

# Bronx Waterfront Vision



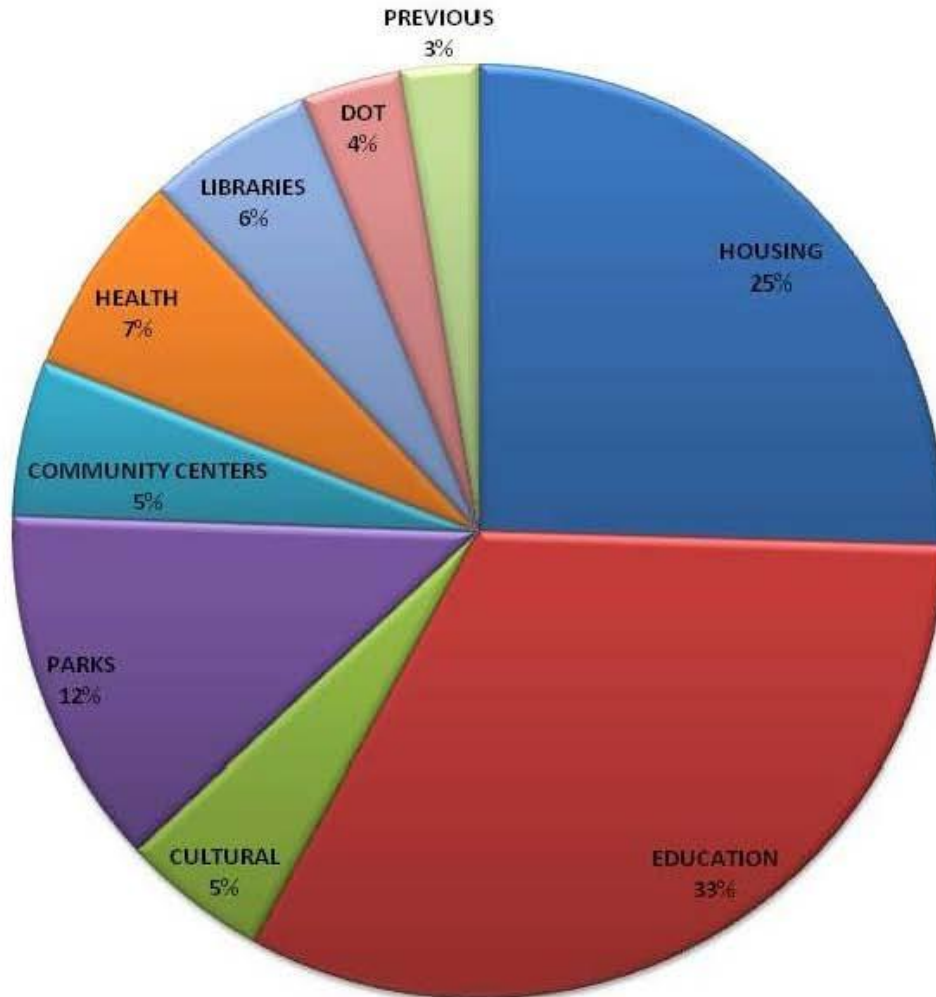
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# Capital Projects Funding Summary

## Fiscal Year 2011

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CATEGORY	PROJECT #	REQUEST TOTAL	% TOTAL
EDUCATION	69	\$12,227,000	32.50%
HOUSING	16	\$9,582,000	25.50%
PARKS	10	\$4,690,000	12.50%
HEALTH	4	\$2,650,000	7.00%
LIBRARIES	5	\$2,200,000	5.80%
COMMUNITY CENTERS	4	\$2,037,000	5.40%
CULTURAL	5	\$1,919,000	5.10%
DOT	3	\$1,311,000	3.50%
PREVIOUS	3	\$1,000,000	2.70%
TOTAL	119	\$37,616,000	100%



# Introduction

## Objectives for the Bronx Waterfront:

- Establish and Improve Public Access

- Protect our Natural Resources

- Upgrade Existing Parkland

- Identify Future Park Sites



# Three Bronx Waterfronts

A photograph of a park waterfront. In the foreground, there is a concrete path and a landscaped area with dark mulch and some green shrubs. A body of water, likely a pond or a small river, occupies the middle ground. In the background, there is a dense line of green trees and a brick building with some windows. The sky is overcast.

Harlem River

Bronx River

East River/Long Island Sound



# The Harlem River

- Community Districts Profile
- Recent Park Development
- Potential Sites for Public Access

Community District 1

Number of Residents: 87,104  
Residents Younger Than 18: 31,022 (33%)  
Acres of Parkland: 60.79  
Median Household Income: \$19,714  
*Persons Per Acre: 1,432*

Community District 4

Number of Residents: 139,560  
Residents Younger Than 18: 47,450 (34%)  
Acres of Parkland: 175  
Median Household Income: \$25,255  
*Persons Per Acre: 797*

**Harlem River  
Community  
Profiles**

Community District 5

Number of Residents: 128,325  
Residents Younger Than 18: 46,197 (36%)  
Acres of Parkland: 46  
Median Household Income: \$24,392  
*Persons Per Acre: 2,789*

Community District 7

Number of Residents: 141,418  
Residents Younger Than 18: 43,839 (31%)  
Acres of Parkland: 312  
Median Household Income: \$30,782  
*Persons Per Acre: 453*

**Persons Per Acre Citywide: 279  
Median Household Income Citywide: \$48,750**



# Harlem River



# Harlem River Parks

- ▣ Mill Pond Park/Building J
- ▣ The Highbridge
- ▣ Bridge Park
- ▣ Roberto Clemente State Park





# Mill Pond Park Where We've Been





# Mill Pond Park

## Where We Are Now





# Mill Pond Park/Building J

15 acres

**Tennis Center, District Park office and  
LEED certified**



# The Highbridge

## Challenge: Restore Historic Bridge between the Bronx & Manhattan





# Bridge Park, 5.2 acres

## Challenge: Complete design and construction





# Roberto Clemente State Park





# Harlem River: Future Sites for Public Access

- Park Avenue Street End
- Lower Grand Concourse Rezoning Park Site at E. 144<sup>th</sup> Street
- Pier 5\*
- Highbridge Yards Public Easement
- New Tabernacle Baptist Church Parcels\*
- DCAS Scaffolding Parcel\*
- Fordham Landing Parcel
- DCAS Parcel North of University Heights Bridge\*

# Lower Grand Concourse Rezoning Park Site at E. 144<sup>th</sup> Street, 2.2 acres



**Challenge: Purchase property & relocate tenant;  
identify funding for park development**



# Pier Five, 4.4 acres

Challenge: Identify Funding for Park Development

# Metro North Railroad Maintenance Facility

An aerial photograph of the Metro North Railroad Maintenance Facility. The facility consists of several large, light-colored industrial buildings with flat roofs, situated along a waterfront. To the left of the buildings are multiple sets of railroad tracks. The facility is bordered by a body of water on the right side. In the background, a dense urban skyline is visible, including several tall buildings. The sky is clear and blue.

**Challenge: Acquire a public easement along the waterside portion of yard**



# New Tabernacle Baptist Church Parcels, 2 acres

A photograph showing a hillside under a clear blue sky. In the background, a tall, white church steeple with a dark roof stands on the crest of the hill. The hillside itself is covered with bare, brown trees and some patches of snow. In the middle ground, a chain-link fence runs across the frame, behind which is a pile of debris, including what looks like a collapsed roof or structure, and some orange traffic cones. In the foreground, the front of a blue and white pickup truck is visible on the left. To the right, there are more bare trees and another orange traffic cone on the ground.

**Challenge: Purchase Property & identify funding  
for park development**



# DCAS Scaffolding Site, 4.4 acres

**Challenge: Relocate tenant; transfer property to Parks Dept.; identify funding for park development**



# Fordham Landing Site, 3.7 acres



**Challenge: Purchase Property & identify funding for park development**



# DCAS Parcel North of University Heights Bridge 3.7 acres

Challenge: Transfer property to Parks Dept.; Identify funding for park development



# Bronx River

- Hunts Point Riverside Park
- Soundview Park
- Concrete Plant Park
- Starlight Park
- River Park
- Bronx Park
- Shoelace Park

# Bronx River

Shoelace Park  
47 acres

Bronx Park  
718 acres

River Park  
less than 5 acres

Starlight Park  
12 acres

Concrete Plant Park  
7 acres

Soundview Park  
205 acres

Hunts Point Riverside Park  
1.4 acres

East River



### Community District 2

Number of Residents: 46,818  
Residents Younger than 18: 16,386 (35%)  
Acres of Parkland: 76  
Median Household Income: \$19,620  
*Persons Per Acre: 619*

### Community District 3

Number of Residents: 75,683  
Residents Younger than 18: 25,732 (34%)  
Acres of Parks: 117  
Median Household Income: \$16,599  
*Persons Per Acre: 649*

## Bronx River Community Profiles

### Community District 6

Number of Residents: 83,315  
Residents Younger than 18: 29,242 (35%)  
Acres of Parks: 756  
Median Household Income: \$16,536  
*Persons Per Acre: 110*

### Community District 9

Number of Residents: 167,855  
Residents Younger than 18: 50,356 (30%)  
Acres of Parks: 311  
Median Household Income: \$28,300  
*Persons Per Acre: 538*

### Community District 12

Number of Residents: 168,334  
Residents Younger than 18: 51,830 (32%)  
Acres of Parks: 60  
Median Household Income: \$38,672  
*Persons Per Acre: 2,808*

**Persons Per Acre Citywide: 279**

**Median Household Income Citywide: \$48,750**

# Hunts Point Riverside Park





# Soundview Park

196 acres





# Concrete Plant Park, 7 acres

**After**



**Completed**

**Before**





# Starlight Park, 12 acres



**Under Construction**



# River Park, 5 acres





# Bronx Park

718 acres





# Shoelace Park, 47 acres





# East River/Long Island Sound

- Clason Point Marina
- Castle Hill lookout
- Ferry Point Park
- Eastchester Bay
- Belden Point
- Pelham Bay Park/Orchard Beach
- Co-op City/Hutchinson River lookout

# East River/Long Island Sound





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(30%)

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*Persons Per Acre: 538*

## East River/Long Island Sound Community Profiles

### Community District 10

Number of Residents: 115,998

Number of Residents Younger than 18: 24,359  
(21%)

Acres of Parks: 3,348

Median Household Income: \$41,951

*Persons Per Acre: 34*

**Persons Per Acre Citywide: 279**

**Median Household Income Citywide: \$48,750**

# Clason's Point Marina






# Castle Hill Lookout

A scenic view of a body of water, likely a bay or harbor, under a clear blue sky. In the background, a large suspension bridge with a prominent blue tower is visible. The foreground shows a rocky shoreline with patches of snow and dry, yellowish-brown grass. The water is a deep blue with some ripples. A few small buoys are visible in the water.

Challenge: Complete design and construction

A scenic view of Ferry Point Park in New York City. The foreground shows a lush green lawn with several people sitting on benches. A large, dark tree trunk is on the left. In the background, the Manhattan Bridge spans the East River, with the New York City skyline visible in the distance. The sky is clear and blue.

# Ferry Point Park

## 413 acres

**Challenge: Complete Golf Course  
and Playground**



# Eastchester Bay



Challenge: Dredge the bay to  
accommodate diverse range of  
vessels

# City Island Belden Point

Challenge: Complete design and develop Long Island Sound lookout



# **Pelham Bay Park/Orchard Beach (Bronx Riviera); 2,200 acres**

**Sand Replenishment Project  
Completed**

# Co-op City/Hutchinson River Proposed Lookout Site



Challenge: Identify funding for  
design and construction