

BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD #3

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Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee Public Hearing Report

DATE: December 12, 2024 TIME: 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, *Chairman of the Board* Al Klingele, *Chair, Parks & Environmental Committee* Cliff Hagen John Kiernan Frank P. Morano Anthony Riccardelli <u>Committee Members Absent</u> Robert Bozza Paul Sanders

<u>Staff</u>

Stacey Wertheim, Interim District Manager Susan LaForgia, Community Coordinator Board Members Present Danny Venuto

Guests

Mario Bruno, Staten Island Borough Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Abir Momen, DEP Area Residents

Public Contact Session

<u>Agenda</u>

New York City DEP presented the Arden Heights Bluebelt Capital Project SER002317 - Project cost - \$14.5 M capital construction costs. The tentative completion date is 2029. Areas involved are Woodrow Road, Arden Avenue, Grantwood Avenue, Shotwell Avenue, Legate Avenue, Halpin Avenue, Carlton Boulevard.

- Bluebelts are a series of cost-effective and ecologically rich stormwater best management practices that augment our storm sewer network.
- They incorporate natural and engineered water features, such as streams, ponds, and wetlands, to convey, store, filter, and attenuate stormwater to prevent/alleviate flooding
- Co-benefits include the creation of open spaces with native vegetation that reduce runoff and pollution and provide wildlife habitat.

Project Scope – Construction of:

- Storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water mains
- Restoration of existing streams to accommodate watershed flow rates, transport sediment load, and process pollutants
- Creation of native plant communities providing erosion control, biofiltration, and microclimate improvement
- Stabilization of steep slopes

*Full presentation on file in the Community Board office.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Respectfully submitted,

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Albert W. Klingele, Chairman