THE PULSE OF OUR PARKS:

AN ASSESSMENT OF BROOKLYN’S OPEN SPACE

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Introduction

There are 877 parks in Brooklyn, of varying sizes and amenities. This report measures the state of parks in Brooklyn. There are many different kinds of parks — active, passive, and pocket — and this report focuses on active parks that have a mix of amenities and uses. It is important for Brooklynnites to have a pleasant park in their neighborhood to enjoy open space, meet their neighbors, play, and relax. While park equity is integral to creating One Brooklyn — a place where all residents can enjoy outdoor recreation and relaxation — fulfilling the vision of community parks first depends on measuring our current state of parks. This report will be used as a tool to guide my parks capital allocations and recommendations to the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks), as well as to identify recommendations to improve advocacy for parks at the community and grassroots level in order to improve neighborhoods across the borough.

Methodology

Baseline criteria

The baseline criteria measured was developed through conversations with parks advocates, as well as existing research on parks, to establish what my administration believe to be a “more complete” park. The five criterions measured were:

- Access to fresh water for consumption (e.g. drinking fountains)
- Existence of a friends-of group, a nonprofit partner organization or programming within the park
- Access to a comfort station on the park premises
- Existence of Wi-Fi within the park
- Support for a multitude of uses within the park (e.g. two or more active uses)

Many stakeholders agreed that comfort stations and drinking fountains were essential to ensuring that parks were accessible to all members of the community, especially for children, parents, and seniors who might have to cut their trip to the park short without these resources. In addition, research by New Yorkers for Parks and The Trust for Public Land both measured activities such as basketball hoops, dog parks, and playgrounds because they viewed those resources as basic park amenities.1, 2 Wi-Fi was included as a baseline criteria because people demand internet connectivity in their public spaces along with the fact that people like to share the experiences they are having online in the hope that it will encourage others to explore their local parks.3 In addition, expanding access to Wi-Fi to all Brooklynnites is a core goal of mine and we should leverage public spaces to achieve this goal. Including the measurement of friends-of groups, or a nonprofit partner organization formally affiliated with the park, was considered as a baseline criteria due to the reality that NYC Parks operates on a limited budget. Spread across all the parks in the city, this has resulted in many park facilities and infrastructure requiring additional resources for regular maintenance and beautification. In many instances, a friends-of groups or

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3 Plautz, J (2014, November 3). Do national parks need Wi-Fi to stay relevant? Mashable. Retrieved from mashable.com/2014/11/03/national-parks-wifi/#YqFnHLEXOuqp
nonprofit partner organization step in to complement existing funding efforts, serve as advocates for parks, foster community, organize volunteer cleanups, and ensure that parks run efficiently. Programming was measured as a criterion to also capture those parks that have institutional support if they did not have a friends-of group or nonprofit partner organization.

What parks were measured?

The 270 parks that were surveyed are all located in Brooklyn and are more than one-half acre in size. The size requirement was selected to ensure that the survey was capturing data around more active parks in the borough. Active parks are usually larger and host activities and programming. Passive parks usually have fewer amenities, allowing visitors to have a quiet place to relax. The one-half acre benchmark was used in order to filter out smaller passive parks and to ensure as close to an equitable comparison as possible.

How was the information gathered?

The information for the friends-of groups was gathered from the New Yorkers for Parks City Council District Profiles, as well as through conversations with Partnership for Parks and the United States Forest Service STEW-MAP database. The information on parks’ programming was taken from the friends-of groups’ Facebook pages and websites. Additional programming information was researched from NYC Parks’ events page. Research about existing basketball courts, comfort stations, dog-friendly parks, playgrounds, and Wi-Fi was also collected by reviewing data on NYC Parks’ website. The list of Brooklyn parks that have drinking fountains was provided by NYC Parks staff.

In addition, legal fellows at the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President reviewed data sets to ensure accuracy in reporting. Finally, staff and volunteers at the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President visited each park to ‘ground truth’ the research by conducting a sight survey. (Appendix 1.)

How were the parks evaluated?

In order to highlight the results of the analysis, my administration created a color-coded leaf system, with parks able to amass a total of six leaves with each leaf color indicating a specific criteria being measured (see below). A park that has a friends-of group, nonprofit partner organization or park programming counts for one leaf. If parks have both a friends-of group and identifiable parks programming, the leaf is split green and orange. If the park has just a friends-of group, that park would receive a solid green leaf. If the park only has identifiable programming, then it is a solid orange leaf. If a park has Wi-Fi, it receives a silver leaf. If a park has comfort stations, it receives a red leaf. Uses of parks are broken down into courts/fields, dog-friendly parks, and playgrounds. If a park has one out of the three uses, it receives half a yellow leaf. If the park accommodates at least two of the uses, it receives a whole yellow leaf.

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5 Windsor Castle Park (n.d.). *People are talking about “passive” vs. “active” park features. What exactly does that mean?* Retrieved from windsorcastlepark.com/question-3.html
has a drinking fountain, it receives a blue leaf. While many of the parks offer additional amenities, this survey looked to identify basic amenities of active parks.

Key:

- Blue leaf = Drinking Fountain
- Green leaf = Friends-of Group
- Orange leaf = Friends-of Group and Programming
- Red leaf = Comfort Station
- Yellow leaf = Two or more active uses
- Gray leaf = Wi-Fi
- White leaf = One active use

Summary Analysis Results

Results from the survey provided numerous takeaways on the state of parks and the need for more equitable attention. Notwithstanding parks that fall in overlapping community district designations or in no community district at all, an average of only 27 percent of parks were affiliated with a non-profit or formal community group. On average, 89 percent of parks had access to a drinking fountain, while 60 percent of parks housed a comfort station. Only 12 percent of parks on average had access to publicly available Wi-Fi, but 81 percent of parks had more than one active uses within their borders.
Park Breakdown

Multiple Community District Jurisdictions

Brooklyn Bridge Park – 2 and 6

Brooklyn Bridge Park is located in Brooklyn Heights, which has a median household income of $107,969. The park is 85 acres and dog-friendly, and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, a nonprofit partner organization, playgrounds, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

Leif Ericson Drive – 10, 11, 13, and 15

Leif Ericson Drive borders the Belt Parkway. The park is 760.43 acres and is dog-friendly, and contains drinking fountains and a playground.

No Community District Jurisdiction

Bartel-Pritchard Square

Bartel-Pritchard Square is located in South Slope, which has a median household income of $90,010. The park is 1.711 acres, and has programming, which includes a Greenmarket farmers market.

Mount Prospect Park

Mount Prospect Park is located in Prospect Heights, which has a median household income of $89,917. The park is 7.79 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

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6 Median Household Income 2016. city-data.com
Prospect Park

Prospect Park borders the neighborhoods of Park Slope, Prospect Lefferts Garden, Prospect Park South, and Windsor Terrace. The park is 526.25 acres and dog-friendly, and contains baseball diamonds, a multi-purpose rink, drinking fountains, a nonprofit partner organization, comfort stations, Wi-Fi, and playgrounds, as well as hosts a wide variety of programming.

**Brooklyn Community District 1 (CD 1):** CD 1 is comprised of the neighborhoods of East Williamsburg, Greenpoint, and Williamsburg. CD 1 has a population of 166,361 and 96 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 29 parks in CD 1 and found that 100 percent of parks have a nonprofit partner in the form of the Open Space Alliance (OSA), a unique partnership found in this part of Brooklyn. Eighty-three percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 48 percent of parks have a comfort station, 7 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 76 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

American Playground

American Playground is located in Greenpoint, which has a median household income of $66,714. The park is 0.896 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

Bartlett Playground

Bartlett Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 0.918 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.
Bedford Playground

Bedford Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.881 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

Bushwick Inlet Park

Bushwick Inlet Park is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 24 acres and contains comfort stations, drinking fountains, a nonprofit partner organization, playgrounds, and sports fields, as well as hosts programming.

Classon Playground

Classon Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 3.15 acres and has a basketball court, handball courts, a nonprofit partner organization, and Wi-Fi.

Cooper Park

Cooper Park is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 6.401 acres and is dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

Continental Army Plaza

Continental Army Plaza is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.76 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a nonprofit partner organization, as well as hosts a variety of programming.
De Hostos Playground

De Hostos Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.1 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and playground.

Epiphany Playground

Epiphany Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.5 acres and contains a drinking fountain, handball courts, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

Ericsson Playground

Ericsson Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.15 acres and contains a basketball court, a handball court, and nonprofit partner organization.

Frost Playground

Frost Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,9782. The park is 0.739 acres and contains a drinking fountain, handball courts, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

Gilbert Ramirez Park

Gilbert Ramirez Park is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.046 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, a handball court, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.
**Grand Ferry Park**

Grand Ferry Park is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.8 acres and dog-friendly and contains a drinking fountain and a nonprofit partner organization.

**Greenpoint Playground**

Greenpoint Playground is located in Greenpoint, which has a median household income of $66,714. The park is 0.504 acres and contains a drinking fountain, and nonprofit partner organization, and playground.

**Jacob’s Ladder Playground**

Jacob’s Ladder Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.848 acres and contains a nonprofit partner organization and a playground.

**Jaime Campiz Playground**

Jamie Campiz Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.752 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

**Lentol Garden**

Lentol Garden is located in Greenpoint, which has a median household income of $66,714. The park is 0.762 acres and contains a nonprofit partner organization.
Martinez Playground

Martinez Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is two acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

Macri Triangle

Macri Triangle is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.57 acres and is dog-friendly and has a nonprofit partner organization.

McCarren Park

McCarren Park is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 35.713 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, a nonprofit partner organization, playgrounds, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

Middleton Playground

Middleton Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.101 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

Monsignor McGolrick Park

Monsignor McGolrick Park is located in Greenpoint, which has a median household income of $66,714. The park is 9.134 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and playground, as well as hosts programming such as composting workshops, kids’ days, and movie screenings.
**Newtown Barge Playground**

Newtown Barge Playground is located in Greenpoint, which has a median household income of $66,714. The park is 1.198 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a nonprofit partner organization.

**Roberto Clemente Ballfield**

Roberto Clemente Ballfield is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.239 acres and contains a baseball field, a drinking fountain, and a nonprofit partner organization.

**Roebling Playground**

Roebling Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.227 acres and contains a basketball court, a comfort station, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

**Sternberg Park**

Sternberg Park is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 4.044 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

**Ten Eyck Playground**

Ten Eyck Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.972 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.
William Sheridan Playground

William Sheridan Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 0.788 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground.

WNYC Transmitter Park

WNYC Transmitter Park is located in Greenpoint, which has a median household income of $66,714. The park is 1.6 acres and contains fishing access, a drinking fountain, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

Brooklyn Community District 2 (CD 2): CD 2 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Boerum Hill, Brooklyn Heights, Clinton Hill, Downtown Brooklyn, DUMBO, Fort Greene, and Vinegar Hill. CD 2 has a population of 143,328 and 99 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 29 parks in CD 2 and found that 24 percent of parks had a friends-of group or nonprofit partner. Ninety percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 52 percent of parks have a comfort station, 17 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 66 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Adam Yauch Park

Adam Yauch Park is located in Brooklyn Heights, which has a median household income of $107,969. The park is 1.36 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a drinking fountain and a playground.

Albert J. Parham Playground

Albert J. Parham Playground is located in Clinton Hill, which has a median household income of $70,219. The park is 1.253 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Bridge Parks

Bridge Parks are located in Brooklyn Heights, which has a median household income of $107,969. The park is 2.117 acres and contains a baseball diamond, basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Brooklyn Anchorage Plaza

Brooklyn Anchorage Plaza is located in DUMBO, which has a median household income of $187,342. The park is 2.9 acres.

Cadman Plaza Park

Cadman Plaza Park is located in Downtown Brooklyn, which has a median household income of $99,629. The park is 10.38 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming.

Clumber Corner

Clumber Corner is located in DUMBO, which has a median household income of $187,342. The park is 1.46 acres.

Columbus Park

Columbus Park is located in Downtown Brooklyn, which has a median household income of $99,629. The park is 4.14 acres and contains drinking fountains and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

Commodore Barry Park

Commodore Barry Park is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 10.391 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, drinking fountains, and playground, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.
Crispus Attucks Playground

Crispus Attucks Playground is located in Clinton Hill, which has a median household income of $70,219. The park is 0.934 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, handball courts, and a playground.

Cuyler Gore Park

Cuyler Gore Park is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 1.158 acres and contains a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Edmonds Playground

Edmonds Playground is located in Fort Green, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 0.917 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Fort Greene Park

Fort Greene Park is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 30.168 acres and dog-friendly, and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a nonprofit partner organization, playgrounds, and Wi-Fi, as well as holds programming covering the arts, local history, gardening, and culture.

Fruit Street Sitting Area

Fruit Street Sitting Area is located in Brooklyn Heights, which has a median household income of $107,969. The park is 0.92 acres.
Golconda Playground

Golconda Playground is located in Downtown Brooklyn, which has a median household income of $99,629. The park is 2.114 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Greene Playground

Greene Playground is located in Clinton Hill, which has a median household income of $70,219. The park is 1.26 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

Hillside Park

Hillside Park is located in Brooklyn Heights, which has a median household income of $107,969. The park is 2.06 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and Wi-Fi.

McLaughlin Park

McLaughlin Park is located in Downtown Brooklyn, which has a median household income of $99,629. The park is 1.976 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as “It’s My Park Day” park clean-up.

Oracle Playground

Oracle Playground is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 0.682 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Oxport Playground

Oxport Playground is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 1.033 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Pierrepont Playground

Pierrepont Playground is located in Brooklyn Heights, which has a median household income of $107,969. The park is 0.535 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Pratt Playground

Pratt Playground is located in Clinton Hill, which has a median household income of $70,219. The park is 0.918 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

Sixteen Sycamores Playground

Sixteen Sycamores Playground is located in Boerum Hill, which has a median household income of $83,678. The park is 0.567 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

South Oxford Park

South Oxford Park is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 1.19 acres and contains a drinking fountain, friends-of group, a playground, and tennis courts.
Squibb Park

Squibb Park is located in Brooklyn Heights, which has a median household income of $107,969. The park is 0.595 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a playground.

Steuben Playground

Steuben Playground is located in Clinton Hill, which has a median household income of $70,219. The park is 1.171 acres and contains a drinking fountain, fitness equipment, handball courts, and a playground.

Trinity Park

Trinity Park is located in Downtown Brooklyn, which has a median household income of $99,629. The park is 6.3 acres and contains a drinking fountain.

Underwood Park

Underwood Park is located in Clinton Hill, which has a median household income of $70,219. The park is 1.189 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, handball courts, and a playground.

Walt Whitman Park

Walt Whitman Park is located in Downtown Brooklyn, which has a median household income of $99,629. The park is 2.913 acres and contains a drinking fountain.
Washington Hall Park

Washington Hall Park is located in Clinton Hill, which has a median household income of $70,219. The park 0.901 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

Brooklyn Community District 3 (CD 3): CD 3 is comprised of the neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant. CD 3 has a population of 148,237 and 95 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 27 parks in CD 3 and found that 19 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Ninety-three percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 67 percent of parks have a comfort station, four percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 89 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Banneker Playground

Banneker Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.67 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, and a playground.

Brevoort Playground

Brevoort Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.818 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

Carver Playground

Carver Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 0.964 acres and has a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Charlie’s Place

Charlie’s Place is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.26 acres and contains a drinking fountain, a handball court, and a playground.

Decatur Playground

Decatur Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.5 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

El Shabazz Playground

El Shabazz Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 0.89 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, comfort stations, and a playground.

Eleanor Roosevelt Playground

Eleanor Roosevelt Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.211 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Fulton Park

Fulton Park is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which is a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.987 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and friends-of group.
Harmony Park

Harmony Park is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.56 acres and has friends-of group.

Hattie Carthan Playground

Hattie Carthan Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 0.982 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as a farmers market.

Herbert Von King Park

Herbert Von King Park is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 7.819 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, a playground, and Wi-Fi.

Jackie Robinson Park

Jackie Robinson Park is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.607 acres and includes basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, and playgrounds, as well as hosts programming such as bike training.

Jesse Owens Playground

Jesse Owens Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 3.083 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, and playgrounds.
**John Hancock Playground**

John Hancock Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.547 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

**Lafayette Gardens Playground**

Lafayette Gardens Playground is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 0.705 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Lafayette Playground**

Lafayette Playground is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 1.187 acres and contains a basketball court and a drinking fountain.

**Marcy Playground**

Marcy Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 3.201 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a playground.

**P.O. Reinaldo Salgado Playground**

P.O. Reinaldo Salgado Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 1.965 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Potomac Playground

Potomac Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.315 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

Pulaski Playground

Pulaski Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.416 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Raymond Bush Playground

Raymond Bush Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.79 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

St. Andrew’s Playground

St. Andrew’s Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 3.38 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Star Spangled Playground

Star Spangled Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.102 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.
Stockton Playground

Stockton Playground is located in Williamsburg, which has a median household income of $35,982. The park is 1.089 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Sumner Playground

Sumner Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.336 acres and contains a ballfield, a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Taaffe Playground

Taaffe Playground is located in Fort Greene, which has a median household income of $61,886. The park is 1.821 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Willoughby Playground

Willoughby Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 0.907 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Brooklyn Community District 4 (CD 4): CD 4 is comprised of the neighborhood of Bushwick. CD 4 has a population of 139,306 and 88 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 11 parks in CD 4 and found that zero percent of parks had a friends-of group or nonprofit partner. Ninety-one percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 55 percent of parks have a comfort station, 18 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 82 percent of parks have more than one active uses.
**Bushwick Playground**

Bushwick Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 2.783 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

**Evergreen Playground**

Evergreen Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 0.87 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Fermi Playground**

Fermi Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 1.061 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Garden Playground**

Garden Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 1.092 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Green Central Knoll**

Green Central Knoll is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 2.595 acres and contains a baseball field and a drinking fountain.
Heckscher Playground
Heckscher Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 1.24 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a playground, and Wi-Fi.

Irving Square Park
Irving Square Park is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 2.76 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a playground.

Maria Hernandez Park
Maria Hernandez Park is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 6.873 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

Rudd Playground
Rudd Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 1.278 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, and a drinking fountain.

Thomas Boyland Park
Thomas Boyland Park is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 1.82 acres and contains a baseball field, a handball court, and a playground.
Tiger Playground

Tiger Playground is located in Bushwick, which has a median household income of $35,844. The park is 0.926 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

Brooklyn Community District 5 (CD 5): CD 5 is comprised of the neighborhoods of City Line, Cypress Hills, and East New York. CD 5 has a population of 160,769 and 84 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 21 parks in CD 5 and found that 14 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Eighty-six percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 48 percent of parks have a comfort station, five percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 81 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Belmont Playground

Belmont Playground is located in City Line, which has a median household income of $41,287. The park is 1.045 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

City Line Park

City Line Park is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 3.552 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, and a playground.

Cypress Hills Playground

Cypress Hills Playground is located in Cypress Hills, which has a median household income of $43,949. The park is 4.947 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Elton Playground

Elton Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 0.622 acres and contains a drinking fountain and playground.

Ethan Allen Playground

Ethan Allen Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 0.8 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

George Walker Jr. Park

George Walker Jr. Park is located in Cypress Hills, which has a median household income of $43,949. The park is 0.591 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Grace Playground

Grace Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 2.744 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Highland Park

Highland Park is located in Cypress Hills, which has a median household income of $43,949. The park is 43.69 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, and playgrounds, as well as hosts programming such as theater productions.
Jerome Playground

Jerome Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 1.086 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Linden Park

Linden Park is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $39,125. The park is 9.32 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, handball courts, soccer fields, tennis courts, a track field, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as bike training.

Linwood Playground

Linwood Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 0.705 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Lion’s Pride Playground

Lion’s Pride Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 0.865 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Martin Luther King Jr. Park is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 2.29 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Pink Playground

Pink Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is one acre and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, comfort stations, and a playground.

Robert E. Venable Park

Robert E. Venable Park is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 4.29 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, fitness equipment, a playground, and a skate park.

Schenck Playground

Schenck Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 0.847 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Sperandeo Brothers Playground

Sperandeo Brothers Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 2.39 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and playground.

Spring Creek Park

Spring Creek Park is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 62.218 acres and contains cricket fields and drinking fountains.
**Success Garden**

Success Garden is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 0.69 acres.

**Sutter Ballfields**

Sutter Ballfields is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 1.836 acres and contains baseball fields and a drinking fountain.

**Woodruff Playground**

Woodruff Playground is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 1.177 acres and contains a basketball court and a playground.

**Brooklyn Community District 6 (CD 6):** CD 6 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, Columbia Street Waterfront, Gowanus, Park Slope, and Red Hook. CD 6 has a population of 114,007 and 92 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 17 parks in CD 6 and found that 35 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Ninety-four percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 59 percent of parks have a comfort station, 18 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 76 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

**Boerum Park**

Boerum Park is located in Boerum Hill, which has a median household income of $83,678. The park is 0.918 acres and contains basketball courts, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Coffey Park**

Coffey Park is located in Red Hook, which has a median household income of $52,567. The park is 8.27 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts a variety of programming.
Carroll Park

Carroll Park is located in Carroll Gardens, which has a median household income of $98,977. The park is 1.874 acres and contains basketball courts, bocce courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, a playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as clothing and food drives, movie nights, and parades.

Cobble Hill Park

Cobble Hill Park is located in Cobble Hill, which has a median household income of $109,153. The park is 0.585 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a playground, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

DiMattina Playground

DiMattina Playground is located in Carroll Gardens, which has a median household income of $98,977. The park is 1.38 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Ennis Playground

Ennis Playground is located in Gowanus, which has a median household income of $98,662. The park is 0.554 acres and contains basketball courts, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as puppet shows.

Grand Army Plaza

Grand Army Plaza is located in Prospect Heights, which has a median household income of $92,213. The park is 11.04 acres and hosts programming that includes a Greenmarket farmers market.
Harold Ickes Playground

Harold Ickes Playground is located in Red Hook, which has a median household income of $52,567. The park is 1.816 acres and contains a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

J.J. Byrne/Washington Park

J.J. Byrne Playground/ Washington Park is located in Park Slope, which has a median household income of $98,213. The park is 4.528 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, hand ball courts, and playgrounds, as well as hosts programming.

Nicholas Naquan Heyward Jr. Park

Nicholas Naquan Heyward Jr. Park is located in Gowanus, which has a median household income of $98,662. The park is 1.04 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Park Slope Playground

Park Slope Playground is located in Park Slope, which has a median household income of $98,213. The park is 0.955 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Red Hook Recreation Area

Red Hook Recreation Area is located in Red Hook, which has a median household income of $52,567. The park is 58 acres and dog-friendly, and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, a playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts a variety of programming.
Slope Park

Slope Park is located in Park Slope, which has a median household income of $98,213. The park is 0.689 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Thomas Greene Playground/Double D Pool

Thomas Greene Playground/Double D Pool is located in Gowanus, which has a median household income of $98,662. The park is 1.259 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a swimming pool.

Valentino Pier

Valentino Pier is located in Red Hook, which has a median household income of $52,567. The park is 2.22 acres and contains canoe and kayak launch sites and a drinking fountain, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

Van Voorhees Park

Van Voorhees Park is located in Cobble Hill, which has a median household income of $109,153. The park is 5.25 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, fitness equipment, handball courts, a playground, and tennis courts.

Brooklyn Community District 7 (CD 7): CD 7 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace. CD 7 has a population of 149,399 and 87 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 13 parks in CD 7 and found that 23 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Seventy-seven percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 38 percent of parks have a comfort station, 8 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 69 percent of parks have more than one active uses.
Bush Terminal Park

Bush Terminal Park is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $42,263. The park is 12 acres contains baseball fields, comfort stations, drinking fountains, and soccer fields, as well as hosts programming such as bird watching.

D’Emic Playground

D’Emic Playground is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $41,163. The park is 1.13 acres and contains a drinking fountain, a handball court, and a playground.

Detective Joseph Mayrose Park

Detective Joseph Mayrose Park is located in Park Slope, which has a median household income of $98,213. The park is 1.314 acres and contains a drinking fountain and friends-of group.

Greenwood Playground

Greenwood Playground is located in Windsor Terrace, which has a median household income of $81,965. The park is 2.192 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, handball courts, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as concerts.

Gonzalo Plasencia Playground

Gonzalo Plasencia Playground is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $41,163. The park is 1.236 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
John Allen Payne Park

John Allen Payne Park is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $41,163. The park is 1.51 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Machate Circle

Machate Circle is located in Windsor Terrace, which has a median household income of $81,965. The park is 4.32 acres.

Martin Luther Playground

Martin Luther Playground is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $41,163. The park is 0.913 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Park

Park is located in South Slope, which has a median household income of $90,010. The park is 0.736 acres and has a basketball court and a playground.

Pena Herrera Park

Pena Herrera Park is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $41,163. The park is 0.74 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Seeley Park

Seeley Park is located in Windsor Terrace, which has a median household income of $81,965. The park is 0.93 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a playground.

Slope Park
Slope Park is located in South Slope, which has a median household income of $90,010. The park is 0.711 acres and contains a dog run.

Sunset Park

Sunset Park is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $41,163. The park is 24.498 acres and dog-friendly, and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, playgrounds, a swimming pool, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

Brooklyn Community District 8 (CD 8): CD 8 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Crown Heights and Prospect Heights. CD 8 has a population of 134,788 and 92 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 7 parks in CD 8 and found that 71 percent of parks had a friends-of group. One hundred percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 71 percent of parks have a comfort station, 14 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 100 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Brower Park

Brower Park is located in Crown Heights, which has a median household income of $39,215. The park is 7.047 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground as well as hosts programming that includes movie screenings and clean-up events.

Dean Playground

Dean Playground is located in Prospect Heights, which has a median household income of $89,917. The park is 1.3 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.
Lincoln Terrace/Arthur S. Somers Park

Lincoln Terrace/Arthur S. Somers Park is located in Crown Heights, which has a median household income of $39,215. The park is 20.648 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, a playground, and tennis courts.

St. John’s Recreation Center

St. John’s Recreation Center is located in Crown Heights, which has a median household income of $39,215. The park is 9.34 acres and contains a basketball court, a comfort station, a drinking fountain, soccer fields, a playground, a variety of programming, and Wi-Fi.

Stroud Playground

Stroud Playground is located in Crown Heights, which has a median household income of $39,215. The park is 1.33 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Underhill Playground

Underhill Playground is located in Prospect Heights, which has a median household income of $89,917. The park is 0.59 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, handball courts, and a playground.

Woods Playground

Woods Playground is located in Crown Heights, which has a median household income $39,215. The park is one acre and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.
Brooklyn Community District 9 (CD 9): CD 9 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Crown Heights and Prospect-Lefferts Gardens. CD 9 has a population of 110,382 and 91 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 7 parks in CD 9 and found that 29 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Eighty-six percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 71 percent of parks have a comfort station, 29 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 71 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Dr. Ronald McNair Park

Dr. Ronald McNair Park is located in Crown Heights, which has a median household income of $39,215. The park is 1.361 acres and contains a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and hosts programming such as jazz concerts.

Dodger Playground

Dodger Playground is located in Crown Heights, which has a median household income of $39,215. The park is 2.93 acres and contains a drinking fountain and playground.

Hamilton Metz Field

Hamilton Metz Field is located in East Flatbush, which has a median household income of $46,164. The park is 2.112 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, and playground.

Jackie Robinson Playground

Jackie Robinson Playground is located is Crown Heights, which has a median household income of $39,215. The park is 1.1 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Marc and Jason’s Playground

Marc and Jason’s Playground is located in Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, which has a median household income of $39,319. The park is 1.152 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a playground, and tennis courts.

Parkside Playground

Parkside Playground is located in Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, which has a median household income of $39,319. The park is 1.407 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Wingate Park

Wingate Park is located in East Flatbush, which has a median household income of $46,164. The park is 5.88 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, playgrounds, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

Brooklyn Community District 10 (CD 10): CD 10 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights. CD 10 has a population of 118,804 and 81 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 10 parks in CD 10 and found that 50 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Ninety percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 70 percent of parks have a comfort station, 30 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 90 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Dyker Beach Park

Dyker Beach Park is located in Dyker Heights, which has a median household income of $55,629. The park is 216.655 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, drinking fountains, comfort stations, friends-of group, playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.
**Fort Hamilton Athletic Field**

Fort Hamilton Athletic Field is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821. The park is 7.309 acres and has comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and sports fields.

**John Paul Jones Park**

John Paul Jones Park is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821S. The park is 5.15 acres and dog-friendly, and hosts a variety of programming.

**Leif Ericson Park**

Leif Ericson Park is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821. The park is 16.8 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, a comfort station, drinking fountains, friends-of group, a playground, and tennis courts, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

**McKinley Park**

McKinley Park is located in Dyker Heights, which has a median household income of $55,629. The park is 8.475 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, a playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

**Owl’s Head Park**

Owl’s Head Park is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821. The park is 27.1 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as astronomy lessons.
Patrick O’Rourke Park

Patrick O’Rourke Park is located in Dyker Heights, which has a median household income of $55,629. The park is 1.18 acres and contains basketball courts, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Quaker Parrot Park at the Dust Bowl

Quaker Parrot Park at the Dust Bowl is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821. The park is 1.65 acres and contains a baseball diamond, a drinking fountain, a soccer field.

Russell Pederson Playground

Russell Pederson Playground is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821. The park is 1.426 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Shore Park and Parkway

Shore Park and Parkway is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821. The park is 58 acres and dog-friendly, and contains baseball fields, basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, a playground, and tennis courts, as well as hosts programming such as concerts.

Brooklyn Community District 11 (CD 11): CD 11 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Bath Beach, Bensonhurst, Gravesend, and Mapleton. CD 11 has a population of 189,426 and 67 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed seven parks in CD 11 and found that 14 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Eighty-six percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 57 percent of parks have a comfort station, 14 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 86 percent of parks have more than one active uses.
**Bath Beach Park**

Bath Beach Park is located in Bath Beach, which has a median household income of $58,773. The park is 2.964 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Bath Playground**

Bath Playground is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $45,373. The park is 1.16 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Benson Playground**

Benson Playground is located in Bensonhurst, which has a median household income of $45,373. The park is 0.934 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, and a playground.

**Bensonhurst Park**

Bensonhurst Park is located in Bensonhurst, which has a median household income of $45,373. The park is 17.5 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, drinking fountains, playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming.

**Lt. Joseph Petrosino Park**

Lt. Joseph Petrosino Park is located in Bensonhurst, which has a median household income of $45,844. The park is 0.871 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Nellie Bly Park

Nellie Bly Park is located in Gravesend, which has median household income of $49,873. The park is 1.06 acres and contains a family-run amusement center, comfort stations, and a drinking fountain.

Seth Low Playground/Bealin Square

Seth Low Playground/Bealin Square is located in Bensonhurst, which has a median household income of $45,373. The park is 4.945 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friend-of-group, a playground, and soccer field.

Brooklyn Community District 12 (CD 12): CD 12 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Borough Park and Kensington. CD 12 has a population of 151,250 and 74 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed seven parks in CD 12 and found that 14 percent of parks had a friend-of-group. One hundred percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 86 percent of parks have a comfort station, 14 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 100 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Albemarle Playground

Albemarle Playground is located in Kensington, which has a median household income of $44,304. The park is 0.919 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Brizzi Playground

Brizzi Playground is located in Borough Park, which has a median household income of $36,777. The park is 0.649 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friend-of groups, and a playground.
Colonel David Marcus Playground

Colonel David Marcus Playground is located in Midwood, which has a median household income of $48,193. The park is 1.974 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Dome Playground

Dome Playground is located in Kensington, which has a median household income of $44,304. The park is 1.385 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Friends Field

Friends Field is located in Midwood, which has a median household income of $48,193. The park is 6.7 acres and dog-friendly, and contains baseball fields, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, football fields, soccer fields, a tennis court.

Gravesend Park

Gravesend Park is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 6.379 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, playgrounds, and Wi-Fi.

Rappaport Playground

Rappaport Playground is located in Sunset Park, which has a median household income of $41,163. The park is 1.148 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Brooklyn Community District 13 (CD 13): CD 13 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Gravesend, Homecrest, and Sea Gate. CD 13 has a population of 116,847 and
95 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 18 parks in CD 13 and found that 17 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Ninety-four percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 67 percent of parks have a comfort station, 12 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 89 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

**Asser Levy Park**

Asser Levy Park is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 22.348 acres and dog-friendly, and contains comfort stations, drinking fountains, and playground.

**Brighton Playground**

Brighton Playground is located in Brighton Beach, which has a median household income of $37,860. The park is 1.177 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Calvert Vaux Park**

Calvert Vaux Park is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 85.53 acres and contains baseball fields, a basketball court, comfort stations, drinking fountains, and friends-of group.

**Century Playground**

Century Playground is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,268. The park is 2.039 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and playground.

**Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk**
Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 107.124 acres and contains drinking fountains, comfort stations, friends-of group, multiple play facilities, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as fireworks.

_Coney Island Boat Basin_

Coney Island Boat Basin is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 36.81 acres and contains baseball fields, drinking fountains, and soccer fields.

_Coney Island Creek Park_

Coney Island Creek Park is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 8.6 acres.

_Grady Playground_

Grady Playground is located in Brighton Beach, which has a median household income of $37,860. The park is 3.403 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and playground.

_Kaiser Park_

Kaiser Park is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 26.257 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, and a playground.

_Luna Park_
Luna Park is located on Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 1.8 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Marlboro Playground

Marlboro Playground is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 1.072 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Nautilus Playground

Nautilus Playground is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 1.38 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Neptune Playground

Neptune Playground is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 1.243 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Poseidon Playground

Poseidon Playground is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 2.296 acres and contains handball courts, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, a playground, and Wi-Fi.

Scarangella Park

Scarangella Park is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 3.214 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Surf Playground

Surf Playground is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 1.12 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Steeplechase Park

Steeplechase Park is located in Coney Island, which has a median household income of $23,628. The park is 11.7 acres and contains comfort stations and drinking fountains.

West Playground

West Playground is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 2.387 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, fitness equipment, and playground.

Brooklyn Community District 14 (CD 14): CD 14 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Ditmas Park, Flatbush, Midwood, and Prospect Park South. CD 14 has a population of 163,620 and 59 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed six parks in CD 14 and found that 17 percent of parks had a nonprofit partner. Eighty-three percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 67 percent of parks have a comfort station, 0 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 83 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Andries Playground

Andries Playground is located in Midwood, which has a median household income of $48,193. The park is 2.314 acres and contains basketball courts, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Di Gilio Playground

Di Gilio Playground is located in Kensington, which has a median household income of $44,304. The park is 0.826 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, a handball court, a hockey rink, and a playground.

Flatbush Malls

Flatbush Malls is located in Flatbush, which has a median household income of $46,164. The park is 0.73 acres.

John J. Carty Park

John J. Carty Park is located in Bay Ridge, which has a median household income of $57,821. The park is 8.56 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Kolbert Playground

Kolbert Playground is located in Midwood, which has a median household income of $41,820. The park is 1.581 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, a playground, and a track and field.

Parade Ground

Parade Ground is located in Prospect Park South, which has a median household income of $49,894. The park is 39.5 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, drinking fountains, a nonprofit partner organization, and a playground, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

Brooklyn Community District 15 (CD 15): CD 15 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Gerritsen Beach, Gravesend, Homecrest, Manhattan Beach, and Sheepshead Bay. CD 15 has a population of
159,017 and 75 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 13 parks in CD 15 and found that eight percent of parks had a friends-of group. Eighty-five percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 69 percent of parks have a comfort station, eight percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 77 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

**Bill Brown Playground**

Bill Brown Playground is located in Sheepshead Bay, which has a median household income of $50,650. The park is 3.214 acres and contains a handball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Floyd Patterson Ballfields**

Floyd Patterson Ballfields is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 2.3 acres and contains a drinking fountain.

**Galapo Playground**

Galapo Playground is located in Sheepshead Bay, which has a median household income of $50,650. The park is 0.565 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Herman Dolgon Playground**

Herman Dolgon Playground is located in Homecrest, which has a median household income of $52,921. The park is 1.894 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Homecrest Playground**

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Honecrest Playground is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 2.372 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Kelly Park

Kelly Park is located in Midwood, which has a median household income of $48,193. The park is 1.447 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Manhattan Beach Park

Manhattan Beach Park is located in Manhattan Beach, which has a median household income of $69,110. The park is 40.4 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, a playground, and Wi-Fi.

Mellett Playground

Mellett Playground is located in Homecrest, which has a median household income of $52,921. The park is 1.056 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

McDonald Playground

McDonald Playground is located in Gravesend, which has a median household income of $49,873. The park is 3.485 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, handball courts, a playground, and tennis courts, as well as hosts programming involving sports.

Playground 286
Playground 286 is located in Sheepshead Bay, which has a median household income of $50,650. The park is 0.868 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, and a playground.

Sheepshead Bay Piers

Sheepshead Bay Piers is located in Sheepshead Bay, which has a median household income of $50,650. The park is 1.22 acres and contains a marina, as well as hosts a variety of programming.

Sheepshead Playground

Sheepshead Playground is located in Sheepshead Bay, which has a median household income of $50,650. The park is 2.459 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Yak Playground

Yak Playground is located in Sheepshead Bay, which has a median household income of $50,650. The park is 3.643 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and handball courts.

Brooklyn Community District 16 (CD 16): CD 16 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Brownsville and Ocean Hill. CD 16 has a population of 109,658 and 99 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 19 parks in CD 16 and found that 16 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Seventy-nine percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 42 percent of parks have a comfort station, 11 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 84 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

Betsy Head Park
Betsy Head Park is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 10.555 acres and has a basketball court, comfort stations, drinking fountains, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

**Brownsville Playground**

Brownsville Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 3.107 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, a playground, and Wi-Fi.

**Callahan-Kelly Playground**

Callahan-Kelly Playground is located in Ocean Hill, which has a median household income of $35,542. The park is 3.65 acres and contains fitness equipment, handball courts, and a playground.

**Carter G. Woodson Children’s Park**

Carter G. Woodson Children’s Park is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 0.918 acres and contains a multi-use field, a track, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Chester Playground**

Chester Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is one acre and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Dr. Green Playground**
Dr. Green Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 1.791 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

*Fish Playground*

Fish Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 0.984 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

*Hilltop Park*

Saratoga Ballfields is located in Ocean Hill, which has a median household income of $35,542. The park is 1.095 acres, and contains a basketball court and a playground as well as hosts programming such as park clean-ups.

*Houston Playground*

Houston Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 0.918 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a playground.

*Howard Playground and Pool*

Howard Playground and Pool are located in Ocean Hill, which has a median household income of $35,542. The park is 1.212 acres and contains basketball courts, a drinking fountain, a playground, and a pool.

*Livonia Park*

Livonia Park is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 0.918 acres.
Marion Hopkinson Playground

Marion Hopkinson Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 0.768 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Nehemiah Park

Nehemiah Park is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 1.648 acres and dog-friendly, and contains a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Newport Playground

Newport Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 0.918 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, playground, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

Ocean Hill Playground

Ocean Hill Playground is located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, which has a median household income of $39,131. The park is 1.595 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Osborn Playground
Osborn Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 2.35 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

Powell Playground

Powell Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 1.024 acres and contains a drinking fountain, handball courts, and a playground.

South Pacific Playground

South Pacific Playground is located in Ocean Hill, which has a median household income of $35,542. The park is 2.26 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Van Dyke Playground

Van Dyke Playground is located in Brownsville, which has a median household income of $31,883. The park is 1.398 acres and contains handball courts and a playground.

Brooklyn Community District 17 (CD 17): CD 17 is comprised of the neighborhoods of East Flatbush and Flatbush. CD 17 has a population of 145,860 and 60 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed eight parks in CD 17 and found that 13 percent of parks had a friends-of group. Eighty-eight percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 75 percent of parks have a comfort station, 0 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 75 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

A Chiarantano Playground

A Chiarantano Playground is located in East Flatbush, which has a median household income of $46,164. The park is 2.131 acres and contains a drinking fountain and a playground.
Fidler-Wyckoff House Park

Fidler-Wyckoff House Park is located in East Flatbush, which has median household income of $46,164. The park is 1.13 acres and contains programming such as a seasonal fermenting workshop.

Harry Maze Playground

Harry Maze Playground is located in East Flatbush, which has a median household income of $46,164. The park is 2.427 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, friends-of group, and a playground.

Kennedy King Playground

Kennedy King Playground is located in Flatbush, which has a median household income of $44,924. The park is 0.79 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Nostrand Playground

Nostrand Playground is located in Flatbush, which has a median household income of $44,924. The park is 3.023 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Paerdegat Park

Paerdegat Park is located in East Flatbush, which has a median household income of $46,164. The park is 3.56 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
**Railroad Playground**

Railroad Playground is located in Remsen Village, which has a median household income of $42,131. The park is 2.3 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Tilden Playground**

Tilden Playground is located in East Flatbush, which has a median household income of $46,164. The park is 1.19 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Brooklyn Community District 18 (CD 18):** CD 18 is comprised of the neighborhoods of Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Flatlands, Georgetown, Marine Park, and Mill Basin. CD 18 has a population of 208,091 and 77 percent of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space according to New York City Planning’s Community District Profiles. This analysis surveyed 16 parks in CD 18 and found that 19 percent of parks had a friends-of-group. Eighty-one percent of parks have a drinking fountain, 44 percent of parks have a comfort station, 6 percent of parks have publicly available Wi-Fi, and 69 percent of parks have more than one active uses.

**100% Playground**

100% Playground is located in Canarsie, which has a median household income of $59,346. The park is 1.616 acres and contains comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Alex Lindower Park**

Alex Lindower Park is located in Mill Basin, which has a median household income of $74,243. The park is 6.7 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.
Amersfort Park

Amersfort Park is located in Flatlands, which has a median household income of $66,522. The park is 3.557 acres and contains a drinking fountain and friends-of group, as well as hosts programming such as movie screenings.

Bayview Playground

Bayview Playground is located in Canarsie, which has a median household income of $59,346. The park is 2.547 acres and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, handball courts, and a playground.

Breukelen Ballfields

Breukelen Ballfields is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 16.16 acres and is dog-friendly as well as contains comfort stations, drinking fountains, and a playground.

Canarsie Park

Canarsie Park is located in Canarsie, which has a median household income of $59,346. The park is 132.2 acres and dog-friendly, and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, and playgrounds, as well as hosts programming that includes wildlife exploration.

Four Sparrow Marsh

Four Sparrow Marsh is located in Mill Basin, which has a median household income of $74,243. The park is 68.5 acres.

Fox Playground
Fox Playground is located in Flatlands, which has a median household income of $66,522. The park is 2.25 acres and contains a basketball court, comfort stations, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Fresh Creek Nature Preserve**

Fresh Creek Nature Preserve is located in East New York, which has a median household income of $33,693. The park is 74.308 acres and has workout equipment.

**Hickman Playground**

Hickman Playground is located in Georgetown, which has a median household income of $70,918. The park is 2.656 acres and contains basketball courts, drinking fountains, and a playground.

**Jacob Joffe Fields**

Jacob Joffe Fields is located in Flatlands, which has a median household income of $66,522. The park is 2.894 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

**Marine Park**

Marine Park is located in Marine Park, which has a median household income of $69,896. The park is 798 acres and dog-friendly, and contains basketball courts, comfort stations, drinking fountains, friends-of group, playgrounds, and Wi-Fi, as well as hosts programming such as wildlife exploration.

**McGuire Fields**
McGuire Fields is located in Bergen Beach, which has a median household income of $74,726. The park is 77.2 acres and contains baseball fields, drinking fountains, a hockey rink, tennis courts, and volleyball courts.

Monsignor Crawford Field

Monsignor Crawford Field is located in Mill Basin, which has a median household income of $74,243. The park is 2.291 acres and contains baseball fields and a drinking fountain.

Paerdegat Basin Park

Paerdegat Basin Park is located in Georgetown, which has a median household income of $70,918. The park is 160.74 acres.

Power Playground

Power Playground is located in Flatlands, which has a median household income of $66,522. The park is 2.295 acres and contains a basketball court, a drinking fountain, and a playground.

Assessment Outcomes

The results of this assessment provide the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President with a better sense of park needs across community districts, including the need for increased technology deployment in parks, increased support for community groups looking to work with NYC Parks to improve the quality of their parks and availability of programming, as well as the need to strategically prioritize capital investments to create “complete parks.”

Parks are the great equalizer in Brooklyn, and Brooklynites deserve world-class parks not only for destination parks such as Prospect Park and Brooklyn Bridge Park but also for our neighborhood parks such as Houston Playground in CD 16 or Sutter Ballfields in CD 5. In order to advocate and provide additional support for these parks, we must do more to empower community members to become involved in the advocacy for their parks. One way to do this is to duplicate the OSA model in CD 1. According to OSA, “unlike traditional park conservancies…OSA is committed to improving ALL the parks in CD 1 rather than focusing on a single park.” Duplicating this model for all CDs in Brooklyn could have tangible benefits for smaller profile, but equally important, parks across CDs. In addition, I believe we need to do more to ensure that existing park partners like friends-of groups are meeting on a
regular basis to share best practices, pool resources, and unify their voices to advocate for their community parks. My office will begin convening biannual meetings of these groups to develop a strategy platform to advocate for additional park resources.

Parks are an important place to reconnect with nature and detach from the everyday grind of urban and city living. However, in addition to being physical places to connect with nature and one another, I am a firm believer that parks should also be used as a hub to provide technology infrastructure for those that may not have ready access to what is becoming a requirement in today’s society. Our assessment indicated that only 12 percent of parks had access to publicly-available Wi-Fi which is far below what is needed to ensure that our residents can connect in the 21st century economy and conduct their daily lives.

Unfortunately, this assessment did not capture the state of good repair of the infrastructure found within the parks. In many instances, parks need an immense upgrade. During my first term, I have allocated close to $30 million in funding to improve the state of our parks, but it is clear that more must be done. I will continue to use the power of my capital budget and call for additional funding for NYC Parks to improve our park infrastructure and identify new areas where we can add open space to our communities.

Summary Recommendations

- **Community Engagement**
  - Investigate duplicating the OSA model to other community districts across Brooklyn
  - Convene existing friends-of groups to coordinate best practices, advocacy, and strategic investment, as well as support communities who are looking to start their own community-based park partnership
  - Connect existing park partner groups to available programming as necessary

- **Technology Investment**
  - NYC Parks must expand Wi-Fi access to all parks through community and corporate partnerships and expansion of LinkNYC kiosk siting
  - Advocate for Wi-Fi deployment in parks and through the use of Brooklyn Borough Hall Reso A funding

- **Funding**
  - Implement the one percent for parks funding model, which commits one percent of the City budget to the Department of Parks and Recreation totaling $886,700,000 instead of FY19’s preliminary budget of $501,935,000. These funds could be used to fund initiatives and projects including, but not limited to, Partnership for Parks staffing, expansion of Wi-Fi accessible parks, repair and expand drinking fountain access, and repair and expand comfort station facilities
  - Continued allocation of capital funding to improve existing parks to achieve the “complete park” concept
  - Support funding for the creation of new “complete parks,” particularly in underserved communities, to achieve increased open space

- **Land Use Purview**
Continued advocacy for the inclusion of park space and open space in uniform land use review procedure (ULURP) decisions

Appendix 1: Parks Questionnaire

1. What is the name of your park?

2. Does your park have a drinking fountain(s)?

3. Does your park have a friends-of group (i.e. does your park have an organization that assists in maintaining park efficiency)?

4. Does your park have programming (i.e. does your park host activities and/or events such as yoga or concerts)?

5. Does your park have Wi-Fi?

6. Does your park have a comfort station/restroom?

7. Does your park have two or more uses (i.e. does your park have basketball/tennis courts, a playground or multiple playgrounds, and/or a dog park)?