

Brooklyn Community District 17 is ranked last out of 59 community boards for percent of parkland available to residents. CB 17 is a vibrant hub of Caribbean culture and immigrant heritage, characterized by its diverse population, strong community spirit, and grassroots advocacy. The area thrives on its rich traditions in food, music, and festivals, while balancing historic landmarks and a focus on youth development and health initiatives.

[Read CB 17's Community District Needs Here.](#)

LEGEND

- 1/4 Mile
- Community Districts
 - Community Gardens
 - Schoolyards to Plgds
 - City, State, and Federal Parkland

NYC PARKLAND

- Chiarantano Playground
- East Flatbush Children's Playground

- Fidler-Wyckoff House Park
- Harry Maze Playground
- Kennedy King Playground
- Linden Sitting Area
- Lott Park
- Nostrand Playground
- Paerdegat Park
- Park
- Railroad Playground
- Tilden Playground

Actionable Ideas and Solutions



Programming at Holy Cross Cemetery

Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn CB 17's largest greenspace, presents an opportunity to add accessible public space for residents. BK LVL UP aims to reimagine the cemetery as a place for community reflection, relaxation, recreation and wellness. Thoughtful programming and initiatives can foster a sense of connection to nature and local history, allowing Holy Cross to serve as a source of peace, inspiration and enrichment.



Repair and Enhance Existing Parks

Tilden Playground, the primary playground in the district, suffers from overcrowding, peeling floor mats, rusting equipment, and poor lighting—conditions that prevent it from serving as the vibrant community attraction it ought to be.



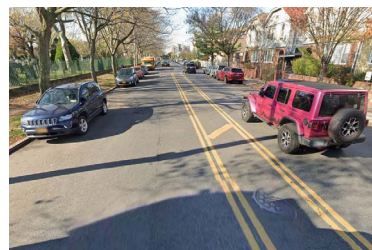
Support Community Gardens

Rogers/Tilden/Veronica Place Garden needs maintenance support to thrive and foster quality relationships with eager volunteers in the community.



Convert Schoolyards to Playgrounds

The Trust for Public Land (TPL), in partnership with the DOE, has transformed four NYC schoolyards into thriving public parks and playgrounds in Brooklyn 17. These conversions make previously inaccessible playgrounds available to the larger community. TPL has identified P.S. 135 Sheldon A. Brookner as suitable for conversion.



Increase Bike/Pedestrian Access to Parks:

Residents seeking green space regularly travel from Brooklyn CB 17 to Prospect Park, necessitating the prioritization of safe bike/pedestrian access. Investment can ensure safe east/west bike lanes leading to and from Prospect Park at the northwest corner of the district, and to the planned Historic Brooklyn Greenway. Priority streets include:

- Cortelyou Road
- Snyder Avenue
- Farragut Road
- Avenue H

Increase Tree Canopy

Expanding the tree canopy is essential to improve air quality, provide shade, reduce the urban heat island effect, and ensure livability. Plantable areas highlighted in green present opportunities to enhance public health, foster climate resilience, and promote the equitable distribution of urban greenery.



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