

**April 23, 2024**

Northeast Bronx YMCA,  
1250 East 229th Street  
Bronx, NY 10466



# Office Announcements

## Welcome

The Office of Council Members Kevin C. Riley is happy to welcome you this evening!

## Questions

If you have any questions, please write them down on the Q&A cards. We will share them later in the presentation.

## Assistance

If you need assistance, please check in with a Team Riley staff member so we can assist you.

*Thank you,  
Team Riley*

A group of people, including a woman in a black cap and a man in a white shirt, are gathered around a table, looking at a map or document. The background shows other people and a room with a grid ceiling.

# Welcome to our HOUSING SERIES

• PART I: MEET THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING •

# GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

## A Brief Community Building Activity

**1**

Please look at the **number** indicated on your **question card**.

If you did not receive a card, please let our team know.



**2**

Find the person with the **same number as yours**. For example, **#1** and **#1** will form a pair.

*Rest assured: each number has a duplicate!*

**3**

Once you found your **teammate**, take turns asking each other the **following questions** :

**“Which neighborhood or street do you enjoy the most? Why? Which elements do you think could be replicated in our community?”**



# TONIGHT'S EVENTS

*Our Topics of Discussion*

## Welcome!

*District 12 Council Member*  
**Kevin C. Riley**



## Meeting the Department of City Planning

*Department of City Planning Bronx Borough Director*  
**Paul A. Philips**



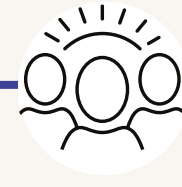
## Legislative Update

*District 12 Legislative Team*



## Conclusion

*Thank you all!*



**Get to Know Your  
Neighbor**  
*(Interactive)*

**Planning our Streets**  
*District 12 Council Member*  
**Kevin C. Riley**

**Constituent Services  
Team Updates**  
*District 12 Constituent Services Team*

**Q&A**  
*Please Ask Away!*  
*(Interactive)*



# Council Member KEVIN C. RILEY

• PLANNING OUR STREETS •

# ABOUT CITY PLANNING



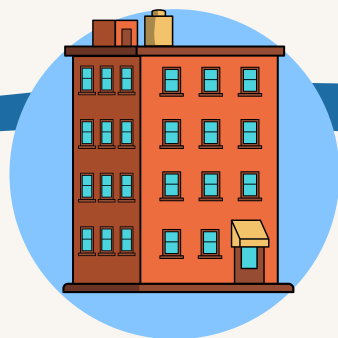
Chair of the Subcommittee  
on Zoning and Franchises

## What is the purpose of zoning?

- Zoning is a law that organizes **how land may be used**.
- It establishes an **orderly pattern of development** across neighborhoods and the city by identifying what may be built on a piece of property.
- Zoning can also help **protect the local environment** and keep property values **stable**.

## How is zoning tied to city planning?

- By setting **limits** on how a property owner may use land, zoning regulations impact issues such as:



Building  
Shape



Affordable  
Housing



Walkability



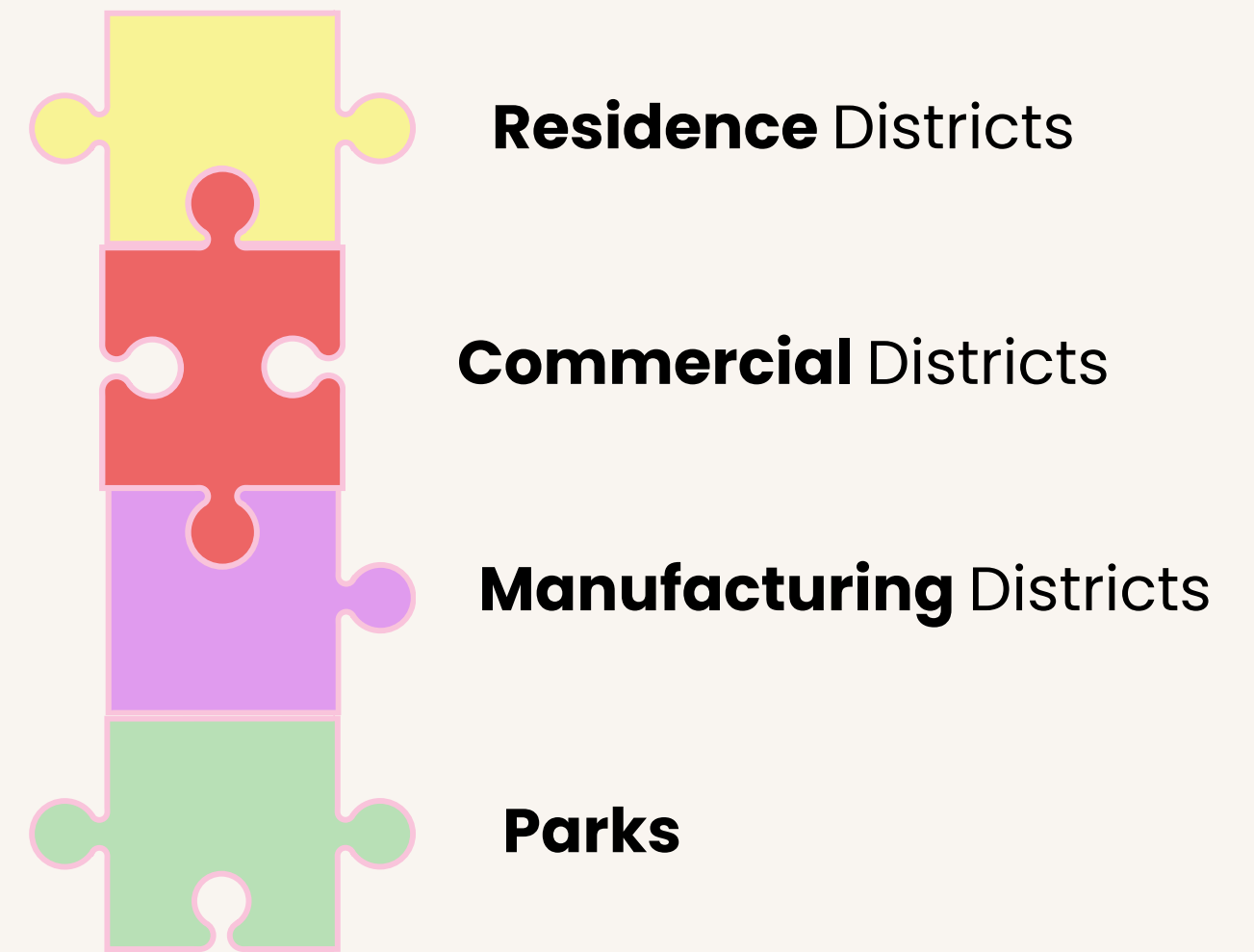
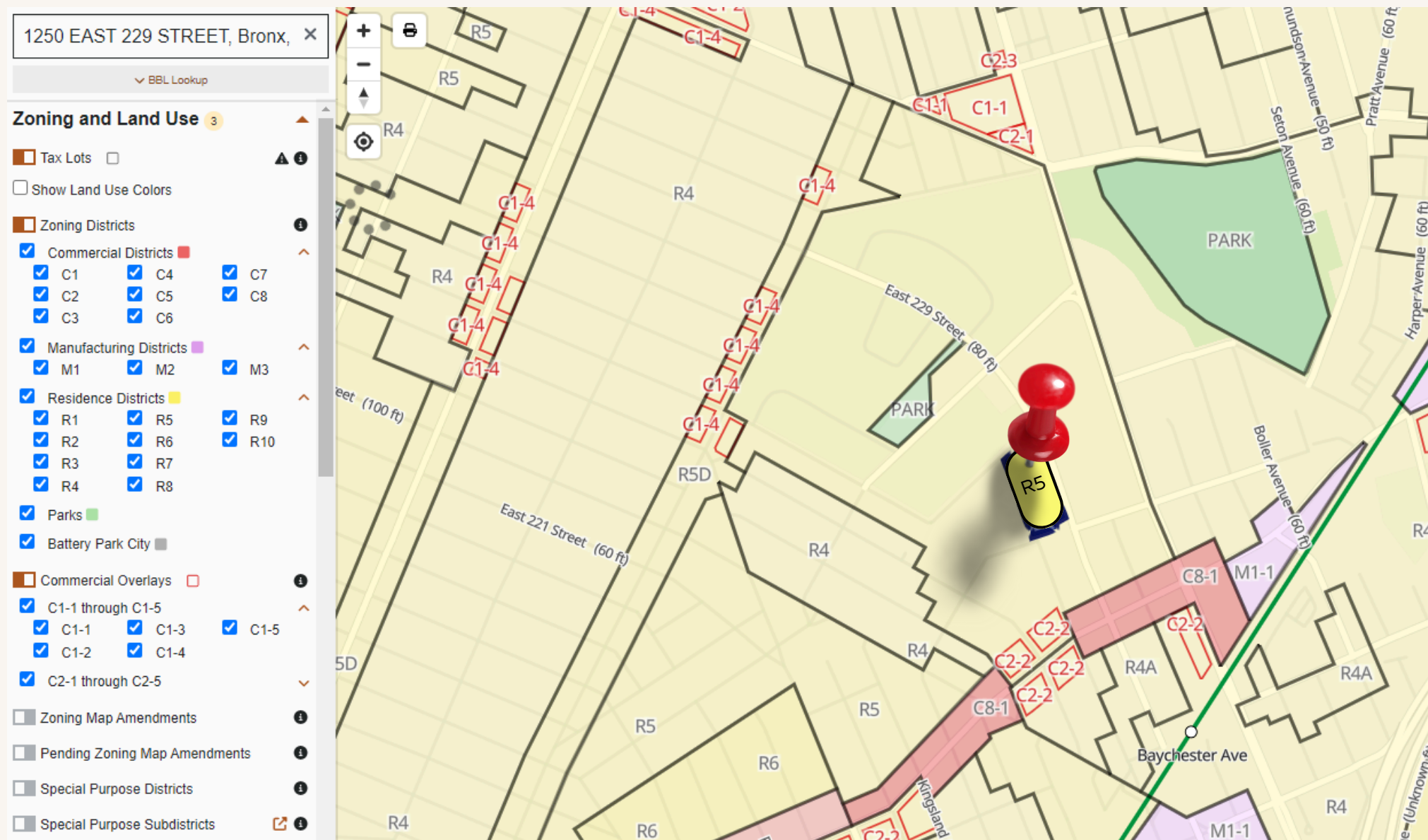
Climate  
Change  
Resiliency

*and more!*

# ABOUT CITY PLANNING

## What does zoning look like in our neighborhood?

- Zoning is a **tool** to divide the city into tax lots. You can think of tax lots as **puzzle pieces**.
- Each piece is **different**, but all fit together to create the fabric of our city. It is important to take them into account when making decisions about **new developments**.
  - *Example: zoning limits the proximity of stadiums or nightclubs to residential areas, in order to minimize noise pollution.*



Consult NYC zoning maps on [zola.planning.nyc.gov](https://zola.planning.nyc.gov)

# ABOUT CITY PLANNING



Chair of the Subcommittee  
on Zoning and Franchises

## How are zoning maps amended?

- Zoning regulations can be **amended** to accommodate a new use.
- Anyone, including **an individual or the City**, may propose a zoning amendment.
- Zoning map amendments may be adopted only after a **formal public review process**, where they must ultimately be approved by the **City Planning Commission** and adopted by the **City Council**, as per the City Charter.

## What is a comprehensive plan?

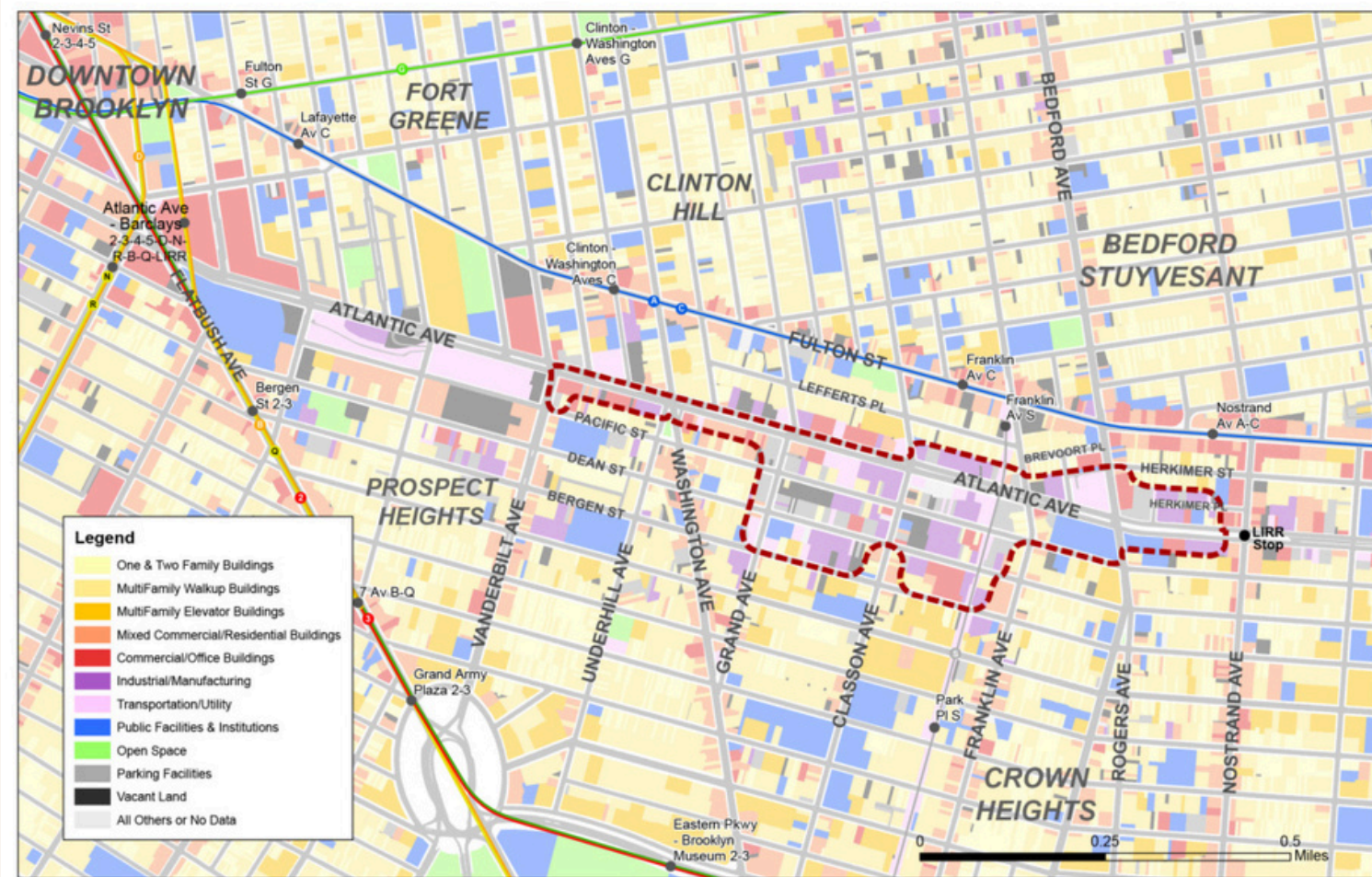
- In New York, zoning laws must be adopted in accordance with a comprehensive plan.
- The **comprehensive plan** should then provide the **backbone** for the local zoning law.
- With Council adoption, the comprehensive plan should represent a **shared vision for New York City across the Council, Mayoral agencies and the New Yorkers** that Council Members represent to fulfill our citywide and neighborhood-specific needs for housing, open space, schools, and other infrastructure.



# MORE ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

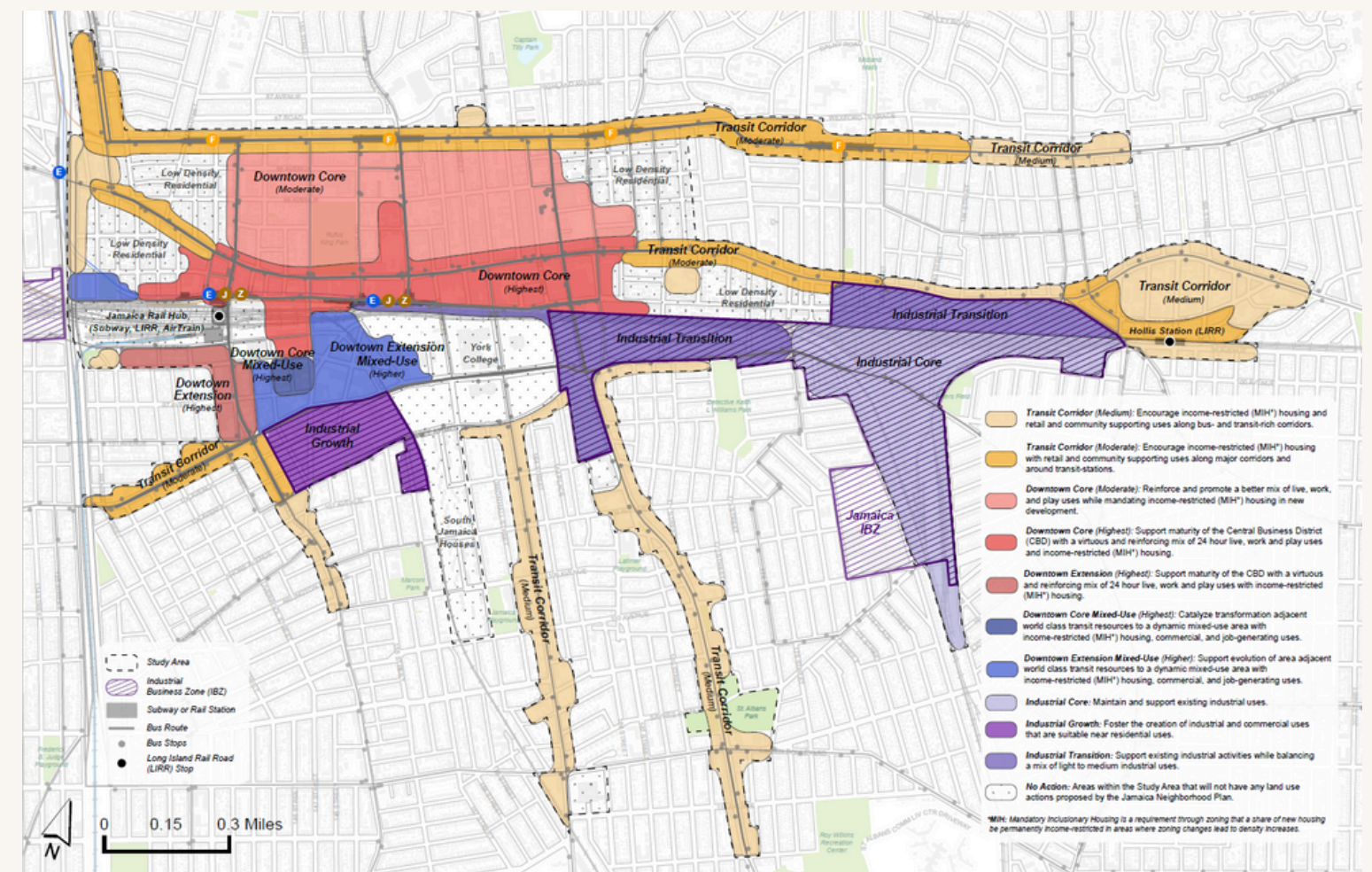
## ...in Brooklyn

Through **Planning Together for Our Future**, Council Member Hudson is collaborating with DCP to examine the state of zoning in District 35 and ensure that new development proposals align with the new approach to zoning in the district.



## ...in Queens

Through **the Jamaica Neighborhood Plan**, Council Member Wililams plans to conduct a similar process in District 27 to coordinate development efforts.



# MORE ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

## ...in the Bronx!

## Upcoming Initiatives

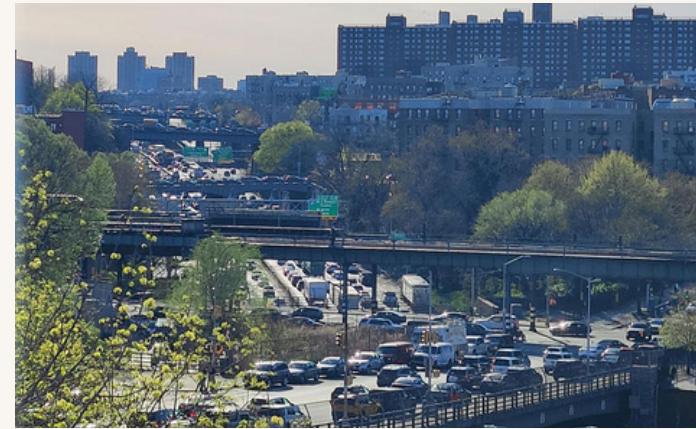
**Bronx Metro-North  
Station Area Plan**



**Southern Boulevard  
Neighborhood Study**



**The Cross Bronx  
Expressway Study**



**Jerome Avenue  
Neighborhood  
Planning Study**



**Harlem River  
Waterfront**



**Cromwell Avenue -  
Jerome Avenue  
Transportation Study**



**Resilient  
Neighborhoods -  
Edgewater Park**



**Resilient  
Neighborhoods -  
Harding Park**



**Hutchinson River  
Parkway Study**



**Sheridan Expressway-  
Hunts Point Land Use  
and Transportation  
Study (SEHP)**



...and more.

# MORE ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

## ...in the city as a whole

The “City of Yes” plan is a great example of an **overarching plan** to change zoning rules to spur housing and economic growth. Three different proposals make up the plan, but the one currently under City Council consideration pertains specifically to **businesses and economic growth**.

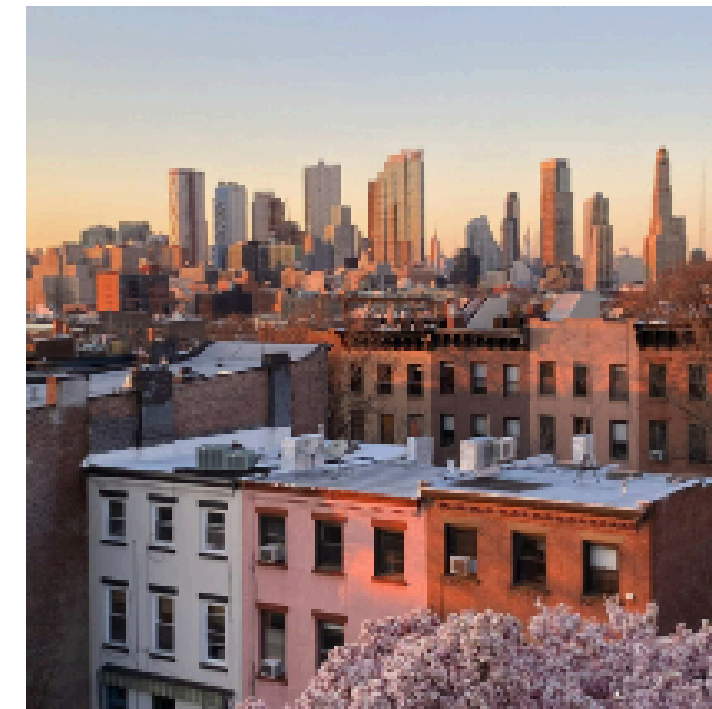
Learn about the City of Yes initiatives



Carbon Neutrality



Economic Opportunity



Housing Opportunity

Visit [nyc.gov/CityOfYes](https://nyc.gov/CityOfYes) for more details about the city of yes initiatives and how you can participate in the planning process!

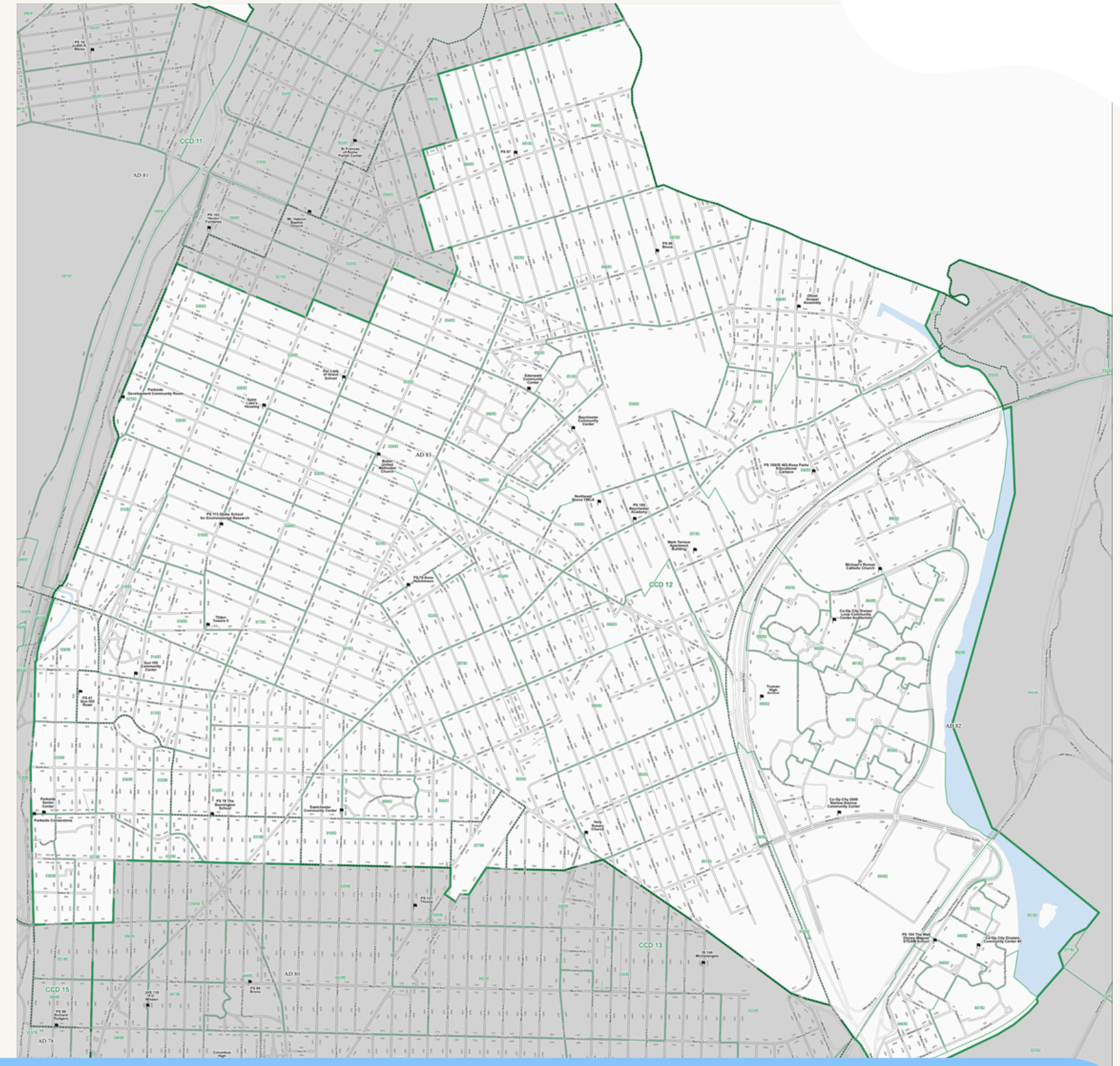
# MORE ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

...in **District 12!**



## A Collaborative Process

- As expressed in the past, the Council Member has a long-standing interest in **collaborating with our municipal institutions** to economically revitalize areas in our district, particularly **White Plains Road**.
- The scale of this redevelopment would require a brand new **comprehensive plan**, which relies greatly on **constituent feedback** and guidance.



If you have any suggestions for ideas that you wish to see in the district, please indicate it on your **question cards**, on our **district map**, come discuss them with our team afterwards!

A photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, a cyclist is riding a red bicycle on the left side of the road. In the middle ground, a blue bus with the number 5931 is stopped. To the right, construction workers in high-visibility vests are working near a forklift. In the background, an elevated train track runs along the street. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'Department of City Planning' and 'PAULA. PHILPS' is overlaid in white on the image.

# Department of City Planning

# PAULA. PHILPS

• INTRO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING •

# The Mission of the Department of City Planning (DCP)



***To plan for the future of New York City***

# Why is Planning Important?

Planning helps create communities that offer better choices for where and how people live.

NYC's Department of City Planning provides the forum for government officials, residents, businesses and civic groups to come together to create a vision for their neighborhoods.



# Plans Take Many Forms

- **Policy Studies and Recommendations**
- **Neighborhood Plans**
- **Regulatory and Incentive Strategies**
- **Historic Preservation Plans**
- **Coordinated Capital Planning**





# DCP's Strategic Objectives

## Neighborhood Improvement



a

***Catalyze long-term neighborhood improvement through integrated planning***

## Housing



b

***Encourage housing production, affordability, and quality***

## Economic Development



c

***Promote economic development and job growth***

## Resiliency and Sustainability



d

***Enhance resiliency and sustainability of neighborhoods***

## Land Use Review



e

***Ensure integrity, timeliness, and responsiveness in land use reviews***

## Data and Expertise



f

***Supply objective data and expertise to a broad range of planning functions and stakeholders***

# Bronx Planning Initiatives



**Reimagine**  
the Cross Bronx



**Cross Bronx Expressway Study**



**Bronx Metro North Study**

# Agency Partners



NYC Parks

# Who We Are

## Borough Offices

Conduct neighborhood and land use studies

Manage private and public land use applications

Liaise with communities and other stakeholders

- Bronx
- Brooklyn
- Manhattan
- Queens
- Staten Island

## Strategic Planning

Provide in-depth planning information and policy analysis

Formulate planning policies

Conduct citywide studies

- Population
- Housing
- Transportation
- Climate & Sustainability
- Urban Design
- Zoning
- Economic Development & Regional Planning

## Technical Planning

Review land use applications

Conduct environmental assessment

Manage land use review process

- Land Use Review
- Environmental Review
- Technical Planning

## Planning Support

Provide inter- and intra- agency coordination

Create tools and resources to improve access to data and expertise

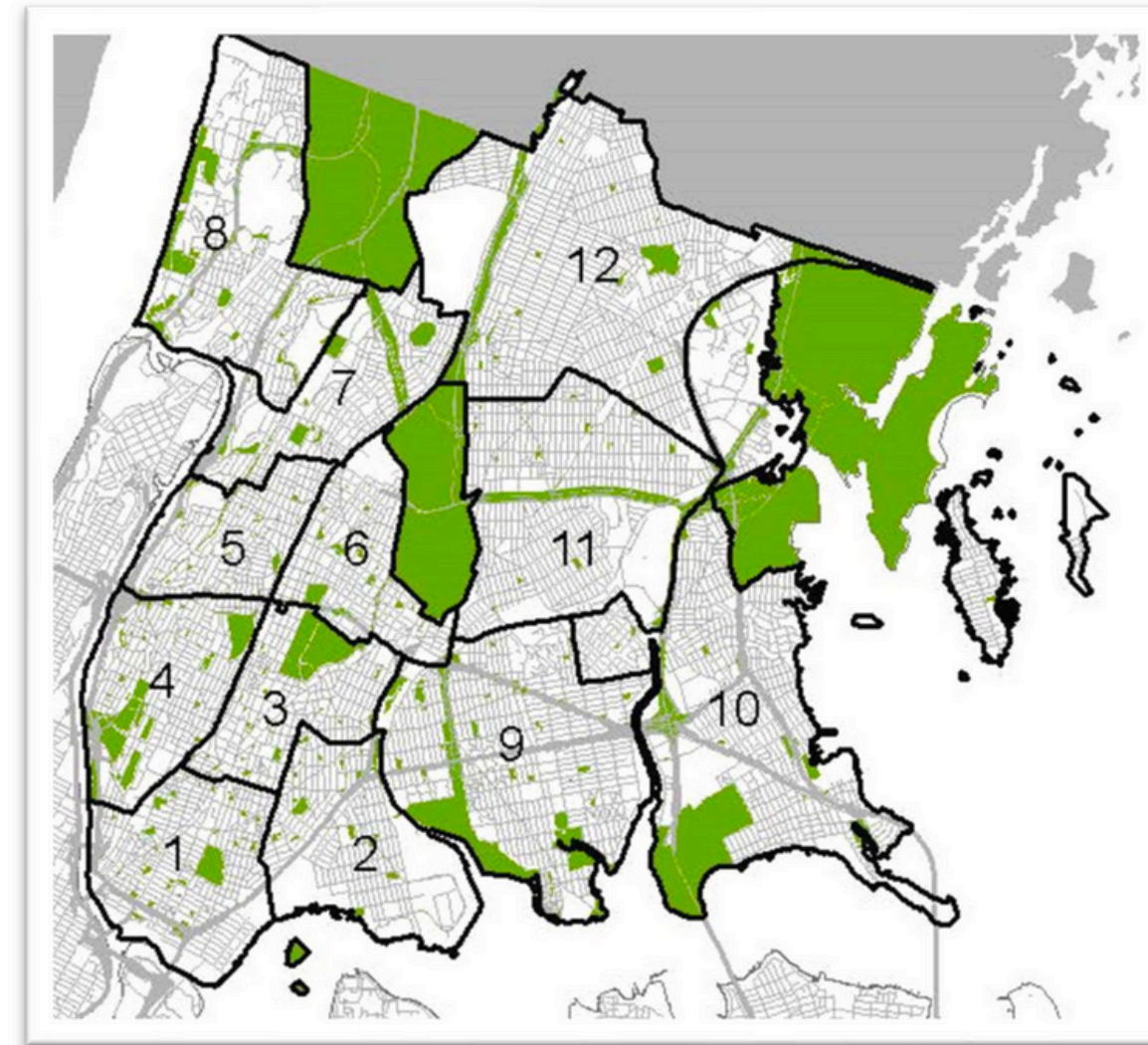
Implement processes to increase efficiency and drive planning consistency

- Capital Planning
- Planning Coordination
- Business Improvement
- Planning Labs
- Data Management
- WebTeam
- Operations

# Bronx City Planning

**Urban Planners**  
**Urban Designers**  
**Administrative Staff**

**Community Board Liaisons**



## Department of City Planning



- Mayoral agency
- Responsible for planning for the orderly growth and development of the city
- Administers City's land use review process
- Approximately **300** planners and support staff who advise CPC on policy and planning issues

Director



## City Planning Commission



- **13** appointed commissioners
  - **7** by Mayor
  - **5** by Borough Presidents
  - **1** by Public Advocate
- Responsible for the planning related to the orderly growth and development of the City.
- Holds public hearings, assesses land use proposals and their environmental reviews prior to voting.
- All meetings are livestreamed

Chairperson

## Department of City Planning



- Community Board Liaisons
- Urban Planners and Designers
- Central planning support on the CD Needs and Budget Request Process
- Technical and Administrative Staff

## NYC Community Boards



- **59** Community Boards
- **50** appointed members per CB
  - **1** Chair
  - **1** District Manager
- Land Use & Other Committees
- Public Meetings
- Borough Board Meetings
- Borough Service Cabinet

# Community District Profiles

**NYC PLANNING Community District Profiles**

**Bronx Community District 7**

Indicators Built Environment Floodplain Community Board Projects Resources

**Community Board Perspectives**

Community boards are liaisons between district residents and City government, charged with advocating for their districts' unique priorities in collaboration with city agencies. To learn more about the issues affecting your district, view the most recent Statement of Community District Needs. Want to get involved? Visit your community board's website or email them directly.

**Bronx Community Board 7**

[website](#)

[email](#)

**Statement of Community District Needs**

These are the top 3 pressing issues perceived and identified by Bronx Community Board 7 in the latest needs statement:

- Affordable housing
- Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)
- Schools

NEEDS STATEMENT ARCHIVE:

[FY2019\\_Statement\\_BX07.pdf](#) LATEST

[FY2018\\_Statement\\_BX07.pdf](#)

[FY2017\\_Statement\\_BX07.pdf](#)

[Show All Needs Statements](#)

**View, download, and share reports containing information related to:**

"Top 3" Pressing Issues Affecting CD							
	Health Care and Human Services	Youth, Education and Child Welfare	Public Safety and Emergency Services	Core Infrastructure and City Services	Housing, Economic Development and Land Use	Transportation	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

<https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>



# DCP's Online Resources

Sample Questions	Where can I find my Community District Needs Statement?	What are the locations of all the schools in my district?	How tall can a building be in my district?	How many seniors live in my neighborhood?
DCP Online Resources	<b>Community Portal</b>	<b>NYC Facilities Explorer</b>	<b>ZoLa</b> Zoning and Land Use Application	<b>NYC Population FactFinder</b>
What is it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides tools, resources and information for every community district related to New York City's population, land use, projects, community needs and maps</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Interactive map containing the most comprehensive dataset of public and private facilities and program sites that shape the quality of New York City neighborhoods</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Online map application providing up-to-date zoning and land use information</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provides detailed population and housing profiles for user defined areas within NYC; Using data from decennial censuses and the American Community Survey</li></ul>

# ZAP (Zoning Application Portal)

A beta project of NYC Planning Labs

**NYC PLANNING ZAP Search** Find New York City Zoning & Land Use Applications Find Projects Disclaimer Feedback

22 projects match your filters listing 1-22 [Download](#)

**909 Castle Hill Avenue** October 16, 2019  
Filed  
Alfred Quinones — This is a private application by Alfred Quinones requesting a zoning map amendment to facilitate a new 4-story plus cell...  
Bronx | CD 9 | ULURP | 190118ZMX | CEQR 19DCP222X

**Bronx Point Non-ULURP UDAAP** October 7, 2019  
In Public Review  
Nicole Campo — This is a public application by HPD requesting a non-ulurp UDAAP in Community District 4, Bronx.  
Bronx | CD 4 | Non-ULURP | N190501HNX

**C7 Baychester Avenue Rezoning** September 23, 2019  
In Public Review  
DCP — This is a public application by the Department of City Planning requesting a zoning map change from C7 to C8-2 on Block ...  
Bronx | CD 10 | ULURP | 200088ZMX | CEQR 20DCP035X

**Delafield - New Site Plan (2016) SNAD** September 23, 2019  
Filed  
AYY26 LLC — This is a private application by AYY 26, LLC requesting a minor modification to a previously approved Large-Scale Reside...  
Bronx | CD 8 | ULURP | 200042ZAX | 200043ZAX | 200044ZAX | M200100LDX | M870977AZAX | CEQR 80DCP044X

**East 175th Street Bridge Rehabilitation** September 9, 2019  
In Public Review  
Robbert Collyer — An application by the New York City Department of Transportation involving the change of legal grade of East 175th Stree...  
Bronx | CD 6 | ULURP | 190087MMX | CEQR 18DOT009X Type II

**East 180th Street Bridge Rehabilitation** September 9, 2019  
In Public Review  
Robert Collyer — An application by the New York City Department of Transportation involving the change of legal grade of East 180th Stree...  
Bronx | CD 6 | ULURP | 190043MMX | CEQR 17DOT008X Type II

**Filter Projects** RESET FILTERS

**PROJECT STAGE**  Filed  In Public Review  Completed  Unknown

**TEXT MATCH**  Enter an exact phrase, name, or number.

**DATE CERTIFIED /**

**BOROUGH / BLOCK**  Citywide  Manhattan  Bronx  Brooklyn  Queens  Staten Island  
Block Number (e.g. '1000')

**COMMUNITY DISTRICT**  Select some names...

**ACTION TYPE**  Select some actions...

**FEMA FLOOD ZONE**  V  Coastal A  A  Shaded X

**ULURP TYPE**  ULURP  Non-ULURP

Map and Project List adjust as filters change  
Download the list of projects in the upper-right corner

# Each project page in ZAP supports your review and allows you to share the project digitally

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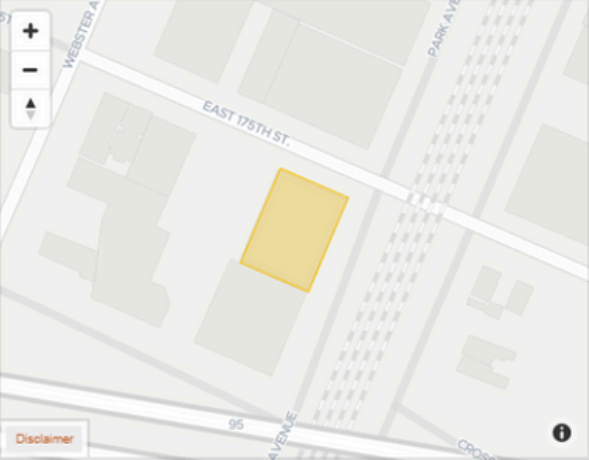
**NYC PLANNING** ZAP Search Find New York City Zoning & Land Use Applications [Find Projects](#) [Disclaimer](#) [Feedback](#)

## East 175th Street Bridge Rehabilitation

**Applicant:** Robbert Collyer [Share Project](#) [Report Data Issue](#)

**Project Brief:**  
An application by the New York City Department of Transportation involving the change of legal grade of East 175th Street in order to facilitate the rehabilitation of the East 175th Street bridge over Metro North Railroad in Community District 6, Borough of The Bronx.

**Status:** In Public Review ULURP



**Actions**

- Certified **Change in City Map**  
ULURP Number: 190087MMX

**Milestones**

- ✓ **Land Use Application Filed**  
September 10, 2018  
a year ago
- ✓ **Application Reviewed at City Planning Commission Review Session**  
September 9, 2019  
a month ago  
Certified
- 📅 **Community Board Review**  
September 18, 2019 Start  
November 18, 2019 End  
In Progress
- 📅 **Borough President Review**

**CEQR:** Type II 18DOT009X

**Keywords:**

**Borough:** Bronx

**Community Districts:** Bronx | CD 6

**Addresses:**

**BBLs:** 2028990053



# CONSTITUENT REQUESTS



## Planning Related Requests

### How to access DCP resources:

- **Zoning Maps:** To access NYC zoning maps and learn about your tax lot, please consult [zola.planning.nyc.gov](https://zola.planning.nyc.gov).
- **DCP Projects:** To see details about upcoming DCP projects, please consult [www.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/city-wide.page](https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/city-wide.page).

### How to make an inquiry:

- **Zoning Questions:** For general zoning questions, read the [Zoning Help Desk FAQ](#). If your question isn't answered there, call [212-720-3291](tel:212-720-3291) during business hours (8:30AM–5:30PM, Monday–Friday). Leave a detailed message with your block and lot information, and a zoning specialist will get back to you within two business days.
- You can also fill out the [Zoning Information Inquiry Form](#).
- **In Person Assistance:** You can visit your **Bronx Borough Office** at [1775 Grand Concourse, Suite 503](#), Bronx NY 10453. They are also reachable by phone at [718-220-8500](tel:718-220-8500).
- If you are having any difficulty navigating the DCP website or are not sure who to contact about a specific issue, **call our district office** at [718-684-5509](tel:718-684-5509) or email our land use director Simone Jones at [SiJones@council.nyc.gov](mailto:SiJones@council.nyc.gov). We will be happy to connect you to the relevant agency.

#### Bronx Office

1775 Grand Concourse, Suite 503

Bronx NY 10453

[Show on map...](#)

Tel. 718-220-8500

Fax 718-584-8628



# CONSTITUENT SERVICES

## NIDC Housing Clinic Services at our Office



Sign up! Appointments available monthly



**When?** Monthly - Please see a constituent team member to book an appointment.



**Where?** 940 East Gun Hill Road, The Bronx, NY 10469



**Who?** Meet with a Tenant Advocate from the NIDC Team

The background of the image is a photograph of the New York State Capitol building in Albany, New York. The building is a large, white, neoclassical structure with a prominent central dome and a portico with columns. It is surrounded by a paved plaza. In the background, other city buildings and a cloudy sky are visible. A decorative blue and white graphic element is in the top right corner.

# Legislative UPDATES

• **BILLS TO IMPROVE CITY PLANNING IN NYC** •

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

## Shaping City Planning Through Law

Council Member Riley has drafted and supported various bills related to city planning, including many related to zoning, housing, transportation, environmental protection, and more.

- Council Member Riley has recently introduced 6 bills and supported another 63 bills related to planning, housing, and other issues affecting our city and public spaces, of which 34 were land use projects.
- These bills aim to strengthen our city's approach to new developments and ensure that our neighborhoods and the experiences they offer are shaped for and by our community.

Of those 69 bills, 40 have already successfully been passed by Council Members via a full vote.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

## Relevant Bills Prime Sponsored By CM Riley

- Bill of Interest: Resolution 187-2024 -



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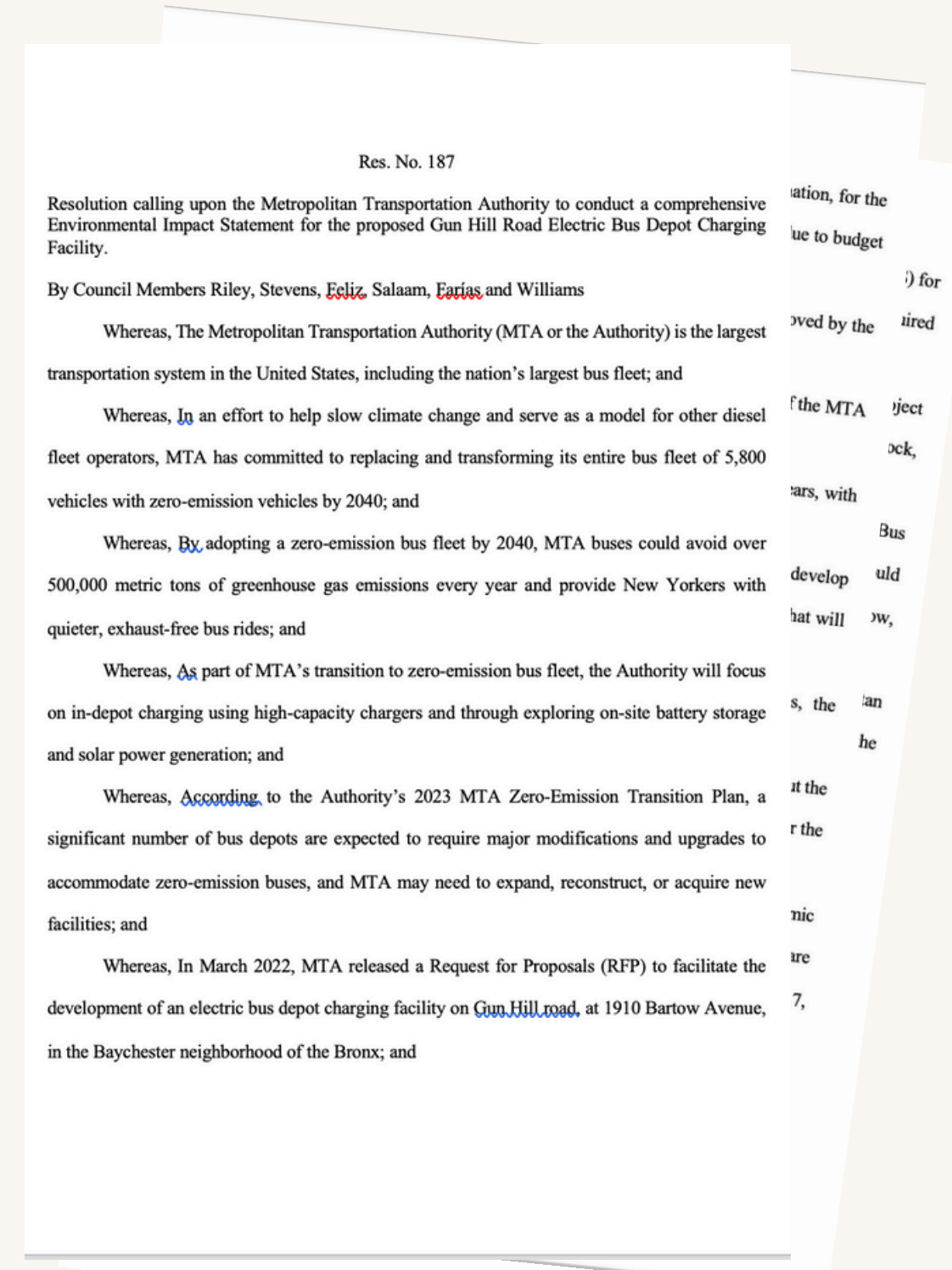
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**RES. 187-2024**  
PRIME SPONSOR: Council Member Kevin C. Riley

Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to conduct a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Gun Hill Road Electric Bus Depot Charging Facility.

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Whereas, Conducting a comprehensive EIS for the proposed Gun Hill Road Electric Bus Depot Charging Facility would add an **additional layer of transparency** to the project and would examine whether the project would have any **adverse effects** on the surrounding community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to conduct a **comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement** for the proposed Gun Hill Road Electric Bus Depot Charging Facility.



Res. No. 187

Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to conduct a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Gun Hill Road Electric Bus Depot Charging Facility.

By Council Members Riley, Stevens, Feliz, Salaam, Farías and Williams

Whereas, The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA or the Authority) is the largest transportation system in the United States, including the nation's largest bus fleet; and

Whereas, In an effort to help slow climate change and serve as a model for other diesel fleet operators, MTA has committed to replacing and transforming its entire bus fleet of 5,800 vehicles with zero-emission vehicles by 2040; and

Whereas, By adopting a zero-emission bus fleet by 2040, MTA buses could avoid over 500,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions every year and provide New Yorkers with quieter, exhaust-free bus rides; and

Whereas, As part of MTA's transition to zero-emission bus fleet, the Authority will focus on in-depot charging using high-capacity chargers and through exploring on-site battery storage and solar power generation; and

Whereas, According to the Authority's 2023 MTA Zero-Emission Transition Plan, a significant number of bus depots are expected to require major modifications and upgrades to accommodate zero-emission buses, and MTA may need to expand, reconstruct, or acquire new facilities; and

Whereas, In March 2022, MTA released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to facilitate the development of an electric bus depot charging facility on Gun Hill road, at 1910 Bartow Avenue, in the Baychester neighborhood of the Bronx; and



# LEGISLATIVE PUSH

Help us support bills that impact our city!



OFFICE OF NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
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**WANT TO HELP US GET THIS BILL PASSED?  
WE ARE COLLECTING LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THEIR PERSPECTIVES.**

[www.bit.ly/DontGridlockGunHill](http://www.bit.ly/DontGridlockGunHill)

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT OUR LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, JAYSON FOX  
JFOX@COUNCIL.NYC.GOV OR 212-788-6873

 @CMKevinCRiley  (718) 684-5509  District12@council.nyc.gov

*You can...*

Write a letter of support

Sign petitions

Attend hearings (in person or online)

Register to testify in support

If you live outside District 12,  
call your council member!



# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING UPDATE

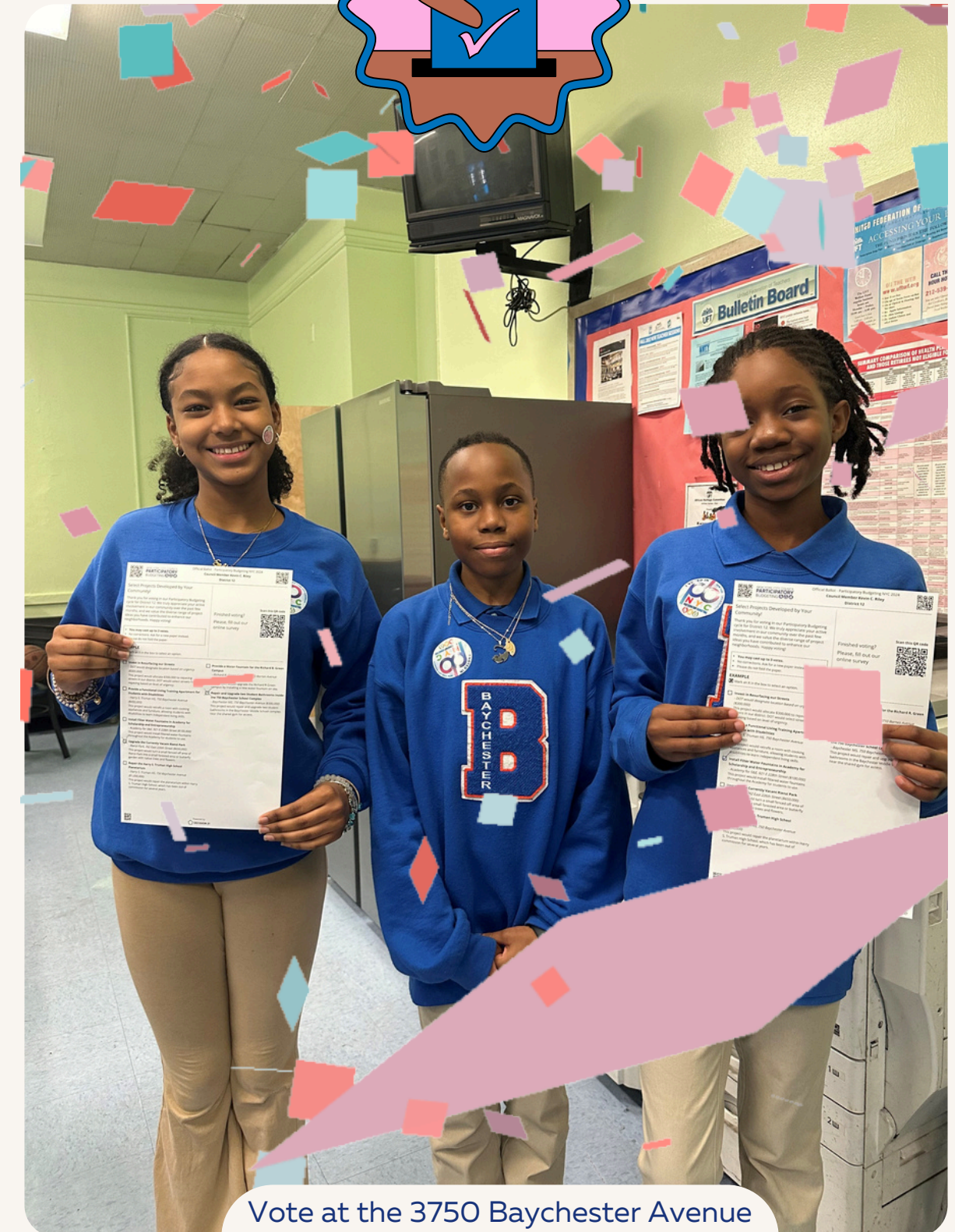
Thank you for casting your vote!

## What is Participatory Budgeting ?

- Participatory Budgeting is an initiative for community members to decide how to **\$1M in their district.**
- Capital projects ideas were collected in November 2023 and placed on a ballot for a community vote earlier this month, between **April 6th and April 14th.**

## When will the results be announced?

- Thank you again for your participation! Thanks to you, we have received **126 online** votes and **2017** votes cast **in person.**
- The ballots are currently being reviewed, and the results will be announced **by the end of this month.**



Vote at the 3750 Baychester Avenue School Complex on 04/09/24

# Thank you!

Our team thanks you for listening!



A special thank you to our partners.

Join our next community conversation!

Look out for information about our next **Community Conversation** for May!



Stay connected to our office!

  @CMKevinCRiley

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