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RE: Joint Letter of Support --

Proposed Park to be located at the dead end of the northern part of Borden Avenue which ends at the Dutch Kills Tributary (Blissville's Northern Boundary)

Dear Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Langsam:

On October 7, 2025, Transportation Committee made a motion to send a joint letter of support to the Department of Transportation, as well as, the City of New York Parks and Recreation to request a transfer of the land the DOT controls to the Parks Department where Parks can evaluate it as a potential park under its Walk to a Park Initiative.

The proposed park is to be located at the dead end of the northern part of Borden Avenue which ends at the Dutch Kills Tributary which is Blissville's northern Boundary.

All were in favor of the motion with none opposed and no abstentions..

The Blissville Civic Association has been advocating for this location to be a proposed park and provided both committees with some of the following bullet points for their rationale:

- Years ago, three young men lost their lives at this locations because signage led them to drive their vehicle into Newtown Creek. The proposed park would pay homage to them.

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- The community has created a community park at this site.
- Blissville's community is part of the 15% of New Yorkers who are not within walking distance of a park. The proposed park would be a 5-to-10-minute walk for thousands of people residing in Blissville.

Community Board 2 is requesting the Department of Transportation, and the City of New York Parks and Recreation Department consider the proposed property to be transferred to the Parks Department, and if approved, community members who have already transformed the space be involved in the planning process for a city park.

Thank you for your review of this matter.

Sincerely,



Debra Markell Kleinert
District Manager

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Cc: Honorable Grace Meng, US Congress
Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, US Congress
Honorable Michael Gianaris, NY State Senate
Honorable Kristen Gonzalez, NY State Senate
Honorable Jessica Ramos, NY State Senate
Honorable Claire Valdez, NYS Assembly
Honorable Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas, NYS Assembly
Honorable Zohran Mamdani, NYS Assembly
Honorable Steven Raga, NYS Assembly
Honorable Robert Holden, NYC Council Member
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