traffic laws, emphasizing that cyclists are required to follow all traffic regulations.

**NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (94<sup>th</sup> Precinct):** Sergeant Thomas Seubert from the 94th Precinct shared a year-to-date update, reporting a 10% overall decrease in crime. Specifically, incidents of rape, robbery, and felony assault are down by 14%, drug-related offenses have dropped by 35%, and grand larcenies are down by 16%. He also mentioned that the NYPD, in coordination with DSNY, will be addressing street vendor complaints along Bedford Avenue this week.

District Manager Ms. Pulgarin reminded both the 90th and 94th Precincts about the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting and the agenda item concerning animals. A representative from the 94<sup>th</sup> precinct confirmed that they will send someone to attend.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT):** Director of Community Affairs, Ms. Ronda Messer, reported no updates for this meeting.

District Manager Pulgarin asked if there was an update about McGuinness Blvd. A representative from the 94<sup>th</sup> precinct informed that complaints are being received about noise pollution and traffic congestion in the vicinity of McGuinness Blvd. Ms. Messer informed that DOT would conduct a study a year post-implementation to assess the issue.

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION (DDC):** Community Construction Liaison, Vladimir Poux, reported that the DDC may begin work at McCarren Park shortly after Memorial Day, with plans to complete the project before the pool opens in June.

District Manager Pulgarin inquired about which streets and pathways would be closed during the construction and emphasized the importance of keeping CB1 informed. She also stressed the need

to ensure that all construction signage remains clearly posted to protect pedestrian safety, and particularly to ensure the safety of the children that attend the school across the street.

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1:** District Manager Ms. Pulgarin thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting. The District Manager advised all attendees that the next District Service Cabinet Meeting will be held on June 26, 2025.



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COMPLAINT TALLY

MAY 09, 2025 TO JUNE 05, 2025

COMPLAINT TYPE	TALLY	COMPLAINT TYPE	TALLY
AIR		NATIONAL GRID	1
ANIMAL CONTROL		NOISE	11
APPLICATION	42	OTHER	1
ARCADE / RIDES		PARKING	12
ASSISTANCE	52	PARKS DEPARTMENT	4
BASKET REQUEST		PEST CONTROL	
BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT	3	PLATES	
BULK PICKUP		POLICE DEPARTMENT	28
CATCH BASIN		POOLS	
CAVE - IN		POTHOLES	
CODE ENFORCE		PROTECTION	
COLLEGE		PRUNING	2
CON-EDISON	2	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
CRIME		REAL ESTATE	
DCA		RECYCLING	
DCAS		REFERRALS	
DEMO		REGULAR PICKUP	
DEP	13	RELOCATION	
DERELICT AUTO /BIKES		RENT CONTROL	
DOCUMENTS		SANITATION	5
DOS		SCHOOL / PS	
DOT	26	SCHOOL REGION	
DRUGS		SEAL-UP	
EDUCTAION		SENIOR HOUSING	
ELEVATOR		SERVICE	
ENFORCEMENT	16	SEWER BACKUP	
EQUIPMENT		SEWER BREAK	
FEDERAL		SIDEWALK	14
FIRE DEPARTMENT		SIGNS	8
FOOD STAMPS		SNOW REMOVAL	
GREEN STREET		SOCIAL SERVICESPRAYING	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		STATE	
HEAT / HOT WATER		STREETLIGHT	2
HIGHWAYS		TRAFFIC LIGHTS	1
HPD	1	TREE REMOVAL	4
HRA		TREE REQUESTS	
HS		TRENCH WORK (& DEP)	
HYDRANT		UNSWEEP STREET LIGHTER	
INFO REQUEST	72	VERIZON / CABLE	
JHS		WATER	
LEGAL			
LICENSE	36		
LOTCLEANING			
LOT CLEANING / BQE			
MEDICAID			
METERS			
MTA	1	TOTAL	357

## Plain Language Guide to Chapter 68 of the City Charter for Community Board Members

*“Public service is a public trust.”*

As a community board member, you are a public servant subject to the City's conflicts of interest law, and you have the responsibility to serve your community in a way that promotes public confidence in governmental process and decision-making.

Conflicts of interest may arise when your community board service intersects with your private employment, property interests, volunteer work, or the financial interests of your close family members and business associates.

This plain language guide to the conflicts of interest law is intended to help you navigate some common issues that may arise during your community board service. This guide, however, is not intended to replace the language of the City Charter and the Board Rules. Please **call the Board at (212) 442-1400** and press “2” to speak with the Attorney of the Day to obtain confidential advice about whether your proposed actions comply with the conflicts of interest law. You can also reach a Board attorney by email at: [aod@coib.nyc.gov](mailto:aod@coib.nyc.gov).

## VOTING

As a community board member, you will vote on matters before the committees on which you sit or before the entire community board. Before casting your vote, consider these important conflicts of interest rules:

- You may not vote on any matter that may result in a personal and direct economic gain to yourself or to any person or firm “associated” with you.<sup>2</sup> Your associated persons and firms include:
  - ◊ close family members (specifically, your spouse or domestic partner and any parent, child, or sibling);

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<sup>1</sup> [Charter Section §2600.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Board Rules § 1-15\(a\).](#)

- ◊ your private employer (both the entity and any individual who may hire or terminate you, assign work to you, approve your leave, or evaluate your performance);
  - ◊ if you work for a not-for-profit organization, any person who or firm that donates at least 10% of your organization's operating budget;
  - ◊ any not-for-profit organization where you serve as a board member;
  - ◊ any firm in which you have an ownership interest; and
  - ◊ any other person or firm with whom or which you have a business or financial relationship.<sup>3</sup>
- If you work for the City, or for any other governmental or quasi-governmental entity (such as a public authority or a local development corporation), you may not vote on any matter involving that entity.<sup>4</sup>

Even if the conflicts of interest law prohibits you from voting on a particular community board action, you may participate in the discussion as a community board member, but you must first disclose your private interest at the meeting.<sup>5</sup>

## *Voting: Examples*

**Example 1:** You own an apartment building located within a neighborhood-wide rezoning project and is one building of thousands that will be subject to the new rezoning rules. Although your building will be affected by the rezoning, any effect will not be personal to yourself or your building but will be applied equally to the thousands of buildings within the rezoning area. Thus, you **may vote** on the rezoning.

**Example 2:** Your sister owns an apartment in a co-op that has applied for a special permit pursuant to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure ("ULURP"). You **may not vote** on the permit because your sister, as a shareholder of the co-op, is the applicant. You may participate in discussion after disclosing your private interest.

**Example 3:** You own a restaurant within your community district. Your restaurant has applied for a renewal of its liquor license. You **may not vote** on the renewal of your restaurant's liquor license. You may participate in discussion after disclosing your private interest.

**Example 4:** You own a restaurant within your community district. A restaurant down the block from yours has applied for a renewal of its liquor license. You **may vote** on the renewal of the other restaurant's liquor license because any impact on your private interests is speculative and indirect.

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<sup>3</sup> [City Charter § 2601\(5\)](#) and Board [Rules § 1-15\(a\)\(3\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> [Board Rules § 1-15\(b\)\(2\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> [Board Rules §§ 1-15\(a\)](#) and [1-15\(b\)\(3\)](#).

**Example 5:** You are a board member of a not-for-profit organization dedicated to composting in New York City. Your community board is considering a resolution to call on the New York City Department of Sanitation to develop curbside composting in your district. You **may vote** on the resolution, even if the organization has taken a policy position on the resolution.

**Example 6:** You are a Planner for the New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”). DOT seeks a resolution from your community board supporting its plan to install a bike lane in your district. You **may not vote** on the resolution. You may participate in discussion after disclosing your employment with DOT.

A final note on voting and recusals: These rules are not intended to affect a community board’s quorum requirements or how the community board counts votes of members entitled to vote. Those requirements are laid out elsewhere in the City Charter.

## Chairing Community Board Meetings and Committees

You may be appointed to serve on a committee or subcommittee at your community board. You can serve on any committee to which you are appointed, but there are several rules to consider before you chair a community board meeting, committee, or subcommittee:

- You may not chair any specific meeting of the community board, committee, or subcommittee at which it is considering any matter particularly affecting your private employer, financial interest, or other private interest.<sup>6</sup>
- You may not serve as the chair of any community board committee or subcommittee that reviews matters particularly affecting your private employer, financial interest, or other private interest, including the interest of a person or firm “associated” with you, three or more times over a twelve-month period.<sup>7</sup>
- In addition, if you are employed by a government or quasi-government entity, you may not chair any community board committee or subcommittee that has jurisdiction over matters within the entity’s responsibilities.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> [Board Rules §§ 1-15\(c\)\(1\)\(i\) and \(c\)\(2\)\(i\)](#).

<sup>7</sup> [Board Rules §§ 1-15\(c\)\(1\)\(ii\) and \(iii\)](#).

<sup>8</sup> [Board Rules § 1-15\(c\)\(2\)](#).

# General Conflicts of Interest Provisions

The City's conflicts of interest law contains several provisions that apply to all public servants, including community board members:

- You may not use community board resources—including your community board email account, social media, computer, telephone, letterhead, vehicle, equipment, supplies, and personnel—for any non-City purpose, including your personal, business-related, or political activities.<sup>9</sup>
- You may not have an interest in a firm that does business with your community board, such as by contracting with or providing services to your community board.<sup>10</sup>
- You may not use or appear to use your position as a community board member to obtain a benefit—such as a gift, other financial gain, contract, license, or privilege—for yourself or for any “associated” person or firm.<sup>11</sup>
- You may not use or disclose confidential information obtained as part of your community board service.<sup>12</sup>
- You may not accept a “valuable gift,” defined as a gift or series of gifts worth \$50 or more over any twelve-month period, given to you as a community board member.<sup>13</sup>
- You may not represent your employer, any private clients, or other private interests in a presentation before your community board.<sup>14</sup>
- You may not appear as attorney or counsel against the interests of the City in any litigation to which your community board is a party.<sup>15</sup>
- You may not ask a staff member of your community board to volunteer, donate to, or otherwise participate in any political campaign.<sup>16</sup>
- You may not enter into a business or financial relationship with a staff member of your community board. Some types of prohibited business or financial relationships between a community board member and a community board staffer include:

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<sup>9</sup> [City Charter § 2604\(b\)\(2\)](#) and [Board Rules § 1-13\(b\)](#).

<sup>10</sup> [City Charter § 2604\(a\)\(1\)\(a\)](#).

<sup>11</sup> [City Charter § 2604\(b\)\(3\)](#).

<sup>12</sup> [City Charter § 2604\(b\)\(4\)](#).

<sup>13</sup> [City Charter §§ 2604\(b\)\(3\)](#) and [2604\(b\)\(5\)](#).

<sup>14</sup> [City Charter § 2604\(b\)\(6\)](#) and [Board Rules § 1-15\(b\)\(1\)](#).

<sup>15</sup> [City Charter § 2604\(b\)\(7\)](#).

<sup>16</sup> [City Charter §§ 2604\(b\)\(9\)](#) and [\(b\)\(11\)](#).



- ◇ employment or other similar relationship (such as attorney-client or agent-principal);
- ◇ a loan or loans totaling \$25 or more;
- ◇ purchase or sale of property valued at \$25 or more;
- ◇ shared ownership of property, including in a cooperative apartment building with fewer than six units;
- ◇ cohabitation;
- ◇ the payment of each other's recurring expenses, such as rent or payments for a vehicle.<sup>17</sup>

*This material is intended as a general guide. It is not intended to replace the text of the law (City Charter § 2604). For more information or to obtain answers to specific questions, you may write or call the Board.*

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<sup>17</sup> **[City Charter §§ 2604\(b\)\(14\)](#)** and **[Board Rules § 1-10](#)**.



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# Health Department Launches Syringe Safely Redemption Pilot to Safely Tackle Syringe Litter Under Local Law 124

*Syringe Buyback Program Will Trade Cash for Sharps, Train Adults on How to Safely Collect*

*New Program Helps Support Adams Administration's Mission of Safe, Clean, and Vibrant Communities*

**May 14, 2025** — The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene announced the start of enrollment for the Community Syringe Redemption Program (CSRP) pilot offering participants up to \$10 a day to help keep their neighborhoods clean. In the first month of operation, the program collected 20,000 used syringes.

The program is mandated under Local Law 124 of 2022, which was sponsored by City Council Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala.

The first two weeks of operation were dedicated to registering and teaching interested adults how to safely collect syringes and bring them to redemption sites in exchange for a small cash payment. Enrollment is ongoing.

“Access to sterile syringes is essential to preventing disease and protecting the health of New Yorkers. We also know that clean and safe public spaces are key to wellbeing,” said **Acting Health Commissioner Dr. Michelle Morse**. “This program will bolster our ongoing efforts to address community concerns and connect people to care. We thank the City Council for their support of the city’s overdose prevention and syringe litter work.”

“I’m proud to have led on this legislation to create a syringe buyback pilot and support cleaner neighborhoods across New York City,” said **City Council Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala**. “Increasing efforts to address syringe litter is an important tool to keep our communities safe and healthy. I look forward to continued collaboration with my partners at the Health Department on this important work.”

The vans, operated by Addiction Response Resources, will visit eight sites across the city on a rotating basis, five days a week. Initial locations and schedules were selected based on community need and proximity to other programs. Anyone 18 or older can register to participate.

Locations include:

- Archer Avenue, Queens
- Borinquen Place, Brooklyn
- Highbridge Park, Manhattan
- St. Mary's Park, Bronx
- Echo Park, Bronx
- The Hub, Bronx
- Walter Gladwin Park, Bronx
- Kingsbridge Underpass, Bronx

The pilot will support ongoing efforts to address syringe litter complaints through partnerships with community groups and government agencies, and recently expanded outreach. In 2024, Health Department Outreach and Syringe Litter teams collected more than 198,000 ground syringes, provided syringe disposal education more than 7,000 times, and the Health Department distributed more than 304,000 naloxone kits citywide.

Teams operating the vans will also be able to make referrals to nearby services including syringe service programs (SSPs) and other community resources nearby.

In addition to collecting and safely disposing of used syringes, SSPs provide a broad range of health and social services that can include overdose prevention education and naloxone distribution; drug treatment and referrals; HIV and hepatitis C testing; and referrals to health care and resources.

Research shows that access to sterile syringes through SSPs and their predecessors reduces the transmission of preventable diseases including HIV and hepatitis C. There was a 98 percent decrease in HIV diagnoses among people with a history of injection drug use between 2001 and 2023 overall, with an average decrease per year of 17 percent. To find an SSP or healthcare resources near you, visit the NYC HealthMap.

In addition to supporting syringe service programs, the Health Department funds substance use disorder treatment and harm reduction programs across the city. As part of the Adams administration's plans to increase annual support for opioid prevention and treatment to \$50 million, the Health Department is working to expand access to low-threshold medications for opioid use disorder treatment through a Request for Proposals and expanding the number of hospitals participating in the non-fatal opioid overdose response program, Relay.

CSRP comes online as the Adams administration continues to build on its efforts to address quality-of-life concerns in high need areas. To expand its efforts to address these continuing challenges, the city has brought together over a dozen city agencies under the administration's "Community Link" initiative, to enforce quality-of-life concerns and deliver essential services to New Yorkers, including in "The Hub" section of the Bronx.

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# Community Syringe Redemption Program

The NYC Health Department's Community Syringe Redemption Program offers payment for the collection of used syringes. Participants can earn 20 cents per syringe and can return a minimum of five syringes and a maximum of 50 for up to \$10 per day.

For questions about the syringe redemption program, email [harmreductionunit@health.nyc.gov](mailto:harmreductionunit@health.nyc.gov).

## Program Enrollment

Prospective participants will complete enrollment forms in person at any of the syringe redemption locations listed below during the stated time window.

Program participants will be trained on program goals, rules, and redemption rates and details. They will also receive training on safe syringe handling, how to report injuries, and administering naloxone.

## Redemption Sites and Times

Prospective and active program participants should look for a white van Saturday through Tuesday at these locations and times:

- **Archer Avenue, Queens**  
143rd Street and Archer Avenue  
Near LIRR trestle  
4 to 5 a.m.

- **Borinquen Place, Brooklyn**  
Near Borinquen Overpass, under the BQE  
5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- **St. Mary's Park, Bronx**  
Trinity Avenue and East 147th Street  
7 to 8 a.m.
- **The Hub, Bronx**  
517 Courtlandt Avenue  
Near hydrant on East 148th Street  
8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
- **Walter Gladwin Park, Bronx**  
Along the Cross Bronx Expressway  
Near the Dunkin' Donuts  
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
- **Echo Park, Bronx**  
321 East Tremont Avenue  
Front of shelter by hydrant  
11 a.m. to noon
- **Kingsbridge Underpass, Bronx**  
2510 Valentine Avenue  
Near the closed El Mundo Discount Department Store  
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
- **Highbridge Park, Manhattan**  
West 180th Street and Amsterdam Avenue  
Near the SHOW van on weekdays  
1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

## Additional Resources

- Syringe Litter: Know the Risks and Prevent Injury (PDF)
- Syringe Litter Safety for Kids (PDF)

## More Information

- NYC Health Map: Drug and Alcohol Services
- Hepatitis

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## Outreach

### Outreach Materials

If your organization would like to provide members with general information about the VCF, the documents below are useful resources, in addition to directing them to our website:

- [Outreach Toolkit](#) — a hub of resources for entities and individuals to share information about the VCF.
- **VCF Social Media Graphics** — portrait and landscape sized graphics with key information about the VCF for sharing on social media.
  - [VCF Social Media Story - BACK](#)
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  - [VCF Social Media Landscape - BACK](#)
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- [VCF Info Sheet](#) — a general overview of the program, who can apply, and how to apply. ([Spanish](#), [Polish](#), [Chinese](#))
- [VCF Just the Facts](#) — a great resource that clarifies some common misconceptions about the VCF.
- [Claim Filing Deadlines](#) — a detailed guide on the registration deadlines for various victim scenarios. ([Spanish](#), [Polish](#), [Chinese](#))
- [VCF Overview](#) — a presentation for individuals who are filing a claim with the VCF, or for those who are interested in how the VCF operates.
- **Rack Cards for distribution:**
  - [Were you impacted - horizontal version](#)
  - [Were you impacted - vertical version](#)

*Do you know other individuals who might be eligible for VCF compensation? You can help by sharing resources from our website or working with our staff to provide information to your community.*

*To contact the VCF for assistance in outreach to your community, email: [VCF.outreach@usdoj.gov](mailto:VCF.outreach@usdoj.gov).*

# Follow us on Social Media

Follow us [@Sept11VCF](#) on Twitter for your official social media source for the latest VCF news, updates, policy announcements, and information on outreach events and activities.

Learn more about our [Social Media Comment and Privacy Policy](#).

## Events

The VCF attends community events throughout the year in support of increasing awareness and education of the Fund, how it works, and who can apply. This section is regularly updated as events are scheduled.

## 9/11 Resources

The following organizations work closely with the VCF to support victims and claimants affected by the events of September 11th:

- [9/11 Environmental Action](#)
- [9/11 Health Watch](#)
- [FealGood Foundation](#)
- [StuyHealth](#) - StuyHealth is an advocacy group representing young adults who were impacted by the events of 9/11 and the resulting clean-up. Review these [Young Adult FAQs](#).
- [Voices of September 11th](#)
- [WTC Health Program](#) - Unsure of the difference between the WTC Health Program and the VCF? Check out this useful [WTC Fact Sheet](#) for key differences between the two programs

## World Trade Center Health Program Partnership

The VCF and the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program are two separate programs that work very closely together to serve the 9/11 community. Each Program has its own registration process, eligibility criteria, and mission.

How the Programs Differ	September 11th Victim Compensation Fund	World Trade Center Health Program
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<b>Geographic Zone – where were you?</b>	<p>New York City Exposure Zone”</p> <p>South of Canal Street (Manhattan only)</p> <p>Shanksville, PA crash site</p> <p>The Pentagon</p>	<p>New York City Disaster Area:</p> <p>South of Houston Street and parts of Brooklyn</p> <p>Shanksville, PA crash site</p> <p>The Pentagon</p>
<b>Presence/Exposure Timeframe – when were you there?</b>	<p>For Presence:</p> <p>New York:</p> <p>September 11, 2001 – May 30, 2002</p> <p>Shanksville, PA:</p> <p>September 11, 2001 – October 3, 2001</p> <p>The Pentagon:</p> <p>September 11, 2001 – November 19, 2001</p>	<p>For Exposure:</p> <p>New York:</p> <p>September 11, 2001 – July 31, 2002</p> <p>Shanksville, PA:</p> <p>September 11, 2001 – October 3, 2001</p> <p>The Pentagon:</p> <p>September 11, 2001 – November 19, 2001</p>
<b>Presence/Exposure Duration – how long were you there?</b>	No minimum time required for presence – just need to have been in the zone during the timeframe	Minimum time requirements apply for exposure

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## **September 11th Victim Compensation Fund**



VCF Helpline 1-855-885-1555

### **Mailing Address:**

September 11th Victim Compensation Fund  
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Washington, D.C. 20043

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### NYC DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF PROVIDING NO-COST, NO-PENALTY SUMMER INSPECTION PROGRAM

*Homeowners and Small Business Owners Are Encouraged to Call 311 to Learn How to Request a Free Inspection For Their Property*

**New York, NY** – Today, NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) Commissioner Jimmy Oddo announced the return of the annual No-Penalty Inspection Program, which for the past twenty years has offered free safety inspections for homeowners, small business owners, and small landlords in New York City. These no-cost visual inspections provided by the department help owners who are concerned about the condition of their properties, potentially looking to make repairs, and need guidance on how to begin that work.

“Responsible owners in New York City want to take steps to keep their properties in good condition, but many don’t know where to begin,” said **Buildings Commissioner Jimmy Oddo**. “This annual program utilizes the expertise of our highly trained inspectors to support New Yorkers who are starting the planning process for needed repair projects and implementing preventative maintenance routines. This not only improves building safety in our neighborhoods, but also helps owners save money by helping them address issues early before conditions worsen into a much more expensive problem.”

“I am excited to join Commissioner Oddo in celebrating the return of DOB’s No-Penalty Inspection Program,” said **New York City Department of Small Business Services Commissioner Dynishal Gross**. “New York City’s small business owners want to ensure that their properties are compliant with city codes, and this program perfectly complements SBS’s free compliance consultations, and other

services we offer to help them navigate government effectively. Thank you again, Commissioner Oddo, for your partnership as we help our city's small businesses grow, operate, and expand – safely!"

This inspection program will run from Monday, May 19, 2025, through Monday, June 30, 2025, when free scheduled inspections will be conducted by agency staff. New Yorkers who wish to participate in this citywide initiative can call 311 to request an inspection of their property. During this scheduled inspection, a DOB inspector will provide expert advice on parts of the building in need of repair as well as guidance on how to comply with applicable legal building requirements.

Inspections conducted through this program will not result in enforcement actions from the Department. If any violating conditions or safety issues are found, our inspectors will not immediately issue violations that carry associated penalties. Instead, they will discuss the findings with the owner, provide guidance on how to correct the conditions, allow them the opportunity to start making corrective repairs to ensure that their properties are safe and, avoid penalties in the process. For conditions observed that pose an immediate life safety threat, our inspectors may take appropriate action in the interest of public safety.

The annual No-Penalty Inspection Program was first launched twenty years ago in 2005. and since that time the department has performed thousands of inspections under the program, helping homeowners save money by identifying potential safety issues and providing guidance on how to bring properties up to Code. This year, New Yorkers can request specific inspections of any of the following structures or building equipment:

- **Decks and Patios**
- **Retaining Walls**
- **Facades for Buildings Under Six Stories in Height**
- **Business Signs**
- **Unregistered Boilers**
- **Unregistered Private Elevator Devices**

By requesting an inspection through 311, members of the public will be connected directly to the appropriate unit at DOB to schedule a field visit with a city inspector. During this scheduled inspection, DOB staff will be available to discuss any additional building concerns that property owners may have, and direct owners on how to obtain additional available assistance from the city.

Department inspectors are regularly called to respond to serious incidents involving facades, boilers, private elevators, business signs, retaining walls and decks across the city. Weather, time, and improper installation can cause building facades and outdoor structures to weaken and deteriorate over time. Appurtenances like private elevators and boilers that are neglected can similarly fall into disrepair over time. It is important that property owners ensure that every part of their building is properly maintained and in full compliance with DOB's Construction Codes, Rules and other applicable regulations, to prevent a potential life-threatening incident.


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**[EXTERNAL] HWCSCHPKR, Weekly Construction Bulletin for 6/02/2025 to 6/06/2025**

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From Delia Fabre

Date Fri 5/30/2025 3:31 PM

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Good afternoon, everyone,

I have attached the Weekly Construction Bulletin for the project Safe Routes to Schools in Brooklyn and Staten Island, for Monday, June 2nd, 2025, through June 6th, 2025. The Construction Schedule is as follows:

**7th Avenue and 44th Street: Installation of the 20" DIP water main, Manholes, Catch Basins, and Chutes.**

**6th Avenue and 44th Street: Installation of Steel-Faced Curbs/Concrete Headers, and Sidewalks.**

**Division Avenue and Williamsburg Street: Installation of Catch Basins, Manholes, Chutes, Steel-Faced Curbs and Sidewalks.**

**Remsen Avenue and Clarkson Avenue: Install Permanent Electric.**

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

**Delia Fabre**

Community Construction Liaison

Project ID # HWCSCHPKR

NYC Department of Design & Construction

2106 Rockaway Parkway

Brooklyn, NY 11236

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## Getting FREE Compost in New York City is Now Four-Times as Easy

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From Customer Service (DSNY)

Date Fri 5/16/2025 12:31 PM



# sanitation

## Getting FREE Compost in New York City is Now Four-Times as Easy

### NYC Sanitation Opens 4th Seasonal Compost Giveback Site; New Eastern Queens Site Joins Sites in Western Queens, Brooklyn and on Staten Island

The New York City Department of Sanitation is pleased to host a fourth seasonal compost giveback site for residents looking to add the “black gold” to their gardens. This site joins three other sites open seasonally, as well as a number of “pop-up” events throughout the coming months, and will allow even more residents an easy opportunity to receive finished compost – made from their previously collected food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard waste.

The new site, on Hillside Avenue, will be open every Saturday from May 17 through September 27. To get their free bags of finished compost, residents must register for a specific date at [nyc.gov/GetCompost](https://nyc.gov/GetCompost); dates are open for registration two weeks before each giveback event.

“It’s an easy equation. More food scraps and yard waste equals more free compost for residents,” said Acting Sanitation Commissioner Javier Lojan. “City residents are really getting behind the curbside compost program by separating out and locking up the ‘rat-food’ in their compost bins, and doing so in record numbers. We collect the material and turn it in to something useful that we can give back to residents. It’s a win-win situation for all.”

DSNY expanded [Curbside Composting](#) to all five boroughs last October, making it the largest – and easiest – curbside composting program in the nation. Rather than shipping this material hundreds of miles away to break down in landfills and emit methane, the Department of Sanitation is putting it to beneficial use for New York City, creating either finished compost for parks and gardens or renewable energy that heats homes and businesses while reducing the need for fracked gas.

DSNY also operates Wednesday evening and Saturday morning giveback sites in Astoria, Greenpoint and Fresh Kills, as well as community pop-up events throughout the five boroughs. In addition, the Department gives free compost and mulch to NYC agencies and nonprofits for their programs, construction, or landscaping projects. [Commercial landscapers and other businesses can purchase compost in bulk.](#)

These bags of finished compost – certified by the US Composting Council Seal of Testing Assurance program – are made from food and yard waste at [DSNY's Staten Island Compost Facility](#). The recently expanded facility has produced about 42 million pounds of finished compost per year over the last several years. After a [2024 expansion](#), it can now process about 170 million pounds of incoming material per year.


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**Final Rules-Commissioner's Regulation 24RCNY - Chapter 3 - Performance Summary Cards**

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**From** Afia McCausky

**Date** Tue 5/20/2025 10:58 AM

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Good Morning Community Members,

The attached final rule to amend Chapter 3 (“Performance Summary Cards and Penalties for Child Care Programs”) of the Title 24 of the RCNY was approved by Acting Health Commissioner for the Department of Health, Dr. Morse and was published in the City Record Friday, **May 16, 2025**. This rule will be in effect on **June 16, 2025**.

Link to the City Record publication: [City Record – 5/16/25](#), (page 2796), and on [The City Record Online \(CROL\)](#). This rule is also available on the Department’s website: [Official Notices - NYC Health](#)  
On NYC Rules site: [Adopted Rules](#)

Best,  
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Afia (Frimpong) McCausky  
Community Liaison - Brooklyn North  
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**NEW YORK CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

**Notice of Adoption of Rule Regarding Performance Summary Cards**

A Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on a proposal by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“Department”) to amend Chapter 3 of Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding performance summary cards, was published in the City Record on February 25, 2025. A virtual public hearing was held on March 27, 2025. No one testified at the hearing. Two written comments were received. Following the hearing and review of the written comments, the Department decided to adopt the rule without substantive amendment, and it now adopts such rule as indicated below.

**Statement of Basis and Purpose**

Social Services Law section 390-j (or “the Law”) requires the Department to issue performance summary cards (“PSC(s)”) to each child care program required to obtain a permit to operate in New York City and to adopt related regulations. The Law further requires that the PSC “summarize recent [health and safety] inspection violations and suspensions as required by rules promulgated by the department issuing such card.” Effective January 28, 2018, the Department enacted such rules in a new Chapter 3 (“Performance Summary Cards and Penalties for Child Care Programs”) of Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York.

In December 2021, the Department amended Chapter 3 to modify the contents of the PSCs. Those amendments classified PSC violations into two categories: facility maintenance violations and program operations violations. Those amendments also distinguished violations within each category based on risk level (i.e., “Low” or “High” risk), and established display ratings (i.e., “Excellent”, “Satisfactory”, or “Needs Improvement”) for each category of violations based on the number of violations a program received in that category and the risk level of such violations. The December 2021 amendments, however, provided for a level of detail in the PSC that proved unnecessary and presented complications. Specifically, the violation categories and risk levels were not easily understood by the public; the display ratings did not allow parents and caregivers to accurately compare child care facilities because such facilities were often assessed at different times; and technological constraints made implementation of Chapter 3 as written difficult.

Given these complications, the Department now adopts amendments to Chapter 3 to adhere to Social Services Law section 390-j in a manner that is consistent with the information displayed on the Department’s Child Care Connect website. Providing consistent information on the website and PSC will help caregivers and providers assess the performance of their child care programs.

The amendments are as follows:

Underlined language is new.

Language in [brackets] is to be deleted.

Ellipses (\*\*\*) indicate unamended text.

**Section 1.** Section 3-02 of Chapter 3 of Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

### § 3-02 Definitions.

When used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

["**Adjudicated violation**" means a cited violation of the Health Code or Department rules sustained following a hearing or default, pursuant to a decision by a hearing officer at the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings ("OATH") or pursuant to a settlement agreement between the Department and a child care program, to the extent that such decision or settlement agreement remains in effect. "Adjudicated violation" also includes cited violation for which a hearing has not been held but for which the hearing date has been rescheduled at the request of the child care program more than one time.

"**Facility maintenance violation**" means a violation of the Health Code or Department rules related to the physical space of the child care, reflecting an environmental hazard or other physical deficiency in the real property covered by the permit, including but not limited to a violation of requirements related to internal and external spaces, physical plant, equipment and structural maintenance, sanitation, egress, fire and general safety, lighting, ventilation, plumbing, food safety or pest control.

"**Higher risk violation**" means a violation, other than a violation of this Chapter, with a penalty amount fixed by the Health Code or Department rules at over \$200.

"**Initial inspection**" means an inspection conducted other than for the purpose of ascertaining whether a prior violation has been abated, or in response to a complaint.

"**Lower risk violation**" means a violation with a penalty amount fixed by the Health Code or Department rules at \$200, or a violation of this Chapter.]

"**Permit**" means a permit issued by the Department pursuant to Article 47 of the Health Code.

"**Permit suspension**" means a [suspension] closure of a child care program['s permit to operate] due to a violation of the Health Code or any rule promulgated by the Department[, other than a suspension that is subsequently vacated].

["**Program operations violation**" means a violation of the Health Code or Department rules related to permitting, written safety plan, staff qualifications, clearances, training, child supervision, child and staff health requirements, personal hygiene, child development policies, performance summary cards, records or documentation, Department inspections, or any other violation of the Health Code or Department rules that does not constitute a facility maintenance violation.]

"**Site**" means the location, specified in a permit, where child care services are provided.

["**Teaching staff**" means the education directors, group teachers, assistant teachers, and teacher aides of a child care program.]

§ 2. Subdivision b of section 3-03 of chapter 3 of Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(b) A performance summary card issued to a child care program shall include the following information, as known as of the date such card is issued:

(1) [ the number of full years the child care program has been permitted to operate at the site, except that more than 10 years of operation shall be indicated by "10+" and less than one year of operation shall be indicated by "<1";

(2) the number of children permitted to be cared for by the child care program at the site at any time;

- (3) the number of teaching staff employed by the child care program at the site;
- (4) the number of permit suspensions of the child care program's permit at the site during the previous three years] a summary of inspection results for the 12 months preceding issuance of the card; and

[(5)] (2) information on how to find the child care program's inspection record for the site online.

§ 3. Subdivision c of section 3-03 of chapter 3 of Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to information from the prior year required to be included in performance summary cards, is REPEALED.

§ 4. Section 3-05 of chapter 3 of Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**§ 3-05 Updated Performance Summary Cards.**

Upon request from a child care program [based on a change to the number of adjudicated violations for the prior calendar year that would change either of the program's ratings], the Department [shall] will provide such program with an updated performance summary card. The Department may also provide an updated performance summary card to reflect a new permit suspension. Updated performance summary cards shall reflect a child care program's [adjudicated] violations that were cited by the Department in the prior [calendar year] 12 months and permit suspensions imposed in the [36] 12 months prior to the date of issuance. Upon receipt of an updated performance summary card, the child care program shall post [the] such updated card and dispose of the prior performance summary card in a manner that prevents its reuse.

§ 5. Subdivision a of section 3-06 of chapter 3 of Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(a) The holder of a permit of a child care program or any other person found to be in violation of any of the following provisions by a hearing officer at [OATH] the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings or a successor tribunal must pay the following penalties for each such violation sustained:

(1) [For a violation of any provision of Article 47 of the Health Code for which a fixed penalty is not established by the Health Code or any other rule of the Department: \$200;

(2)] For a violation of Section 3-04(a) of this Chapter for operating without posting a performance summary card issued to the program: \$500; and

[(3)] (2) For a violation of any other requirement of this Chapter: [\$500] \$200.

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**[EXTERNAL] Upcoming event 6/12/25**

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**From** Maria Valdez

**Date** Mon 5/19/2025 10:35 AM

**To** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>

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Green And White Modern Credit Monitoring Services Flyer.pdf;

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well. Sharing along a flyer for the upcoming event. Please share along with your network

Best,

Maria Valdez

Director of Community Relations

Senator Salazar | SD18

# MEET WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS IN BUSHWICK

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## Open Street Notifications

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**From** Dowlatram, Chandine  
**Date** Tue 5/20/2025 2:15 PM  
**To** BK01 (CB)

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Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached Notification Letters for Open Streets.

**Chandine Dowlatram**  
*Borough Commissioner Executive Assistant*  
Brooklyn Borough Commissioner's Office  
New York Department of Transportation  
16 Court St 16<sup>th</sup> FL | Brooklyn, NY 11241



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## Department of Transportation

Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner

May 8, 2025

Johana Pulgarin  
District Manager, Brooklyn Community Board 1  
435 Graham Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11211

Dear Johana Pulgarin:

We are happy to inform you that an Open Streets location has been approved in your district. New York City's Open Streets program transforms streets into public space open to all. These transformations allow for a range of activities that promote economic development, support schools, facilitate pedestrian and bike mobility, and provide new ways for New Yorkers to enjoy cultural programming and build community. For more information about the program, visit the program's website at [nyc.gov/openstreets](https://nyc.gov/openstreets).

The Open Street is located on **NORTH 3 STREET from BERRY STREET to WYTHE AVENUE** and operates on the dates, days and times listed in the tables below. It is a Full Closure type of Open Street. The Department of Transportation will work with Radegast Hall & Biergarten, the agency's community partner, on the safe and successful execution of this Open Street location.

Start Date	End Date
September 13, 2025	October 5, 2025

Days of The Week	Start Time	End Time
Monday	N/A	N/A
Tuesday	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	N/A	N/A
Thursday	N/A	N/A
Friday	N/A	N/A
Saturday	10:00 AM	10:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM	10:00 PM

From the date of this notification, your office will have 45 days to offer any comments to the Department of Transportation for this Open Street location.

Location or program feedback can be directed to my office by calling 646-892-1350.

Thank you,

Keith Bray  
Brooklyn Borough Commissioner



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Dear Johana Pulgarin:

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The Open Street is located on **PENN STREET from WILLIAMSBURG ST EAST to WYTHE AVENUE** and operates on the dates, days and times listed in the tables below. It is a Full Closure: Schools type of Open Street. The Department of Transportation will work with Central UTA, the agency's community partner, on the safe and successful execution of this Open Street location.

Start Date	End Date
July 1, 2025	June 30, 2026

	Start Time	End Time
<b>Dropoff</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Pickup</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Recess</b>	01:00 PM	02:30 PM

From the date of this notification, your office will have 45 days to offer any comments to the Department of Transportation for this Open Street location.

Location or program feedback can be directed to my office by calling 646-892-1350.

Thank you,

Keith Bray  
Brooklyn Borough Commissioner



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## NYC DOT Proposed Rule (Busways) and Notices of Adoption (Mopeds on Bridges and Jaywalking)

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Notice of Adoption- Mopeds on Bridges [final].pdf; Notice of Adoption-Jaywalking + Certification (Final).pdf; Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment with Certification -Busways [FINAL].pdf;

Good morning,

Please see the attached three notices that will be published in the City Record on Thursday, May 27 .

### **Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment – Busways**

- This proposed rule would amend sections 4-01 and 4-12 of the Traffic Rules to clarify bus lane restrictions.
- The Notice will be published in the City Record on May 27, 2025.
- The public hearing will be held virtually on Friday, June 27, 2025 at 10 am.

### **Notice of Adoption- Jaywalking**

- This adopted rule decriminalized jaywalking, aligning New York City's traffic rules with section 19-195 of the New York City Administrative Code, as amended by Local Law 98 of 2024.
- The Notice will be published in the City Record on May 27, 2025.
- The rule goes into effect on June 26, 2025.

### **Notice of Adoption- Mopeds on Bridges**

- This adopted rule amends our traffic rules by removing the prohibition of mopeds (limited use motorcycles) from traveling on the Brooklyn Bridge and the lower roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge.
- The Notice will be published in the City Record on May 27, 2025.
- The rule goes into effect on June 26, 2025.

New York City Department of Transportation

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## **New York City Department of Transportation**

### **Notice of Adoption**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION** relating to amendments of the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) "Traffic Rules" contained in Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York to remove the prohibition on the operation of mopeds (limited use motorcycles) on the Brooklyn Bridge and the lower roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN** the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) by Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter and in accordance with the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter that DOT hereby amends Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York.

This rule was first published in the City Record on March 13, 2025, and a public hearing was held on April 14, 2025. DOT carefully reviewed the seven verbal and written comments that were submitted in response to the proposed rule. The majority of comments support providing a legal route for moped riders to cross the East River while maintaining the ban on mopeds from operating in bike and pedestrian paths. Other comments expressed concern for the safety of moped riders and proposed that moped riders be required to wear appropriate safety equipment. Another comment suggested that moped users be licensed and registered. While valid, these concerns are already addressed in the Rules of the City of New York, the New York City Administrative Code, and the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. For that reason, no changes were made to the proposed rule.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose of the Adopted Rule**

The Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is authorized to issue rules regarding parking and traffic operations in the City pursuant to Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter. The adopted rule will be contained within Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to the "Traffic Rules."

The adopted rule amends Section 4-07(n) of the Traffic Rules to remove the prohibition on the operation of mopeds on the Brooklyn Bridge and the lower roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge while leaving in place the prohibition on the operation of mopeds on the Manhattan Bridge and the Williamsburg Bridge. The decision to allow mopeds to operate on the Brooklyn Bridge and the lower roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge was based on data showing that, while the speed limit on the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge is 35 miles per hour and the speed limit on the Brooklyn Bridge is 30 miles per hour, the traffic speeds on these bridges are slower (including during the overnight hours) than those on the Manhattan Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, and the upper roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge. In addition, there are barriers or bridge structures running along the Brooklyn Bridge and the lower roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge that help protect riders in the event of a crash, while the configurations of the Manhattan Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, and the upper

roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge do not provide the same protections. These changes were made due to the increasing need for mopeds to be able to travel directly from Brooklyn and Queens to Manhattan and back. Prior to the adoption of this rule, there was no legal route for mopeds to travel across the East River, as they are prohibited from operating on both the motor vehicle lanes and protected bicycle and pedestrian paths on all of the roadways that cross the river.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

**Section 1. Subdivision (n) of section 4-07 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:**

(n) *Mopeds restricted.* No moped as defined in 34 RCNY § 4-19(a) is permitted to operate on the [Brooklyn Bridge,] Manhattan Bridge, the Williamsburg Bridge, the upper roadway of the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge, or on any limited access highway, or on any bicycle lane or path.

## **New York City Department of Transportation**

### **Notice of Adoption**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION** relating to amendments of the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) "Traffic Rules" contained in Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York to decriminalize jaywalking, aligning New York City's traffic rules with section 19-195 of the New York City Administrative Code, as amended by Local Law 98 of 2024.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN** the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) by Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter and in accordance with the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter that DOT hereby amends Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York.

This rule was first published in the City Record on March 17, 2025, and a public hearing was held on April 17, 2025. DOT carefully reviewed the eight verbal and written comments that were submitted in response to the proposed rule. The comments in support applauded the City's decision to decriminalize jaywalking while others expressed concern for the safety of drivers and other road users. The adopted rule was mandated by Local Law 98 of 2024, which amended section 19-195 of the New York City Administrative Code to decriminalize jaywalking. For that reason, no changes were made to the proposed rule.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose of the Adopted Rule**

The Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is authorized to issue rules regarding parking and traffic operations in the City pursuant to Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter. The adopted rule will be contained within Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to the "Traffic Rules."

The adopted rule amends various provisions within Chapter 4 of the Traffic Rules to decriminalize jaywalking. Specifically, the amendments are as follows:

- Section 4-02 is amended to allow pedestrians to cross any roadway, other than a limited access highway, while clarifying that pedestrians who fail to yield to the right-of-way of other traffic would not be subject to a violation of the traffic rules.
- Section 4-03(a) is amended to update the requirements for vehicle operators and pedestrians facing green, yellow, and red traffic control signals.
- Section 4-03(b) is amended to update the requirements for vehicle operators facing blinking traffic control signals.
- Section 4-03(c) is amended to update the requirements for pedestrians facing pedestrian control signals.

- Section 4-04 is amended to replace “shall” with “are advised” or “are cautioned” as it relates to pedestrians abiding by traffic and pedestrian control signals, and to update vehicle operator and pedestrian responsibilities as it relates to the right-of-way and duty of care inside and outside of crosswalks.
- Section 4-05 is amended to update a vehicle operator’s responsibilities when making U-turns.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Asterisks (\*\*\*) indicate unamended text.

**Section 1. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 4-02 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subparagraph (vi) to read as follows:**

(vi) *Pedestrians.* Pedestrians may cross any roadway, other than a limited access highway, at any point, including points outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, but must yield to other traffic that has the right of way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of these rules.

**§ 2. Subdivisions (a) and (b) of section 4-03 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:**

(a) *Traffic control signals.* Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting different colored lights successively, the following colors shall indicate and apply to operators of vehicles and to pedestrians, except as superseded by pedestrian control signals, as follows:

(1) *Green alone:*

(i) Vehicular traffic facing such signals may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits any such movement. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians [lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited].

(ii) Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway, [within any crosswalk] other than a limited access highway, at any point, including points outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, but must yield to other traffic that has the right of way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of these rules.

(2) *Steady yellow alone, dark period, or red-green combined when shown following the green signal:*

(i) Vehicular traffic facing such signal is thereby warned that the red signal will be exhibited immediately thereafter and such vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection when the red signal is exhibited.

(ii) Pedestrians facing such signal are advised that there may be insufficient time to cross the roadway. Pedestrians already in the roadway [must] are cautioned to proceed to the nearest safety island or sidewalk in the direction of such signal. Other traffic must yield the right of way to pedestrians proceeding across the roadway within the crosswalk towards such signal for as long as such signal remains flashing.

(3) *Steady red alone:*

(i) Vehicular traffic facing such signal [shall] must stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and [shall] must remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown.

(ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision (a), or any provisions of state law, an operator approaching an intersection where a sign authorizes right or left turns on red signal may make such turn after coming to a complete stop, but [shall] must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles [and pedestrians] lawfully within the intersection and pedestrians.

(iii) Pedestrians facing such signal [shall not enter or cross the road way] do not have the right of way. Pedestrians entering the roadway in the direction of such signal will be at risk of injury due to other traffic that has the right of way. Pedestrians may proceed across the roadway in the direction of a steady upraised hand but must yield to other traffic that has the right of way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of these rules.

(iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, a pedestrian must exercise all duty of care when entering a roadway at a crosswalk facing a pedestrian signal with a steady upraised hand or at a point other than a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to relieve any person from the duty of due care for their safety or the safety of others in a roadway.

(b) *Blinking traffic control signals.*

(1) *Red.* Vehicular traffic facing such signals [shall] must come to a complete stop and shall proceed only after yielding to any pedestrians and vehicles approaching from the cross street.

(2) *Yellow.* Vehicular traffic facing such signals [shall] must proceed with caution through the intersection and must yield to any pedestrians.

**§ 3. Paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (c) of section 4-03 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:**

- (2) *Flashing upraised hand or flashing upraised hand with pedestrian countdown display.* Pedestrians facing such signal are advised that there may be insufficient time to cross the roadway. Pedestrians already in the roadway [must] are cautioned to proceed to the nearest safety island or sidewalk in the direction of such signal. Other traffic must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians proceeding across the roadway [within the crosswalk] towards such signal for as long as such signal remains flashing.
- (3) *Steady upraised hand.* [No pedestrians shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal; provided, however that any pedestrians who have partially completed their crossing on a steady walking person signal or any flashing upraised hand signal must proceed to the nearest sidewalk or safety island in the direction of such signal while such steady upraised hand signal is showing.] Pedestrians crossing in the direction of such signal do not have the right of way. Pedestrians entering the roadway in the direction of such signal will be at risk of injury due to other traffic that has the right of way. Pedestrians may proceed across the roadway in the direction of a steady upraised hand but must yield to other traffic that has the right of way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of these rules.

**§ 4. Section 4-04 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:**

(a) *Pedestrians subject to traffic rules, except as otherwise provided herein.* Pedestrians [shall be subject to] are advised to abide by traffic control signals and pedestrian control signals as provided in 34 RCNY § 4-03(a) and (c) and to the lawful orders and directions of any law enforcement officer, but at all other places pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions stated in this section.

(b) *Right-of-way in crosswalks.*

(1) *Operators [to] must stop for pedestrians in marked or unmarked crosswalk.* When traffic control signals or pedestrian control signals are not in place or not in operation, any operator of a vehicle or operator of a bicycle must stop for a pedestrian crossing a roadway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Such operators of vehicles and operators of bicycles in any lane of travel must stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian in such crosswalk until such pedestrian crosses a roadway.

(2) *Pedestrians [shall] are cautioned not to cross in front of oncoming vehicles.* Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subdivision (b), [no pedestrian shall] pedestrians are cautioned not to suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the operator to yield.

(3) *Vehicles stopped for pedestrians.* Whenever any vehicle is stopped [at a crosswalk] to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the operator of any other



vehicle approaching from the rear in the same or adjacent lanes shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

(c) Right-of-way outside of crosswalks. Pedestrians crossing at points outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk do not have the right of way. Pedestrians may cross any roadway, other than a limited access highway, at any point, including points outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, but must yield to other traffic that has the right of way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of these rules.

[(c)] (d) Restrictions on crossings.

(1) [No pedestrian shall enter or cross] Pedestrians are cautioned against entering or crossing a roadway at any point where signs, fences, barriers, or other devices are erected to prohibit or restrict such crossing or entry.

(2) [No pedestrian shall cross] Pedestrians are cautioned against crossing any roadway at an intersection except within a [cross- walk] crosswalk.

(3) [No pedestrian shall cross] Pedestrians are cautioned against crossing a roadway except at a crosswalk on any block in which traffic control signals are in operation at both intersections bordering the block.

[(d)] (e) Operators to exercise due care. Notwithstanding other provisions of these rules, the operator of a vehicle [shall] must exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian.

[(e)] Hitch-hiking and soliciting prohibited.

(1) Talking or selling. No person shall stand in the roadway to talk with or sell or offer to sell anything to an occupant of any vehicle.

(2) Soliciting rides. No person shall solicit a ride from the occupant of a vehicle by word or gesture.

(3) Washing, polishing, cleaning and assisting parking. No person shall approach an operator or other occupant of a passenger vehicle on any street, while the vehicle has stopped temporarily, is about so to stop, is parked or is about to be parked, for the purpose of washing, polishing, or cleaning such vehicle or any part of it, or offering to do so. Nor shall any person approach an operator or other occupant of a passenger vehicle for the purpose of directing it to a place for parking on any street or assisting in such parking, or offering any other service in relation to such vehicle, or soliciting a gratuity, except services rendered in connection with emergency repairs at the request of the operator of the vehicle.

(4) Opening or closing doors. No person, other than an occupant or prospective occupant of a passenger vehicle on a street, shall open, hold open, or close, or offer to open, hold open, or close any door of the vehicle. This provision shall not apply to such acts when intended purely as a social amenity without expectation or acceptance of a gratuity, nor to doormen or other persons employed by owners, occupants, or managers of abutting premises to render such service, nor when such service is incidental to other

legitimate service being rendered to such an occupant or prospective occupant of a passenger vehicle.

(5) *Hailing taxis.* Unless asked to do so without advance solicitation (direct or implied), no person shall hail or procure for another, not in his or her social company, a taxi or other passenger vehicle.]

(f) *Pedestrians to exercise due care.* Notwithstanding other provisions of these rules, pedestrians must yield to other traffic that has the right-of-way, provided that a failure to yield shall not be a violation of these rules.

(g) *Hitch-hiking and soliciting prohibited.*

(1) *Talking or selling.* No person shall stand in the roadway to talk with or sell or offer to sell anything to an occupant of any vehicle.

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(5) *Hailing taxis.* Unless asked to do so without advance solicitation (direct or implied), no person shall hail or procure for another, not in his or her social company, a taxi or other passenger vehicle.

**§ 5. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 4-05 of chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:**

(2) The operator of a vehicle shall not make a U-turn upon any street outside a business district unless such turn is made without interfering with pedestrians or the right-of-way of any vehicle [or pedestrian].



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Hon. Ydanis Rodriguez  
Commissioner of Transportation

Re: Amendment of Rules Relating to Jaywalking

No. 2025 RG 017

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez:

Pursuant to New York City Charter § 1043 subd. c, the above-referenced rule has been reviewed and determined to be within the authority delegated by law to your agency.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Steven L. Goulden*

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cc: Naomi Silkowitz (DOT)

## New York City Department of Transportation

### **Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules**

**What are we proposing?** This proposed rule would amend sections 4-01 and 4-12 of Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York (“34 RCNY”) to clarify bus lane restrictions.

**When and where is the hearing?** The New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule online. The public hearing will take place on Friday, June 27, 2025 at 10am.

#### **Join through Internet:**

- To join the hearing via your browser, either click on the following URL link or copy and paste it into your browser’s address bar.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97269317116?pwd=LeKbXaHDqbbrKiW4eHzDQknQykgPgH.1>

Meeting ID: 972 6931 7116

Passcode: 377229

- Then follow the prompts.
- If you have low bandwidth or inconsistent Internet connection, we suggest you use the “Call-in” option for the hearing.

#### **Join via phone only:**

- To join the meeting only by phone, use the following information to connect:

Phone: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 972 6931 7116

Passcode: 377229

**How do I comment on the proposed rules?** Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to DOT through the NYC rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email comments to [rules@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:rules@dot.nyc.gov).
- **Mail.** You can mail comments to Christopher Hrones, Director of Transit Planning and Policy, New York City Department of Transportation, 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041.
- **Fax.** You can fax comments to (212) 839-7188.

- **By speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by emailing [rules@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:rules@dot.nyc.gov) by June 26, 2025 and including your name and affiliation. While you will be given an opportunity during the hearing to indicate that you would like to provide comments, we prefer that you sign up in advance. You can speak for up to three minutes. Please note that the hearing is for accepting oral testimony only and is not held in a “Question and Answer” format.

**Is there a deadline to submit written comments?** The deadline for written comments is 5 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025.

**Do you need assistance to participate in the hearing?** You must tell the DOT Office of the General Counsel if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability during the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by e-mailing at [rules@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:rules@dot.nyc.gov). If you wish to receive a reasonable accommodation, you must do so by June 20, 2025.

**Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules?** You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. Copies of all comments submitted online, copies of all written comments, and a recording of the hearing may be requested by emailing [rules@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:rules@dot.nyc.gov).

**What authorizes DOT to make this rule?** Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter (City Charter) authorizes DOT to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was included in DOT’s regulatory agenda.

**Where can I find DOT’s rules?** DOT’s rules are in Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York.

**What rules govern the rulemaking process?** DOT must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule**

The Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is authorized to issue rules regarding parking and traffic operations in the City pursuant to Section 2903(a) of the New York City Charter. The rules that DOT is seeking to amend are contained within Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to the “Traffic Rules.”

In 2019, 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan was transformed by restricting through vehicle movement, which reduced traffic volume and congestion, allowing buses and trucks to travel more efficiently along a busway corridor. For other vehicles, such as taxis and cars, travel through the busway corridor is prohibited, but essential local access to certain vehicles is maintained. The 14<sup>th</sup> Street Busway has successfully increased bus speeds by as much as 24% and ridership by as much as 30%. Based on the success of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Busway, DOT implemented five additional busways in 2020 and 2021, and it is now an integral part of its bus priority approach.

Although busways also use marked bus lanes, they limit vehicle access in ways that differ from bus lanes. For example, busways may restrict vehicles other than buses and trucks from entering designated blocks altogether. In other cases, vehicles on busways must make a turn at an intersection rather than continuing straight. The current rules do not make it clear that a busway violation is a type of bus lane violation for which a vehicle can be ticketed.

To ensure that both busway and bus lane violations can be properly issued, the proposed rule updates the Traffic Rules to define the terms “bus lane” and “busway” to clarify that a “busway” is a type of “bus lane,” and that busway violations are a type of bus lane violation.

Specifically, the proposed amendments are as follows:

- Section 4-01 (“Definitions”) would be amended to add definitions of “bus lane” and “busway.”
- Section 4-12(m) would be amended to clarify bus lane restrictions by establishing specific restrictions relating to busways.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

**Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 4-01 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order, to read as follows:**

**Bus lane.** The term “bus lane” means a traffic lane or lanes designated for the exclusive use of buses with the exceptions allowed under sections 4-12(m) and 4-08(a)(3) of these rules.

**Busway.** The term “busway” means a bus lane that consists of the entire roadway and is designated for the exclusive use of buses, with access to such roadway(s) restricted to other vehicles, except wheelchair accessible Access-A-Ride vehicles having a seating capacity of four or more passengers, unless otherwise indicated by authorized posted signs.

**§ 2. Subdivision (m) of section 4-12 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:**

**(m) Bus lane restrictions on city streets.**

(1) Bus lanes.

(i) When signs are erected giving notice of bus lane restrictions, except as otherwise posted, no person shall drive a vehicle other than a bus or a wheelchair accessible Access-A-Ride vehicle having a seating capacity of four or more passengers, within a designated bus lane during the restricted hours, except:

[(i)] (A) to use such a bus lane that is not a busway in a safe manner in order to make a right hand turn where permitted into a public or private street or driveway provided that the vehicle does not drive through an intersection; or

- [(ii)] (B) to use such a bus lane that is not a busway in a safe manner to make a right hand turn where permitted, within two hundred feet of entry into such bus lane, into a public or private street or driveway even if such activity requires driving through an intersection; or
- [(iii)] (C) to approach to or leave the curbside space, unless standing or stopping at the curb is prohibited by sign or rule; or
- [(iv)] (D) temporarily to enter or leave the bus lane for the purpose of and while actually engaged in expeditiously receiving or discharging passengers, except when such activity is prohibited by signs or rules; or
- [(v)] (E) to avoid an obstacle which obstructs the roadway and leaves fewer than ten feet of roadway width available for the free movement of vehicular traffic (except for temporary situations such as slow moving traffic and vehicles loading refuse); or
- [(vi)] (F) to comply with the direction of any law enforcement officer or other person authorized to enforce this rule.

[(2)] (ii) With respect to the exceptions in [subparagraphs (iii) through (vi)] clauses (C) through (F) of [paragraph (1)] subparagraph (i) of this [subdivision] paragraph, a vehicle must exit the bus lane at the nearest opportunity where it is safe and legal to do so.

## (2) Busways.

(i) When signs are erected giving notice of bus lane restrictions relating to busways, no person shall drive a vehicle other than a bus or a wheelchair accessible Access-A-Ride vehicle having a seating capacity of four or more passengers during restricted hours except where permitted by sign or at the direction of a law enforcement officer or other person authorized to enforce this rule.

(ii) A vehicle must follow posted signs when exiting a busway.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, no person may drive a vehicle within a designated bus lane or busway in a manner that interferes with the safety and passage of buses operating thereon.

(4) The same rights and restrictions that apply to vehicles pursuant to this subdivision also apply to horse-drawn vehicles and devices moved by human power.

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
CHARTER §1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE:** Amendment of Rules Relating to Busways

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 2024 RG 016

**RULEMAKING AGENCY:** Department of Transportation

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN GOULDEN  
Senior Counsel

Date: May 5, 2025



**NEW YORK CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF OPERATIONS  
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NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212-788-1400**

**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS  
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Relating to Busways**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: DOT-87**

**RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Transportation**

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities;
- (ii) Minimizes compliance costs for the discrete regulated community or communities consistent with achieving the stated purpose of the rule; and
- (iii) Does not provide a cure period because the violation cannot be corrected or undone.

/s/ Francisco X. Navarro  
Mayor's Office of Operations

May 7, 2025  
Date

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**[EXTERNAL] CON EDISON INVESTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET INCREASED SUMMER ENERGY DEMAND**

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From Office of Government Relations

Date Wed 5/21/2025 1:05 PM

To Office of Government Relations, Con Edison pfc

**CON EDISON INVESTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE  
TO MEET INCREASED SUMMER ENERGY DEMAND**  
**Company Makes \$2.35 Billion in Upgrades**  
**Across the 5 Boroughs and Westchester County,**  
**Offers Affordability Programs for Low- and Moderate-Income Customers**



**NEW YORK** – Con Edison has invested \$2.35 billion in its electric delivery system since last summer to help ensure reliable, resilient service this summer when customers' need for power is greatest.

The company is preparing for the increased demand for power as New Yorkers rely on their air conditioners to keep their homes and business cool and comfortable. Con Edison's meteorologists are forecasting a particularly humid summer, which can drive air conditioning usage.

Con Edison has multiple tools, from overhead switches that help limit outages to smart meters that provide the customer and the company's operators information in near real time, as well as sensors in manholes that notify the company when a cable may be getting hot. These tools, alongside Con Edison's robust workforce, help keep the grid ready and customers in service.

In addition, the company is committed to helping customers manage their energy usage as temperatures rise. Conserving energy during peak demand times - typically the afternoon and early evening hours on the hottest days of summer - helps Con Edison maintain reliable service and saves money for customers.

Con Edison also offers [energy efficiency programs](#) and incentives, including rebates for smart thermostats and up to \$4,000 for home upgrades like sealing and insulation to help manage costs.

"Our ongoing investments help ensure safe and reliable service, even as the days get hotter for longer and the demand for air conditioning and high temperatures can stress our equipment," said Matthew Ketschke, the president of Con Edison. "We use data and technology to pinpoint where upgrades will benefit our customers the most, and our highly skilled workforce brings those improvements to life."

Reliable energy service is essential for Con Edison's customers. The company powers vital transportation networks, including a 24-7 subway system, world-class hospitals, important government institutions and thousands of small neighborhood businesses.

Infrastructure upgrades to date that help keep the region energized include the installation of new substation equipment, 46 underground and 79 overhead transformers, 342 spans of underground and overhead feeder cables, 259 spans of open wire, and 113 poles.

These projects benefit residential and business customers from the northernmost part of Con Edison's service area in Westchester County to Staten Island's South Shore.

More specifically:

### **Bronx**

Con Edison invested \$12 million in the Bronx to install more than 60 sections of primary cable and new switching technology to improve capacity, resiliency and reliability.

### **Brooklyn**

The company invested \$25 million in the Williamsburg, Fort Greene and Greenpoint communities on new cable feeders to enhance reliability and support increasing needs for power.

### **Manhattan**

Con Edison recently completed an \$18 million project to create a new electric network and increase capacity in the Midtown West area. The company also invested more than \$13 million in Harlem and Yorkville to increase capacity and reliability with more than five miles of new underground cable, new transformers, and new switching to diversify sources of power.

### **Queens**

The investments included \$12.5 million in the Ridgewood and Maspeth areas, strengthening our system in an area where the need for power is projected to grow.

### **Staten Island**

The company is working on numerous projects on Staten Island. They include \$10.4 million in the northern part of the borough in Westerleigh, Concord, and Rosebank to replace poles, 157 spans of wire, and place a mile of overhead circuits underground to protect them from storm damage.

In the south, the company is investing \$10.7 million in Eltingville and Richmondtown to replace poles, and three miles of aerial cable, along with installing switches to improve reliability.

### **Westchester County**

The spending includes more than \$23 million on reliability improvements, including technology to give Con Edison operators information about system conditions in real time. That can help avoid outages and speed restoration if customers do lose service.

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### **Expected Summer Bills**

A typical New York City residential customer using 350 kilowatt hours per month can expect an average monthly bill of \$141.28 from June to September 2025, an increase of 2.7 percent over last summer.

A typical Westchester residential customer using 500 kilowatt hours per month can expect a 1.1 percent decrease and an average monthly bill of \$178.76 during the summer months.

A typical New York City commercial customer using 10,800 kilowatt hours per month with a peak demand of 30 kilowatts can expect a 9.8 percent increase over last year and an average monthly bill of \$3,291.62.

A New York City small business customer using 583 kilowatt hours will see an increase of 8.1 percent to \$267.51.

Bills include taxes and fees, delivery charges, which increased in January under a rate plan the New York State Public Service Commission approved in July 2023, and supply charges.

Con Edison buys energy supply on the wholesale markets and provides it to customers at the same prices it pays. When energy costs go up, the customer pays more; when costs drop, the customer benefits.

### **Manage Usage, Manage Bills**

The best way for customers to save on their bills is to manage their usage. Customers who conserve energy at times of particularly high demand help Con Edison keep service reliable while also saving money and helping the environment:

- Con Edison encourages customers to use energy wisely and consider enrolling in an [energy efficiency program](#) to save. The company offers programs for every type of customer – [residential](#), [small business](#), [large commercial](#) and [low-income customers](#).
- Con Edison offers [residential customers](#) incentives for [clean heating and cooling technology](#). Con Edison also offers residential customers an [\\$85 rebate for enrolling their eligible smart thermostat in the Smart Usage Rewards program](#).
- The rebates and incentives for income-eligible customers include discounts on efficient equipment.
- The company's [Budget Billing](#) program allows customers to spread payments out across the year, avoiding spikes. This is especially helpful when energy usage ticks up.
- The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority will cover the cost of an air conditioning unit and installation for eligible low-income customers whose households include at least one person susceptible to extreme heat and humidity. [Apply for Cooling Assistance](#).

Additionally, Con Edison is acutely aware of the affordability issue and offers [programs to help](#) customers.

- Customers who receive benefits from certain government programs may be eligible for [discounts on their bills](#).
- Con Edison offers [payment plans](#) for customers who are struggling to pay. The plans allow a customer to pay off arrears over time, instead of all at once.
- Customers can get payment extensions of up to 10 days.

### **Summer Reliability**

The demand for power for Con Edison customers last year reached 11,822 megawatts on July 16. For 2025, the company forecasts a peak of 12,610 megawatts. (A megawatt is 1 million watts.) The record is 13,322 megawatts during a heat wave on July 19, 2013. The demand for power has not approached that amount since then, largely due to the company's energy efficiency and smart usage programs and customer adoption of solar energy and other distributed resources.

Con Edison has technologies and procedures to keep service reliable during the summer months when customers' need for air conditioning increases, potentially placing stress on electric delivery infrastructure.

Under extreme conditions, the company's operators can open switches on 4-kilovolt overhead systems in Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx to prevent power from shifting from failed cables onto cables that remain in service. That prevents the cables still in service from becoming overloaded.

Operators can use the smart meter system to shut off the flow of power in a targeted way when delivery equipment in an area is under stress. The emergency shutoff would affect residential customers served by the isolated equipment.

These temporary interruptions would prevent larger outages that would take longer to restore. In this scenario, most commercial customers would remain in service.

Critical customers such as hospitals, fire stations and police stations, would also remain in service. These interruptions would not affect households that have registered as having a resident who depends on [life-support equipment](#).

Con Edison can also lower voltage to an area by 5 percent or 8 percent to take stress of the electric delivery equipment.

Enrolling in the [LSE program](#) is convenient via [My Account](#), [by downloading the life-support equipment form](#), and returning it to Con Edison, or by calling 1-877-582-6633.

Con Edison is a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc. [NYSE: ED], one of the nation's largest investor-owned energy companies, with approximately \$15 billion in annual revenues and \$71 billion in assets. The utility delivers electricity, natural gas and steam, and serves 3.7 million customers in New York City and Westchester County. For financial, operations and customer service information, visit [conEd.com](http://conEd.com).

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[EXTERNAL] NYPD YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

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From OCONNELL, DANIEL

Date Wed 5/21/2025 2:30 PM

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Good afternoon,

The enrollment for the NYPD Youth Police Academy is now open. This summer program runs from July 7 until August 15. 8:30am to 2:00pm. There are 14 locations throughout the city. The program is free, and space is limited please see attached flyer for the QR Code to register if interested.

Thank you.

Det. Daniel O'Connell  
Community Affairs Section Housing  
Police Service Area # 3  
Precinct (718)386-4101

*Stay in the know:*

Text **NYPD** to **22828** to sign up for Community Affairs email updates & follow Deputy Commissioner Mark Stewart on Twitter **@NYPDCommAffairs**.





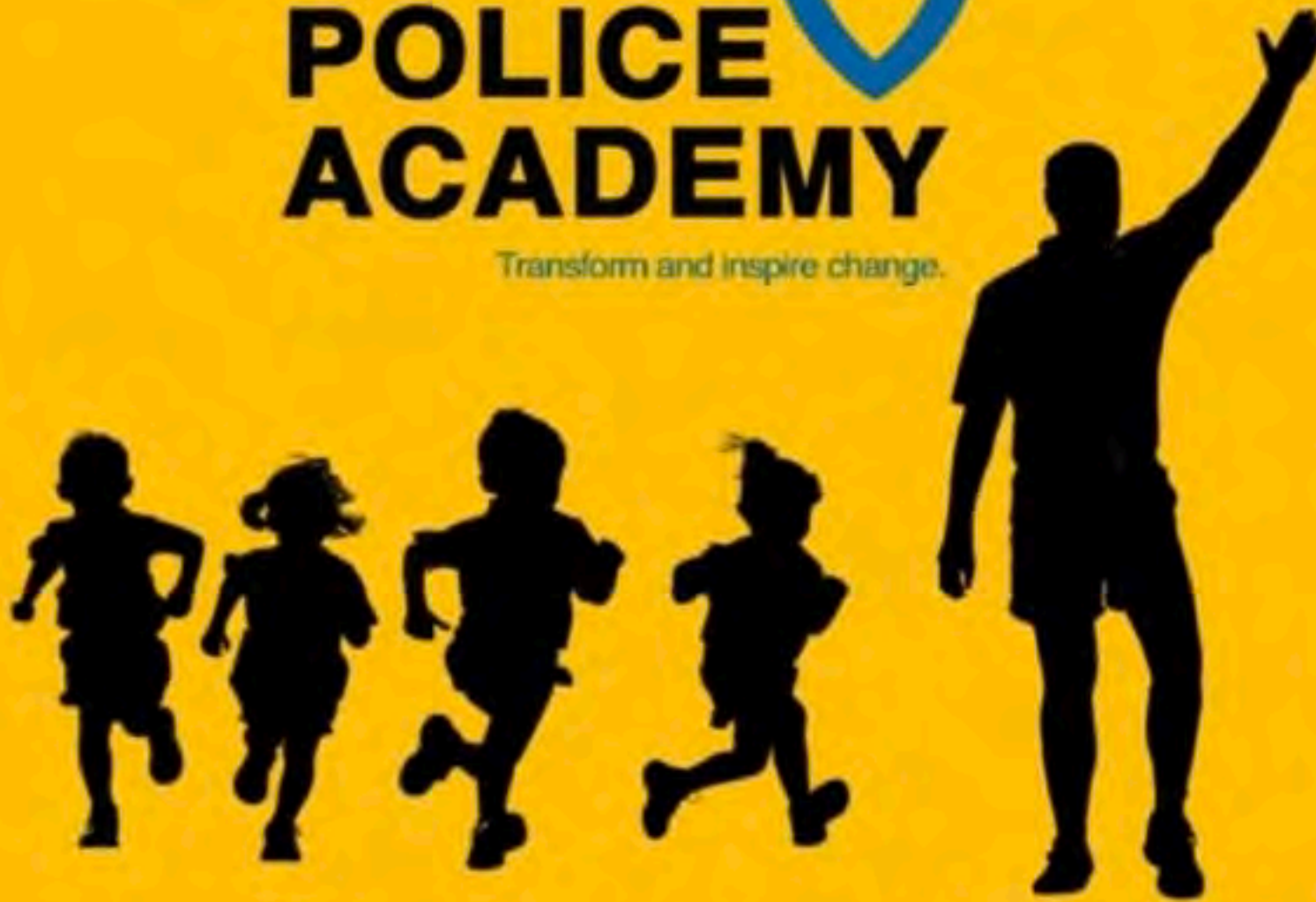
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**Youth Strategies Division**



**718-312-5079 or YthStrat@nypd.org**

### Site Locations

#### **IS 104**

330 E 21st St, New York, NY

#### **PS 4**

500 West 160th St, New York, NY

#### **Stevenson HS**

1980 Lafayette Ave, Bronx, NY

#### **Mott Haven Campus**

730 Concourse Village West, Bronx NY

#### **Columbus HS**

925 Astor Ave, Bronx, NY

#### **Lafayette HS**

2630 Benson Ave, Brooklyn, NY

#### **Andries Hudde HS**

2500 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY

#### **PS/ IS 156**

104 Sutter Ave, Brooklyn, NY

#### **IS 218**

370 Fountain Ave, Brooklyn, NY

#### **IS 61**

98-50 50th Ave, Corona, NY

#### **IS 227**

32- 02 Junction Blvd, Flushing, NY

#### **IS 145**

33-34 80th St, Jackson Heights, NY

#### **JHS 231**

145-00 Springfield Blvd, Springfield Grdns, NY

#### **Curtis HS**

105 Hamilton Ave, Staten Isl a nd, NY



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## 2025 BOA Grants Available for CBOs, Community Boards, & City Agencies

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From Ilan, Lee

Date Thu 5/22/2025 5:03 PM

*[Forgive me if you get this twice – I'm having crashing-email problems] Please share widely.*

The 2025 announcement of **BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Areas) grants** was released this week– see the [Request for Applications](#).

\$2 million is available statewide to study and develop strategies for community redevelopment of brownfield-affected areas. Applications are due through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), and the **deadline is 31 July**.

- **Note that CBO applicants require a resolution of support from the local Community Board** (see bottom of p.11 of the RFA); **contact your board ASAP to get on the agenda for their June meeting**.
- Maximum \$300K for planning grants and \$400K for predevelopment grants.
- Check [here](#) for announcement of a DOS webinar on the BOA program

Schedule	
Release Date	May 19, 2025
Questions Due Dates	June 20, 2025
Questions Response Dates	July 11, 2025
Applications Due	July 31, 2025 at 4:00 PM

**I'm glad to speak with you about this program, how CBOs have used it, funding for the required 10% match, and other ways the City can support your BOA application** – e.g. with financial assistance for grant writing.  
Please be in touch if you're interested.

Best regards,  
Lee

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**RFA #25-BOA-10**  
**New York State Department of State**  
**Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure**  
**BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA PROGRAM**  
**2025-2026 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

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- RFA Release Date:** May 19, 2025. This Request for Applications (RFA) has been posted on the Department of State's (Department or DOS) website at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>. All applicants are encouraged to review the RFA in its entirety as grant program requirements may change from year to year.
- RFA Updates/Questions:** Any updates and/or modifications to this RFA will be posted on the Department's website at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>.
- Written questions will be accepted until June 20, 2025. Questions should be submitted by e-mail to [BOA@dos.ny.gov](mailto:BOA@dos.ny.gov) or in writing to the address below. When corresponding by e-mail, clearly indicate the subject as: "25-BOA-10 RFA Questions". To the degree possible, each inquiry should cite the RFA section and paragraph to which it refers. Responses to questions received by June 20, 2025, will be posted by July 11, 2025, on the Department's website at: <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>. No responses will be provided to inquiries made by telephone, social media, or by contacting DOS staff directly via email or telephone.
- It is recommended all applicants review the final responses. The responses to questions received during this time period will be official responses by the Department of State (DOS) to questions and will be incorporated into this Request for Applications.
- Workshops & Webinars:** A schedule of regional workshops which provide an overview of the application process and program requirements are available at: <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>. Recorded webinars are posted on the [DOS Funding & Bid Opportunities website](#).
- Applications Due:** Applications are due by 4:00 PM, July 31, 2025, and must be submitted through the web-based Consolidated Funding Application, as noted below.
- Application Submission:** To apply, or to access related Consolidated Funding Application materials, go to <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.
- Contact:** NYS Department of State  
Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure  
Attn: BOA RFA Questions  
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010  
Albany, NY 12231-0001  
[BOA@dos.ny.gov](mailto:BOA@dos.ny.gov)
- Letters of Support:** Letters of support may be submitted through the CFA portal. Letters may be addressed to NYS Secretary of State, c/o Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010, Albany, NY 12231-0001.

**Brownfield Opportunity Area Program  
2025-2026 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Department of State is soliciting applications through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) from eligible municipalities, community-based not-for-profit organizations, and NYC Community Boards for Brownfield Opportunity Area Program funding. Funds are available for projects that establish or implement strategies for community redevelopment of areas affected by historical disinvestment, vacant and blighted properties, and the presence or potential presence of brownfields. Multiple BOA program applications are permitted, but each application must be for only **one** of the following grant activities:

- (1) **Pre-Planning:** Area-wide site identification, inventory, and preliminary analysis of land use of affected areas within a county or other large geographical area to determine the presence of brownfield, vacant, underutilized and/or abandoned properties; and to further assess localized concentrations of known or suspected brownfields and other underutilized lands that may be candidates for future in-depth BOA planning and predevelopment activities. A Pre-Planning grant will not culminate in a BOA Designation.
- (2) **Planning:** Development or update of Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Plan (Nomination), which is a plan for a neighborhood or area affected by historical disinvestment or the presence of known or suspected brownfields that will culminate in a nomination for State BOA Designation.
- (3) **Predevelopment Activities:** Activities to complete analyses, plans and studies, or professional services to advance redevelopment within a State-Designated BOA.
- (4) **Phase II Environmental Site Assessments** (SA) Site environmental investigation activities including sampling and chemical testing within a State-Designated BOA, which will be detailed in a Phase II ESA report

Brownfield sites are real properties where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or where levels exceed other health-based or environmental standards, criteria, or guidance adopted by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, under applicable regulations ([Environmental Conservation Law, Article 27, Title 14, § 27-1405](#); N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs., Title 6, § 375-1.2). The presence of, or potential presence of, contamination of real property can impede investment and redevelopment, making such property an economic and environmental drain on localities. Through the New York State Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program, the community's capacity is enhanced to strategize for the reuse and redevelopment of brownfields, achieve economic development and improved public health objectives. BOA helps transform areas of historical disinvestment to community assets that create businesses, jobs, and revenues for local economies and encourage new housing and public amenities.

The BOA program applies a Smart Growth approach to brownfield assessment and redevelopment, using neighborhood-wide planning and conservation strategies, rather than the traditional site-by-site assessment and redevelopment of known or suspected brownfields and other vacant or abandoned properties. The neighborhood approach enables communities to comprehensively assess existing economic and environmental conditions associated with brownfield-related blight and impacted areas; identify and prioritize community supported redevelopment opportunities; and attract public and private investment. The types of areas where program resources are being applied include industrial/manufacturing zones, commercial corridors, mixed-use neighborhoods, downtowns and waterfronts.

Through the BOA Program, communities are empowered to:

- Address a range of problems posed by the presence of, or potential presence of multiple brownfield sites.
- Build community consensus on the future uses for the area with an emphasis on strategic sites that are known or suspected brownfields.
- Establish sustainable goals and objectives for area-wide revitalization and redevelopment of strategic sites.
- Implement existing and future Smart Growth plans through the identification and reuse of blighted, underutilized and potential brownfield properties.
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing neighborhoods and preserve open space.
- Make re-development decisions that are equitable and will create an environment that adapts to ecological disturbances.
- Identify and establish the multi-agency and private-sector partnerships necessary to leverage assistance and investments to revitalize downtowns, neighborhoods, and communities.
- Reduce carbon emissions and increase climate resiliency in the built environment.
- Promote the redevelopment of brownfield parcels as clean energy facilities.
- Address environmental justice concerns and promote environmental equity in areas that may be burdened by negative environmental consequences; and
- Engage in activities to implement the community's vision after BOA designation by the Department of State.

In many ways, the BOA program supports what are known as the “4 Es” of Smart Growth—Economy, Environment, Equity and Energy. Brownfield redevelopment, for instance, inherently achieves a central principle of Smart Growth—the redevelopment of previously developed areas within, or next to, existing neighborhoods, thus offering a more sustainable and equitable alternative to sprawling development on undeveloped suburban and rural greenfields. Indeed, many BOA plans and projects support, and have been supported by, downtown, neighborhood and business corridors served by the DOS Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Since most BOAs are located within environmental justice and traditionally disadvantaged communities, the program also advances socio-economic equity. BOA achieves the goals of the State's Climate Act in several ways—creating compact, walkable, mixed-use communities that reduce automobile dependence and thus reduce transportation-based greenhouse gas emissions; producing green buildings as an antidote to the previous contamination; and developing clean energy facilities.

It is expected that BOA Plan developed locally through this program will be submitted as a nomination to the Secretary of State in support of a request for BOA designation. BOA designation conveys certain benefits to an area that promotes

redevelopment consistent with the vision, goals and objectives outlined and reported in the BOA Plan. Applications for predevelopment activities and environmental site assessments are expected to implement the vision, goals, and objectives of the State-Designated BOA.

The BOA Program is a reimbursement program. State assistance awarded and paid through the BOA Program shall not exceed 90% of the total eligible project costs set forth in the application and approved by the Department. Upon execution of a state assistance contract, BOA Program grantees may request an advance payment of up to 25% of the total grant. Such advance payment requests are subject to the Department's approval and the availability of funds.

This Request for Applications is available at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>. All applicants are encouraged to read the RFA in its entirety as grant programs and requirements change from year to year. Any updates and/or modifications to this RFA will also be posted on this webpage.

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It is recommended that all applicants review the final responses. The responses to questions received during this time period will be official responses by the Department and will be incorporated into this Request for Applications.

## II. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are municipalities, community-based organizations, and New York City community boards, as defined below:

**Municipality** – A municipality is defined as a city, village, town, county, regional planning council (on behalf of a city, village, town or county that is a party to a collaborative agreement in accordance with General Municipal Law, Article 12-B, Section 239-h), local public authority, public benefit corporation, school district, special improvement district, supervisory district, district corporation, or Indian nation or tribe recognized by New York State or the United States with a reservation wholly or partially within the boundaries of New York State.

**Community Based Organization** - A community-based organization must be a not-for-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code at the time of application. In addition, its stated mission must be to promote reuse of known or suspected brownfield sites or community revitalization within the geographic area in which the community-based organization is located; it must have 25 percent or more of its Board of Directors residing in the community in such area; and it must represent a community with a demonstrated financial need. Community based organization shall not include any not-for-profit corporation that has caused or contributed to the release or threatened release of a contaminant from or onto the brownfield site, or any not-for-profit corporation that generated, transported, or disposed of, or that arranged for, or caused, the generation, transportation, or disposal of contamination from or onto the brownfield site. This definition shall not apply if more than twenty-five percent of the members, officers or directors of the not-for-profit corporation are or were employed or receiving compensation from any person responsible for a site under title thirteen or title fourteen of article twenty-seven of the environmental conservation law, article twelve of the navigation law or under applicable principles of statutory or common law liability.

Community Board – A Community Board is unique to New York City and is defined and described in Section 2800 of the [New York City Charter](#).

Only applications from eligible applicants will be evaluated for funding. For applications submitted by a regional planning council (RPC) with the written consent and acting on behalf of one or more eligible counties, cities, towns, or villages, the RPC is required to attach a letter or resolution from each eligible county, city, town, and village participating in the project which demonstrates their consent and support for the RPC to submit a BOA grant application on their behalf.

If multiple applications for the same project are received by and on behalf of an eligible applicant, the applications will not be evaluated. The eligible village, town, city or county must decide prior to grant application whether to advance their own application or the RPC application. The Department shall have the sole discretion of determining if a proposed project is the same for multiple applications.

### **III. JOINT APPLICATIONS**

Two or more eligible applicants are encouraged to work in partnership to jointly apply for funding for a project that would improve an area of mutual interest or concern. Joint applicants should identify the municipality, community-based organization, or community board that the Department should recognize as the primary applicant for all purposes, including contract award.

### **IV. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

The Department is making approximately \$2,000,000 available for BOA Program grants for the eligible activities, assigned by activity identified in Section V below.

State assistance awarded and paid to a grant recipient shall not exceed 90% of the total eligible costs. Applicants should identify the amount and source of secured local funds; failure to do so may result in a reduced award amount for qualifying applications.

The maximum State assistance request for each BOA Predevelopment activities grant award is \$400,000. The maximum State assistance request for each BOA Pre-planning, BOA Planning, and Phase II Environmental Assessments (SA) grant award is \$300,000.

The minimum State assistance request for each grant award is \$100,000.

### **V. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

#### **A. Four types of activities are eligible for BOA funding:**

- Pre-Planning: Area-wide Brownfield Identification and Preliminary Analysis
- Planning: Development or Update of a BOA Plan
- Predevelopment Activities within a State-Designated BOA
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessments within a State-Designated BOA

An application for funding should only include one activity. Eligible applicants wishing to apply for more than one grant activity should submit a separate application for each.

#### *(1) Pre-Planning: Area-wide Brownfield Identification and Preliminary Analysis*

Pre-Planning is the identification, inventory, and preliminary analysis of known or suspected brownfields, including vacant, abandoned and underutilized property, within a county, borough, or other multi-jurisdictional area to identify concentrations of these properties for future specific localized planning efforts. The analysis shall culminate in a

description and justification of an area or areas for future BOA planning, a basic description of current land use and zoning; identifying the proximity of potential brownfield sites to infrastructure assets; an assessment of existing and ongoing planning efforts; descriptions of existing known or suspected brownfield sites and other underutilized properties, a description of the area's potential for revitalization including the potential for renewable energy siting, and, as applicable, a set of action steps that can be taken to advance future BOA planning efforts.

Outcomes of a pre-planning activity will include a multi-jurisdictional inventory, including relevant mapping and preliminary analysis of identified known or suspected brownfield and other underutilized property, and the identification of smaller areas, demonstrating a concentration of underutilization, within the study area that are recommended for future BOA planning and designation by the State. The pre-planning activity will enable a county or multi-jurisdictional area to better understand development conditions surrounding potential brownfield clusters and integrate existing and ongoing planning efforts into the BOA program.

Pre-Planning Inventory and Analysis is intended for counties or multi-jurisdictional areas that have minimal information on the number and extent of potential brownfield sites, and related site underutilization that may have a significant adverse impact on the communities within the area studied. Pre-Planning will enable counties and cooperating local municipalities or a multi-jurisdictional area to conceive a holistic approach for long-term economic development and revitalization across boundaries.

## *(2) Planning: Development or Update of a BOA Plan*

A BOA Plan is a study that consists of a community vision, goals, and strategies for revitalization of an area affected by a concentration of known or suspected brownfields. Development of a full BOA Plan provides an in-depth and thorough description and analysis, including an economic and market trends analysis, of existing conditions, opportunities, and reuse potential for properties located in the proposed Brownfield Opportunity Area with an emphasis on the identification and reuse potential of strategic known or suspected brownfield sites that may be catalysts for revitalization. An integral part of a BOA Plan is a description of key findings and recommendations to promote area-wide revitalization and redevelopment of strategic sites, including specific projects, initiatives, regulations, potential for siting of renewable energy projects, and other actions. BOA Plans may also include, as appropriate, the detailed review and recommendations to advance redevelopment of strategic sites such as conceptual site design, cost estimation, artist renderings, development of pro forma, and marketing strategies.

Achieving revitalization goals requires broad community support, strong partnerships, and sufficient local and regional capacity to overcome obstacles. Therefore, the preparation of a BOA Plan is expected to include robust community and stakeholder engagement as well as specific actions to develop partnerships and build the local capacity necessary to realize implementation of the plan.

Applicants may apply for funding to prepare or complete a BOA Plan or update an existing (designated or non-designated) BOA Plan to include all elements necessary to support a request for designation of the BOA by the Secretary of State and must commit to making such a request when the BOA Plan is deemed complete by the Department of State.

Applicants who have completed a BOA Plan (also called a Nomination or BOA Nomination), that has or has not culminated in BOA Designation, may submit for a plan update. Substantive justification for completing an update should include, but are not limited to, the date of the BOA designation if applicable, summary of the community's vision, goals, and strategies for revitalization that are determined to be outdated; if the boundary area of the designated BOA needs to be reconsidered and the justification; economic or market conditions that have evolved, the status of strategic sites which have changed; or how the BOA Plan as designated by the NYS Secretary of State cannot be implemented. Updates of BOA plans should revisit all areas of the plan updating them to reflect the community's current vision and conditions and opportunities within the BOA area.

BOA Plan elements required for designation of a BOA can be found in the BOA Designation Guidance, which is available on the Department's website at

<https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/09/boa-designation-guidance-fact-sheet.pdf>.

A generic BOA work plan which describes the tasks necessary to develop a BOA Plan is also available at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>.

### (3) *Predevelopment Activities within a State-Designated BOA*

Applicants may apply for funding for predevelopment activities within a BOA that has been designated by the Secretary of State. Applicants may apply for a BOA plan update to a designated BOA in conjunction with predevelopment activities. Plan components to be updated shall be substantive, and without such update, the proposed predevelopment activities identified could not proceed given the existing BOA content or boundaries.

Applicants with a pending application for designation submitted to DOS prior to June 1, 2025, are also eligible to apply, however funding may only be awarded if the designation is made by the Secretary of State by October 1, 2025. A list of currently State-designated BOAs is available on the Department website: <https://dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment>.

These activities should advance the goals and priorities for revitalization and redevelopment of the area as expressed in the BOA Plan completed for the State-designated BOA.

Eligible predevelopment activities may include:

*Analyses, Plans and Studies* that are undertaken leading to the furtherment of catalytic redevelopment or area improvement within the State-designated BOA including:

- Development of design, engineering, and/or construction plans and specifications
- Environmental analyses and studies
  - including, but not limited to the preparation of a NYDEC Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application for publicly-owned sites
- Housing and economic studies, analyses, and reports, including concentrated area housing assessments.
- Building conditions studies
- Infrastructure analyses
- Renewable and alternative energy feasibility studies

*Professional Services to Advance Redevelopment* consistent with the BOA Plan within the State-designated BOA, including:

- Development and implementation of marketing strategies
- Zoning and regulatory updates
- Legal and financial services
- Real estate services
- Public outreach
- Design Development, plans, specs and estimates

At the Department's discretion, applications for predevelopment activities that include the update of a designated BOA plan, must conduct the plan update and redesignate the BOA, prior to completing predevelopment activities.

A list of sample predevelopment activity projects is available on the Department website for reference: <https://dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment>. The Department encourages applications for predevelopment activities which include alternative energy siting and universal accessibility in their design.

Analyses, plans and studies, or professional services to advance redevelopment which include lead to or include the



project design of an alternative energy facility, such as solar or wind on underutilized, vacant, or abandoned parcels of land is encouraged by the Department.

Analyses, plans and studies, or professional services to advance redevelopment which include project design that incorporates Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and other creative solutions which go beyond minimum ADA standards to maximize accessibility to make public spaces and facilities universally designed for persons of differing abilities and will allow all visitors equal access are encouraged. For example, inclusion of ADA accessible streetscapes, parks, and site furnishings such as seating and tables that accommodate wheelchair users, age-friendly features, amenities appropriate to the varied capabilities of all users including individuals with cognitive, communicative, social/emotional and sensory disabilities, and multi-lingual or pictorial wayfinding.

(4) *Phase II Environmental Site Assessments within a State-Designated BOA*

The purpose of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (SA) is to gather reliable information about a property's environmental condition to guide the grantee in making an informed land use decision under the BOA Program. The ASTM standard for Phase II Environmental Site Assessments does not include the level of technical specificity required to select and design a remedy for the property, but it does provide flexibility in determining the necessary level of assessment needed and is appropriate for the land use planning stage of the redevelopment process.

Applicants may apply for SA funding within a State-designated BOA. Applicants with a pending application for designation submitted to DOS prior to June 1, 2025 are also eligible to apply, however funding may only be awarded if the designation is made by the Secretary of State by October 1, 2025. A list of State-designated BOAs is available on the Department website: <https://dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment>.

For purposes of a SA, a site is defined around one or more areas of environmental concern and may include more than one contiguous tax parcel. The site must have definitive and identifiable boundaries. Each site for which SA funding is being sought must meet the criteria and conditions set forth herein. The completion of an environmental site assessment must advance the goals and priorities for the revitalization and redevelopment of the BOA area. Phase II Environmental Site Assessments must meet all criteria contained in the *Phase II Application for Site Assessment Supplement* and meet the following conditions.

To be eligible for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment through the BOA Program, a site:

- cannot be on the Federal National Priority List
- cannot be listed as Class 1 or 2 (See Hazardous Waste Site Classification) in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites where a viable responsible party has been identified;
- cannot be Sites on the USEPA National Priorities List (NPL);
- cannot be Hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities (TSDF's) permitted under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) that are owned by a viable responsible party ("interim status" facilities are eligible);
- cannot be a permitted Resource Conservation and Recovery Act site under ECL Article 27, Title 9.
- Interim status sites, however, are eligible.
- cannot be subject to an order for cleanup under Article 12 of the Navigation Law (oil spill prevention, control, and compensation) or Title 10 of Article 17 (control of the bulk storage of petroleum) of the Environmental



Conservation Law. If the property is subject to a stipulation agreement, relevant information should be provided; however, property will not be deemed ineligible solely on the basis of the stipulation agreement.

- cannot be subject to any ongoing enforcement actions under a State or Federal remedial program.
- must be owned by either a **volunteer** or a **municipality**, as defined below:
  - **volunteer** (as defined in section 27-1405 of the Environmental Conservation Law): an applicant other than a participant, including without limitation a person whose liability arises solely as a result of such person's ownership or operation of or involvement with the site subsequent to the disposal or discharge of contaminants, provided however, such person exercises appropriate care with respect to contamination found at the facility by taking reasonable steps to:
    - (i) stop any continuing release.
    - (ii) prevent any threatened future release; and,
    - (iii) prevent or limit human, environmental, or natural resource exposure to any previously released contamination.
  - **municipality** (as defined in section 970-r of the General Municipal Law and in subdivision fifteen of section 56-0101 of the Environmental Conservation Law): a local public authority or public benefit corporation, a county, city, town, village, school district, supervisory district, district corporation, improvement district within a county, city, town or village, or tribal nation recognized by the state or the United States with a reservation wholly or partly within the boundaries of New York State, or any combination thereof.
- must be accessible to the applicant in order to perform the site assessment.
- must be located within a State designated BOA.
- must have been determined a "potential or suspected brownfield site" by DOS during the BOA planning process. The BOA planning process has identified that a certain site may be a "Brownfield site" or "site" and further Phase II Environmental Site Assessment analysis is warranted to determine if a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- must require additional environmental information to determine technically and economically viable land uses for the BOA.
- may be contaminated as a result of an on-site or off-site source.

In determining site eligibility, the State will not consider the following:

- contamination of structures located at the site, due to stored materials, electrical appurtenances, lead paint, or asbestos, etc.

Costs associated with the assessment of asbestos or lead paint inside a structure may be eligible if this information is required to determine technically and economically viable land uses for the BOA. However, if the scope of the site assessment is almost exclusively the assessment of indoor asbestos or lead paint, the proposed site assessment will not be eligible. In addition, no other costs associated with the assessment of indoor conditions (e.g., soil vapor) are eligible. Department of State guidance on Phase II Environmental Site Assessments is found in the *BOA Site Assessment Supplement Package* which is available at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>.

Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (SA) applications will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis for eligibility. The

applications that pass for eligibility are then evaluated per the scoring criteria outlined in Application Evaluation Criteria below.

Site eligibility for a SA funded through the BOA Program does not guarantee site eligibility in the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

## VI. FUNDING AND BUDGET GUIDANCE

The Brownfield Opportunity Areas program is reimbursement-based. State assistance awarded and paid through the BOA program shall not exceed 90% of the total eligible project costs set forth in the application and approved by the Department. An eligible applicant receiving a grant award must demonstrate the ability to cover the remaining 10% of the project costs, and those costs must be eligible and essential to project completion.

When estimating the total eligible project cost, the applicant should calculate the cost to complete each task included in the project scope of work, which may include costs associated with project management and grant administration. As a reference, DOS generic work plans describing tasks necessary to prepare a Pre-Planning analysis, a BOA Plan, BOA Predevelopment activities or Phase II Environmental Site Assessments are available at: <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>. The budget may only include eligible costs described below which directly support the project scope of work. Applicants are encouraged to obtain multiple project quotes from consultants with relevant professional experience and background to inform the budget.

### *Eligible Costs*

Costs must be adequately justified, directly support the scope of work of the proposed project and be essential to project completion. All costs will be paid on a reimbursement basis and must be documented. Eligible costs include the following:

**Personal Services** – Personal services include direct salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of employees of the applicant for activities related to project work, including project management and grant administration. Fringe benefits must be outlined in the application and include the applicant's documented rate.

**Non-Personal Services** – Non-personal services include consultant/contractual services for direct project related costs, project management, limited grant administration, project-related supplies and materials, light refreshments for required public outreach events, necessary travel, and other goods and services required to complete the project.

Project management activities may include, but are not limited to, oversight and coordination of tasks needed to produce contractual deliverables, coordination of steering committee activities, consultant procurement and oversight, public outreach, technical assistance and developing or providing local and/or regional capacity to advance revitalization goals.

Grant administration activities may include preparation of reports, vouchers, contract related administration and compliance with grant record keeping and reporting requirements. Grant administration may not exceed 15% of the award amount or \$50,000, whichever is less.

Subcontracts for consultant/contractual services should be competitively procured based on the applicable provisions of New York State General Municipal Law or the specified provisions adopted within the bylaws or charter of the non-profit organization, and additional requirements as described in this RFA.

### **Determining Total Project Cost and State Funding Request**

When estimating the total project cost, the applicant should clearly identify the cost to complete each task included in the project scope of work. This may include costs associated with project management and grant administration. All costs documented as part of the 'total project cost' must be eligible costs.

As a reference, DOS generic work plans describing tasks necessary to prepare a Pre-Planning analysis, a BOA Plan, BOA Predevelopment activities or Phase II Environmental Site Assessments are available at: <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>. The budget may only include eligible costs described below, which directly support the project scope of work.

To calculate the Total Project Cost:

*Multiply the total project cost times the % State funding (0.90) = State Funds Requested*

As an example, if the total project cost is \$200,000 to complete all tasks in the project scope of work, the State Funds Requested would be \$180,000.

*Ex: \$200,000 \* 0.90 = \$180,000*

Applications requesting under \$100,000 in BOA grant funding will be disqualified and will not be scored.

### ***Ineligible Costs***

Ineligible costs include the following:

- (a) Indirect or overhead costs, such as rent, telephone service, administrative support not directly related to project work, computers, office equipment, general office supplies, general operations costs, membership fees, subscription costs.
- (b) Salaries and other expenses of elected officials.
- (c) Costs incurred prior to the contract start date or outside of the contract term.
- (d) Costs that are not adequately justified or that do not directly support the scope of work for the proposed project.
- (e) Other Environmental Protection Fund awards (including but not limited to WQIP, LWRP, Smart Growth, OPRHP EPF)

Failure to adequately justify direct project costs will render costs ineligible. Ineligible costs will be eliminated from the total project costs in the grant application.

## **VII. PRE-SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

All applicants must submit a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing authority that authorizes submission of the application and identifies the title of the applicant's authorized representative. A standard resolution template is available on the Department website at the following address: <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>.

For applications submitted by a regional planning council, the council is required to attach the resolution which is required under General Municipal Law, Article 12-B, Section 239-h, creating the council and which demonstrates membership of each eligible county, city, town, and village participating in the project.

### ***Requirements for applications by Community-based organization applicants***

- Community-based organizations shall submit a resolution adopted by the board of directors.
- Applications from Community-Based Organizations requesting funding to develop or update a BOA Plan must include a resolution of support from the city, town or village with planning and land use authority over the proposed

BOA, except that in New York City, the resolution of support must be from the community board or boards for the district or districts in which the proposed BOA is located.

- All community-based organizations shall submit the Brownfield Opportunity Area Program: Community Based Organization Affirmation (2024) stating that such community-based organization does not include any not-for-profit corporation that has caused or contributed to the release or threatened release of a contaminant from or onto the brownfield site, or any not-for-profit corporation that generated, transported, or disposed of, or that arranged for, or caused, the generation, transportation, or disposal of contamination from or onto the brownfield site or that no more than twenty-five percent of the members, officers or directors of the not-for-profit corporation are or were employed or receiving compensation from any person responsible for a site under title thirteen or title fourteen of article twenty-seven of the environmental conservation law, article twelve of the navigation law or under applicable principles of statutory or common law liability.
- Community-Based Organizations must also register and be pre-qualified through the New York Statewide Financial System (SFS) on or before the application due date. Such applicants will be required to submit documentation of registration and pre-qualification with SFS, to include: (1) SFS Vendor ID; and (2) confirmation of Pre-Qualification Application Status. Information on this process is available at: <https://www.sfs.ny.gov/index.php/vendors>.

Any applicant requesting funding for Phase II Environmental Site Assessments within a State-Designated BOA must submit a *Site Assessment Supplement* form, completed in its entirety, and related attachments for each site for which funding is being requested. Substantially incomplete Site Assessment Forms will not be accepted.

#### ***Requirements for applications by non-municipal applicants***

All non-municipal applicants or co-applicants are required to complete and submit the Certification under Executive Order No. 16 Prohibiting State Agencies and Authorities from Contracting with Businesses Conducting Business in Russia. The certification may be found here: [https://ogs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/04/eo16\\_certification.pdf](https://ogs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/04/eo16_certification.pdf). Completed Certification forms should be submitted no later than October 1, 2025, via email to [BOA@dos.ny.gov](mailto:BOA@dos.ny.gov). The applicant's name and CFA# should be included in the subject line.

### **VIII. AWARD METHOD**

Approximately \$2,000,000 is anticipated for award for this procurement. Each application will be reviewed for eligibility and, if determined eligible, will be scored according to the application evaluation criteria. Applications deemed ineligible will not be scored. Eligible applications will be scored, and funds will be awarded in rank order until available funds are fully distributed.

A total score of 100 points is possible for any application, of which 80 points is derived from program criteria and 20 points from the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) endorsement. REDC points are based on regional economic priorities and are assigned by the REDCs.

The Department may make an award in whole or in part and may offer partial funding if a particular component is ineligible or not ready to move forward or the budget requested is not adequately supported and justified. The Department may offer partial funding to an applicant if its application cannot be fully funded within the funds remaining; if the applicant declines the partial funding, funding may be awarded to the next highest-scoring unfunded application. If an awardee fails to satisfactorily negotiate a proper contract within a reasonable period of time, that funding may be awarded to the next highest-scoring unfunded application.

In the event that another NYS agency fully funds a high scoring project through the CFA process, the awardee will receive funding from only one state agency. The Department will work with other NYS agencies to ensure that duplication of funding does not occur. If an applicant receives full funding from another agency, the Department reserves the right to award full or partial funding to the next highest scoring unfunded application.

The opportunity to be debriefed will be provided, upon request, to unsuccessful applicants. Requests must be made in writing within 15 business days of notification of status of award. Debriefings are expected to be conducted within 15 business days of the written request.

In the event unsuccessful applicants wish to protest the award resulting from this RFA, the applicants should follow the protest procedures established by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). These procedures can be found in Chapter XI Section 17 of the Guide to Financial Operations (GFO), available on-line at:

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/guide/MyWebHelp/>.

## IX. APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following base eligibility criteria:

### *Eligibility Criteria*

- The application must be submitted by an eligible applicant as previously defined.
- The application must be for an eligible activity as previously defined.
- The minimum State assistance request for each grant award must be at least \$100,000.
- BOA Site Assessment Supplement (SA) Applications will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis for eligibility based on the criteria outlined in Section V.3. The BOA Site Assessment Supplement must be completed in its entirety, and all related attachments for each site will be submitted with the application for which funding is being requested. Substantially incomplete Site Assessment Forms will not be accepted and deemed to have failed eligibility standards.

Applications that do not meet the base criteria above are ineligible and will be immediately disqualified and will not be evaluated further. Applications meeting the eligibility criteria will be reviewed and scored according to the extent to which they meet the program criteria presented below, up to the maximum points listed in the chart.

Criterion	Description	Pre-Planning	Planning for BOA Plan	Predevelopment	Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
<b>Brownfield Opportunity (max. total 12 pts.)</b>	Application clearly demonstrates the presence of known or suspected brownfields, including vacant, underutilized, deteriorated, and abandoned properties within the proposed area.	4	4		
	Application clearly demonstrates economic distress, risk to public health, and/or other negative impacts associated with the known or suspected brownfields within the proposed area.	4	4		
	Application clearly identifies potential vacant and known or suspected brownfield sites that are strategic opportunities to stimulate economic development, community revitalization or the siting of renewable energy facilities and other public amenities within the proposed area.	4	4		
	Application clearly states how the proposed project will advance the vision and goals of the BOA program as defined			6	6

	by the community in the BOA Plan for the State-designated BOA area.				
	Application clearly demonstrates advancement of revitalization on a strategic site (s) and will catalyze additional redevelopment activities in accordance with recommendations as documented in the State-designated BOA.			6	6
<b>Indicators of Economic Distress (max. total 6 pts)</b>	Application identifies indicators of economic distress by census tract(s) with each of the following indicators worth 1 point each. A maximum of six (6) points will be awarded:				
	Poverty rate over 15 percent	1	1	1	1
	Median household income within proposed project area is less than 50 percent of the surrounding area's median income	1	1	1	1
	Unemployment rate in project area is 125 percent or greater than the statewide unemployment rate	1	1	1	1
	Twenty-five (25) percent or more of the area is vacant, abandoned, or otherwise available for industrial or commercial development.	1	1	1	1
	Located in a federally-designated Opportunity Zone or an Environmental Zone (En-Zone) as defined by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	1	1	1	1
	Qualitative analysis of the BOA area demonstrates a significant disparity of distress compared to the surrounding community (income, property values, vacancy rates, and tax revenue generation).	1	1	1	1
<b>Local Capacity &amp; Partnerships (max. total 6 pts)</b>	An effective organizational and staffing structure exists to advance and complete the project.	2	2	2	2
	The project is supported by multiple entities, including but not limited to municipalities, community-based organizations, and/or NYC Community Boards is demonstrated.	2	2	2	2
	The project will be carried out in joint partnership between a municipality and a community-based organization and/or NYC Community Boards, and capacity of all participating entities has been demonstrated.	2	2	2	2
<b>Public and Stakeholder Support (max. total 6 pts)</b>	Local leadership supports and is committed to the goals of the BOA project.	2	2	2	2
	Applicant has clearly provided evidence of public support for the project.	2	2	2	2
	Applicant has clearly provided evidence of support from stakeholder(s) directly impacted by the BOA project.	2	2	2	2
<b>Economic Value (max. total 8 pts.)</b>	Application describes strategic opportunities to stimulate economic development through redevelopment of known or suspected brownfields and opportunities to leverage direct or indirect private investment is demonstrated	4	2	2	4
	Project will generate new and expanded economic activity in the proposed or State-Designated BOA and in the surrounding region.		2	2	

	Application includes a detailed description of planned or actual efficient use or protection of public investment in resources and infrastructure.	4	2	2	4
	The project has potential to increase housing choices, expand job opportunities and eliminate barriers to employment, especially in distressed and high-need areas.		2	2	
<b>Environmental Value (max total 6 pts.)</b>	Project clearly identifies the positive public health outcomes and/or how the result of such project will avoid or mitigate negative public health outcomes.	5	1	1	5
	Project demonstrates that concrete steps will be taken to address environmental conditions at known or suspected brownfield sites.	1	1	1	1
	Project is consistent with NYS <a href="#">CLCPA</a> and will mitigate the impacts of climate change through reduction of carbon emissions and/or increase in community resiliency.		2	2	
	The project includes the potential to enhance, protect or restore natural resources and promote green infrastructure.		2	2	
<b>Public Value (max. total 6 pts)</b>	Project area will support a mix of land uses and concentration of new development in urban centers where infrastructure and public services are adequate.	2	2		
	Application identifies opportunities where dynamic, diverse neighborhoods may result from the development of transformative housing, transportation and community projects that meets the needs of a diverse population.	2	2	2	2
	Application identifies opportunities to expand access to public open space, historic and cultural resources, and other public amenities in underserved areas.	2	2		
	Application clearly identifies how the proposed project will further public or private development or redevelopment in a State-designated BOA			2	2
	Application clearly identifies how the proposed project will create economic development, community revitalization, and provision of public amenities that benefit the BOA and larger community.			2	2
<b>Scope of Work (max total 10 pts.)</b>	The project scope of work is clear and concise and identifies all discrete tasks necessary to complete the scope of work and deliverables associated with each task.	2	2	4	4
	A detailed list of project deliverables is included in the application, that is consistent with program objectives.	2	2	3	3
	A detailed schedule is outlined including specific task costs, milestones, and completion dates for each task and the project.	2	2	1	1
	Application includes a detailed plan of the engagement process and approach to inclusive public participation that addresses how Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility will be included, and encourages participation from populations who are frequently underrepresented.	2	2	1	1
	Application has identified the public and stakeholders who would be affected by, or who can advance the project, and strategies to engage these groups in project planning and implementation.	2	2	1	1
<b>Evaluation of Budget and</b>	Application explains in detail how the budget and costs were determined and identifies the person(s) responsible for compiling the budget including the relevant experience and	5	5	5	5



<b>Cost (max total 20 pts.)</b>	background of all parties and the method/approach used to arrive at estimates.				
	Application budget details all project components involved and the cost of each component. The budget is cost-effective, presents necessary and realistic costs, and does not contain extraneous or ineligible expenses.	5	5	5	5
	Proposed budget includes an explanation and cost breakdown of each budget line, and the written explanation clearly support the applicants need for financial aid to achieve the desired project outcome.	5	5	5	5
	Budget narrative describes how the grant recipient will monitor expenditures throughout the contract period to ensure that the project stays on schedule and within the outlined budget.	5	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>

### **Regional Support** (*maximum of 20 points*)

Each application will be scored by the Regional Economic Development Council in which the proposed project is located. Regional Councils will review applications to assess the degree to which the project helps implement the Regional Strategic Plan. The Regional Council will score applications based on a set of standards, referred to as “endorsement standards” and will assign each project a single score of 20, 15, 10, 5 or 0 (no fractions) based on merit. Regional Strategic Plans and endorsement standards can be found at <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>.

## **X. NEW YORK STATE SMART GROWTH PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY ACT**

Awards made through this grant program shall be consistent with the State’s Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act (Environmental Conservation Law, Article 6), where applicable.

## **XI. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

### **New York Statewide Financial System**

Grant applicants are encouraged to register through the New York Statewide Financial System. To register, log on to <https://www.sfs.ny.gov/index.php/vendors>.

### ***Standard Cost Reimbursement Contract***

Each successful applicant must enter into a State of New York Contract for Grants with the Department, which will include standard clauses required by the NYS Attorney General, Attachment A (including compliance with Article 15-A of the New York Executive Law), the agreed upon work plan and budget, and other applicable attachments as required. The contract will: 1) be subject to approval by the Attorney General and State Comptroller; 2) require submission of final products in both hard copy and electronic format; 3) be subject to reimbursement only upon proper documentation and compliance with reimbursement procedures and 4) be subject to all contractual requirements. A copy of the State of New York Contract for Grants including the attachments outlined above is available from the Department upon request.

To ensure that funds are awarded for projects that are ready to move forward, the Department of State reserves the right to rescind an award if the state contract is not signed and returned within an acceptable period of time. Expenses incurred prior to the start date of the state contract cannot be reimbursed.



## ***Compliance with Procurement Requirements***

### **Municipalities**

All contracts by municipalities for service, labor, and construction involving not more than \$35,000 and purchase contracts involving not more than \$20,000 are subject to the requirements of General Municipal Law §104-b, which requires such contracts to comply with the procurement policies and procedures of the municipality involved. All such contracts shall be awarded after and in accordance with such municipal procedures, subject to the Minority or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) requirements as set forth below and any additional requirements imposed by the State as set forth in Attachment C of the State of New York Contract for Grants.

The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator of the municipality shall certify to the Department of State that applicable public bidding procedures of General Municipal Law §103 were followed for all service, labor, and construction contracts involving more than \$35,000 and all purchase contracts involving more than \$20,000. In the case of contracts by municipalities for service, labor, and construction contracts involving not more than \$35,000 and purchase contracts involving not more than \$20,000, the municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator shall certify that the procedures of the municipality established pursuant to General Municipal Law §104-b were fully complied with, in addition to the MWBE requirements.

The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator for the municipality shall certify to the Department of State that alternative proposals and/or quotations for professional services were secured by use of written requests for proposals through a publicly advertised process. This certification will verify that the procurement requirements were met and ensure the prudent and economical use of public funds for professional services of maximum quality at reasonable cost.

### **Not-for-Profit Community-Based Organizations**

The chief legal officer or financial administrator of the community-based organization, which is a grant recipient and serves as State Contractor, shall certify to the State that alternative proposals and quotations for professional services were secured by use of written requests for proposals through a publicly advertised process satisfactory to meet the MWBE requirements set forth below and to ensure the prudent and economical use of public funds for professional services of maximum quality at reasonable cost.

### **Community Boards (in New York City)**

Chapter 70 of the New York City Charter provides for the creation of community boards for each community district that has been established in the City. Such community boards do not exist outside of New York City.

Each community board in New York City must comply with all laws, regulations, rules, and procedures that govern each such board's procurement of contracts, goods, and services, and shall certify compliance with such laws, regulations, rules, and procedures to the State. Community boards must also certify to the State that all applicable MWBE requirements, including those that are set forth below, have been met.

## ***Record Retention and Audits***

The successful applicant shall establish and maintain, in paper or electronic format, complete and accurate books, records, documents, receipts, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to its performance under the State of New York Contract for Grants with the Department of State. Payment requests may be subject to periodic reviews. The successful applicant will be required to agree to produce and retain for the balance of the term of the Contract, and for a period of six years from the later of the date of (i) State of New York Contract for Grants and (ii) the most recent amendment of the

State of New York Contract for Grants., any and all records necessary to substantiate upon audit, the proper deposit and expenditure of funds received under the State of New York Contract for Grants. Such records may include, but not be limited to, original books of entry (e.g., cash disbursements and cash receipts journal), and the following specific records (as applicable) to substantiate the types of expenditures noted (i) personal service expenditures: cancelled checks and the related bank statements, time and attendance records, payroll journals, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, vouchers and invoices, records of contract labor, any and all records listing payroll and the money value of non-cash advantages provided to employees, time cards, work schedules and logs, employee personal history folders, detailed and general ledgers, sales records, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable, (ii) payroll taxes and fringe benefits: cancelled checks, copies of related bank statements, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, invoices for fringe benefit expenses, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable, (iii) non-personal services expenditures: original invoices/receipts, cancelled checks and related bank statements, consultant agreements, leases, and cost allocation plans, if applicable, (iv) receipt and deposit of advances and reimbursements: itemized bank stamped deposit slips, and a copy of the related bank statements.

### ***Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation***

Applicants must submit the MWBE Compliance Form with their application confirming their understanding of the MWBE requirement and agreeing to show due-diligence and make good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBE's, whenever possible, if awarded the contract.

### ***Contract Period***

Subject to the continued availability of funds in the budget, the contract period shall not exceed five years from the start date of the contract. The earliest start date of contracts is April 1, 2025, no extensions are anticipated, however special consideration for extensions due to extreme extenuating circumstances may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

## **XII. SATISFACTORY PROGRESS**

It is imperative that the grant recipient complete the project as set forth in the agreed upon work plan of the contract. Failure to render proof of satisfactory progress or to complete the project to the satisfaction of the State may be deemed an abandonment of the project and may cause the suspension or termination of any obligation of the State. Satisfactory progress toward implementation includes, but is not limited to, executing contracts, and submitting status reports and payment requests in a timely fashion, retaining consultants, written certification of compliance with procurement requirements, and completing plans, designs, reports, or other tasks identified in the work plan within the time allocated for their completion. The Department may recapture awarded funds if satisfactory progress is not being made on the implementation of the awarded project. Applicants should not submit applications if they do not expect to initiate the project within a reasonable period of time and/or will not be able to complete the project within the time period cited in the application.

## **XIII. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

1. By signing the "Application Form" each applicant attests to its express authority to sign on behalf of the applicant(s) and to the accuracy of the information contained therein. Applications containing false or inaccurate information may be disqualified upon verification of information by the Department.
2. Contractors will possess, at no cost to the State, all qualifications, licenses and permits to engage in the required business as may be required within the jurisdiction where the work specified is to be performed. Workers to be

employed in the performance of this contract will possess the qualifications, training, licenses and permits as may be required within such jurisdiction.

3. Submission of any application indicates the applicant's acceptance of all conditions and terms contained in this RFA, including the terms and conditions of the contract between the applicant(s) and the Department acting for and on behalf of the State.
4. Provisions upon default:
  - a) The services to be performed by the applicant shall be at all times subject to the direction and control of the Department as to all matters arising in connection with or relating to the contract resulting from this RFA.
  - b) In the event that the applicant, through any cause, fails to perform any of the terms, covenants or promises of any contract resulting from this RFA, the Department acting for and on behalf of the State, shall thereupon have the right to terminate the contract by giving notice of the fact and date of such termination to the applicant.
  - c) If, in the judgment of the Department, the applicant acts in such a way which is likely to or does impair or prejudice the interests of the State, the Department acting on behalf of the State, shall thereupon have the right to terminate any contract resulting from this RFA by giving notice of the fact and date of such termination to the contractor. In such case, the contractor shall receive equitable compensation for such services as shall, in the judgment of the Department, have been satisfactorily performed by the contractor up to the date of the termination of this agreement, where such compensation shall not exceed the total cost incurred for the work in which the contractor was engaged at the time of such termination, subject to audit by the State Comptroller.
5. The Department reserves the right, including but not limited, to:
  - a) Reject any or all applications received in response to this RFA.
  - b) Withdraw the RFA at any time, at the agency's sole discretion.
  - c) Make an award under the RFA in whole or in part.
  - d) Disqualify any applicant whose conduct and/or application fails to conform to the requirements of the RFA.
  - e) Seek clarifications and revisions of applications.
  - f) Use application information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the State's investigation of an applicant's qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the applicant in response to the Department's request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the RFA.
  - g) Prior to the application due date, amend the RFA specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available.
  - h) Prior to the application due date, direct applicants to submit application modifications addressing subsequent RFA amendments.
  - i) Change any of the scheduled dates.
  - j) Eliminate any mandatory, non-material specifications that cannot be complied with by all of the prospective bidders.
  - k) Waive any requirements that are not material.
  - l) Negotiate with applicants responding to this RFA within the scope of the RFA to serve the best interests of the State.
  - m) If unsuccessful in negotiating a state contract with the selected applicant within an acceptable time frame, the Department may begin state contract negotiations with the next ranked qualified applicant(s) in order to serve and realize the best interests of the State.
  - n) Utilize any and all ideas submitted in the applications received.
  - o) Require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an application and/or to determine an applicant's compliance with the requirements of the solicitation.
  - p) Waive or modify minor irregularities in applications received after prior notification to the applicant.
  - q) Make awards based on geographic distribution.
  - r) Not fund an application that fails to submit a clear and concise work plan or budget.
  - s) Adjust or correct cost figures with the concurrence of the applicant if errors exist and can be documented to the satisfaction of the Department and the State Comptroller.

- t) Award more than one contract resulting from this RFA.
- u) In its sole discretion, determine the total number of awards to be granted pursuant to this RFA.
- v) Offer partial or no funding to any applicant if its application cannot fulfill its proposed program within the funding restrictions herein.
- w) Make additional awards if funding becomes available.
- x) Require reporting on forms designed for use solely for this procurement.
- y) Not to make any awards pursuant to this RFA. This RFA does not commit the Department to award any contracts, to pay the costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFA, or to procure or contract for services.

## Appendix 1

### **CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATION BY NEW YORK STATE-CERTIFIED MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN, AND SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES**

#### **I. MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES PARTICIPATION**

##### **NEW YORK STATE LAW**

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and Parts 140-145 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations the Department of State (Department) is required to promote opportunities for the maximum feasible participation of New York State-certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (“MWBEs”) and the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of Department contracts.

##### **Business Participation Opportunities for MWBEs**

The Department’s New York State-certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (“MWBEs”) utilization goal is 30%. For purposes of this solicitation, the specific MWBE goal and the breakdown between the Minority-owned Business Enterprise (“MBE”) and the Women-owned Business Enterprise (“WBE”) utilization goals shall be established post award and set forth in the Department contract, in the Attachment B “Budget” (based on the current availability of MBEs and WBEs). A contractor (“Contractor”) on any contract resulting from this procurement (“Contract”) must document its good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors and suppliers in the performance of the Contract. To that end, by submitting a response to this RFA, the respondent agrees that the Department may withhold payment pursuant to any Contract awarded as a result of this RFA pending receipt of the required MWBE documentation.

The directory of MWBEs can be viewed at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/>. For guidance on how the Department will evaluate a Contractor’s “good faith efforts,” refer to 5 NYCRR § 142.8.

The respondent understands that only sums paid to MWBEs for the performance of a commercially useful function, as that term is defined in 5 NYCRR § 140.1, may be applied towards the achievement of the applicable MWBE participation goal. The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 25 percent of the total value of the broker’s contract.

**FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS** – The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a supplier that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 60 percent of the total value of the supplier’s contract. The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be the monetary value for fees, or the markup percentage, charged by the MWBE.

In accordance with 5 NYCRR § 142.13, the respondent further acknowledges that if it is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in a Contract resulting from this RFA, such finding constitutes a breach of contract and Department may withhold payment as liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between: (1) all sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and (2) all sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.

By submitting a proposal, a respondent agrees to demonstrate its good faith efforts to achieve the applicable MWBE participation goals by submitting evidence thereof through the New York State Contract System (“NYSCS”), which can be viewed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>, provided, however, that a respondent may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method by contacting the Department. As a contractor of New York State, you have a responsibility to utilize certified minority- and/or women-owned businesses in the execution of your contracts, per the MWBE percentage goals

stated in your solicitation, proposal or contract documents. Through the NYSCS you will submit utilization plans, request subcontractors, record payments to subcontractors, and communicate with your project manager throughout the life of your awarded contracts.

Applicants are required to submit the MWBE Compliance Form with their application.

Additionally, successful applicants will be required to submit the following documents and information within ten (10) business days after the applicant receives notice from the Department that the grant is being awarded as evidence of compliance with the foregoing:

An MWBE Utilization Plan (**Form D**) or a Certification Letter (**Form D-1**) stating their commitment to show due-diligence to comply with the MWBE goals and requirements. Any modifications or changes to an accepted MWBE Utilization Plan after the Contract award and during the term of the Contract must be reported on a revised MWBE Utilization Plan and submitted to the Department for review and approval.

The Department shall review the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan or Certification Letter and issue a written notice of acceptance or notice of deficiency within 20 days of receipt of utilization plan or certification letter.

If a notice of deficiency is issued, the respondent will be required to respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt by submitting to the Department, at the address provided below, a written remedy in response to the notice of deficiency. If the written remedy that is submitted is not timely or is found by the Department to be inadequate, the Department shall notify the respondent and direct the respondent to submit, within five (5) business days, a request for a partial or total waiver of MWBE participation goals. Failure to file the waiver form in a timely manner may be grounds for disqualification of the proposal.

Please see details under “**Additional Notices and Explanations Regarding the MWBE Program and this Request for Applications.**”

Department may disqualify a respondent as being non-responsive under the following circumstances:

- a) If a respondent fails to submit an MWBE Utilization Plan or certification letter;
- b) If a respondent fails to submit a written remedy to a notice of deficiency;
- c) If a respondent fails to submit a request for waiver; or
- d) If Department determines that the respondent has failed to document good faith efforts.

Successful applicant(s) will be required to attempt to utilize, in good faith, any MBE or WBE identified within its MWBE Utilization Plan, during the performance of the Contract. Requests for a partial or total waiver of established goal requirements made subsequent to Contract Award may be made at any time during the term of the Contract to the Department but must be made no later than prior to the submission of a request for final payment on the Contract.

Successful applicant(s) will be required to submit a quarterly M/WBE Contractor Compliance & Payment Report to the Department, by the 10<sup>th</sup> day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made toward achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements**

By submission of a proposal in response to this solicitation, the respondent agrees with all of the terms and conditions of the State of New York Contract for Grants, including Appendix A - Equal Employment Opportunities for Minorities and Women. The respondent is required to ensure that it and any subcontractors awarded a subcontract over \$25,000 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work"), except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the respondent, undertake or continue programs to

ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, equal opportunity shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. This requirement does not apply to: (i) work, goods, or services unrelated to the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State.

Additionally, successful applicants will be required to submit the following documents and information within ten (10) business days after the applicant receives notice from the Department that the grant is being awarded as evidence of compliance with the foregoing:

- A. Submit a Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement (**Form A**) to the Department.

Further, pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (the “Human Rights Law”), all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed (religion), color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, familial status, marital status or status as a victim of domestic violence or because the individual has opposed any practices forbidden under the Human Rights Law or has filed a complaint, testified or assisted in any proceeding under the Human Rights Law, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

**Additional Notices and Explanations Regarding the MWBE Program and Successful Applications to this Request for Applications:**

If your project is selected for an award, you will be required to show due diligence to comply with all the MWBE contractual requirements, including meeting the goals for certified MWBE firms’ participation as stated in your Contract and in accordance with NYS Executive Law Article 15-A.

If an applicant chooses to move forward with a project prior to any award announcement, they are responsible for meeting MWBE requirements established by the State of New York. The requested plan, as described herein, is intended to help an applicant think about how to comply with the regulations and provide information showing their due diligence to comply with the MWBE requirements.

Successful applicants notified by the NYS Contract System (System) that a record for the submission of the utilization plan has been created, must comply with this requirement by entering the Utilization Plan data in the System through the Statewide Utilization Management Plan (SUMP) module.

If you are unable to comply with the MWBE goals, you must request a waiver of these requirements by submitting to the Department the REQUEST FOR WAIVER FORM E, found on the Department funding page, for processing. Please note that the following information will be required to secure the waiver (all items may not apply to your case, but provide information and documentation for those that apply):

1. A DETAILED statement with the project description (any special characteristics, needs, specifications, etc.), and an explanation setting forth your basis and justification for requesting a partial or total waiver of the MWBE goals.
2. The names of general circulation, trade association, and MWBE-oriented publications in which you solicited certified MWBEs for the purposes of complying with your participation goals related to this Contract.
3. A list identifying the date(s) that all solicitations for certified MWBE participation were published in any of the above publications.

4. A list of all certified MWBEs appearing in the NYS Directory of Certified Firms that were solicited for purposes of complying with your certified MWBE participation levels.
5. Documentation of your search in the NYS Directory of Certified Firms (e.g.: Printouts, screenshots).
6. Copies of notices, dates of contact, letters, and other correspondence as proof that solicitations were made in writing and copies of such solicitations, or a sample copy of the solicitation, if an identical solicitation was made to all certified MWBEs. Any information and/or documentation to support the efforts to follow up with the MWBEs.
7. Copies of responses to your solicitations received by you from certified MWBEs
8. A description of any contract documents, plans, or specifications made available to certified MWBEs for purposes of soliciting their proposals and the date and manner in which these documents were made available.
9. Documentation of any negotiations between you and the MWBEs undertaken for purposes of complying with the certified MWBE participation goals.
10. Any other information you deem relevant which may help us in evaluating your request for a waiver.
11. The name, title, address, telephone number, and email address of your representative authorized to discuss and negotiate this waiver request.
12. Copy of notice of application receipt issued by Empire State Development (ESD), if subcontractors are not certified MWBE, but an application has been filed with ESD.

**Please Note: Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of the Contract, leading to the withholding of funds, suspension or termination of the Contract or such other actions or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.**

## II. SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES PARTICIPATION

Article 3 of Veteran's Law authorized the creation of the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development to promote participation of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) in New York State contracting. The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act recognizes the veterans' service to and sacrifice for our nation, declares that it is New York State's public policy to promote and encourage the continuing economic development of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, and allows eligible Veteran business owners to become certified as a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB), in order to increase their participation in New York State's contracting opportunities. To this effect, the Department has implemented a Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOB) Program, as mandated by Article 3.

To comply with the SDVOB Program goals of 6%, the Department strongly encourages grantees to make every effort, to the maximum extent possible, to engage certified SDVOBs in the purchasing of commodities, services, and technology in the performance of their contracts with the Department. If SDVOB utilization is obtained, a quarterly SDVOB utilization report should be submitted to the Department with information of the utilization percentage achieved during that quarter. Contractor Reporting Forms are found at: <https://dos.ny.gov/supplier-diversity>.

The Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (DSDVBD) is housed within the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) and maintains a directory of the NYS Certified SDVOBs. For assistance with engaging SDVOB vendors in your contracts, please contact the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development at the following email address: [VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov), or the DOS Bureau of Fiscal Management – SDVOB Program at [dos.sm.sdvoob@dos.ny.gov](mailto:dos.sm.sdvoob@dos.ny.gov). The directory of certified SDVOB vendors can be found at: <https://online.ogs.ny.gov/SDVOB/search>.





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Dear Director/Administrator/Coordinator:

Con Edison wants to ensure that you and those you serve stay safe and healthy during the coming summer season.

We are especially concerned about anyone who depends on life-support equipment. For their safety, we need the addresses and contact information of users of life-support equipment, even if they do not have a Con Edison account. So, please share this information with your community. More information on life-support equipment and other special services is available at our website, [conEd.com/SpecialServices](http://conEd.com/SpecialServices) or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633).

We encourage you to use our website, [conEd.com](http://conEd.com), as a resource. There is a wealth of useful safety and energy efficiency information available. This includes important electric and gas safety tips, instructions for reporting power problems, a guide to our various billing and payment options, and information for customers with special needs. The website also contains tips for severe weather and how to decrease energy costs, including information on rebates and energy-saving programs to help lower your energy bill.

We would especially like to remind our customers to report power problems by visiting [conEd.com/StormCentral](http://conEd.com/StormCentral), calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633) or texting OUT to 688-243. For more information on how to prepare for a storm, visit [coned.com/Out](http://coned.com/Out).

To request printed copies of any of this information, please email us at [Outreach@conEd.com](mailto:Outreach@conEd.com). We will be happy to send you a supply of brochures at no charge.

**Reminder: We need accurate contact information on file, including your email address.** Please complete the form below and email it to [Outreach@conEd.com](mailto:Outreach@conEd.com).

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you and stay safe this season!

Sincerely,


Jon Minners  
Department Manager  
Con Edison Customer Outreach

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**NYCDOT Pulaski Bridge Single Lane closure 6-2-25 to 6-27-25**

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**From** Cortaza, Maritza  
**Date** Tue 5/27/2025 3:21 PM  
**To** Cortaza, Maritza

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Pulaski Bridge Lane Closures 6.2 .2025.pdf;

Dear Stakeholder,

**On Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** , the New York City Department of Transportation Division of Bridges will continue conducting maintenance on the Pulaski Bridge over Newtown Creek as per the schedule below. Single lane closures in each direction northbound and southbound (not at the same time) will be necessary **on weeknights between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and on weekends between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** **At least one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times.**

For more details, please see the attached notice.

Best Regards,

**Maritza Cortaza**

Community Coordinator | Division of Bridges  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street 5<sup>th</sup> Floor | New York, NY 10041

Monday /Thursday WFH days



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# Important Notice

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**Single-lane closures in both directions (northbound and southbound)**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday - Friday 11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.**

**Weekends - 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Traffic will return to its original configuration after work hours.**

Maritza Cortaza from the office of Community Affairs is available to provide information about this project at (212) 839-6302 or [mcortaza@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:mcortaza@dot.nyc.gov) For all NYC non-emergency services, including inquiries regarding NYCDOT construction projects, dial 311.

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**[EXTERNAL] Planned Service Change: No J btw Hewes St & Broad St; No M btw Myrtle Av & Delancey-Essex St (May & June Weekends)**

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From Patouri, Katerina

Date Tue 5/27/2025 5:04 PM

To Patouri, Katerina

Cc Benitez, Ruby; Drummond, Anthony

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Dear Community Stakeholder:

Please be advised of the attached planned service change to the J & M line that will take place during three weekends in May and June. The J will not run between Hewes St and Broad St. J service will run between Jamaica Center and Hewes St, the last stop. The M will not run between Myrtle Av and Delancey-Essex St. M service will run between Metropolitan Av and Myrtle Av, the last stop. Service changes will be in effect due to continued track replacement.

Free [B106](#) shuttle buses run between **Hewes St** and **Delancey St-Essex St**, making a stop at **Marcy Av**.

- **Friday May 30, 2025, to Monday June 02, 2025**
- **Friday June 06, 2025, to Monday June 09, 2025**
- **Friday June 13, 2025, to Monday June 16, 2025**

Due to track repair work taking place on the Williamsburg Bridge portion of the tracks, access to the bridge will be impacted during the affected weeks. Please see below for details on the impacted traffic lanes.

The MTA/NYCT will be performing major track repair at the Marcy Ave Station, starting at 11pm on Fridays working continuously through 4am, Monday on the dates listed below. below:

- **Friday May 30, 2025, to Monday June 02, 2025**
- **Friday June 06, 2025, to Monday June 09, 2025**
- **Friday June 13, 2025, to Monday June 16, 2025**

NYCT Crane will be staged inside the bus terminal & will be in operation throughout the weekend.

1. **Eastbound:** NYCT will occupy (2) lanes on the Williamsburg Bridge (Access to BQE entrance & S.5<sup>th</sup> St Exit will be provided at all times).

2. **Westbound:** BQE exit to Williamsburg Bridge will be reduced to (1) lane into Manhattan.

As always please consult the MTA website or the MyMTA app for the latest service information and alternative service options. Customers can also sign up for the MTA's [customer real-time email and text alert system](#), or call 511 for service-related information. To stay up-to-date on weekend service, customers can sign up for our [MTA Weekender](#) newsletter.

Thank you,

Katerina Patouri  
Assistant Director, Government & Community Relations - NYCT  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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# Weekends



May 30 – Jun 2 • Jun 6 – 9  
Fri 11:45 PM to Mon 5 AM

## STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS

**J** will not run between Hewes St and Broad St

**M** will not run between Myrtle Av and Delancey-Essex Sts

**J** will run between Jamaica Center and Hewes St.

**M** will run between Metropolitan Av and Myrtle Av.

For service between Hewes St and Delancey-Essex Sts, take free **B106** shuttle buses.

Between Brooklyn and Manhattan, take **A** **C** **L** at Broadway Junction or the **L** at Myrtle-Wyckoff Aves.

- For service between Delancey-Essex Sts and Broad St, use nearby **4** **6** stations via **F** to/from B'way-Lafayette St/ Bleecker St.
- For AirTrain JFK, take the **A** to Howard Beach-JFK Airport via transfer at Broadway Junction or Fulton St .



Sign up for planned work alerts: visit [mta.info/notify](https://mta.info/notify)



This service change affects one or more ADA accessible stations. Please call 511 for help with planning your trip. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay.

POST: JM, Manhattan-bound Metropolitan Av/Jamaica Ctr to Marcy Av; Jamaica-bound at Marcy Av  
Remove: 6/9/25  
Service plans: B-22-57, B-23-58  
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## As Curbside Composting Breaks Yet Another Record, City Announces New Compost Bin Size Available for Purchase

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From Customer Service (DSNY)

Date Wed 5/28/2025 12:22 PM



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## As Curbside Composting Breaks Yet Another Record, City Announces New Compost Bin Size Available for Purchase

**New Yorkers diverted 5.4 million pounds of compostable material last week alone; 13-gallon bin now available at [bins.nyc](https://bins.nyc)**

Following another record-breaking week of compost collection, the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) announced it is making a smaller-sized compost bin available for purchase. The new 13-gallon bin — ideal for single- and two-family homes — holds roughly four compost bags and is available at [bins.nyc](https://bins.nyc) for \$38.50 alongside an existing 21-gallon bin for \$43.47. Because this is the *easiest* curbside composting program in the nation, residents are also free to use their own bin with a secure lid.

In the last two months, New York City residents have shown that creating a normal, easy-to-use, and consistent composting program works: New Yorkers broke another record, diverting more than 5.4 million pounds of compostable material from landfills last week alone. This marks at least the fourth time in the last eight weeks that the amount collected broke all-time records.

“These numbers show that New Yorkers want to compost, and they will do so when offered a simple, free, weekly service,” said **Acting Sanitation Commissioner Javier Lojan**. “As we divert more and more material away from landfill to beneficial use, we are making the program even more convenient with the option of a smaller bin for households that produce less material.”



DSNY picks up compost — which includes ALL leaf and yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper — on recycling day, part of an easy-to-use service. Material collected in DSNY's curbside composting program is either turned into finished compost for parks and gardens, or into renewable energy to heat local homes and businesses reducing the need for fracked gas.

The 5.4 million pounds of material collected during the week of May 18 to 24 smashed previous records set in the last two months:

- During the second week of April, the Department collected nearly 3.6 million pounds of compost, more than three times what was collected at the same time last year and, at the time, the highest level of source-separated compostable material collected curbside in the City's history.
- That record was broken by the third week, at 4.5 million pounds, a 400% increase over the same time the year before.
- That record was broken by the fourth week, at 5.24 million pounds, a 500% increase over the same time the year before.

These increasing numbers show that if you make it EASY for New Yorkers to do the right thing — to fight rats and help the environment — they'll do it every time.

This year, DSNY is slated to give away more than 5 million pounds of compost to residents at our giveback events. Demand has been so high, the Department just added a fourth site, on Hillside Avenue in Eastern Queens, in addition to sites in Astoria, Greenpoint and Fresh Kills, as well as community pop-up events throughout the five boroughs. To get their free bags of finished compost, residents must register for a specific date at [nyc.gov/GetCompost](https://nyc.gov/GetCompost). Dates are open for registration two weeks before each giveback event. The Department also gives free compost and mulch to NYC agencies and nonprofits for their programs, construction or landscaping projects. [Commercial landscapers and other businesses can purchase compost in bulk.](#)

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## NYCEM Heat Webinar 5/21/25

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From NYCEM Community Preparedness

Date Fri 5/30/2025 4:21 PM

To Jill Cornell

Thank you for attending our Heat webinar on May 21. The PowerPoint, resources and recording are at this [link](#).

- Air conditioning saves lives.
- Please encourage folks in need of Cooling Assistance to apply asap. [New York State Home Energy Assistance Program \(HEAP\)](#) is continuing to offer low-income households financial assistance towards purchasing an AC unit. Applicants can learn more about HEAP [here](#).

### Breaking news from NYS

#### Free ACs for Essential Plan members with Asthma Symptoms

A new state program focused on distributing AC units to people enrolled in the NY State health insurance [Essential Plan](#) program with frequent asthma symptoms. This initiative helps people with persistent asthma manage their increased risk of health issues linked to rising temperatures. It aims to prevent asthma-related emergency visits and hospital stays, which will lower health care costs. To qualify, you must submit an application for the Essential Plan Cooling Program and meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be enrolled in NY State of Health's [Essential Plan](#)
- Have persistent asthma
  - Meaning you experience asthma symptoms such as shortness of breath, wheezing, coughing attacks, chest tightness, or chest pain much of the time or need a daily medication for asthma to control your symptoms
- Have not received a cooling unit in the past five years through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Cooling Program.
- Request installation at the permanent residential address on file with NY State of Health
- Agree to [program terms and conditions](#)

Applications should only take 5-10 minutes to complete and are processed on a first come, first served basis until August 31st while funding lasts. Applicants get an update on if the application was approved within two to three weeks. You can see more details about the program [here](#).

Thank you for your work in preparing New Yorkers.

Best,

Community Preparedness Team (Jill)

[COMMUNITYPREP@OEM.NYC.GOV](mailto:COMMUNITYPREP@OEM.NYC.GOV)

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## Money for heat and utility expenses

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) | NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA), NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)

### How it Works

HEAP helps low-income households meet the cost of heating their homes. The benefit can pay for fuel, your utility source, and heating equipment replacement and repairs. The benefit is paid directly to the heating vendor or utility company. You may be able to get HEAP even if your heat is included in your rent.

HEAP has several components:

<b>Regular Benefit</b>	<p><i>Applications closed April 7, 2025.</i></p> <p>A one-time benefit that can help you pay for heating your home.</p>
<b>Emergency Benefit</b>	<p><i>Applications closed April 7, 2025.</i></p> <p>Help you heat your home if you're in a heat- or heat-related emergency.</p>
<b>Heating Equipment Repair &amp; Replacement Benefit</b>	<p><i>Applications closed on May 9, 2025.</i></p> <p>Helps homeowners repair or replace furnace, boiler, and/or other essential heating equipment necessary to keep your home's primary heating source working.</p>
<b>Clean and Tune Benefit</b>	<p><i>Applications closed on May 9, 2025.</i></p> <p>Helps homeowners get energy efficiency services. This includes the cleaning of primary heating equipment but may also include chimney cleaning, minor repairs, or installation of carbon monoxide detectors, to allow safe, proper, and efficient operation of the heating equipment.</p>

**Cooling Assistance  
Benefit**

[Applications open.](#)

Helps eligible households buy and install an air conditioner or fan to help home stay cool.

## More ways to get help with this program

### Visit the website

Visit the [OTDA website for HEAP](#) to learn more about this program.

### Call 311

Ask for help with the Home Energy Assistance Program.

### Call HEAP

Call [718-557-1399](tel:718-557-1399) for help with HEAP.

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Last Updated May 9, 2025

## Stay updated on benefits

**Get occasional emails about benefits news, upcoming enrollment periods, and deadlines. Translations are available in 11 languages.**

Email address

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# Heat Safety and Preparedness in New York City Webinar

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

# Agenda

1. Understanding Heat in New York City
2. Summer Heat Health & Safety (DOHMH)
  - Health Hazards and Safety Considerations
  - Air Conditioning Saves Lives
  - Check on your Neighbors
3. Financial resources Con Edison and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): Cooling Assistance
  - Con Edison Resources
  - Program Overview
  - HEAP Cooling Assistance
4. NYCEM's Role During Heat Season
  - Public Messaging
  - NYC Cool Options
  - Cooling Centers
5. What Can Your Community Do?
6. Q & A



# WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



NYC Emergency Management helps New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies through preparedness, education, and response.



# National Weather Heat Alerts

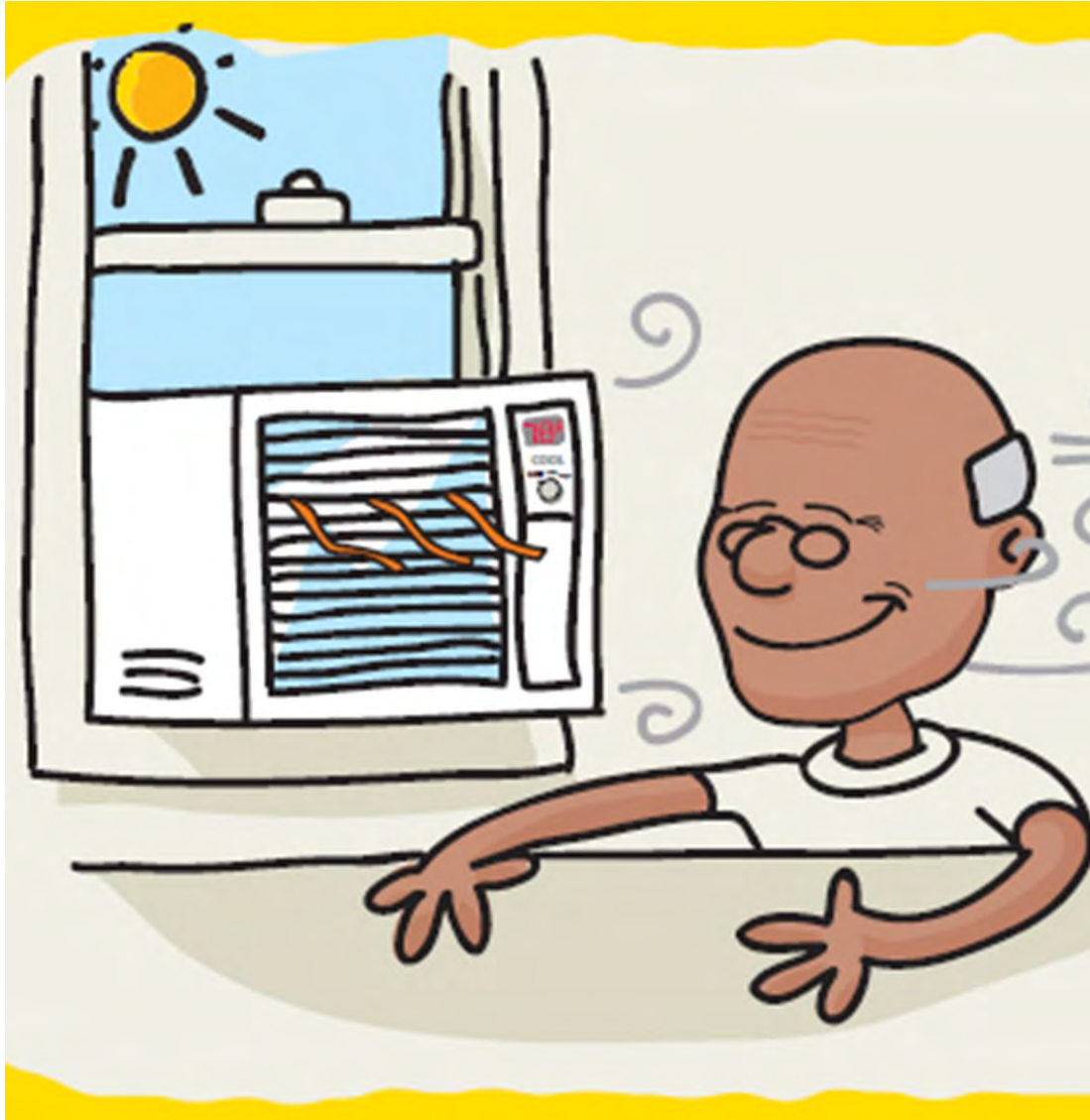


**Heat Wave:** At least 3 consecutive days with high temperatures of at least 90 degrees.

**Heat Advisory** Issued up to 48 hours in advance when there is 80% forecast confidence of the onset of either of the following conditions:

- **Excessive Heat Watch** Issued 24 - 48 hours in advance when the heat index values are forecast to reach or exceed 105°F or greater for at least two consecutive hours.
- **Excessive Heat Warning** Issued 24 hours in advance when the heat index values are forecast to reach or exceed 105°F or greater for at least two consecutive hours.





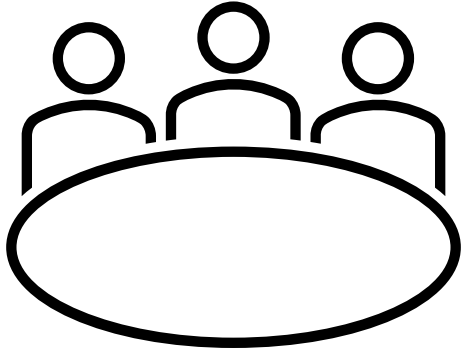
# Community Heat Health & Safety Training: Summer Session

Kat Sibel

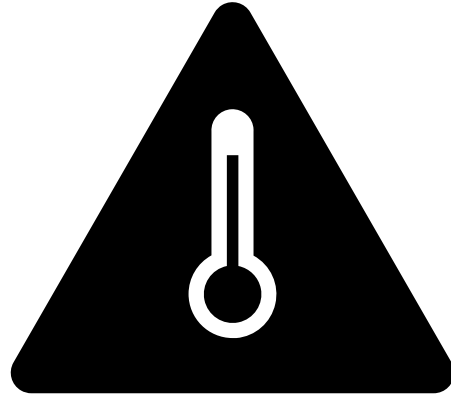
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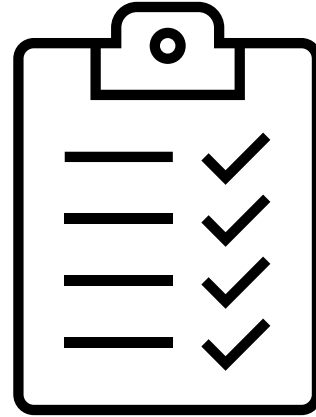
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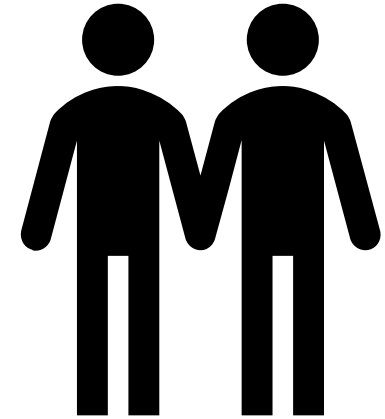
1. Why is NYC  
so Hot?



2. Heat Risk  
Factors



3. Spotting  
Heat Illness



4. Community-Level  
Strategies &  
Resources

# Extreme heat in NYC is deadly...

#1

weather-related  
cause of death in  
the US and NYC.

More  
than 500

New Yorkers die  
prematurely  
each year.

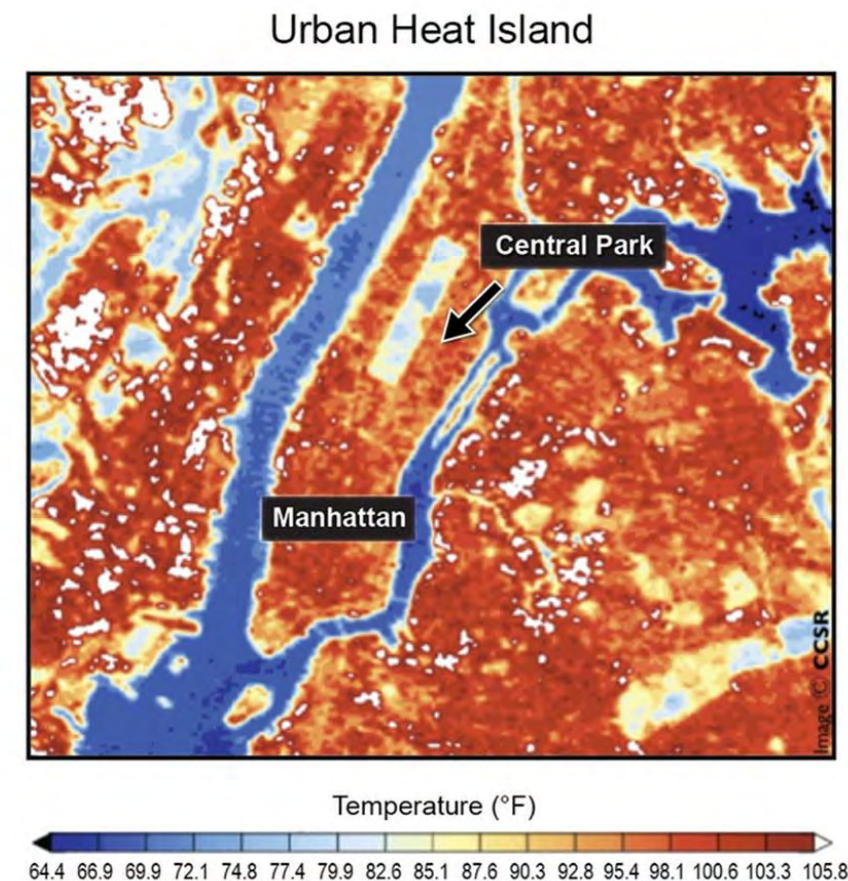
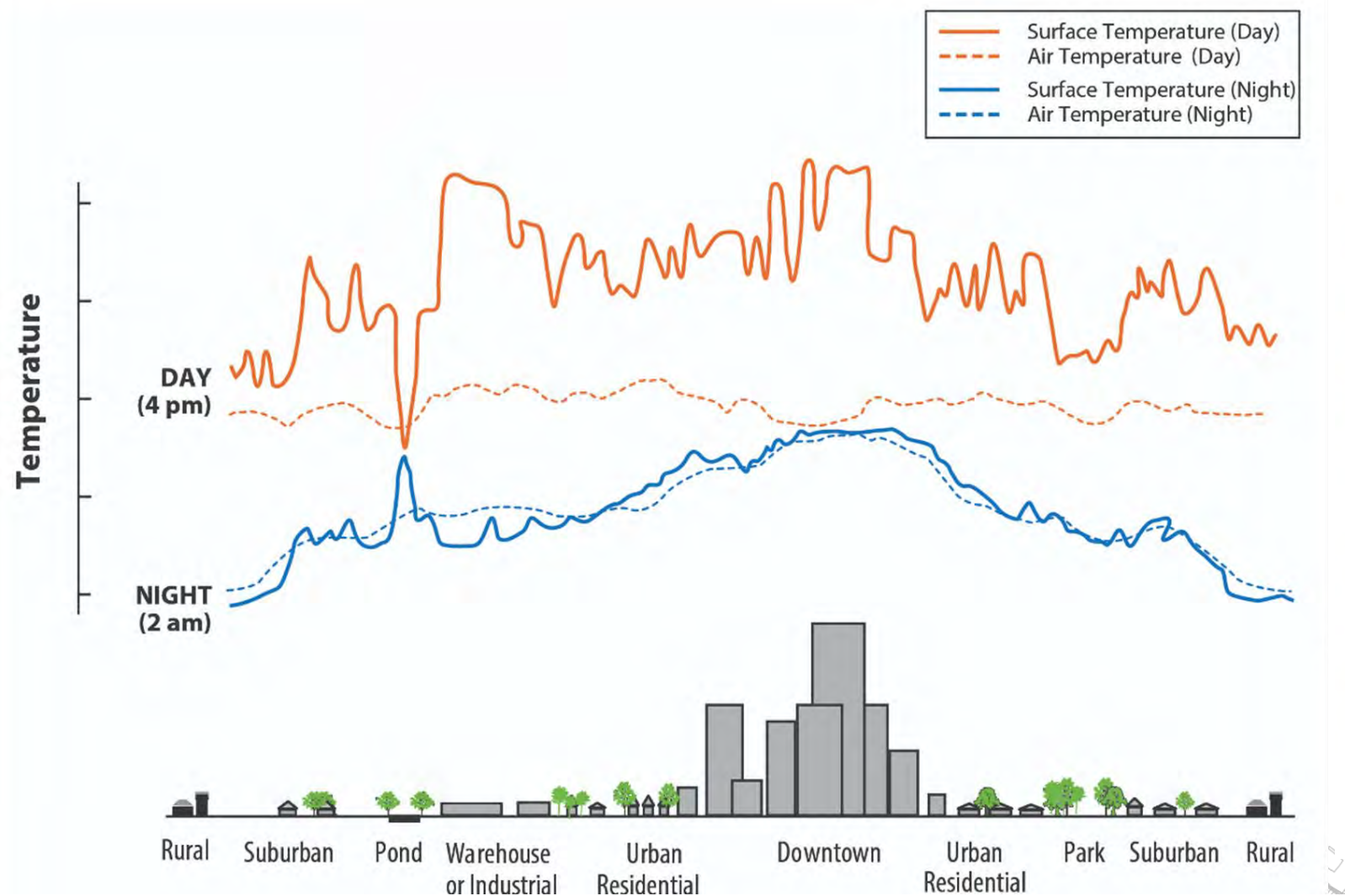


Most of these deaths are  
on days that are hot but  
not extreme heat

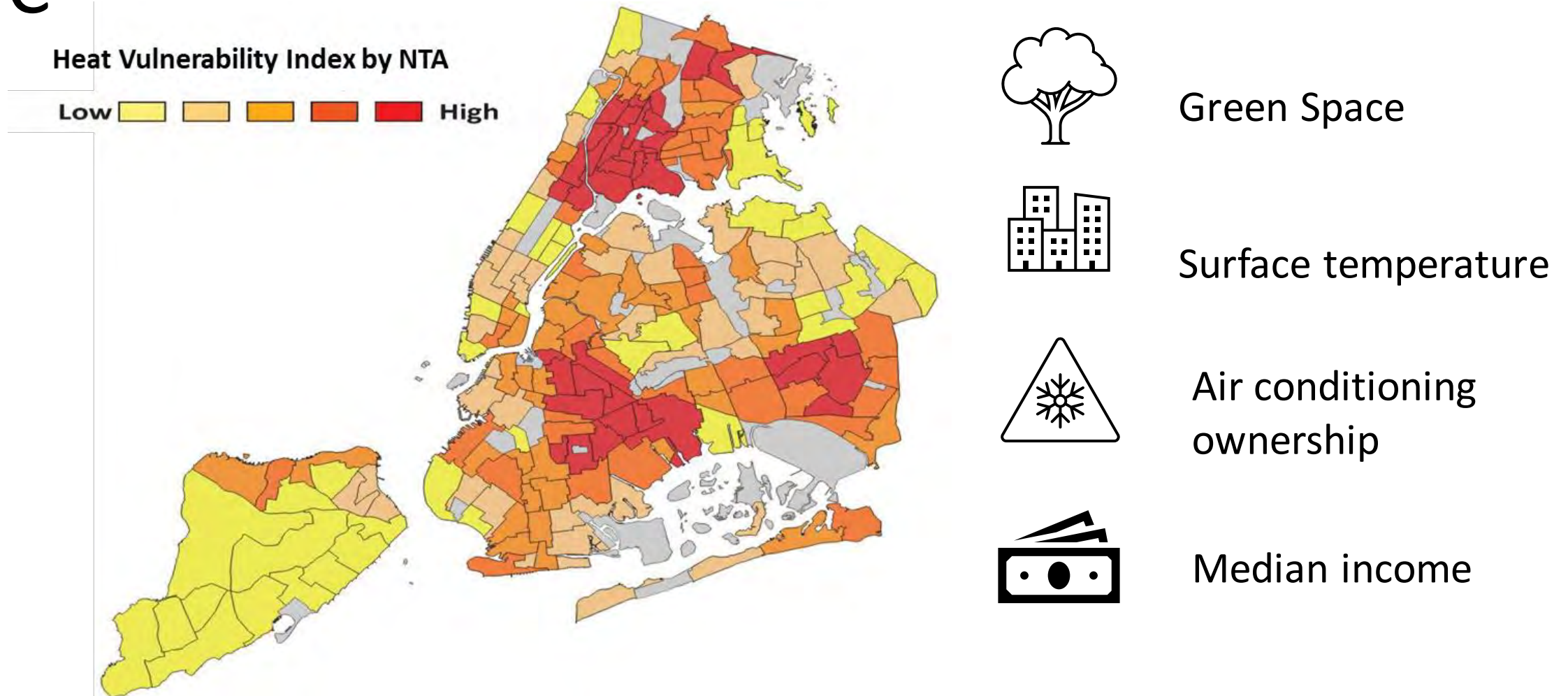
These deaths have been increasing over the past decade.



# Urban Heat Island Effect



# A neighborhood breakdown of the Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI) in NYC



# Health Risk Factors

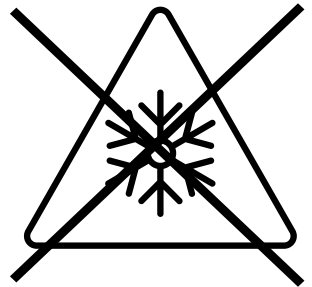
**Table 1:** Medical characteristics among subset with review of health conditions in medical examiner records (n=59) (2012-2021)

Medical characteristic	Number	Percent
One or more chronic conditions	53	90%
Evidence of cardiovascular disease	38	64%
Evidence of alcohol or substance use	18	31%
Evidence of schizophrenia/schizo-affective disorder, cognitive or psychiatric conditions	15	25%
History of diabetes	14	24%
History of respiratory conditions	6	10%
Evidence of renal conditions	4	7%

Source: Office of the Chief Medical Examiner - Created with [Datawrapper](#)

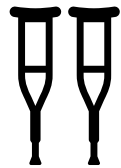


Not having or not using AC at home is the greatest risk! Risk increases with these conditions:



NO AC

+



Limited  
mobility



Substance  
use



Chronic  
health condition



Mental health  
condition



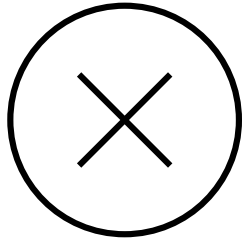
Socially, geographically,  
or culturally isolated



Dementia,  
difficulty with self care

*Use of certain medications* -- *speaK to a pharmacist!*

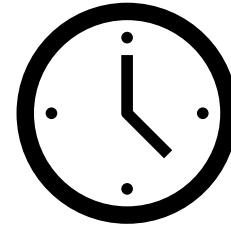
# AC is the #1 prevention for heat illness



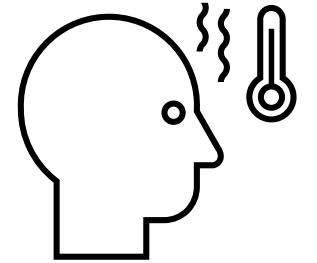
Most deaths are in homes without an AC unit or AC was off



Indoors can be much hotter than outside



Homes can stay hotter for up to 3 days after a heat wave



Fans alone are NOT enough in very hot weather

# Checklist for spotting heat illness to intervene

**Question #1:** Are they drinking enough water?

**Question #2:** Do they have access to air conditioning?

**Question #3:** Do they know how to keep cool?

**Question #4:** Do they show signs of heat stress?



**Seek medical care immediately if you or someone you know experiences symptoms of heat-related illness!**

# Who is susceptible?



# Heat Exhaustion

- Faint or Dizzy
- Excessive sweating
- Pale, clammy skin
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Muscle cramps

## ACT FAST

- Get to a cooler, air-conditioned place
- Drink water if fully conscious
- Take a cool shower or use a cold compress or towel



# Heat Stroke

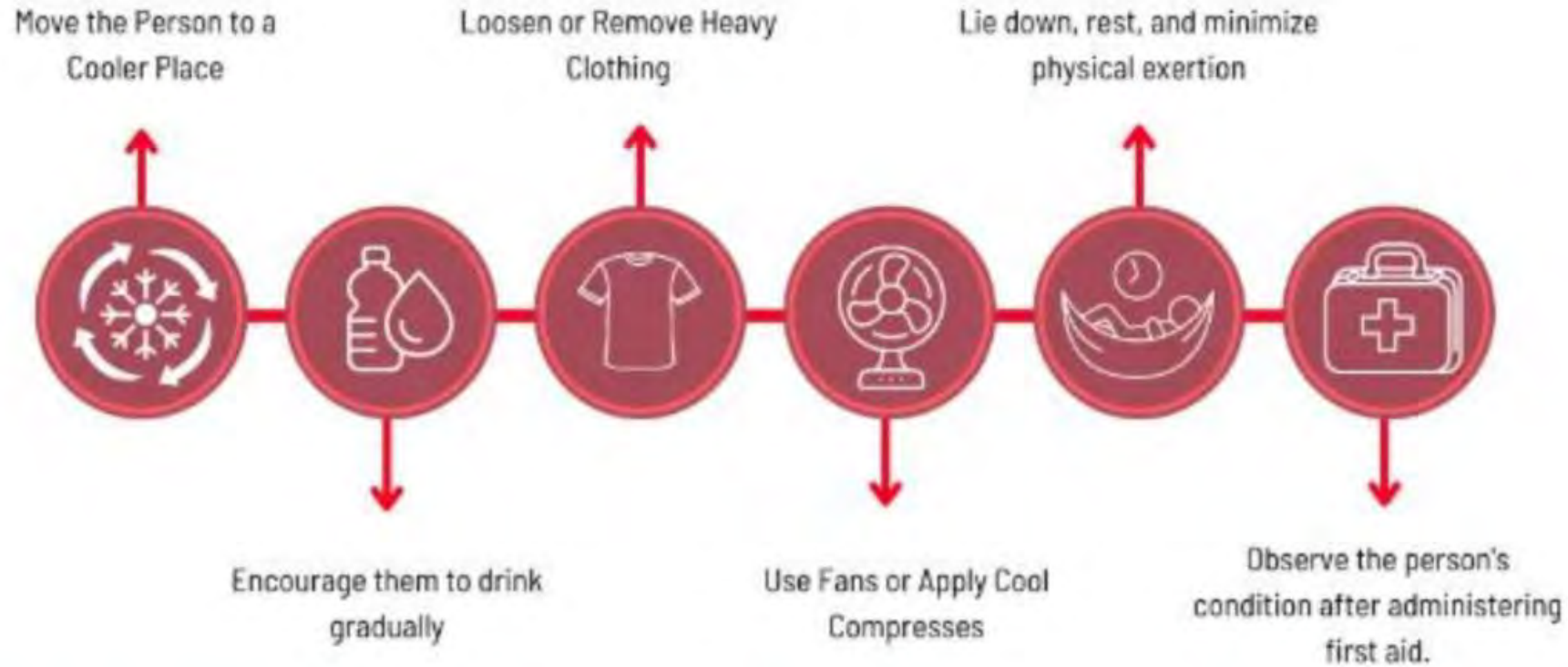
- Throbbing headache
- No sweating
- Body temperature above 103F
- Nausea or vomiting
- Rapid, strong pulse
- May lose consciousness

## ACT FAST

- **CALL 9-1-1**
- Move person to cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

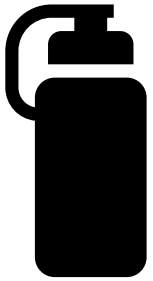


# FIRST AID FOR HEAT EXHAUSTION

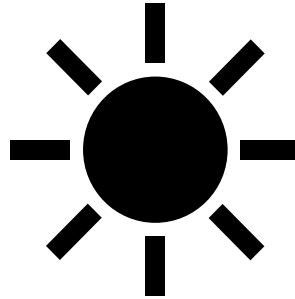


Call 9-1-1 if symptoms get worse or doesn't improve after first aid measures

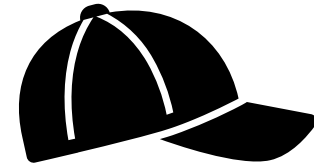
# Stay cool, stay hydrated?



Drink more water than usual, and don't wait until you are thirsty

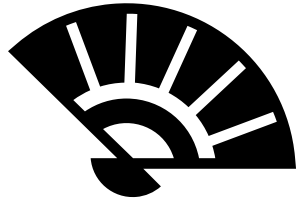


Wear and reapply sunscreen



Wear a brimmed hat and loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing

# Stay cool, stay hydrated?



Fans alone will not  
provide enough cooling  
when it is very hot  
outside



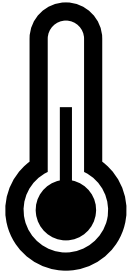
Take cool showers  
or baths throughout the  
day



Avoid alcohol or  
liquids with large amounts  
of sugar



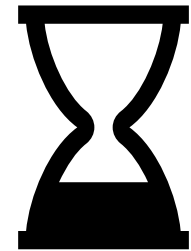
# Spend time in air-conditioned places



Use your stove or oven less to maintain a cooler temperature in your home



Heavy sweating can remove salt and minerals from body. Consult doctor about how to safely replace salt and minerals lost through sweating.



Ask if tasks can be scheduled for earlier or later in the day to avoid midday heat (12PM-4PM)

# Tips for Event-Planning

- Encourage hydration with non-alcoholic beverages
- Provide shade or misting tents
- Ready cooling towels or ice packs
- Provide free water to attendees

## Tips for 'Day-Of' Event

- Sip water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Take frequent breaks in shaded areas
- Limit exercise or limit activities during prolonged heat exposure
- Watch out for signs of heat illness and take action.

# TIPS for TABLING

- Encourage eligible community members to sign up for HEAP Cooling Benefits!
- Stay hydrated and take breaks in shaded areas
- Being vigilant for signs of heat illness
- Give out free water, strike up a conversation!

## TABLING SWAG

- Water bottle
- Neck Cooling Towel
- Emergency Drinking Water Packets
- Cold Pack
- Sunscreen Towelette

# SUMMARY of Heat Risk

**In NYC, most heatstroke deaths occur to people living in homes without access to air conditioning units.**

- Being in an air-conditioned place is the best protection from the heat, especially for those at greatest risk of heat illness.

Most New Yorkers receive warnings about heat waves, but some may not understand the dangers. **It is important to communicate about who is most at risk and how to prevent heat-related illness and death.**

# Health & Safety TIPS

## SUMMER HEAT SAFETY

82°F  
+

**HOT  
DAYS**

When the temperature hits 82°F and above, it can cause heat illness, stroke, and even death

## ICHOURUNI LUBA LAROUGA

82°F  
+

**WEYU LE  
HAROUGATI**

Dan le laweirun larouga lougiñe 82°F o lanwoun, gayaarati ladugun lun ladagarun sandi laduga larouga, lisandi ichugu ani óunweni

## VERANO PUNCHAKUNAPAK WILLAYKUNAKA

82°F  
+

**RUPAJ  
PUNCHAKUNA**

82°F gradosmanta jawa rupaymanta gentekunaka unkurin, derrame nishkamantapash unkurin, wañunpash

## NASA KOTO NÍ MAA NÍ NUU JA I'NÍ VERANO

82°F  
+

**NDA  
KIVI JA  
I'NÍ**

Ta i'ni ñati 82°F axi kua' aka, kuu sa'a ja kundo'o yo kue'e ja ka'ni, kati niñi nuu minki axi ja kuu yo

## KAARANGE JAMONoy TANGAAY

27.8°C  
+

**BES YU  
TANG**

Saa bu tangaay bi nekke 27.8°C wala mu ëpp ko, mën naa andi feebar u tangat , xëm, wala sax ñakk si bakkan

- Check on family, neighbors and friends to make sure they are safe and cool.
  - Encourage them to use their air conditioning or help them get to a cool place.
  - Make sure they are drinking plenty of water.
  - Be alert for [signs of heat illness](#),
  - Call 911 immediately if someone shows these signs.
- Alert people at risk to talk to their healthcare providers and make a plan to stay safe in the heat.







# Easing Our Customer's Energy Burden

## Financial Assistance Programs



# Energy Affordability Program

(Low Income Discount)

- EAP provides a discount on the monthly electric and gas charge if the customer receives from a qualifying governmental assistance program.
- **EAP Enrollment:**
  - **Automatic Enrollment** - When certain government agencies notify us through data sharing
  - **Self Enrollment** - Customer provides documentation directly to us via multiple available channels
- **Verifying Enrollment:** Customers can check Page 1 of their bill or online



# More Information on EAP Self Enrollment

- At [www.coned.com/EAP](http://www.coned.com/EAP), my Account CE customers can self-enroll by submitting the application online which generates an email for review by back-office personnel.
- Customer can provide documentation directly to Con Edison for certification evaluation via the following channels:
  - Emailed to [EAP@coned.com](mailto:EAP@coned.com)
  - Faxed to 1-212-844-0110
  - Mailed to: Con Edison, PA Central  
4 Irving Place, 9 Floor, Box 13  
New York, NY 10003
  - Walk-In- Center
- The documentation must be the **Benefit Award Letter or Budget Letter** via screenshots, photos, PDFs, and other document types as long as the required information is visible.

# EAP Discounts

- Discounts are based on a 30-day bill and are prorated accordingly. Gross receipt tax and sales tax are included as a credit to the discount.
- EAP customers qualify for one of the following tiers:

Low Income Levels	Tier Description	Electric (Non-Heat Discount)	Electric (Including Heat Discount)	Gas (Non-Heat Discount)	Gas (Including Heat Discount)
Tier 1	Regular HEAP grant <\$435 Or another eligible income qualifier	\$36.77	\$36.77	\$3.58	\$121.42
Tier 2	Regular HEAP grant ≥\$435 and <\$496	\$52.14	\$74.90	\$3.58	\$151.38
Tier 3	HEAP grant ≥\$496	\$73.79	\$118.19	\$3.58	\$173.03
Tier 4	Energy bills paid by public assistance	\$70.43	\$111.48	\$3.58	\$169.67

Effective December 1, 2024

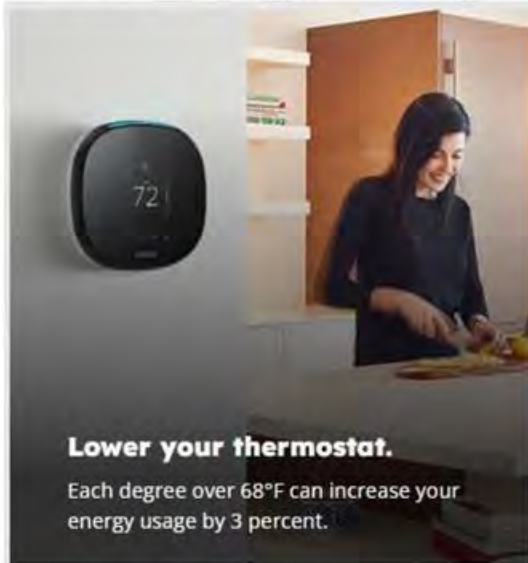
# EnergyShare

- Grants up to \$300 are available for residential customers through [heartshare.org](http://heartshare.org)
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
  - Customer made at least one good-faith payment toward their bill within the last 12 months
  - AND-
  - Customer is eligible for government financial assistance and/or meet federal Home Energy Assistance Program income guidelines.
- **To Apply:**
  - Customers can check on their eligibility through our partner, HeartShare by calling (877) 480-7427 or emailing [heartshareenergy1@heartshare.org](mailto:heartshareenergy1@heartshare.org)





# Energy Savings Tips



# Save on Energy Efficient Products

Get up to \$100 off just for being a Con Edison customer

Product	INCENTIVE	CUSTOMER PURCHASE LIMITS
A/C COVERS	Up to \$5	2
BATT INSULATION	Up to \$15	8
DOOR SWEEP	Up to \$4	2
ENERGY STAR WINDOW	Up to \$100	10
LIQUID CALK	Up to \$2	10
PIPE WRAP	Up to \$2	15
SPRAY FOAM	Up to \$2	12
WEATHER STRIPPING	Up to \$2	10
WINDOW SHRINK KIT	Up to \$4	10

You can save when you make home improvements.

Just find the Con Edison Instant Discount sticker at a participating retailer to save on energy-efficient products when you check out—no coupon needed!



# Bill Management Plans/Resources

## **Payment Agreements**

- We work with customers to arrange suitable payment terms if customers are unable to pay under the terms of the standard payment agreement
- Available to enroll via My Account at [conEd.com/PaymentAgreement](https://conEd.com/PaymentAgreement)

## **Payment Extensions**

- You may be eligible for an extension for your past due bills

## **Budget Billing Plan (Formerly known as the Level Payment Plan)**

- Customers can spread their payments evenly throughout a 12-month period at [conEd.com/PaymentPlans](https://conEd.com/PaymentPlans)







**2024-2025**

## **Home Energy Assistance Program**

### **Cooling Assistance**



## What is the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)?

- HEAP The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that helps low-income homeowners and renters heat and cool their homes. The program has five seasonal components.
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## Cooling Assistance Component

- If eligible, households may receive one Cooling Assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help their home stay cool.
  - Benefits are provided on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants.
- Eligible households can receive a cooling benefit of up to \$1,000 for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner. If one cannot be installed safely, a fan will be provided.





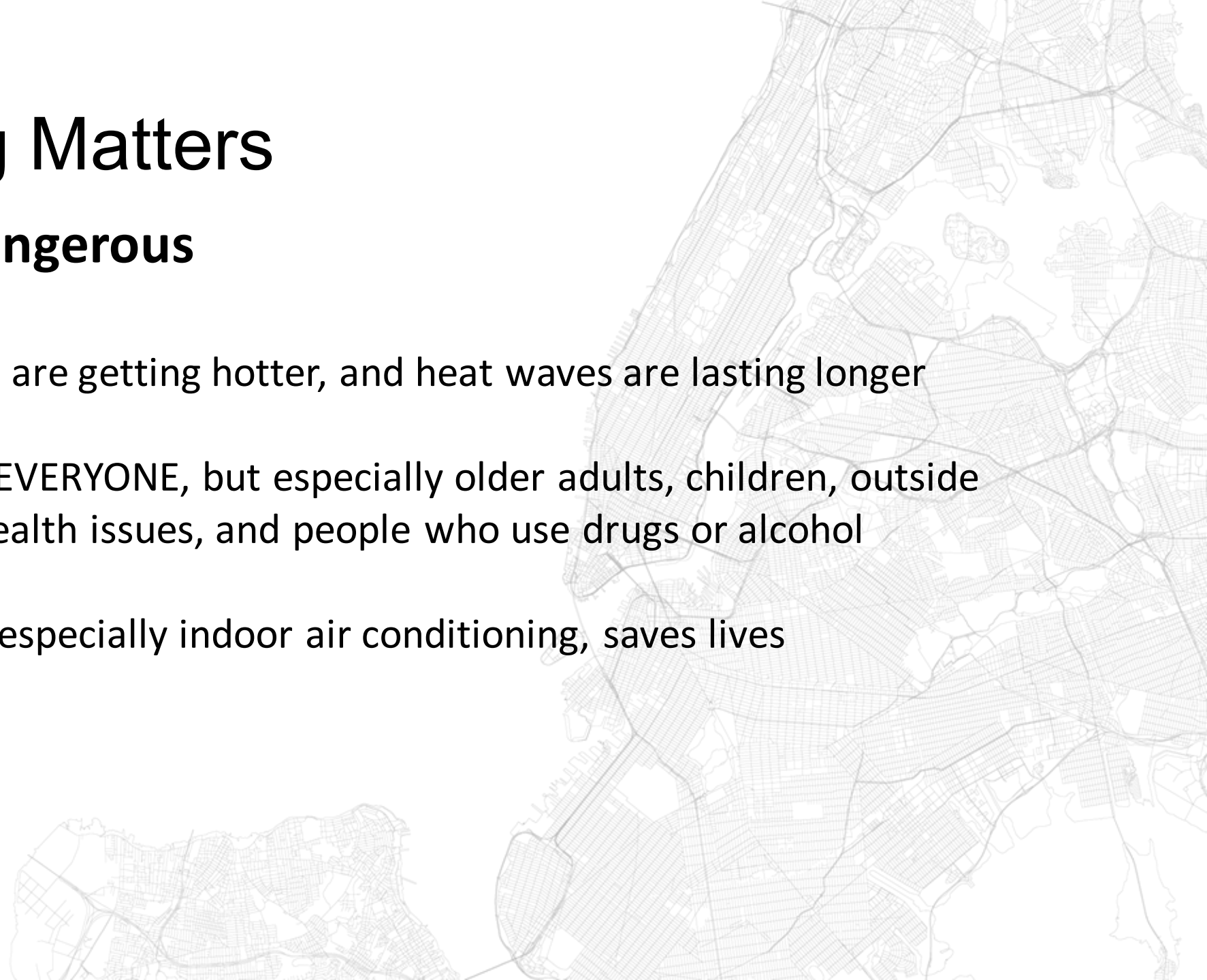
# NYC Cool Options Overview



# Why Cooling Matters

## Extreme Heat is Dangerous

- New York City summers are getting hotter, and heat waves are lasting longer
- Heat can be deadly for EVERYONE, but especially older adults, children, outside workers, people with health issues, and people who use drugs or alcohol
- Access to cool options, especially indoor air conditioning, saves lives

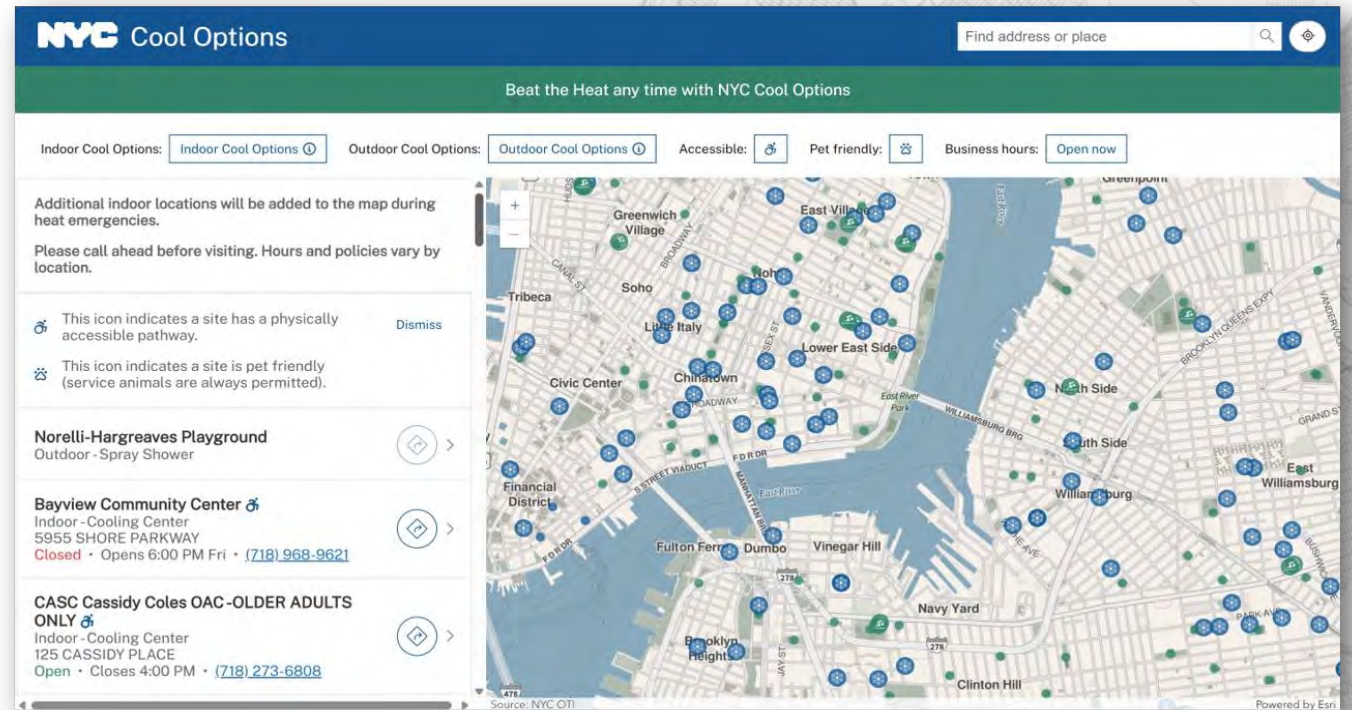




# What is NYC Cool Options?

## A Network of Cool Spaces Across New York City

- Places people can go to get out of the heat
- They are air-conditioned and open to the public
- There are three types of spaces:
  - Indoor Cool Options
    - Cooling Centers
    - Other Indoor Options
  - Outdoor Cool Options



Cool Options can be found on the NYC Cool Options Finder all year round.

[nyc.gov/BeatTheHeat](https://nyc.gov/BeatTheHeat)

You can also call 311 to find a local Cool Option.

# Types of Cool Options

## Indoor Cool Options

- Indoor, air-conditioned spaces
- Free and open to the public
- Pet-friendly and accessible options (service animals always allowed)
- Safe, trusted places in the community
- Variety of options, make a plan ahead of time!





# Types of Cool Options

## Outdoor Cool Options

- Spray showers/sprinklers in public parks
- Outdoor public pools





# Heat Emergencies

## How do operations change?

- Cooling Centers are "activated" at a heat index of 95°F for two days 100°F for one day
- Cooling Centers are affiliated with NYC Emergency Management
  - Cool Options Finder will show real-time hours for Cooling Centers (libraries, recreation centers, older adult centers, etc.)
- Other options do not update real-time
  - Call 311 or visit [nycgovparks.org](https://nycgovparks.org) for Spray Showers and Public Pools (hours may be extended)

# DON'T WAIT – Have a Plan

- If you don't have or don't use an air conditioner at home, you need a plan for when it is dangerously hot
- Visit the NYC Cool Options Finder **before** an emergency – pick a few places local to you so you have options
- If you can't or don't wish to visit one of our options, you should still have a cool place to go
  - A family member or friend's air-conditioned home
  - A local business, such as a café or mall
  - A community organization or house of worship





# Reminders for the Community



## BEAT THE HEAT

Heat is dangerous and kills hundreds of New Yorkers each year.

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community with the right resources to keep cool this summer.

[nyc.gov/beattheheat](https://nyc.gov/beattheheat)



Most effective prevention measure is AC



Set AC to 78°F or “low cool” to be comfortable, save money, and conserve electricity



Hydration is critical to “beating the heat”



Know signs of heat illness



Wear loose clothing

# Indoor Safety Tips

## If you do not have air conditioning at home:

- Open windows and use a fan to bring in cooler outdoor air. This may be most useful at night, when temperatures go down.
- Find a cool option nearby that has air conditioning. This could be a friend's place, a mall, museum, coffee shop, or a library.

## If you have air conditioning at home:

- Set your AC on low cool or 78F to provide a comfortable, safe environment and help save on electricity bills.
- Close your shades or curtains to keep the sun from heating your home more during the day.

## If you or someone in your home uses an electric medical device that is important for health, make a plan in case of a power outage:

- Register the device with your utility company in case of a power outage.
- Make sure you have back-up batteries on hand, and extra equipment like oxygen tanks, if you need them.
- Sign up for Notify NYC to receive free emergency alerts when extreme heat and other emergencies happen.
- New Yorkers can sign up at [NYC.gov/NotifyNYC](https://nyc.gov/NotifyNYC) or by calling 311.



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 **NYCEM**  
New York City Emergency Management



# Outdoor Safety Tips

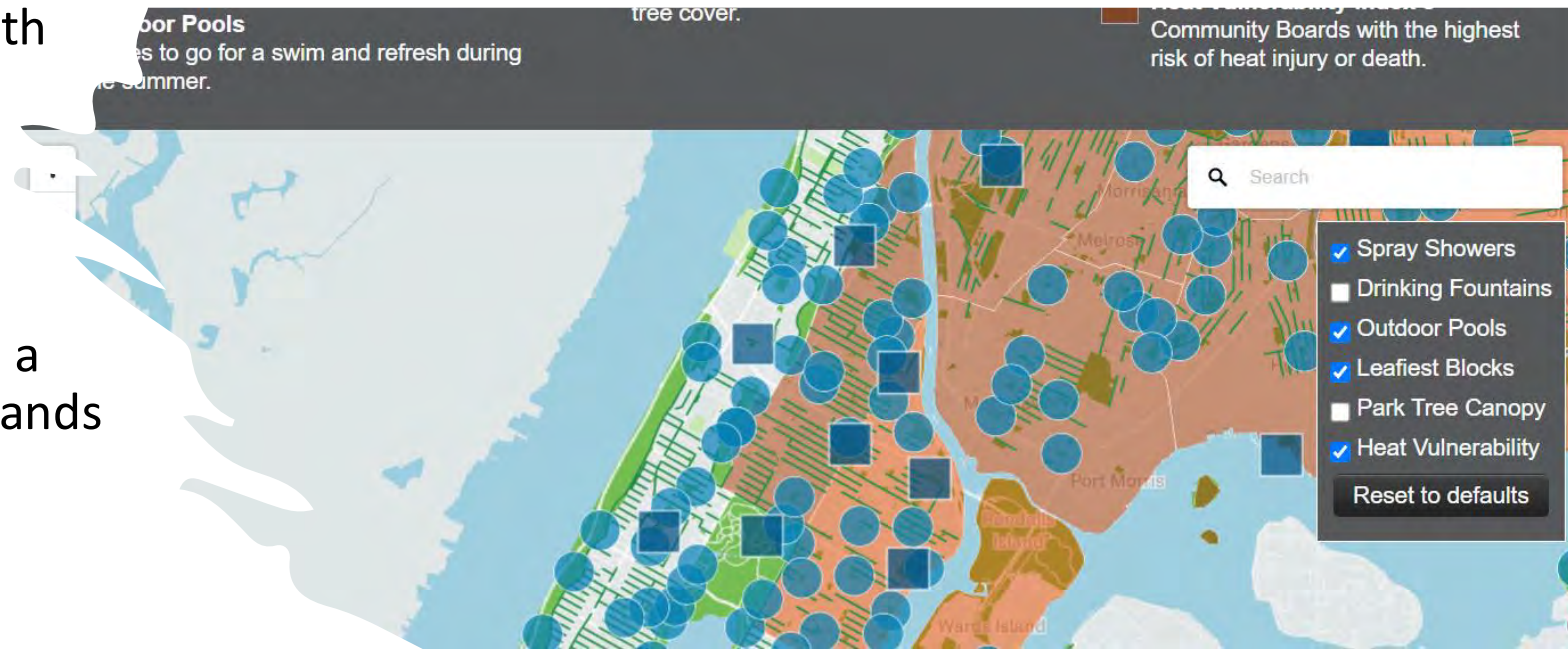
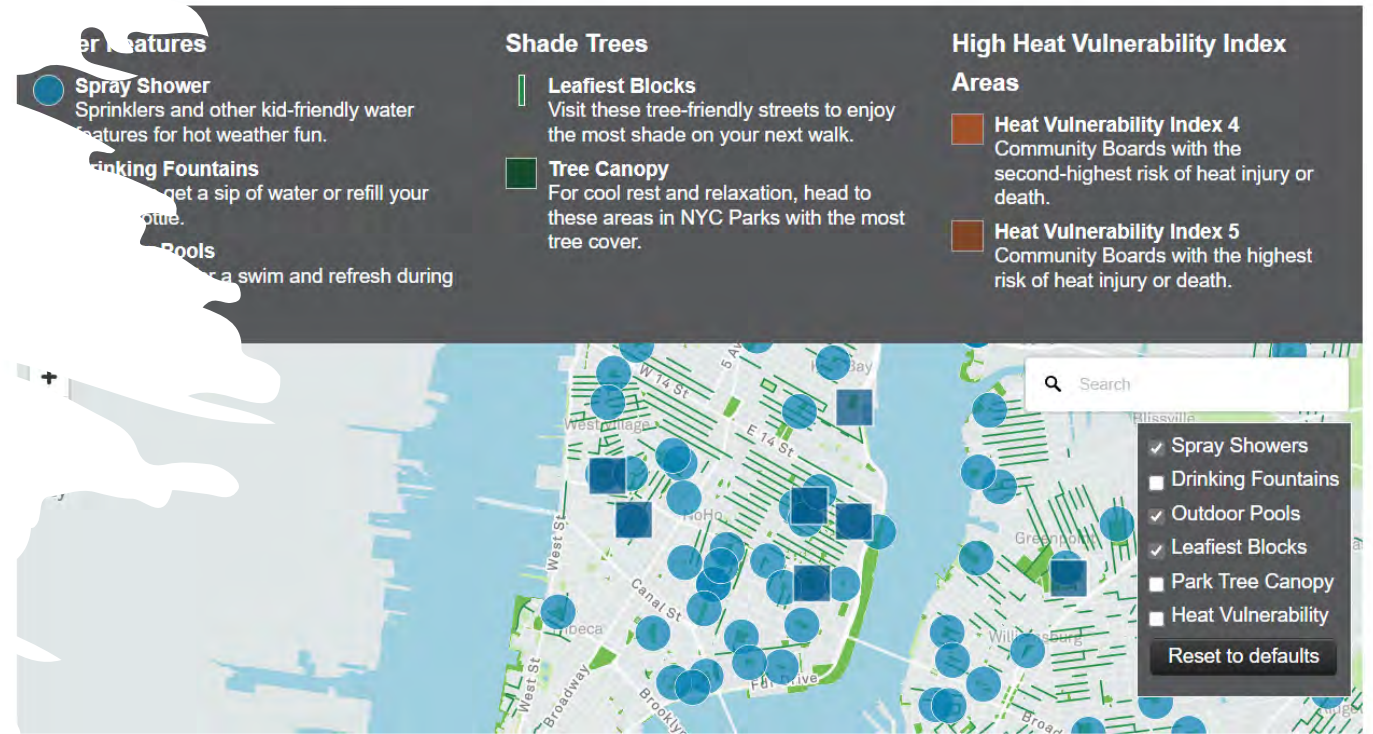
- During Heat Emergencies, you can also utilize NYC Parks “Cool it! NYC” tool to find sprinklers, pools, and shade in your area!

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/cool-it-nyc>

- Stay Hydrated – Drink Water & Drinks with Electrolytes

- Use Spray Caps to Open Hydrants

Ask local firehouse to install a spray cap on a nearby hydrant. Spray caps prevents thousands of gallons being loss



# Stay Connected and Share Information

**NYC** SevereWeather

Notify **NYC**

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Advance Warning  
System

**NYC** Emergency  
Management **COMMUNITY**  
**PREPAREDNESS**



# Notify **NYC**

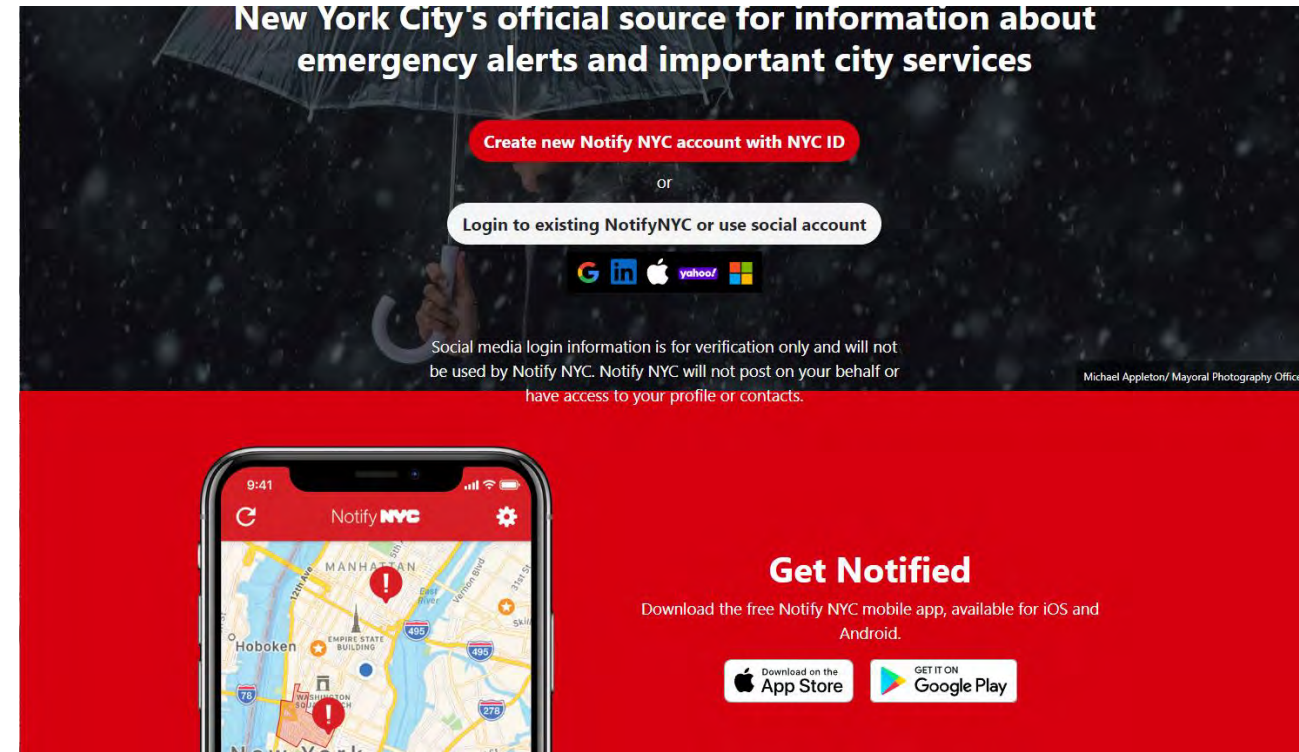
NYC has made it easier to sign up for Notify NYC.

Text **"NOTIFYNYC" to 692-692**, to sign up for citywide SMS text alerts. When prompted, provide your zip code to sign up for neighborhood-based SMS text alerts.

## Notification Types

Notify NYC offers messaging in 13 languages.

- Emergency Alerts
- Significant Events
- Public Health
- Planned Events
- Major Traffic Disruptions
- Basement Alerts\*
- Public Beach Notifications
- Local Mass Transit Disruptions
- Weather Updates
- Regional Mass Transit \*Disruptions
- Ferry Disruptions
- Police Advisories\*



[nyc.gov/notifynyc](https://nyc.gov/notifynyc)

Or

Call 311 to Register



# THANK YOU!

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**communityprep@oem.nyc.gov**

FOLLOW US:  
**NYCEmergencyManagement**



**NYC** Emergency Management

### Join our NYCEM Community Prep Newsletter!

When you sign up for our mailing list, you'll receive emergency preparedness information for your community. You'll also read about various free City resources and emergency preparedness related training opportunities.

\* Email

First Name

Last Name

Organization/Agency

**Sign Up**

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# NYC 2025 Heat Resources

## HEAP Cooling Assistance

- **APPLY NOW for HEAP cooling assistance**, funding is limited, at [ACCESS HRA](#)
- Mail completed HEAP application to: Home Energy Assistance Program/HEAP P.O. Box 1401 Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008 **OR**
- Fax the HEAP application and supporting documents to 917-639-2900
- [Paper applications](#) for HEAP Cooling Assistance from HRA. [Paper applications](#) from OTDA should be available soon
- Apply in person or drop off a completed application at [HEAP Benefit Access Center](#)

## DOHMH

- NYC Health Department Heat Health Webpage – [nyc.gov/health/heat](https://nyc.gov/health/heat)
- [Climate and Health Hub](#)
- [Heat Vulnerability Index](#)
- Summer heat “Keep Cool” [Postcard](#) (also in 13 other languages)
- Cool Options: <https://finder.nyc.gov/coolingcenters/?1595030400000>

## Finances

- HRA [Cash Assistance](#)
- HeatShare [Energyshare](#)
- ConEd [Energy Affordability](#)

## Con Edison

### Reporting and Tracking an Outage

- Report Online at [www.conEd.com/Outage](http://www.conEd.com/Outage) • Call 1-800-75-CONED(26633)
- Get Text Updates: Sign up Text REG to 688-243 to get started [www.conEd.com/TextAlerts](http://www.conEd.com/TextAlerts)
- Using the Outage Map [www.conEd.com/OutageMap](http://www.conEd.com/OutageMap)
- **Spoilage and Medication claims** [OutageClaims@coned.com](mailto:OutageClaims@coned.com) • [www.conEd.com/LawClaims](http://www.conEd.com/LawClaims)
- At [www.coned.com/EAP](http://www.coned.com/EAP), my Account CE customers can self-enroll by submitting the application online which generates an email for review by back-office personnel.
- Customer can provide documentation directly to Con Edison for certification evaluation via the following channels:
  - Emailed to [EAP@coned.com](mailto:EAP@coned.com) or Faxed to 1-212-844-0110

- Mailed to: Con Edison, PA Central 4 Irving Place, 9 Floor, Box 13 New York, NY 10003
- Walk-In- Center ▪ The documentation must be the **Benefit Award Letter or Budget Letter** via screenshots, photos, PDFs, and other document types as long as the required information is visible.

### **Energy Share**

Grants up to \$300 are available for eligible residential customers through heartshare.org

- To Apply: ▪ Customers can check on their eligibility through our partner, HeartShare by calling (877) 480-7427 or emailing [heartshareenergy1@heartshare.org](mailto:heartshareenergy1@heartshare.org)

### **Life Safety Equipment**

- Con Edison will provide alerts after you [register](#).
- Register with [PSE&G](#) Critical Care program for disruption alerts for some Queens residents.

### **Bill Management**

Plans/Resources Payment Agreements

- Payment terms [conEd.com/PaymentAgreement](https://conEd.com/PaymentAgreement)
- Budget Billing Plan (Formerly known as the Level Payment Plan) [conEd.com/PaymentPlans](https://conEd.com/PaymentPlans)

### **NYCEM/NWS**

- Cool Options at [NYC Cool Options Finder](#) and by calling 311
- [Plan for Hazards - Heat](#)
- [NWS Watch/Warning/Advisory Definitions](#)
- [Community Preparedness Newsletter](#)
- [Ready New York](#) Request an individual preparedness training or materials
- [Notify NYC](#)



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**[EXTERNAL] D265235 Construction Notice - Entrance Ramp Closure from Williamsburg Street to eastbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (I-278) on or about June 3-30**

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**From** dot.sm.NYS DOTRegion11CommunityLiaison**Date** Mon 6/2/2025 10:12 AM

1 attachment (289 KB)

D265235 Construction Notice - Entrance Ramp Closure from Williamsburg Street to eastbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (I-278) on or about June 3-30 .pdf;

Dear Brooklyn Community Board 1 and Elected Officials,

Kindly review the attached subject construction notice regarding an entrance ramp closure from Williamsburg Street to the eastbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway for NYSDOT's project D265235.

Please use the attached as needed for distribution to your constituents.

Thank you for your patience as NYSDOT continues to improve our transportation infrastructure in New York City.

Sincerely,

Angela Salibi-Ghattas

**Community Liaison**

New York State Department of Transportation

Region 11 – New York City

47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Long Island City, NY 11101



**Department of  
Transportation**

## **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: CONTRACT D265235**

**CLOSURE OF ENTRANCE RAMP FROM WILLIAMSBURG STREET  
TO EASTBOUND BROOKLYN-QUEENS EXPRESSWAY (I-278)  
IN BROOKLYN**

**ON OR ABOUT TUESDAY, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**

**WEEKDAYS AT 12 AM AND CONTINUING THROUGH 5 AM**  
**EACH MORNING**

**SATURDAYS AT 12 AM AND CONTINUING THROUGH 6 AM**

**SUNDAYS AT 12 AM AND CONTINUING THROUGH 9 AM**

**(WEATHER PERMITTING)**

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is advising motorists that there will be a closure of the entrance ramp from Williamsburg Street to the eastbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (I-278) in Brooklyn, on or about Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, through Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Closures will occur on weekdays at 12 a.m. and continue through 5 a.m. each morning; Saturdays at 12 a.m. and continue through 6 a.m.; and Sundays at 12 a.m. and continue through 9 a.m. Please note that there will be noise during these overnight operations.

Motorists wanting to access the eastbound I-278 during this entrance ramp closure should continue along Williamsburg Street and follow the signed detour.

Inclement weather may delay the scheduled work.

**This closure will facilitate painting operations under the Bedford Avenue Bridge for the NYSDOT \$23.8 million project painting bridges at various location in New York City.**



Thank you for your patience and cooperation as NYSDOT continues to improve our transportation infrastructure in New York City.


Contact information for NYSDOT Community Liaison:  
NYSDOTRegion11CommunityLiaison@dot.ny.gov; 917-885-1008

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**NYCDOT- Greenpoint Ave Bridge Lanes closure June 9th to July 3rd**

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**From** Cortaza, Maritza  
**Date** Mon 6/2/2025 1:31 PM  
**To** Cortaza, Maritza

 1 attachment (295 KB)  
Greenpoint Avenue Bridge lane closure 6.9.25 .pdf;

Dear Stakeholder,

On or about **Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** , and intermittent through **Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>** , the NYCDOT Division of Bridges will conduct repairs on the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge over Newtown Creek. As a result, either east-bound or westbound single lane closure will take place (not at the same time) **between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.** During repairs, the bike lanes will be open on both directions. *One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times.*

Subject to weather conditions.

Please see notice attached.

Best Regards,

**Maritza Cortaza**  
Community Coordinator | Division of Bridges  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street 5<sup>th</sup> Floor | New York, NY 10041  
Monday /Thursday WFH days



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Ydanis Rodriguez, Commissioner

## Greenpoint Avenue Bridge over Newton Creek

Community Board No. 1K, 2Q

Brooklyn, Queens

June 2025



your city. your needs.  
your number

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### Westbound and Eastbound Lane Closure

June 9<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday to Friday

11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

**Weeknights**

*Traffic will be restored to its original configuration after work hours.*

Maritza Cortaza from the office of Community Affairs is available to provide information about this project at 212-839-6302 or at [mcortaza@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:mcortaza@dot.nyc.gov) For all NYC non-emergency services, including inquiries regarding NYCDOT construction projects, dial 311.



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## City of New York's first Urban Forest Plan

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**From** Salig, Mary (Parks)

**Date** Tue 6/3/2025 2:32 PM

**To** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>

Dear CB1,

We're excited to share that the City of New York is developing its first [Urban Forest Plan](#)—a citywide initiative to equitably expand and care for our tree canopy. This effort is critical to improving air quality, absorbing stormwater, and protecting communities from extreme heat.

To ensure the plan reflects the diverse needs and strengths of all neighborhoods, we've put together a short questionnaire (it only takes about 10-20 minutes to fill out) to inform the process and we need your help spreading the word about it. We're trying to get as many New Yorkers as possible to participate in the survey. It is available in 10 languages including English.

**Please help us gather community input by sharing the questionnaire link with your community:** <https://inform.urbanforestplan.nyc/>

Thank you!

**Mary Salig-Husain (she/her/hers)**

Park Administrator

North Brooklyn Parks

### NYC Parks

Bushwick Inlet Park

86 Kent Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11249

[nyc.gov/parks](https://nyc.gov/parks) | [Follow us on Social Media](#)

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# What's Happening Here?

Add Bike Lanes

Improve Connections

Engert Ave., Newton St., and Bayard St.  
Bicycle Lane Network Expansion

Enhance Safety

Upgrade Corridor Markings

**NYC DOT will implement safety improvements in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, connecting conventional bicycle lanes to McGuinness Blvd. and the existing bike network:**

- Add new markings to organize roadway and reduce speeding
- Improve and clarify bicycle network near Meeker Ave.
- Install conventional bicycle lanes on Engert Ave. (McGuinness Blvd. to Monitor St.), Monitor St. (Engert Ave. to Meeker Ave.), Newton St. (Manhattan Ave. to McGuinness Blvd.) and Bayard St. (McGuinness Blvd. to Leonard St.)
- Continue installation of conventional bicycle lane on Green St. from West St. to Manhattan Ave.

**Implementation begins June 2025**

Existing:  
Bayard St. (Graham Ave. to McGuinness Blvd.)



Proposed:  
Irving Ave. (Cornelia St. to Putnam Ave.)

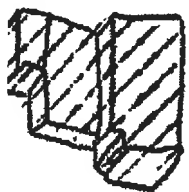


For additional information about this project, contact the NYC DOT Brooklyn Borough Commissioner's Office at **646-829-1350** or visit our website: [nyc.gov/dot](https://nyc.gov/dot)  
To sign up for NYC DOT updates, visit [nyc.gov/dotnews](https://nyc.gov/dotnews)

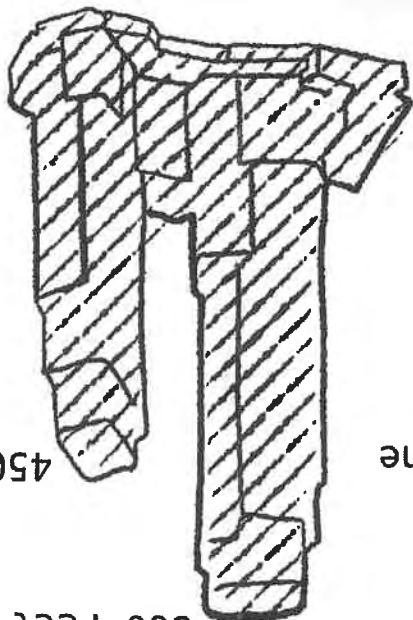
**VISION  
ZERO**  
Building a  
Safer City



NYC  
311



150 Feet



450 Feet

600 Feet

The looming towers are a threat to wildlife and will reduce the inlet to a water feature of the huge development.

Bushwick Inlet

Built within a 100-year flood zone, the massive skyscrapers will work against nature-based flood defenses that would best protect the neighborhood.



Looming towers of reflective glass will kill migratory birds.



Rising rents



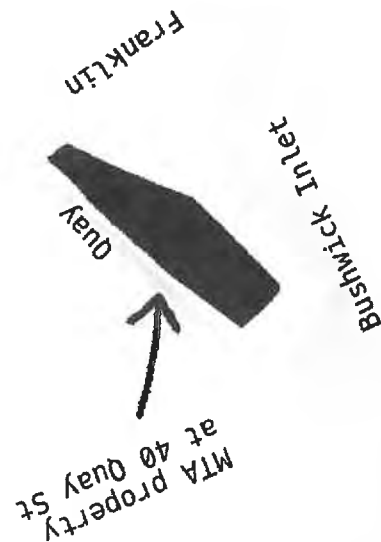
3,000 more residents



No new green space

There is a housing crisis in NYC. There is also an open space crisis. North Brooklyn has the MOST housing built since 2010 AND one of the lowest park space per capita ratios.

East River



**SAVE  
THE  
INLET  
.ORG**

MTA is proposing to use publicly-owned property to build 3 huge luxury towers extremely close to the water's edge.

**NO MTA  
TOWER AT  
40 QUAY**

**PUBLIC LAND FOR  
PUBLIC GOOD**





# A Greener, Fairer Future for Greenpoint

Monitor Point at 40 Quay St. is rooted in Greenpoint's values and priorities, grounded in responding to community needs. **The TRUTH about Monitor Point is that it's...**



## Connected to Nature, Built for the Future

**FACT:** Expanded access to Bushwick Inlet Park with new public waterfront space

**FACT:** Ensures natural landscaping, walkways, and habitat improvements

**FACT:** Delivers climate-resilient infrastructure and shoreline protection to protect against flooding



## A Place to Call Home – For Everyone

**FACT:** Includes deeply affordable housing for local families and neighbors

**FACT:** Adopts contextual design to complement the park and surrounding neighborhood



## Still Public. Still Green.

**FACT:** Private investment in the Greenpoint Monitor Museum, exemplifying commitment to public facilities

**FACT:** Provides revenue to the Parks Department to ensure ongoing maintenance of adjacent Bushwick Inlet Park

**FACT:** Provides revenue to the MTA to support transit system maintenance and capital program

**FACT:** Provides and enhances public access to green and open space



## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Help bring more housing  
and a more resilient  
Bushwick Inlet Park to Greenpoint!

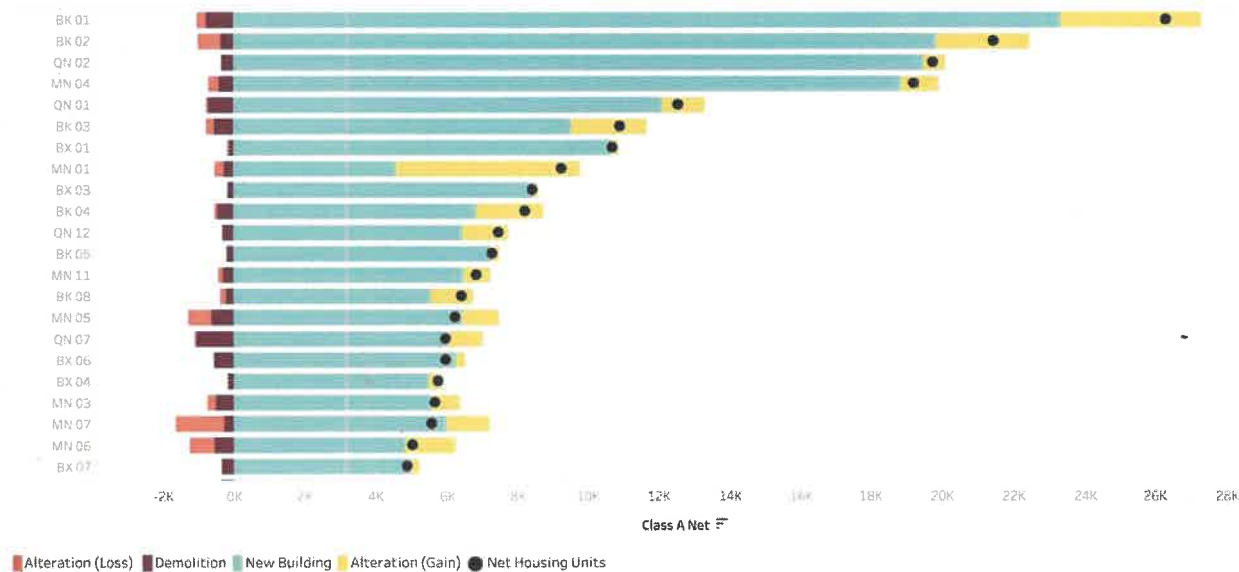
[www.monitorpointonquay.com/  
support](http://www.monitorpointonquay.com/support)



# **GREENPOINT-WILLIAMSBURG (BK01) HAD THE MOST NEW HOUSING UNITS IN NEW YORK CITY OVER THE LAST DECADE.**

Between 2010 and 2020, Community Board 1 — which encompasses Greenpoint and Williamsburg — added 18,500 units of a housing, while Community District 18 — which encompasses Canarsie, Bergen Beach, Mill Basin, Flatlands, Marine Park, Georgetown, and Mill Island — only added 500 units."

Completed Housing Units by Community District



## Brief History of Greenpoint 1 bedroom average rental price

April 2010: \$2,057/mo

April 2018: \$2,548/mo - 24% increase

April 2025: \$4,521/mo - 77% increase

\*The first towers with an affordable housing component (like Monitor Point) opened in 2018.

**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**To:** [Guan, Jimmy \[CB\]](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] 11222 resident / Monitor point development  
**Date:** Friday, June 13, 2025 9:28:40 AM

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**From:** Jonathan Jackson <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 6:29 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 11222 resident / Monitor point development

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It was great to hear the details of the Monitor Point development, and it honestly looks like they put alot of thought into this, but I have to oppose.

Greenpoint is bordered by a waterfront and there is little open space to be enjoyed with all the new development that has been built on the waterfront in the last 15 years. The impact of this massive increase in population has to be given time, but it has lowered the open space per capital ratio, and is presently unsustainable, with limited parking, transportation options. Sadly the developer had no answer to how this will impact car parking in the neighborhood, or the effect on rents in the neighborhood. However what is apparent is that previous promises made by developers that have built on the waterfront have not been honored, and until the open space to resident ration is improved this would be a privital project the would tip the balance. Greenpoint already suffers from a lack of open space and preserving the Bushwick Inlet as a place of natural importance would boost the credibility of the neighborhood, and would go a long way to easing that open space problem. The housing crisis will not be solved by another luxury waterfront development. We have seen other luxury developments in Gowanus, and around the Barcleys Centre that did not fulfill the promised affordable homes. Therefore after the broken promises of parks along the Greenpoint waterfront, and developments I just mentioned I mkiust seriously oppose Goithan Org proposal.

Jonathan Jackson  
Green St,  
Brooklyn, NY, 11222

**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Bcc:**

**Subject:**  
**Date:**

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**From:** Bianca Bello  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 7:04 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Concerns about Monitor Point development

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I wanted to share a few reasons why:

- The proposed buildings are 75% luxury housing, which will further raise the rents of the entire neighborhood. The ratio of affordable housing is not nearly enough.
- The buildings will bring in thousands of residents to a strip of the neighborhood with already strained resources. North Brooklyn has had the most housing built since 2010, but we also have the lowest park ratios per capita - we need more green space not luxury skyscrapers.
- The Dept. of City planning has already found the development to cause environmental harm to nearly all areas that they investigated.
- The proposed buildings are on top of Bushwick Inlet, an estuary habitat that is unique on the east river. It is a migratory bird sanctuary with rare and protected species. Once the habitat is disturbed, it can't be replaced.
- The proposed buildings will disrupt the valuable flood protection that the Inlet provides. Building within 50 feet of the water is not a climate resilient strategy.

I urge you as my representatives to please not let Monitor Point break ground.

Thank you,  
Bianca Bello

**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**To:** [Guan, Jimmy \[CB\]](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Concerns about Monitor Point development  
**Date:** Friday, June 13, 2025 9:27:57 AM

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Bianca Bello  
Diamond St



**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**To:** [Guan, Jimmy \[CB\]](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] I support more homes at Monitor Point  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:28:48 PM

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**From:** Dan Miller <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:53 AM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support more homes at Monitor Point

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Dear members of CB1,

I live near Greenpoint and frequently bike past the Monitor Point site, and I'm very excited for the addition of a large number of new homes in the area. The city has a huge housing shortage, and projects like this are part of the solution--we need more housing of all types, both subsidized and market-rate. As a market-rate renter, I especially support the construction of more market-rate units--the more we build, the fewer people will be competing with me the next time I look for an apartment. More supply helps reduce rent increases and makes the neighborhood more welcoming and affordable.

Sincerely,  
Dan Miller  
Astoria, NY

**From:** [\[CB\]](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Upzoning at 40 Quay St / Monitor Point  
**Date:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:01:15 AM

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**From:** JENNI PIETROMONACO <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:04 PM  
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Hello,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed upzoning of 40 Quay St. I was unable to attend the June 10, 2025 meeting due to over-capacity.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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## CB 1 meeting - Scott Fraser/Monitor Point Comment

This week at a global ocean conference in France...60 heads of state are calling the world to action to confront a global emergency...warming oceans...rising seas...and the destruction of biodiversity and marine environments.

I've lived in Greenpoint for 45 years and watched with sadness as our community's dreams of an emerald green necklace and sustainable waterfront from Newtown Creek to the Williamsburg Bridge has vanished...hi-rise luxury tower by hi-rise tower.

I've always believed in the importance of thinking globally and acting locally. That's why I'm vigorously opposing Gotham's proposal to build 120 stories of steel and glass in a flood zone...just 50 feet from Bushwick Inlet. Gotham's proposal is THE proverbial last straw of waterfront development that will break our neighborhood's back.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Guan, Jimmy \[CB\]](#)  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] CB1 resident supporting the Monitor Point Project  
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**From:** Lana Irons <>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:02 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CB1 resident supporting the Monitor Point Project

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To the Honorable Members of Community Board 1,

I am reaching out to offer my full support for the Monitor Point Project. I live in Greenpoint north of the proposed project on West Street. So many people in our community and in the communities around us are feeling the struggle of rising rents. This project offers an exceptional amount of deeply affordable housing beyond what we usually see in similar projects. I know colleagues who work in the Public hospital system who have been able to stay in Greenpoint due to affordable housing built alongside market rate housing like this. The public benefits also are incredible due to the direct support of local parks, payments to the MTA capital plan, and flood protection from sea level rise which is an ever present threat to our community. I urge the community board to support this project fully. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Lana Irons MD

**From:** [Guan, Jimmy \[CB\]](#)  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Cory Kantin Testimony - Against Monitor Point - For better housing & land use.  
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**From:** Cory Kantin <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 2:34 PM  
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Hello! My name is Cory Kantin, I am a resident of CB1 since 2008, a real estate broker, and a former CB1 member,

In 2006, I was hired as the first salesperson to sell the rezoned Greenpoint/Williamsburg Waterfront. **I was very supportive of the rezoning.** In fact, I was the first person to move on the rezoned land in May of 08'. I live there today. I rent over 100 apartments for my clients on the waterfront 1/2 mile from the proposed site.

Why am I telling you this? Because, if this were a court hearing about waterfront rental dynamics, I would qualify as an expert in this field.

I want to share with you my first hand knowledge of why the luxury towers with affordable housing, like Monitor Point have not lowered rent and why at the proposed mix (75% luxury/25% affordable), **Monitor Point will not make our neighborhood more affordable.**

**Supply is supposed to lessen demand. So, why are rents continuing to go up?**

What is happening is that the luxury component in buildings like Monitor Point break the price ceiling on rents and normalizes higher numbers, which allows the older buildings (like the ones I rent, to also charge more). Why? It's not a closed system where increased supply trickles down; it doesn't, **it brings in wealthy people from other neighborhoods and raises the cost and the demand at the same time.** Essentially by building luxury housing, we have changed our neighborhood from a working class neighborhood to an upper class neighborhood. **If you build it, they will come.**

Here's some stats about Greepoints average 1 bdr rents:



Greenpoint 1 bedroom rent:

[April 2010:](#) 2057

[April 2018:](#) 2548 (~when the first Greenpoint waterfront towers with affordable housing were built) - 24% increase

[April 2025:](#) 4521 - 77% increase.

This means that the 7 years prior to the Greenpoint mixed income towers, rents were up 24%. Once the mixed income towers like Monitor point were built, rents went up 77%.

**In essence, we built towers like Monitor Point and rents rose more than double what they had before. Why would we think Monitor Point will be different?**

**IF, the tower was more than 50% affordable housing**, then yes, this could provide relief, but the mixture of this building at 75% affordable housing is a **majority luxury building**.

In the affordable housing community, there is an acronym: **NOAH. Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing**. What we're doing is exchanging our NOAH's, or Naturally Occuring Somewhat Affordable Housing for the restricted developer owned affordable units. All while adding another 1100 apts on top of the newly added 20,000 apartments. Located next to the only give-back of the 2005 rezoning that isn't finished, yet is sacred to our community, Bushwick Inlet Park.

I stayed on the land use committee so I could work on this issue. Feel free to contact me to discuss ; I'm happy to provide more stats and work to create true affordable housing.

Sincerely,  
Cory Kantin

**From:**  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] I Support Monitor Point - 300 Income Restricted Homes AND a Park!  
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**To:** Guan, Jimmy [CB] <>  
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**From:** Salvatore Franchino <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 8:20 AM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>; **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I Support Monitor Point - 300 Income Restricted Homes AND a Park!

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Hello CB 1 and AM Gallagher,

I was not able to testify at last night's meeting, but was proud to stand with the Local 79 and 32 BJ unions, as well as a diverse group of parents, rent stabilized tenants (I am rent stabilized too!), and lottery apartment winners. We all support flood resiliency, increased park space, and more homes. Monitor Point delivers on everything.

None of those speaking in opposition mentioned whether or not they rent and many have lived here for decades, suggesting they have more housing stability than those speaking in favor of Monitor Point. Please listen to those of us with less privilege; we would love to also live here for decades but are afraid we won't be able to if housing remains scarce.

I heard CB 1 (I think Del Teague in particular) bring up very valid points about CB1 needing more 2 and 3 BR apartments. Everyone I know if a 2/3 BR has adult roommates, and they live like this because it's cheaper. If we build more studios and 1BRs for them, it will open up 2/3BR apartments for families with children. Monitor Point will help achieve this goal.

Sadly, rents have kept going up for decades because NYC and Long Island as a whole have not built much housing, even as CB1 has built. It has nothing to do with the 2000s waterfront rezoning. Let's be an example to the region and show that more homes make a more vibrant community.

Some other misc thoughts:

- Gotham and the 700 Market Rate tenants will provide the funding to the MTA, to greenspace, to flood resiliency, and to the 300 income-restricted homes. The alternative

means finding money from elsewhere, and I believe trying to find alternate funding would delay the opening of a park. After all, Domino Park opened well before the expanded park space north of Bushwick Inlet Park.

- The status quo is a bus depot. The ecosystem is currently fragile and prone to flooding. Monitor Point would improve this. And an unfunded idea of "only a park" threatens the ecosystem far more than Monitor Point.
- I live on an R6B street and my home would be illegal to be built today under that zoning. Only \$2 million condos seem to get built in R6B zones in CB1. If anyone thinks Monitor Point is luxury housing, well the alternative is even more luxurious! Those defending the R6B contextual zoning seem to act like the zoning was written by omnipotent geniuses and that it should never change. I think flexibility and change is good.

Warm regards,  
Salvatore Franchino, Devoe Street

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**From:** Dan Miller <>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:53 AM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>  
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Dear members of CB1,

I live near Greenpoint and frequently bike past the Monitor Point site, and I'm very excited for the addition of a large number of new homes in the area. The city has a huge housing shortage, and projects like this are part of the solution--we need more housing of all types, both subsidized and market-rate. As a market-rate renter, I especially support the construction of more market-rate units--the more we build, the fewer people will be competing with me the next time I look for an apartment. More supply helps reduce rent increases and makes the neighborhood more welcoming and affordable.

Sincerely,  
Dan Miller  
Astoria, NY

**From:**  
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**From:** Kate yourke.org <>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 6:15 PM  
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Statement of Kate Yourke on Gotham / MTA Monitor Point development to CB 1

I have come here to express my disappointment and discouragement that this unique parcel of publicly-owned waterfront could become giant luxury towers and flashy retail stores.

The Lenape people who lived in our area were called Canarsie, or 'Keepers of the Watershed.' They called the river Muscota, or 'Place of Reeds.' Our relationship to the river and the shoreline has poisoned the soil and the water, and contributed to climate impacts like the massive flooding and sewage overflow from Superstorm Sandy.

This community has been planning for this special parcel, organizing for decades with the intention that it would provide respite- first from the noxious industry, then from the obnoxious luxury on our lovely River.

Bushwick Inlet has been the jewel in the crown of our waterfront, while also being the most precious and vulnerable piece.

The release of hazardous materials from the site and the impact to wildlife of this scale of construction will be devastating to this sensitive ecosystem, as will the impacts resulting from 1,000 rental apartments and 30-50,000 sq. ft. of retail and commercial space, including parking, retail, deliveries, water runoff, sewage treatment, etc.

After our community has fought for decades to create and cultivate park land- over-use and new shadows will impact plantings and trees, as well as the enjoyment of our precious open space. For a

community with so little open space, this is unacceptable.

This shoreline hosts species of migratory birds that rely on this stopover as they navigate the complex environment of NYC. Planning to use 'bird-friendly' windows on glass skyscrapers will be sorely inadequate to mitigate the impact of bird strikes on these vulnerable populations.

The impact of bringing so many people into this area will be profound not only on this vulnerable environment, but on the other resources like schools, libraries, park facilities, roads, streets, subways, buses, ferries, and the Newtown Creek Sewage Treatment Center. The Monitor Point development will destroy the character of this parcel of land and the open space surrounding it.

At a time when global warming is reaching its tipping point, it is absolutely unacceptable to build such an enormous development in a flood zone, much less one with a toxic history.

The literature promoting this development offers a 'Greener, Fairer future, connected to Nature' and claims to make the shoreline 'resilient.' Let's be clear, this is a proposal for 3 enormous towers and a retail strip- not a fantasy nature preserve.

I implore you to reject this project for the massive volume of its negative impact on the environment and the community.

There are no actions that could to mitigate the profound negative impacts of this proposed development.

In the interests of protecting the public interest, I implore you to reject this proposal



**From:** [Guan, Jimmy \[CB\]](#)  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Opinion on Monitor Point  
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**From:** Adam Kwapich <>  
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Hello, my name is Adam, former resident of Greenpoint. My family, like the majority of Polish immigrant working class families was displaced from the neighborhood due to the rezoning in the early 2000s. The Monitor Point Proposal would drastically accelerate the gentrification and displacement in Greenpoint. We need affordable housing in Greenpoint, not a Midtown Manhattan skyscraper. Additionally, the location of this proposal would severely damage the precious ecosystem of the Bushwick Inlet. I do not want to see more families displaced like mine was. This is why I strongly urge Community Board 1 and all our local elected officials to vote no on Monitor Point. Let's keep Greenpoint green and make it affordable again.

Sincerely,

Adam

**From:**  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Monitor Point Upzoning at 40 Quay St  
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**From:** stephanie pietromonaco <>  
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I am writing to register my opposition to the upzoning and proposed development at [40 Quay Street](#), also known as Monitor Point. I was unable to attend the June 10th public meeting, as the venue had reached capacity.

The scale of the proposed towers is incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The height and density would permanently alter the character of the area and put undue strain on local infrastructure. If the development proceeds, I ask that you strongly consider reducing the height and overall footprint of the buildings.

There are several key issues that warrant further review and public consideration:

- **Open Space:** The influx of nearly 2,800 new residents far surpasses the threshold for open space impact analysis. Without adequate planning, this will put pressure on already limited recreational areas.
- **Shadows:** The proposed buildings would cast significant shadows on vital green spaces such as Bushwick Inlet Park and Marsha P. Johnson State Park, potentially diminishing their usability and ecological health.
- **Hazardous Materials:** Ground disturbance in the development area could expose hazardous substances, creating environmental and safety concerns for the community.
- **Public Health:** Air quality, noise levels, and other environmental factors during and after construction may negatively impact the well-being of nearby residents.
- **Neighborhood Character:** This project would disrupt the visual, cultural, and historic character of the neighborhood. It risks setting a precedent for overdevelopment along the waterfront.
- **Construction Impacts:** A construction period extending beyond two years poses long-term disruptions to local life—noise, dust, traffic congestion, and stress on public services.

Greenpoint and Williamsburg deserve development that is thoughtful, sustainable, and responsive to the community—not oversized projects that disregard the fabric of the neighborhood.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

Stephanie Pietromonaco

**From:**  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
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**From:**  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] please vote NO on the Monitor Point development!  
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**From:** Ruthie Osborne <>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 7:34 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] please vote NO on the Monitor Point development!

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Hi,

I tried to make it to the meeting tonight but it was overcrowded. I don't know if you're reading e-mails concerning the Monitor Point development discussed this evening, but as a resident of Greenpoint the last 13 years, and 11 of those on the block of Franklin St & Milton St, and a member of the 61 Franklin St Community Garden, please know that the consensus of those living in the area is that the development will not aid in providing well-built or long-lasting or even aesthetically pleasing housing that has any kind of connection with the surrounding neighborhood. The "affordable" units will only last how ever many years they're regulated to - I think 30? Barely a generation.

It's going to be another gigantic tower with no character and paying no attention to the scale of the neighborhood around it.

Have you not heard the overwhelming complaints about the extremely low quality of the new high rises on West St? How is this going to be any different? I'm both an art/local historian who's done research for Preservation Greenpoint and also an interior designer who works on job sites and knows from friends who've won the lottery first hand at how shoddy this construction is.

The new huge tower - a rendering of which I had to dig online for, as it wasn't shown on the hand out I got at the meeting door - will not provide safety or eyes on the street as the retail will be overpriced for any local businesses and therefore likely empty most of the time.

Please just leave the lot alone or build something at 5 stories so there's an actual relationship with the street level. There needs to be actually conscientious development of this



neighborhood that actually connects with the community, instead of oversized buildings being thrown in no matter the context.

People move to Greenpoint / New York City in general for interesting views, architecture and trying to pursue a life. They don't want to have a shitty box they live in with no sense of actual connection to a community and having to fear being pushed out because the rent will be tripled in a few decades.

Thank you for your consideration. Please take your time and think of the impact this development is having on the actual people who live here.

Ruth Osborne  
M.A.  
Milton Street

**From:** [Guan, Jimmy \[CB\]](#)  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Public statement in support of Monitor Point Development  
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**From:** Matthew Sheridan <>  
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Hello,

My name is Matthew Sheridan and I have been a resident of north brooklyn for 5 years and NYC for 13 years. I am also a licensed professional engineer in the state of New York.

I am tired of landlords deferring maintenance and tenants living in rundown buildings without modern appliances and ancient heating systems because there are no other buildings to move into.

Mathematically, for rents to go down and for the city to be more affordable, new housing must be built. Monitor Point is a new development that should be supported, and is a very good project with 300 affordable units and makes the park in that area actually usable. Finally, since it will be built when the all electric buildings act will take effect, the new development will have no explosive natural gas, be all electric, and be more sustainable and safer for generations to come.

**From:**  
**To:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Resident comment on Monitor Point  
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**From:** Zachary Thomas <> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:59 AM  
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My name is Zachary Thomas, and I live in CB1 off of Kent Avenue in rent stabilized unit. As a resident, I have run past the existing MTA compound for years now.

I strongly support the development at 40 Quay Street. I urge this community board to support this development.

The reasons are clear, Monitor Point will deliver over 1,000 new homes, including approximately 300 permanently affordable units for low- and middle-income families. These 300 affordable units will not exist without constructing this housing. That's the key point.

Also, the lease with the Gotham Organization will generate a steady stream of revenue for the MTA's capital plan. This will fund making subway stations fully accessible with new elevators and expanding the Second Avenue subway. I support Congestion Pricing, so I support this funding as well.

I want to acknowledge environmental groups for their passionate advocacy for open space. Their dedication has greatly benefited our community. However, instead of fighting a development that provides so much public good, I would encourage them to focus on advocating for the development of the numerous empty and underutilized lots along Kent Avenue into the green spaces we all desire. Parcels like the vacant lots at 131 and 230 Kent Avenue, for example, hold immense potential for new parkland without sacrificing desperately needed housing.

Monitor Point offers a rare and significant opportunity to address our housing shortage, fund our public transit, and enhance our waterfront. It is a well-considered, multifaceted project that will benefit our community for generations to come.

Thank you,

Zachary Thomas

**From:**  
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Dear CB1,

I spoke in opposition to the Monitor Point development on Tuesday evening 6/10/25.

I was one of the last speakers and was unable to sign in prior as there were no sign in sheets available when I arrived.

Please record my testimony.

Sincerely,

Joseph Iberti

Oak St, Brooklyn, NY 11222

**From:**  
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**From:** Keith Berger <>  
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Dear Community Board,

I want express my strong opposition to the proposed residential towers to be built by by Gotham Development at Bushwick Inlet Park. I have been in this community on the waterfront for 17 years as an active community member. I have sat on the CB1 Land Use Committee, Parks Committee, served as my board president and am on the board of the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance. I served until 2023 on the board of Urban Pathways, a local NYC homeless services organization and fully appreciate the need for more affordable housing in NYC - I personally have fought for it. But this development, and the same tired arguments made again and again, are not the answer to the City's housing crisis.

This community has been shortchanged time and again by looking at these rezoning as black and white Hobbesian choices where we are presented with a large water front development proposed not for the common good but for developer profit where we are told we either have to accept this with only a small amount of new open space and the minimum in affordable housing or we get nothing/something worse. We need to stop buying into these stand alone presentations as the only answer. We get phone calls with union labor reading from a script taking about new jobs and the need for cheaper rentals yet none of these developments have driven down rent or created significant long term labor opportunities (of which there are maybe 20 at most here). We do need housing and we do need jobs but we need to create those opporunties not by being reactive to developer driven (or MTA driven) profit maximizing motives but by



actually engaging in real city planning. That means not just sticking housing where it looks easiest or where its already expensive and dense so lets just pile it on. The City just moved forward with City of Yes which means to help the housing crisis by making it easier to build across the city. What DCP needs to do is take a step back do a comprehensive planning process for North Brooklyn that looks not solely at the waterfront but across the area to identify how to increase density and build needed housing in a manner that focuses on infrastructure needs/opprtunities, transit hubs and spreads it out and dampens the impact to any one small area.

More specifically, this development is a terrible idea for multiple other reasons:

1) The development would have a devastating impact on the inlet, a fragile wetland and wildlife habitat that is unique in the city. Moreover, it negates part of the benefit promised in Bushwick Inlet Park some 20 years ago that remains unfulfilled. This development would sit right on that proposed park and ruin what was promised to us years ago that is now already going to be too small given the additional rezoning approved since 2005. We are already stretched for lack of open space in this area and we need that park built before considering any additional development on the waterfront.

2) The inlet is in a flood plain— we have already seen the impacts that flooding has in this area from numerous stoms in recent years. The development would work against the inlet's natural flood defenses, potentially endangering all of us who live here.

3) While Gotham asserts that this opens up the waterfront with additional open space, it in fact does the opposite. This is the same tired argument asserted many times before to this community in these one off rezoning decisions (e.g. River Ring) but the fact remains that the open space added in this development does not come close to the acreage per resident recommendations the City has made given the thousands of new residents that would be sitting on top of this tiny additional open space. It will quickly become overrun just by the people living in these new buildings.

This is not rocket science- Domino which is often touted as a crown jewel of a new development is already overrun on nice days and there are still 2 more residential buildings in that development to be completed plus River Ring (which also

3) the City has yet to even address the infrasteructre gaps and lack of City services along the waterfront that already exist. Time and again the City has approved new development with massive towers without comprehensive traffic (foot, car, bike, etc), open space and sanitation improvements. What that has resulted in is a sanitation mess, terrible traffic due to a mix of lights and stop signs that make no sense, poor sight

lines, sidewalks so narrow and crowded that two people have trouble passing by each other without stepping in tree pits, no enforcement of rules (dogs off leash and feces everywhere), etc. You cannot continue to build without addressing these problems first.

4) We have heard the tired argument that these developments help by adding "deep" affordable housing before and they are flawed and baseless.

The developer is offering the bare minimum to get a tax break. And the evidence shows that these waterfront towers offering only a few hundred affordable units wind up resulting in rent increases (commercial and residential) that drive many more people out who used to be able to afford apartments a few blocks away as well as mom and pop store owners, leaving more wealthy people and chain stores in their wake. What we do need are City and State funded 100% affordable buildings or incentives that allow developers to build across less dense parts of the city and neighborhood while incentivizing them to build affordable there (either in the same building or as stand alone structures - similar to deals Urban Pathways has done to house people formerly houseless).

Please don't destroy this neighborhood further as well as this precious ecological sanctuary and neighborhood treasure so that a few more developers can get rich. This does not have to be a zero sum game/mutually exclusive option. Instead, City Planning should do what is in their title and engage in real broad based community/citywide planning to incentive building of the housing we need where there is greater infrastructure capacity for density. The community has done its part the past 20 years and it is time you made others do theirs.

Best,

Keith Berger

June 10, 2025

Brooklyn CB1 June full board meeting

Testimony AGAINST Monitor Point

My name is Trina McKeever

I have lived in Greenpoint for 35 years

I was a member of CB1 for over a decade serving on the Environmental, Land Use and Parks Committees.

I am a Friend of Bushwick Inlet Park.

And since the 28 acre park was promised to the community in the 2005 Greenpoint Williamsburg Waterfront Rezoning, CB1 has been a friend of Bushwick Inlet Park,

The Monitor Point project is a direct threat to Bushwick Inlet Park.

The community and the Community Board, speaking with one voice, has continually called on elected officials to push for the purchase of the property, the testing and remediation of contaminated land, for responsible design and park maintenance of the land parcels that comprise Bushwick Inlet Park.

While much of the park will not be assessable to the public for more than a decade, this summer, the Motiva parcel, the northernmost parcel of the park, the 2 acres that wrap around the north and east of the Bushwick Inlet will open.

This *intentionally passive* park parcel measures only 50' from the Inlet to the edge of the Monitor Point building site. While the project purposes (and is mandated to provide) open space in the upland connector and public access area, the space between the building envelope and Bushwick Inlet Park is exceedingly narrow. The 600', 450' and 230' towers will loom over the vulnerable park. (Note adjacent West Wharf development has 400' towers)

Unlike properties zoned for waterfront development, there is no requirement to provide a 40' public open space in front of the buildings, Monitor Point whose waterfront is the Bushwick Inlet, not the East River offers no generous setback.

The MTA parcel was intentionally zoned R6, allowing six stories, respectful of the park and providing a transition from the neighborhood to the waterfront high rises.

Consider the narrow strip of hard fought for park land, a \$15 million (NYC paid \$4.9m for land purchase in 2014, \$10m for remediation, design and buildout in 2017) investment sitting directly under years of heavy construction for a 60, 45 and 23 story buildings, fortresses built in the flood zone, impervious to sea level rise but the water needs to go somewhere, and once constructed, consider the impact of what's left of this narrow strip of Bushwick Inlet Park serving as the front yard to the Monitor Point Development.

The MTA site at 40 Quay is public land, the last parcel of public land along the Greenpoint Williamsburg waterfront. In the past 15 years, 29,000 new housing units have been created in Community Board 1, more than in any other NYC community board district. Yes we need additional affordable housing but not at the cost of Monitor Point's enormous 75% luxury towers and the privatization of Bushwick Inlet Park.

[In 2019, CB1 unanimously voted to send a letter to then Governor Cuomo asking the MTA to withdraw the RFP for the redevelopment of 40 Quay and to work with the Greenpoint and Williamsburg Community to transform the waterfront site into a resilient public space.]





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November 13, 2019

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

RE: 40 Quay Street  
Brooklyn, NY

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On May 9, 2019, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) proposed the sale and/or lease of its mobile truck washing facility property at 40 Quay Street in Greenpoint for residential development.

40 Quay Street is publicly-owned land along the narrow shore of Bushwick Inlet and directly fronting Bushwick Inlet Park, a 27-acre New York City park that is currently in phased construction.

The MTA faces chronic funding shortfalls, however, the one-time injection of cash that a sale or lease of this property would bring is not the way to solve the MTA's systemic funding problems. Sale or lease of this property is short-sighted and not in the best interests of our constituents in Greenpoint, Williamsburg and beyond.

In order to give the community and the governing officials time to explore alternatives uses of this public amenity, it is critical that the MTA withdraws or suspends the RFP for this parcel and that the property at 40 Quay Street ultimately be set aside for use as public open space.

Please be advised that at the regular board meeting of Community Board No. 1 held on November 12, 2019 at 211 Ainslie Street, the members voted unanimously to support the



following resolution regarding the sale of MTA/40 Quay Street mobile truck washing facility site:

- **WHEREAS** this sale or lease is short-sighted and not in the best interests of our constituents in Greenpoint, Williamsburg and beyond, and we respectfully ask that you withdraw or suspend the RFP for this parcel in order to create, instead, a significant, permanent and desperately needed public open space,
- **WHEREAS** 40 Quay Street is publicly-owned property, and as such should be used to the greatest possible benefit of the residents of the state. At this location, **the greatest public benefit is clearly served by a park,**
- **WHEREAS** 40 Quay Street – even in its current state, and certainly when it is redeveloped for high-rise residential – **inappropriately walls off the residents of Greenpoint from Bushwick Inlet Park,**
- **WHEREAS** 40 Quay Street, in connection with the adjacent Monitor Museum site and Bushwick Inlet Park, should be the **gateway from Greenpoint to the public waterfront,**
- **WHEREAS** 40 Quay Street sits adjacent to the narrowest part of Bushwick Inlet Park (less than 50' wide). Using 40 Quay Street for public open space would **significantly enhance the quality of Bushwick Inlet Park and access to the Bushwick Inlet itself,**
- **WHEREAS** 40 Quay Street sits on landfill in a flood zone; as parkland, this property could be **a visionary part of a robust, sustainable and resilient Brooklyn waterfront.** A new development on the site would only exacerbate flooding for future generations,
- **WHEREAS** North Brooklyn is severely lacking in public open space especially in the face of massive ongoing residential development in the neighborhood, creating open green space with this land adjacent to the in-development Bushwick Inlet Park will work to ease this burden and help contribute to the wellbeing of its residents,
- **WHEREAS** East River State Park (only a few blocks south of 40 Quay Street) is a model for park development on the waterfront that the State of New York can be proud of, and is proof that New York State Parks' presence in the neighborhood is an achievable and laudable goal,

**NOW THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED** that:

Community Board #1 calls on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to withdraw or suspend the RFP for this parcel of land at 40 Quay Street.

Community Board #1 further calls on the MTA to engage with the community in order to come to an informed decision about how to develop this publicly-owned amenity, and together decide what would be the best public benefit to serve the people.

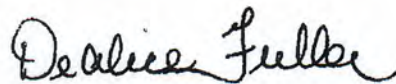


Community Board #1 supports the efforts of the Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park and the community to halt the efforts of the MTA to develop 40 Quay into high rise development, and instead, believes that the parcel should be used for public open space.

The unanimous vote of the Community Board members was as follows:

32 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dealice Fuller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dealice" and the last name "Fuller" clearly distinguishable.

Dealice Fuller  
Chairperson

DF/PC/mbw  
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cc: Senator Charles Schumer  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
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Chairman Patrick J. Foye, CEO/MTA

## Brooklyn Community District 1

435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211

Dear Members of Brooklyn Community District 1

I am Sarah Roberts, and I attended the June 10th CB1 Board Meeting at capacity. Thank you for your service and dedication to our community. In the future, highly contested topics or projects (including meetings that have been rescheduled) should maintain their agenda to ensure community members of each side can participate fully. These meetings are open to the public and are not predictable regarding attendance. However, the attendance at the Monitor Point meeting bordered on danger due to the occupancy, creating risk for the board, meeting participants, and constituents; moreover, folks could not participate as we were limited by groups or individuals entirely.

As a proud queer individual navigating chronic illness, Autism, and ADHD, I recognize the unique challenges that people like me face, especially regarding climate change and access to safe green spaces—issues highlighted by respected organizations like the UN and the National Parks Conservation Association.

Birding is a passion of mine, and I've dedicated countless hours to this passion. I serve as a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Class I Wildlife Rehabilitator and volunteer with the Wild Bird Fund, NYC's only wild bird rehabilitation center. This past year, we encountered our busiest day when we took in 110 birds, and last year alone, we provided care for over 11,000 birds.

Regarding the 40 Quay project, we must consider the dire consequences for low-altitude migratory birds like the American Woodcock. These birds will suffer tremendously and die from neurological trauma due to collisions with glass—a hazard they cannot comprehend. The only recorded instance of this species in the Inlet was documented by a well-known birder who found a Woodcock dead, likely from such a collision. In April 2025, the highest altitude recorded for migrating birds was 1,800 feet, according to Kings County BidCast data. Unfortunately, collisions remain the primary threat to these birds despite new building law legislation. While humans can grasp the dangers of glass, birds cannot navigate our reflective landscapes. Over 230 species of birds pass through the Atlantic flyway, often seeking refuge in NYC—if they can survive our urban environment. The Inlet provides critical respite, supporting nesting and fishing for threatened and vulnerable bird species. While the NYC Council seeks to advance state-wide legislation, the reality is that bird-friendly building practices have become necessary by legal default in new construction. The impact of collisions is often fatal—as documented by BBC Toronto's

coverage of bird collisions and the urgent need to combat staggering bird losses. This is not a problem we can afford to ignore.

Having lived in Greenpoint with my partner, a fifth-generation resident, for two years, I have come to appreciate the unique value of the Inlet and the immense effort our community has invested in its preservation. In 2002, a resident participating in the Greenpoint Environmental History Project through the Brooklyn Public Library Center for Brooklyn History reached out to the City, asking how it planned to protect the 65+ migratory species studied in the Inlet from 1995 to 2001. The depth and detail of this data collection is striking, especially since it predates digital birding projects such as Cornell's eBird, which now records over 135 species.

## Aquatic Habitats and Species of Bushwick Inlet

Bushwick Inlet is not just a body of water but a vital habitat for a diverse assemblage of aquatic life. It is a shallow, tidal embayment on the East River in Greenpoint/Williamsburg, Brooklyn. The Inlet includes intertidal flats and remnant salt marsh vegetation that once extended over the surrounding landscape. Today, these littoral habitats support a diverse assemblage of aquatic life. Local surveys and environmental reviews list numerous resident and transient marine species. For example, a New York City planning study notes that *"Fish with the potential to occur in Bushwick Inlet include winter flounder, scup, white perch (i.e., juveniles inhabit creeks and inshore areas until they are about one year old)."*

Likewise, broad inventories of the East River strait document over 50 fish species, including saltwater and brackish-water forms. Common fishes captured in recent East River studies include *striped bass, bluefish, summer flounder, scup, tautog, oyster toadfish*, and *American eel*. These species use the Inlet and adjacent shoals for foraging, refuge, or spawning. Smaller forage fishes (Atlantic silversides, bay anchovy, menhaden, killifish) are also abundant and form the base of the food web.

Beyond fish, the Inlet hosts important invertebrates and shellfish. Blue crabs and other crustaceans forage on the mudflats and marsh edges, and juvenile lobsters and native clams likely use these nearshore habitats when water quality permits. Historically, the East River supported vast oyster reefs; colonial-era accounts note the harbor's oyster beds were among the world's largest. Today, restoration projects (e.g., the Billion Oyster Project) are re-establishing oysters in Bushwick Inlet. Recent monitoring found planted oyster clusters in Bushwick Inlet to be "healthy and doing well," with oysters growing beyond their cages.

Oysters and mussels create a three-dimensional reef habitat that shelters fish, crabs, and juvenile shellfish. The Inlet's mosaic of shallow water, submerged structure, and marsh vegetation forms a critical nursery and feeding habitat for many species in the river.

Migratory and diadromous species rely on the Inlet as a passage or staging area. The East River is an estuarine arm of the Hudson; it serves as a corridor for anadromous fishes moving between the ocean and upriver spawning grounds. For example, adult *striped bass*, *Atlantic herring*, *blueback herring*, and *American eel* transit these waters. Critically, both federally endangered sturgeon species use the East River as a migratory route: NOAA notes that Atlantic sturgeon (subadults and adults) "have been documented using [the East River] to move between the Hudson River and western Long Island Sound," and shortnose sturgeon are also presumed to forage here when food is available. **By extension, Bushwick Inlet's quiet coves likely provide refuge or staging for these migrants.** In addition, numerous waterbirds and wading birds use the inlet shoreline: conservation groups describe Bushwick Inlet as "a rare natural embayment, a migratory bird stops and ecological treasure" in New York City. In sum, the Inlet's biodiversity includes local nursery fishes (white perch, winter flounder, menhaden, silversides, etc.), predatory sportfish (striped bass, bluefish, tautog, etc.), shellfish (oysters, clams, blue crabs), and migratory species (herring, eel, sturgeon, shorebirds) – all of which depend on the Inlet's estuarine habitat.

## Nursery and Migratory Functions

Estuarine wetlands and shallows like Bushwick Inlet are well-known nursery grounds for juvenile aquatic life. Studies confirm that the East River strait supports the juvenile stages of many species. In 2019, a community science survey found larval and juvenile fish of species such as Atlantic silverside, Atlantic menhaden, mummichog, and striped killifish in East River waters, suggesting local spawning or retention of young fish. The same study concluded that "*most documented East River fish species probably use the strait as a nursery.*" In Bushwick Inlet specifically, the City's environmental impact statement notes that juveniles of winter flounder, scup, and white perch inhabit its sheltered shallows. These estuarine-born juveniles then grow in the Inlet's rich feeding grounds before moving into deeper waters. The Inlet helps sustain the broader New York

Harbor ecosystem by fostering the high survival of juvenile fish and shellfish. Likewise, the Inlet is a stopover or corridor for migratory aquatic species. The East River's tidal flow and high productivity mix attract anadromous migrants. In addition to sturgeon (above), diadromous fishes such as Atlantic herring and striped bass pass through these waters when migrating between Long Island Sound, Upper New York Bay, and spawning rivers. Seasonal runs of river herring (alewife and blueback herring), American shad, and river eels historically would enter this reach. Though less studied, adult horseshoe crabs may also wander into the back-bays. By preserving free exchange between the Inlet and East River, Bushwick Inlet serves a connectivity function for these migrations.

## Ecosystem Services: Flood Control, Filtration, Carbon Sequestration

The Bushwick Inlet wetlands and shoreline also perform crucial ecosystem services: tidal marshes and mudflats around the inlet act as **natural buffers**. Salt marsh grasses (*Spartina* spp.) stabilize sediments and absorb wave energy. This helps attenuate storm surges and sequesters floodwaters; New York planning documents emphasize that wetlands *"control floods, capture stormwater runoff, and moderate storm surges."* Because Bushwick Inlet lies within the FEMA 100-year floodplain, any loss of its marshy shoreline would directly increase flood risk to the surrounding neighborhood. As Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park warns, building high-rises in this flood-prone area *"will work against nature-based flood defenses."* Protecting the Inlet's wetlands is thus a cheap, resilient way to mitigate flooding in North Brooklyn.

Wetland vegetation and shellfish reefs also **improve water quality**. Marsh plants filter sediments and nutrients from upland runoff, while oysters and clams are living water filters. NOAA notes that a single oyster can filter ~50 gallons of water daily, removing algae and clarifying water. The improved clarity then allows submerged plants to grow, enhancing habitat for juvenile crabs and fish. Tidal wetlands in the East River have been shown to remove pollutants; as a New York State Agency report states, *"tidal wetlands provide...pollutant filtration"* in addition to habitat. The intact Inlet system helps trap and process urban runoff before it harms downstream waters.

Finally, wetlands are significant **carbon sinks**. Salt marsh soils accumulate and store organic carbon from decaying plant matter. In official planning language, New York City acknowledges that wetlands *"improve water quality and sequester carbon dioxide."* Although small in area, the Bushwick Inlet marsh (and planned wetland restorations) contribute to this "blue carbon" storage. Preserving or restoring *Spartina* salt marsh here thus has climate benefits as well as biodiversity value.

## Vulnerabilities to Urban Development

All of the above values hinge on preserving the Inlet's natural habitat. Urban waterfront development poses grave threats. Filling, bulkheading, or shading the Inlet will destroy its marsh and shallow habitats. Hard structures eliminate the "graded basins" and gently sloping shore needed for salt marsh. Juvenile fish lose nursery grounds without marsh vegetation or oyster reefs, and the floodplain loses its sponge-like protection. Moreover, increased impervious surfaces and sewage overflows from new construction would worsen pollution in this already-stressed waterbody. The development would also disrupt currents and water exchange in the Inlet, potentially creating stagnant zones or hypoxia.

The cumulative effect is already clear in much of the East River: a Columbia University study notes that extensive bulkheaded shoreline has "deficient...the shallow and structured habitat common to estuary shorelines," causing the fish community to shift toward open-water species like anchovies and herring. Bushwick Inlet and its remnant wetlands are a rare exception – and thus are disproportionately important. For example, a U.S. Army Corps restoration plan calls for creating 1.6 acres of new salt marsh and softening over 2,500 feet of shoreline along the East Riverfront, explicitly to help fish, crab, and crustation habitat. Conversely, removing or degrading the Inlet's natural edges would directly undermine these goals.

Finally, the loss of this habitat threatens protected species. As noted, both Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon use the East River; destroying the Inlet could block a key foraging refuge for these endangered fish. Likewise, millions of migratory birds use New York's estuaries each year —eliminating even a small stopover habitat like Bushwick Inlet would degrade the flyway.

Bushwick Inlet and its adjacent East River stretch harbor rich estuarine biodiversity – from juvenile white perch and flounder to gamefish, crabs, oysters, and migratory sturgeon – and provide vital ecosystem services (flood control, water purification, carbon storage). These functions will be **severely impaired** by large-scale development on the waterfront. Given the scientific evidence, I strongly urge that any proposed development preserve and enhance the Inlet's natural habitats. Protection of Bushwick Inlet is essential for local wildlife and fisheries, community safety (storm protection), and regional ecological health.

Protecting the Inlet transcends mere housing allocation; it's a matter of using public land for the greater good. The stakes are high—this isn't just about wildlife but our community's shared environment and future. Since the 2005 rezoning, we've seen skyrocketing rents while supply has increased steadily. The situation in Greenpoint/Williamsburg demonstrates that the so-called "trickle-down real estate" model fails to deliver proper affordable housing. Sacrificing this vital land for the bare minimum of affordable units in a flood zone is not just embarrassing; it's a betrayal of our community's trust and a façade that masks yet another broken promise to the residents of Greenpoint. Let's stand together to advocate for a future where our community and its wildlife can thrive. We live in a precarious time where our ecosystem and needs for housing (and infrastructure) are combatting one another for prioritization-- the City must evaluate a long-term plan of open lots, contextual housing, and open spaces that are also needed in other neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



# Sarah Roberts

Sincerely,

Sarah Roberts, MS, Edu. (She/Her/They) —why include this?

NYSDEC Class I Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator - *Small Mammals and Birds*, Volunteer with [Wild Bird Fund](#)

**Sources:** Peer-reviewed and government studies of the East River and Bushwick Inlet (EIS documents, ecological surveys, USACE restoration plans, NOAA, and academic reports) and local conservation assessments.

**From:** [Brittany Leonard](#)  
**To:** [LicensesBK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bar Opening  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:59:58 AM

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Good morning,

I'm writing to express my concern and opposition to the proposed bar opening into the space adjacent to my apartment.

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I don't believe a bar is an appropriate fit for this particular location, given its proximity to residential units.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I hope you'll take into account the concerns of those who live in the area.

Sincerely,

Brittany Leonard

**From:** [Brennan Cox](#)  
**To:** [LicensesBK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dolly's bar relocation  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 11:07:35 AM

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Hello,

My name is Brennan and I live in 144 Wythe Ave. My neighbors and I are worried about the proposed relocation of Dollys bar. Many of our bedroom windows overlook the patio of the new space, so the sound coming from the bar would greatly affect our sleep and well-being, especially since the bar is open until 4am.

If Dolly's bar were to move next door, I know that myself and my roommate would likely move out. We ask for you to be considerate and deny the proposal.

Thank you,  
Brennan

**From:** [Katya Epifanova](#)  
**To:** [LicensesBK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Bar Opening at 146 Wythe Ave  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:00:49 AM

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Dear Chair and Community Board Members,

I am a resident of 144 Wythe Avenue and I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed opening of Dolly's Swing & Dive next door.

This bar currently operates across from Marsha P. Johnson park — a location that naturally buffers some of the noise and late-night activity associated with a 3AM closing time. Moving it to our quiet, residential corner would bring that disruption directly to a block where people live and sleep. I am deeply concerned about the impact of increased noise, foot traffic, and safety issues right outside our homes.

Our block has long been a peaceful part of the neighborhood with both homes and local businesses, and this move would fundamentally change its character. As someone who has invested in this community and has called it home for several years, I urge the board to consider the quality of life of current residents and to deny this relocation request.

Thank you for your time and continued service to the community.

Sincerely,

Katya Yepifanova

**From:** [Mel Friedel](#)  
**To:** [LicensesBK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Dolly's Relocation  
**Date:** Monday, June 9, 2025 7:07:58 PM

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Dear Community Board Members,

My name is Mel Friedel, and I live at 144 Wythe Ave. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed relocation of Dolly's Swing and Dive to a new location on our residential block next to my home. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the public hearing tomorrow, but I wanted to make my concerns known. I have been to our local Community Board meetings before to learn about zoning and development prospects, so I understand the importance of public involvement and resident voices, and I appreciate the Board prioritizing our needs.

I live directly next door to the proposed new site for the bar. I am deeply concerned about the impact this move would have on the neighborhood. Dolly's current hours—open until 3 AM—would bring significant noise and disruption late into the night, directly affecting my and other residents' ability to sleep. As a full-time nonprofit professional and graduate student in social work, I rely on rest to maintain my well-being and meet the demands of my work, clients, and studies. I cannot afford to lose sleep due to late-night activity and noise from the bar. I have spoken to several neighbors who share this strong concern.

In addition to the noise, I worry about increased trash, litter, and foot traffic that will negatively affect the cleanliness and safety of our block. This is a quiet residential area with families and long-time neighbors who value peace and stability. Dolly's current location is just one block away next to Marsha P. Johnson Park and already serves its patrons well—there seems to be no benefit to moving it one block over, but there would be clear increased harm to those of us who call this street home. The neighborhood has been increasingly commercialized, but my block has thankfully been able to maintain a sense of residential community. I worry that this move will cause the block to no longer feel residential.

As a resident who has lived in this building for 5 years and plans to stay in my home for years to come, I respectfully urge the board to consider the needs of residents and to oppose the relocation. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,  
Mel Friedel

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**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Bar Opening  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 3:45:30 PM

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**From:** Brittany Leonard  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:59 AM  
**To:** LicensesBK01 (CB)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bar Opening

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 3:58:53 PM

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**From:** Brennan Cox  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 11:07 AM  
**To:** LicensesBK01 (CB)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dolly's bar relocation

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**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Dolly's Bar  
**Date:** Monday, June 16, 2025 6:05:48 PM  
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**From:** lesia.jablonskyj  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 5:28 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dolly's Bar

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Dear Community Board.,

My name is Alexandra Jablonsky I am a long time resident and owner of 73 N 8th Street. I am in opposition to Dolly's or any kind of bar/tavern/restaurant to open next door to me on 146 Wythe Avenue. I am 89 years old and have a hard time sleeping at night with the current noise in our neighborhood. The noise reverberates throughout my bed making it hard for me to sleep at night. This will be so much worse once Dolly's moves next door. I have spoken with all my tenants, and no one wants Dolly's next door. There will be no such thing as quality of life. Most of my tenants are seniors as well as are my friends across the street. We need to protect our seniors.

We did have a bar here at 146 it was called Nita Nita and it was very hard me. Thankfully Nita Nita left, and the space became retail. This was a very welcome change as I was able to sleep much better. This was short lived as Rough Trade move behind me. This was even worse than Nita Nita. My bed would reverberate and still does sometimes from the noise in the neighborhood. They left a few years ago and it's been much better. Now I have to worry about Dolly's. It's painfully obvious that the new owners do not care. They can't even meet with their neighbors especially seniors, to understand how this will impact theirs lives. This will have a big impact on us seniors.

I love flowers and try to keep the front of the house beautiful, but it is very difficult with people destroying my fencing and urinating on our trees. Most of these people are either going to Dolly's or leaving at 5 or 6 in the morning. I truly hope that the Community Board finds it in their hearts to vote no. We need to protect our seniors, young families and our neighborhood. I have lived here since 1958 and it is nice to see so many young families, some of which are my neighbors. They do not need a bar here, while raising their children I and my tenants have filled out a form opposed to Dolly's and proud that all my tenants have put their names down.

Thank you so much for your time,

Alexandra Jablonskyj

**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Dolly's  
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**From:** Yar  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 3:16 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dolly's

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Dear Community Board.,

I am writing this this letter to show my opposition to Dolly's or any bar/tavern/restaurant to open next door to me on North 8th Street. My name is Yaroslav Jablonskyj and I am a resident and part owner of 73 N 8th street in Brooklyn. My mother is the other part owner and resident. I am also speaking on behalf of my tenants who are also all opposed to Dolly's or any Bar/Tavern/Restaurant. Having a bar/tavern or even a restaurant next to us, would lower the quality of life to an immense degree. most of the people in my building are seniors as well as some across the street. The noise of the people, music, the smell of cigarettes and marijuana would be unbearable, and we would not be able to get any sleep at all. Today with Dolly's on the corner we have to deal with noise, the constant parade of people going to and leaving Dolly's. People urinating between cars. This will only get worse if they are right next door to us. Bigger space means more people. We can't even have nive flowers or fencing i front of the house as it always gets destroyed and urinated on by drunk people. We are well aware of what this would be like as we already lived through this multiple times. We went thru this with Nita Nita and Rought Trade. The noise of the people and the music would reverberate throughout the entire building, and it doesn't matter where you are in your apartment. You can't escape the noise.

We could not even open our front windows because of all the noise and the smell of marijuana and cigarettes would fill the apartments. The closed windows were not enough to keep the noise out. You couldn't watch tv or do anything as all you heard was noise reverberating throughout the building. There were many complaints and not just from my building, but also other buildings on the block and Nita Nita moved out. Then there was rough trade which was on North 9th street on the back side my building. The noise from the music was unbearable and worse than "Nita Nita" and



again many complaints from my block of North 8th street forced Rough Trade to shut down. I came very close to losing tenants because of bar/taverns next to me and do not want to lose tenants.

The space is three times the size and there is also the street that would also be used as booths would be placed there. The sheer amount of people this would bring would be worse than Nita Nita and Rough Trade put together. Molly's is located on the corner and you can't even walk by as the street at times is completely unpassable. It's unpassable because of the sheer amount of people, food being cooked and alcohol serve outside. Most likely without a permit. I've had to do that several times with my Mom. I worry very much about the impact this would have on the quality of life my 89 year old mother and not to mention me and my tenants would have to endure. We have more than enough bars and restaurants in this neighborhood we do not need more. This is a residential block with many seniors living here, we do not want or need this. There is a salon (GLO) across the street, a workspace, Milk (equipment rental) which all have been a very good and quiet business as was the furniture store that was here recently. Bars/Clubs/Taverns that are open till 4 in the morning have no place on this block. We have enough noise from the other bars, restaurants and hotels in the area. I find it to be very deceitful to not put a sign on the door for the original meeting until well after the original meeting. I would look every day for that sign a first saw it on May 2nd.

The community board told the owners to set up a meeting with us. We met with them afterwards and told them our concerns, but it seems that it went into one ear and out the other.

We gave them our phone numbers but they the owners never reached out to us. I did get an email from the liquor license representative about meeting on a Sunday from 12 -2. The

owners put out a flyer on their Instagram account saying first 50 people get a free drink token for the OG Dolly's and free lemonade. This was nothing but a gimmick to get signatures from passer byes and regulars. Two neighbors did show up, but they were ignored. One mentioned that if they moved into 146, that she would move out of her apartment. She mentioned that she may stay if they closed at 1 am, they told her they are pushing for 3 pm. These owners do not care about their neighbors or the community. This is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time

Yaroslav Jablonskyj

**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] In regards to Dolly's Swing and Dive  
**Date:** Friday, June 6, 2025 1:32:01 PM

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**From:** Hayley Diamond  
**Sent:** Friday, June 6, 2025 10:36 AM  
**To:** BK01 (CB)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In regards to Dolly's Swing and Dive

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To whom it may concern,

I'm a local resident and longtime customer of Dolly's Swing & Dive and I absolutely support their decision to move to 146 Wythe Ave. This establishment is a gem in our neighborhood and the people who run, work at and operate it have become so dear to us here. If anyone is speaking negatively about them, I think that person's intentions should be considered carefully because this business has always acted in good faith. We need more like Dolly's!

Thank you.

Warm regards,  
Hayley Diamond

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**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] In Support of Dolly's Move to 146 Wythe  
**Date:** Friday, June 6, 2025 9:46:52 AM

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**From:** Caroline Shannon  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:03 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In Support of Dolly's Move to 146 Wythe

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Dear Community Board,

I'm writing as a neighborhood resident to share my full support for Dolly's move to 146 Wythe. Dolly isn't just a business — it's become a true home away from home for me. I've met some of my closest friends there, celebrated holidays, and felt a real sense of belonging that's hard to come by in a big city. The owners have created something really special, and I've watched the community grow and thrive around their presence. They're good people doing things with care, intention, and heart — I hope you'll support them in this next chapter.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Shannon

Caroline Shannon, LPC

**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] May 28th - Attn: Dollys via - Monday, June  
**Date:** 16, 2025 1:46:54 PM

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**From:** Kyle Mengelkamp  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 12:32 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] May 28th - Attn: Dollys via -

I have been informed that my email may have gotten lost about our opposition about Dollys, so I am resending this email with updated information:

There are distance requirements for bars near schools, but they vary by state and local jurisdiction. Below are the jurisdictions for New York - 200 ft, but **important question the board needs to ask themselves is: what about a new born living on the 2nd floor right above the new - how far?** My daughter is going to be born in a couple months and the most crucial time of development is in the first 3 years. Dollys says they will soundproof the bar, but with all the noise, and my apartment has leaky paper-thin windows, and there will be smoking on the sidewalks, this is a big problem. **Dollys has verbally said they would replace all the windows to make them soundproof**, but since they have skated around the board recommendations to remedy the concern, I don't trust them. So if the board moves forward with the new Dollys please make the hard decision that Dollys has to soundproof the windows and closing hours of 11pm like the other establishments so my daughter can have the proper care and sleep she needs. If Dollys is the community leaders as they state, they should have no problem.

Here are the school requirements:

Here's what applies in New York:  
New York State Law:

- Generally requires liquor establishments to be at least 200 feet from schools
- Some exceptions exist for restaurants that serve alcohol as a secondary function
- Enforcement can vary by local municipality

NYC Specific Regulations:

- NYC has similar distance requirements but enforcement varies by Community Board
- Community Boards have discretion to approve licenses even if technically within distance limits
- The State Liquor Authority (SLA) makes final decisions but considers Community Board recommendations

Sent from my iPhone

On May 20, 2025, at 4:32 PM, BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov> wrote:

Kindly be advised that your email has been forwarded to the the Board Members and SLA Review and DCA Committee.

Thank you.

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**From:** Kyle Mengelkamp <>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 2:37 PM

**To:** BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] May 28th - Attn: Dollys via - I live 146 Wythe

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Hi, I have a complaint against Dollys who is moving in the commercial space of 146 Wythe Ave, right below my apartment, on the 2nd floor. They have a board meeting on May 28th.

The first I heard that Dollys was moving in was April 24th via text message from one of the neighbors and another text message from someone who lives in our building, the same building as Dollys is moving into - 146 Wythe Ave. There was a notice just posted on **April 24th** on 146 Wythe Ave commercial space front door that there was a board meeting on **April 8th**, 16 days after the board meeting. I heard that Dollys was supposed to give notice of the board meeting **10 days** before to give the neighbors notice if they wanted to attend the board meeting. Thankfully, I hear that the Dollys board meeting was postponed until May 28. And now, today, there is no update that the board meeting date has changed/updated and we are within **10 days**. I feel a disservice as a neighbor to know about Dollys moving in, especially how I live right above the commercial space.

I will definitely be there on the 28th, along with my neighbors and friends, as well as the people who live in the apartment building 146 Wythe Ave.

I have a wife and we have a **baby** on the way. The building was built in 1910, I can hear everything from outside being on the 2nd floor, there would be a big noise complaint coming from Dollys every day if they moved in. And, the science behind raising a baby in a peaceful environment is crucial, and the noise coming from the bar would be hazardous.

I'm not opposed to Dollys moving in. I would have concessions though, being a 1910 apartment building and peaceful loving neighbors all around.

- new windows / double pained on all our windows
- sound proof ceiling in the commercial space

- the front door secured
- no outdoor seating (the space is 3 times bigger than the original space - they can triple they profit without the need of an outdoor space)
- entrance on the other side of the building (N 8th street side)

Thank you for letting me share my concerns! Looking forward to the board meeting.

Kyle

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] No to Dollys  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:43:48 AM

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**From:** oks vol  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 6:21 PM  
**To:** BK01 (CB)  
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Dear Community Board,

I would like to express my vehement disapproval of Dolly's relocation to 146 Wythe at the corner of North 8th street. It is directly across the street from my residence of 44 years on the North 8th side. I believe Dolly's relocation would prove detrimental to the quality of life of North 8th street residents, including myself. In it's current location at the end of the block at the corner of Kent Avenue, Dolly's is a nuisance as the music is loud and all of the clientele spill out into the street blocking the sidewalk. Moreover, drunk people coming up the street from Dolly's have caused havoc by public urination and unruly behavior. And now their wish to be in a place that is three times the size with a 4am liquor license is simply unacceptable. I do not know any of the owners of Dolly's and neither I nor my neighbors were consulted on this matter.

Previous experience with Nita Nita has shown that having a bar in that location was a nightmare for neighbors. Aside from loud music and drunken behavior, this larger location will generate more debris and thus increase the already overwhelming rat population. Furthermore, any bar/ restaurant in that location would apply for an outdoor booth which would take up several parking spaces. The street is already beyond congested what with local " attractions" such as the Smorgasburg and the plethora of nightlife venues in the general area. We do not need another hindrance to our overall sense of peace. I suffer from anxiety and do not wish to deal with an influx of rowdy, drunk people more so than I already have to living in this neighborhood. Living on the first floor, I am not always able to open my windows for air and having Dolly's across the street would make it near impossible.

Please consider our plea for peace on our street in our case against Dolly's relocation. It is a matter of quality of life for both long-time and newer residents who simply want to be comfortable in and outside their homes.

Thank you,  
Oksana Wolowacz

Ps. Updates- I would like to

Also note that since we have started attending the meetings, no one from Dolly's has reached out to us. And we are literally across the street. They had an unauthorized bbq with alcoholic drinks served outside and a "meet and greet" in front of the new location where they were getting signatures from everyone except for their immediate neighbors. I also witnessed them ignore my next door neighbors from 78 when they tried to talk. Moreover, they have never addressed the fact they have previously operated on liquor licenses that were not theirs. All the evidence shows these people are deceptive and NOT GOOD for the neighborhood! We are not against businesses- we just respectfully request a different kind of business, retail.

**From:** [BK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Bar Opening at 146 Wythe Ave  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025 3:44:43 PM

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**From:** Katya Epifanova  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:00 AM  
**To:** LicensesBK01 (CB)  
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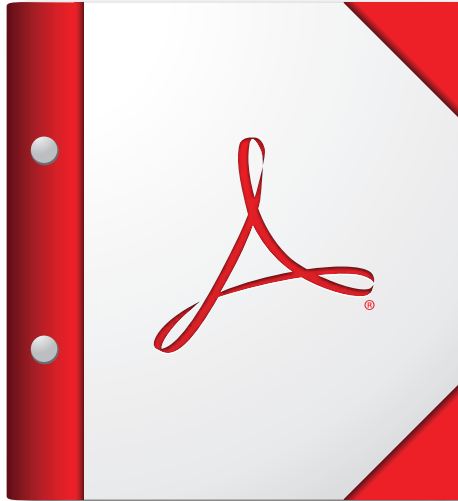
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This bar currently operates across from Marsha P. Johnson park — a location that naturally buffers some of the noise and late-night activity associated with a 3AM closing time. Moving it to our quiet, residential corner would bring that disruption directly to a block where people live and sleep. I am deeply concerned about the impact of increased noise, foot traffic, and safety issues right outside our homes. Our block has long been a peaceful part of the neighborhood with both homes and local businesses, and this move would fundamentally change its character. As someone who has invested in this community and has called it home for several years, I urge the board to consider the quality of life of current residents and to deny this relocation request.

Thank you for your time and continued service to the community.

Sincerely,  
Katya Yepifanova



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**To:** [LicensesBK01 \(CB\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Liquor License Application for 96-98 N. 6th Street (CB1 Public Hearing)  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:20:09 PM

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#### FIRST

- I have a hand signed petition from ACTUAL affected neighbors. That block of Monitor has about 96 households and I have over 110 resident signatures from that block alone against this. <sup>ALSO</sup> AND MORE PEOPLE,

#### SECOND

- It does not take an engineer to see how illogical this plan is. You can't just call it a cul-de-sac and ignore that vehicles cannot turn around on a street only 30' wide — even if you take away all the parking. Sanitation trucks are 33' long.

Which makes this “plaza” so unsafe. Their power-point drawing isn't real — because that plaza still has to function as an actual street.... for sanitation, for emergencies, for Fed Ex, for the tractor trailer that delivers food to the school every week.

#### LASTLY

- No matter what they claim, this is really just the same Monitor Street Closure Committee with that fraudulent DOT application in 2021.

BE-CAUSE the plans make no sense,

BE-CAUSE we've seen shifting claims and statements now for 4 years, it's clear to us that their real goal is to close ~~that~~ block.

OUR

But we are ALL prepared to fight to keep full access to our homes.

CONTINUE TO

Lyn Pinezich

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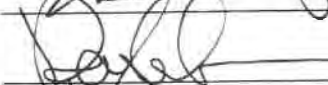


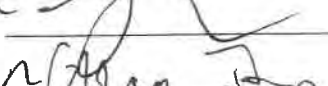

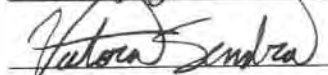


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John Rosavelli		179 Monitor St
Bobbe Dugand		176 Monitor St
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COLLIN DENNIS		164 MONITOR ST.
Caitlin Castellano		178 MONITOR ST.
Wahne Salasoo		178 monitor st.
Emily Asker		240A NASSAU Ave
Janice Wagner		155 Monitor St 2C
Paula S. Wagner		155 Monitor St 2C
Gosia Pawlute		153 Monitor St.
Victoria Sendra		239 Nassau Ave

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COURTLAND NICHOLAS	<i>Courtland</i>	176 11 MONITOR ST.
JAMES KEELEY	<i>James</i>	173 MONITOR ST
DAWN BAUER	<i>Dawn</i>	173 MONITOR ST.
JOSEPH TRIOLO	<i>Joseph Triolo</i>	174 MONITOR ST.
ANNA KARECKI	<i>Anna</i>	152 MONITOR ST
RICHARD KARECKI	<i>Richard</i>	152 MONITOR ST
LOZOUSKA	<i>Lozouska</i>	154 MONITOR ST
BART WAGRODZKI	<i>Bart</i>	155 MONITOR ST
JANICE WAGRODZKI	<i>Janice</i>	155 MONITOR
MADISON WAGRODZKI	<i>Madison</i>	155 MONITOR
AKIF AKYUZ	<i>Akif</i>	90 N. STREET
Twana Hartley	<i>Twana</i>	265 Kingsland Ave.
MARK Gienicki	<i>Mark</i>	155 Monitor Street
ERIC HARTLEY	<i>Eric</i>	265 Kingsland Ave
Malgorzata Nobzelenwski	<i>M. Nobzelenwski</i>	574 Morgan Avenue

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Emily Gaydoski-Freedman	[Signature]	168 Monitor
Michael Kleba	[Signature]	165 Monitor St.
Kyle Sullivan	[Signature]	167 Monitor St.
Amy Lanza	[Signature]	177 Monitor St
Joseph Flaxer	[Signature]	177 MONITOR
HEATHER WAGNER	[Signature]	170 MONITOR
KAMIL KULIG	[Signature]	164 Monitor St #2
Sylvia Jaroszewski-Kulig	[Signature]	164 Monitor St #2
Michael Carden	[Signature]	165 Monitor St
Berta Jaroszewski	[Signature]	164 Monitor St. #1
Andrzej Jaroszewski	[Signature]	164 Monitor St. #1
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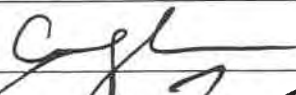
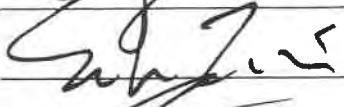

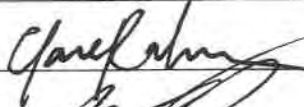



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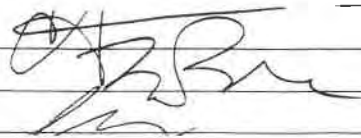
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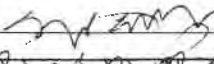

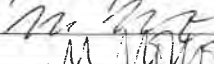
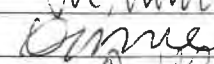

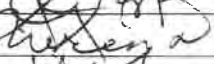

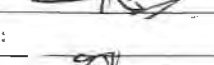
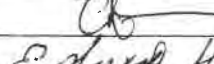
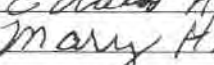
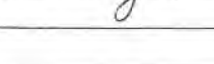



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Stephanie Ullmann		168 Monitor
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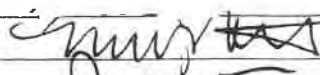
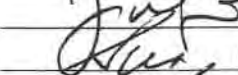

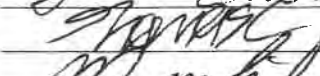
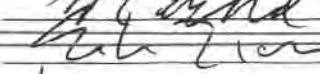
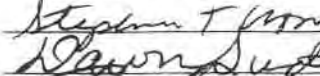

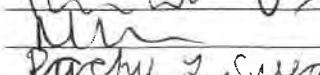
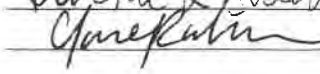
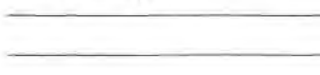




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TRUCKS WILL TURN-  
AROUND IN FRONT  
OF US! SANITATION?!

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And now again, as in 2021, this current plan was made in secret with no attempt to involve with the residents on the block. Requested changes to parking in front of the school have already been enacted to ease drop-off and pick-ups.

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**Signed - The Residents of Monitor Street between Nassau Ave & Driggs Ave:**

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
PETER CURTIS		154 MONITOR
PETER STADNYCKY		154 MONITOR
DANIEL STADNYCKY		154 MONITOR
Ania Norak		154 Monitor
Derek Brahney		154 Monitor
PETER POLISCHUK		154 motion st

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OUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

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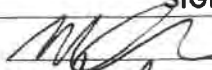

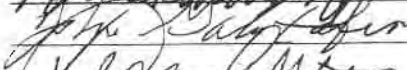
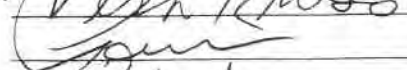
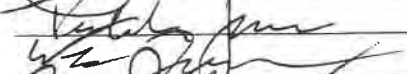
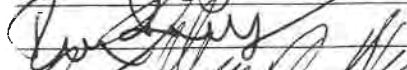
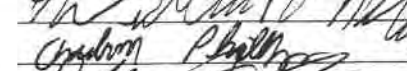

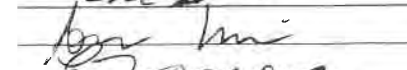
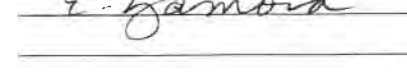
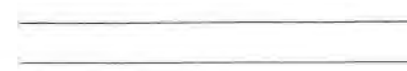

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M.W. HAM		96 N. Henry St
A. KIVI JARVI		96 N. HENRY ST
ROBERT CENDROWSKI		96 N. HENRY ST.
JOHN GALEOTA FLORE		907 N. HENRY ST
KERA RUSSO		102 N. HENRY ST.
CARLA HOJAIBAN		109 N. Henry St
Teddy Lawde		109 N. Henry St.
WESLEY RAMORA		91 N. Henry St
LINA LEWPKENT		183 Forest Ave
WILLIAM KLUJAZA		25 RUSSELL ST.
ANDREW PHILLIPS		577 MEERER AVE
CHARLIE FREDERICKSON		81 NORTH HENRY ST
ERIC FREDERICKSON		81 NORTH HENRY ST
ANDREW KAMINSKI		81 NORTH HENRY ST
EVELYN ZAMORA		91 W. Henry St.

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
Laura Christian	<i>Laura Christian</i>	252 Nassau
PATRICK CHRISTIAN	<i>Patrick Christian</i>	252 NASSAU
Nicole Humenik	<i>Nicole Humenik</i>	166 Newel
Michael Humenik	<i>Michael Humenik</i>	166 Newel
Michael Lesnik	<i>Michael Lesnik</i>	115 Russell
Natasha Lesnik	<i>Natasha Lesnik</i>	115 Russell
Dorothy Lesnik	<i>Dorothy Lesnik</i>	115 Russell
George Lesnik	<i>George Lesnik</i>	115 Russell
Laina Wala	<i>Laina Wala</i>	37 Broome
Anthony Wala	<i>Anthony Wala</i>	37 Broome
CATERINA MURPHY	<i>CATERINA MURPHY</i>	578 GEORGAN AVE.
Vincent Perrella	<i>Vincent Perrella</i>	181 Monitor
Andrea Perrella	<i>Andrea Perrella</i>	181 Monitor

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NYC Parks

## **Community Board 1 Monthly Parks Update – June 2025**

### **NYC's Outdoor Pools Open Friday, July 27, 2025**

Cool off and enjoy the summer at free outdoor pools across the city.

Every day during our summer pool season, thousands of visitors head to our city's free public outdoor pools. Learn more about our pools and dive in to find an outdoor pool near you! Outdoor pool hours are from **11:00 a.m.** through **7:00 p.m.** daily, with a break for pool cleaning between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Find out more about our learn to swim program, lap swim hours, our youth swim team, and programs for seniors and people with disabilities.

#### **[Learn more about free swim programs](#)**

Looking for our free Learn to Swim program? Find out more by visiting our [Learn to Swim](#) registration page.

For more pool related information, such as what to wear, what to bring, and what not to bring, please visit the Parks Department [website](#).

### **Vital Parks for all and the Vital Parks Explorer**

New York City's parks are vital. In an era where our city is facing greater challenges than ever, ranging from the threat of extreme weather to increased park use, we need a plan that can protect and grow our city's living infrastructure. Learn more about how we define, measure, and invest in our parks, to deliver a Vital Parks System to the New Yorkers who need it the most.

What aspects of a Vital Parks System matter most to you? Through our Vital Parks Explorer, you can check more than 20 different elements that matter most to New Yorkers. Learn more about access to these amenities across the city, your community, and even your block.

#### **[Explore the System](#)**

### **Partnerships for Parks volunteer projects – Outreach Coordinator**

Curtis Sherrod is your Partnerships for Parks Outreach Coordinator for park properties within Brooklyn Community Board 1. Please contact Curtis at 646.984.6536 (cell) or [curtis.sherrod@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:curtis.sherrod@parks.nyc.gov).

**CB1 currently has the following projects under construction:**

- Berry Playground – construction began fall 2024 and will be complete fall 2025.
- Box Street Park –EDC contractors have begun on site work.
- Bushwick Inlet Park: Motiva –construction began March 11, 2024, and will be complete fall 2025.

**We have several projects awaiting construction start:**

- American Playground – this project is in the design phase.
- McCarren Park natural turf softball fields –construction anticipated to begin spring 2026 and be complete spring 2027.
- McCarren Park asphalt field.