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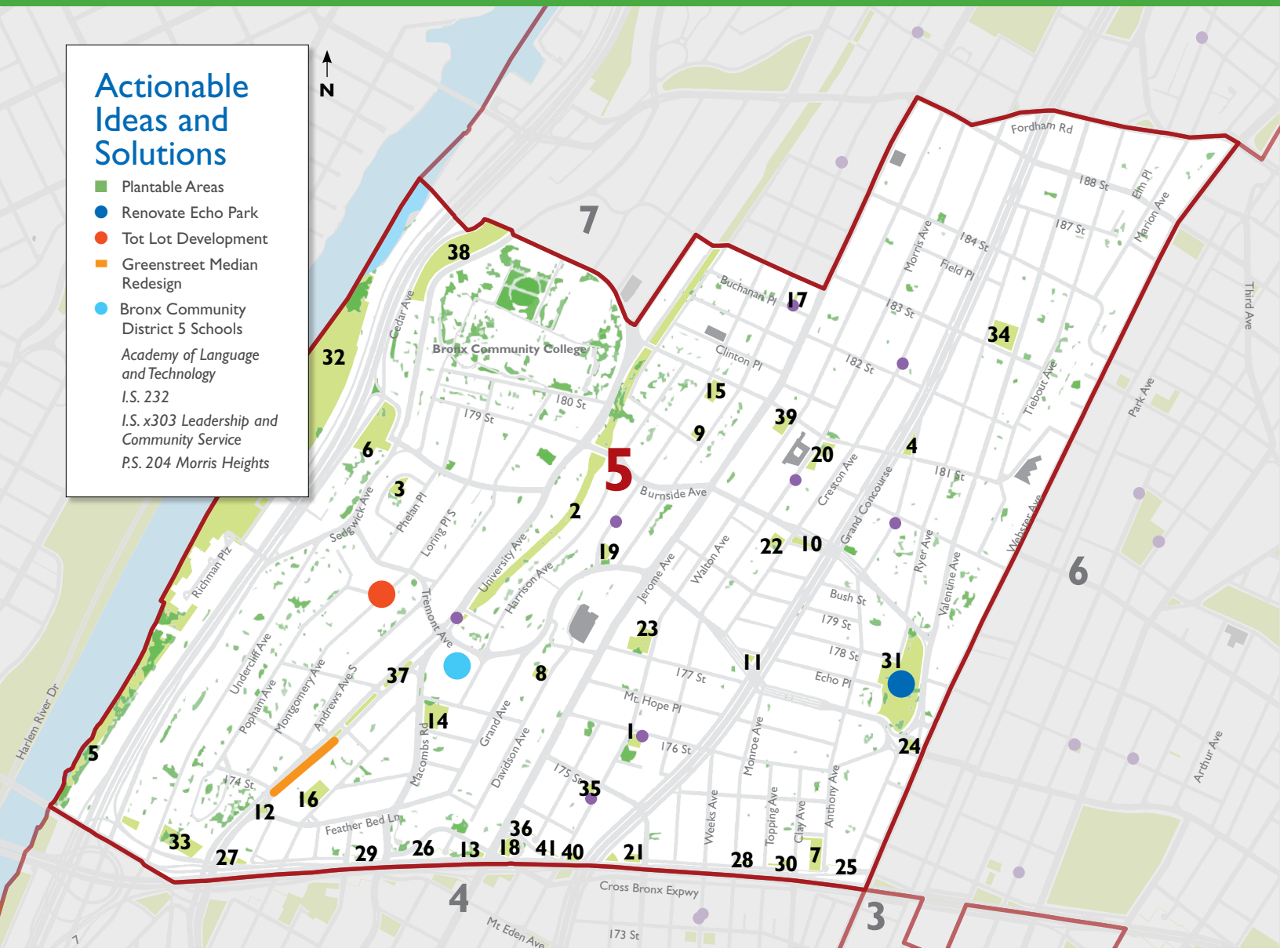
# Open Space Solutions: 2025

BRONX COMMUNITY DISTRICT 5




Bronx Community District 5 is ranked 51 out of 59 for percent of parkland available to residents. Priority must be placed on actionable ideas which can increase available parks and open spaces, especially for the large population of students and seniors within the district.

*Read CB5's Community District Needs Here.*

**LEGEND**

1/4 Mile

- Community Districts
- Community Gardens
- Schoolyards to Plgds
- City, State, and Federal Parkland

**NYC PARKLAND**

1 176th Street Community Garden
2 Aqueduct Walk
3 Beanstalk Playground
4 Bergen Triangle
5 Bridge Park
6 Cedar Playground
7 Cleopatra Playground
8 Davidson Park
9 Davidson Playground
10 Devanney Triangle
11 Echo Triangle
12 Featherbed Triangle
13 Featherbenches
14 Galileo Playground
15 Grand Playground
16 Half-Nelson Playground
17 Jardin De Las Rosas
18 Jennie Jerome Playground
19 Leave it Better Kids' Garden
20 Morris Garden
21 Morris Mesa
22 Mount Hope Garden
23 Mount Hope Playground
24 O'Brien Oval
25 Park
26 Park
27 Park
28 Park
29 Park
30 Peace Park
31 Richman (Echo) Park
32 Roberto Clemente State Park
33 Sedgwick Playground
34 Slattery Playground
35 Townsend Garden
36 Townsend Walk
37 University Malls
38 University Woods
39 Walton Park
40 Walton Slope
41 Walton Walk

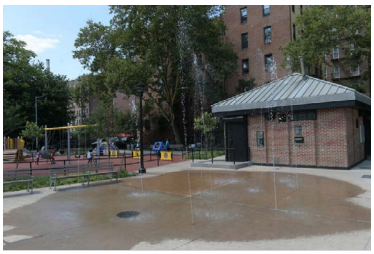
# Actionable Ideas and Solutions

## Redesign/Expand Median on University Ave & 174th Street

NYC Parks' and DOT's Greenstreets program cools neighborhoods while improving safety and air quality. The existing Greenstreets median on University Avenue and 174th Street is too narrow, limiting its community benefit. Redesigning and expanding it would introduce traffic calming measures and increase parkland, green space, and tree cover in the district.

## Repair and Enhance Existing Parks

Developing a "Tot Lot" playground on an empty DOE-owned lot on the corner of Montgomery and Popham Avenues would increase family-friendly parkland in the district and take pressure off nearby playgrounds, which are currently crowded and overused.



Echo Park's deteriorating conditions pose safety risks for the families who rely on it. Residents have made the park's reconstruction and renovation a top priority. Key areas in need of improvement include the basketball courts, playground, and park house, alongside a community-driven request to build a new amphitheater.

## Convert Schoolyards to Playgrounds

The Trust for Public Land (TPL), in partnership with the DOE, has transformed five NYC schoolyards into thriving public parks and playgrounds in Bronx CB 5. These conversions make previously inaccessible playgrounds available to the larger community. TPL has identified four additional schoolyards as suitable for conversion:

- Academy for Language and Technology
- I.S. 232
- I.S. x303 Leadership and Community Service
- P.S. 204 Morris Heights

## 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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