

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009 – 7:00PM**

The Croton Facility Monitoring Committee met on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.

Attending - CFMC representatives:

Greg Faulkner, Chairman, Community Board # 7; Damian McShane, Chairman, Community Board #8; Saul Scheinbach, Community Board #8; Hector Aponte, Bronx Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner; Laura Stockstill, Bronx Borough President's office; Jamin Sewell, Council Member Koppell's representative; Mark Lanaghan, Department of Environmental Protection; Carmen Rosa, Community Board #12 District Manager

There were present staff persons from DEP, its construction manager, design engineer, and members of the public. Attendees are listed on *Attachment 1*. One or two individuals provided limited contact information or did not sign in.

Welcome

Mr. Faulkner CFMC Chair, opened the meeting at 7:20 PM; an agenda, *Attachment 2*, was available.

Adoption of CFMC Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2009

Mr. Aponte requested the insertion of the Croton FMC representatives who attended to be part of the minutes and conditioned his approval on this modification. Thereupon, a motion to adopt was made by Mr. Scheinbach, seconded by Mr. Aponte. An unanimous vote was cast and the minutes were adopted. **Note:** later in the meeting Ms. Rosa presented further amendments to the minutes on behalf of Father Richard Gorman - *Attachment 3*. The earlier approval of the April 30th meeting minutes was then rescinded. The CFMC decided to review each of the additional modifications prior to approving a final version of the April 30th minutes.

Jobs Reports

Mr. Faulkner requested updates on jobs and hiring from DEP and Parks.

Nicole Torres, DEP, summarized progress on jobs and purchases. See *Attachment #4*. She and Mr. Lanaghan described additional activities underway with Croton contractors, and the follow up being conducted with job applicants who received training under various programs that DEP referred applicants to and/or helped subsidize. Mr. Faulkner asked whether the value of M/WBE work diminishes as construction proceeds and inquired whether there are upcoming opportunities for subcontractors and vendors on the various Croton contracts. He said that DEP might consider hosting another open house for small business owners seeking to work on the project. He mentioned bonding as a subject of specific interest and concern to the small business community.

Faisal Choudhury, Parks Dept, presented an update on park improvements and jobs. See *Attachment 5*. Mr. Faulkner requested that the number of Bronx workers on each Parks Dept project be provided and that Parks' reports be more specific as to minority hiring. Mr. Scheinbach asked if some of the \$200 million mitigation money has yet to be allocated. Mr. Aponte said all money has been allocated to the projects, all projects have an architect selected, although the projects themselves are in various stages of the construction process. Mr. Scheinbach requested that boating be available at Crotona Lake, which Mr. Aponte said has not been designed into the project. Karen Argenti, Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association, asked what projects changed from the 64 that appeared in the original list in the Memorandum of Agreement to the current list. Mr. Aponte said that several parks were shifted as a result of the Yankee Stadium construction, resulting in a total of 75 projects instead of 64. Richard Barr, Bronx High School of Science Parents Association, asked why it's taking so long to demolish Yankee Stadium. Anne Marie Garti, Jerome Park Conservancy, distributed a letter from State Senator Jeffrey Klein to Commissioners Aponte and Steven Lawitts requesting an update on public access to JPR – *Attachment 6*.

Above Ground Buildings & Landscaping Design

Mr. Faulkner asked David Burke, Grimshaw Architects, to provide an update on the Van Cortlandt Park above-ground buildings and landscape design. Mr. Burke's presentation is *Attachment 7*.

Ms. Stockstill asked whether pedestrians will enter the park only from Jerome Avenue. Mr. Burke said yes; however, other entries to the park may also be feasible.

Bob Bender, Community Board #8, said that at the parks' southern end, the first fairway needs to be relocated.

Jane Sokolow, Bronx Council on Urban Environment, asked how much land in the handicapped area falls outside the alienation legislation. Mr. Burke responded that it is far less than one acre.

Ms. Argenti said that the Grimshaw architectural design will result in water off the roof of the plant dumping storm water into the park outside the alienation boundary. Mr. Burke and Arne Fareth, DEP, responded that all of the DEP functions, including storm water treatment, are inside the alienation boundary. Ms. Argenti said that the design is not sustainable and she is shocked by the presentation.

Dart Westphal, Mosholu Preservation Corporation, asked when the community can see the new golf course design. Mr. Choudhury said that he and Margot Perron, Parks Dept, are meeting next week solely to talk about the first fairway and added that the Parks Dept and CB #8 will talk about these issues next Wednesday. Mr. Westphal asked for the golf course designer to come to show his/her design because the park users in the area who do not play golf wish to know the limitations and extent of the design. Mr. Burke said that the DEP entrance will have a slip road for construction vehicles. The flow of the design

is to get people over to Shandler and up to other areas of the park. Mr. Westphal asked for textured pavement instead of a plain crosswalk.

Ms. Sokolow requested the golf designer and Grimshaw appear together at a future FMC meeting. Mr. Faulkner and other representatives concurred that the CFMC wants to have Grimshaw and the golf course designer attend a future meeting.

After Ms. Argenti's comments about storm water management, Mr. Faulkner requested an answer in writing to the CFMC before the next meeting about whether storm water treatment would pollute the area. Mr. Lanaghan said pollution will not occur; however, DEP will respond to the storm water treatment issue. In addition, Bernard Daly, DEP, and Brian Farrelly, Construction Manager, said that some additional trees must be removed from a small grove at the front entrance to the plant but that fewer trees have been removed than the Croton Filter Plant EIS anticipated. Ms. Sokolow asked which agency will handle leaks at VCP due to roof problems related to the roof of the underground Croton Filter Plant. She asked who will maintain the moat that is part of the Grimshaw design.

Croton Filter Project Jerome Park Reservoir Minor Modification

Angela Licata, DEP, asked if there were further questions about the minor modification for Phase 2 of the Croton construction at Jerome Park Reservoir.

Ms. Garti asked for copies of all documents forwarded by DEP to SHPO and all correspondence from SHPO to DEP, instead of having only partial information in the minor modification. Ms. Licata and Mark Page, Jr., DEP, agreed to follow up. Ms. Garti said that there is no mention of the Old Croton Aqueduct in the material and that OCA is a national landmark. Mr. Page said that all of JPR is on the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Garti said that the lack of water in the JPR basins limits the buffering nature of water during blasting. Ms. Licata said that there will be vibration monitors to keep blast vibrations within allowable limits. She added that DEP will share the monitoring protocol and blast plan with SHPO and will provide much of the information to the public.

Ms. Argenti circulated a list of questions to be answered and clarifications to be made (*Attachment 8*). Ms. Argenti read each item. She said that she'd researched and found a court case calling for an SEIS. She said the south basin ramp at JPR is of great concern because of its potential nearby impacts on Waldo HS, Lehman College and residents. Mr. Lanaghan said that DEP will review Ms. Argenti's questions, which, he said, appeared to be similar to questions submitted at the last meeting, and DEP will provide responses. Ms. Rosa said that Father Gorman wants written responses to the questions. Mr. Lanaghan agreed. On this basis, Mr. Lanaghan asked if the CFMC would withdraw its resolution that an SEIS be conducted. The CFMC did not agree to this.

Mr. Sewell asked several questions about blasting. Mr. Barr asked whether night blasts would disturb nearby residents. Ms. Licata said the blasts would likely occur early in the evening but after students had left the Bronx High School of Science. Mr. Aponte said

that in response to Ms. Argenti's question #22, the Parks Dept had already made a presentation about its plans for JPR. Parks will do some work to the south of Gate House #5, but not where blasting and construction will occur. He said there will be no work at Fort Independence Park except near the JPR. He said that Parks is also awaiting the DEP report on public access but there will be fewer basketball courts constructed and new, higher fences at Fort Independence Park. The dog run issue has been addressed by making the dog run 50% smaller than originally planned and by moving it as far as possible from residents' homes. Mr. Aponte said that he'd received communications both in support and in opposition to the plans and Parks tried to satisfy the public by its decision to reduce the size of the dog run.

Ms. Stockstill asked about the public access study status. Ms. Torres said it is on schedule to be complete by fall. Mr. Lanaghan clarified that it is not a study, per se, but a series of interviews and comments. Mr. Aponte added that nothing Parks Dept is planning will negate the possibility of having a jogging path around JPR. Mr. Scheinbach requested a presentation about the study at the September CFMC meeting. Mr. Bender asked for Parks Dept specification information which, Mr. Choudhury said, would be sent to CB #8.

Construction Update

Mr. Daly gave a project update regarding construction at VCP and JPR.

The Contract CRO 312 contractors are continuing to work at the VCP site. Approximately 50% of the total amount of concrete has been placed to date and installation of piping, tanks and equipment is ongoing.

On Contract CRO 313, all excavation of the Raw and Treated Water Tunnels is complete. Work to build the connection between the Low Service Treated Water Tunnel and the New Croton Aqueduct will be completed in the summer. Most of the Phase 1 rock excavation at the Shaft and Meter Chamber has been completed using hoe rams.

Contract CRO 315 work is underway. NYC Dept of Buildings is reviewing a partial demolition plan for the Demonstration Building prior to removal of metal wall and roof panels that contain asbestos. These asbestos panels are expected to be removed beginning this summer.

Contract CRO 312 OS contractors have established their field offices and begun noise wall installation around the Shaft and Meter Chamber. Inspections in the JPR basins are underway; no water is expected to be introduced into the basins this summer.

CFMC Discussion – Next Meeting

Mr. Faulkner proposed that the next meeting be on the third Thursday of September. There was a brief discussion and the CFMC representatives agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

6/18/2009

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Agenda
Croton Facility Monitoring Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2009 – 7:00 PM
DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx NY 10467

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| I. Welcome, Call Meeting to Order | Greg Faulkner, Chairman |
| II. Consider, Adopt Minutes of
CFMC April 30 Meeting | CFMC Principals |
| III. DEP Report on Jobs & Hiring | Nicole Torres, DEP |
| IV. Parks Report on Jobs & Hiring | Faisal Choudhury, Parks &
Recreation |
| V. Design Update - VCP Above-Ground Buildings | David Burke
Grimshaw Architects |
| VI. Discussion - Minor Modification | CFMC & Public |
| VII. Croton Construction Update | Bernard Daly, DEP |
| VIII. Discussion & Set Next Meeting | CFMC Principals |
| IX. Adjourn | |

Upon recognition by the Chairman, the CFMC invites members of the public to raise questions and make comments throughout the meeting

6/18/09 Father Dorman's Recommended Changes

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CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 - 7:00PM

The Croton Facility Monitoring Committee met on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Scott Tower Community Room, 3400 Paul Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468. Attendees included CFMC representatives, elected officials, staff from DEP, its construction manager, design engineer, local news media, and members of the public. They are listed on *Attachment 1*. Some individuals provided limited contact information or did not sign in.

Welcome

Greg Faulkner, Chair of Community Board #7 and of the CFMC, opened the meeting at 7:15 PM; an agenda, *Attachment 2*, was available.

Adoption of CFMC Executive Session meeting minutes

Upon a motion by Damian McShane, Chair of Community Board #8, seconded by Mark Lanaghan, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the minutes of the executive sessions held on March 19th and April 27th were adopted.

Jobs Report

Mr. Faulkner called for updates on jobs and hiring from DEP and Parks.

Nicole Torres, DEP, summarized progress on jobs and purchases since the February CFMC meeting. See *Attachment #3*. Mr. Faulkner asked if DEP would publicize the goods and services that will be required for current and upcoming construction contracts. Karen Argenti, Friends of Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association, said the list should be posted on an internet bulletin board where it can be updated regularly. Council Member Oliver Koppell asked how many of the job applicants have moved into jobs. He asked for numbers for the past four years of job applicants, not only their percentages. Mr. Koppell asked DEP to report comprehensive information at the next CFMC meeting.

Gary Axelbank, BronxNet, said that DEP regularly gives project information to the community too late, and said that there are other issues to complain about as well.

Mr. Faulkner introduced Angela Licata, DEP Deputy Commissioner, to talk about the minor modification for Phase 2 of the Croton construction at Jerome Park Reservoir. Using a PowerPoint presentation (*Attachment 4*), Ms. Licata asked Arne Fareth, DEP Croton Design, to describe changes from the original project design. Ms. Licata then spoke about the environmental review process and findings from the Minor Modification to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. She asked Ted Dowey, DEP, to describe his work using explosives at the DEP Third Water Tunnel shafts, so the community would know the procedure, safety protocols for blasting and blasting's moderate impacts.

Mr. Faulkner called on Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz. Mr. Dinowitz spoke of the deficiencies in the original EIS for not disclosing hoe ramming or blasting. He said the construction noise is undoubtedly disruptive to the Bronx High School of Science, DeWitt Clinton High School and the High School of American Studies. Mr. Koppell requested and received an additional explanation from Ms. Licata about why hoe ramming and blasting were not disclosed in the FSEIS.

Michael Gary, representing State Senator Pedro Espada and a resident of Amalgamated Houses, asked DEP to address asthma and construction's effect on health. He said a Little League team uses Harris Park Field, which is now closed. Hector Aponte, Bronx Commissioner of Parks & Recreation, said the ballfield conditions are being remediated; however, construction delays necessitated the closure.

Richard Barr, Bronx HS of Science Parents Assn, asked how long Phase 1 work will continue; how long blasting of Phase 2 work will take, and why – if the Croton Filter Plant was precluded from being built in JPR – is construction taking place at JPR. Bernard Daly, DEP Executive Construction Manager, replied that some construction work had to occur in the vicinity of JPR in order for the plant to operate. He also added that tree removal, soil sampling and installation of the new noise wall at the Shaft and Meter Chamber would begin in May 2009. Following this, installation of soldier piles and lagging in conjunction with soil excavation would begin during the summer months. During the fall, rock excavation at the Shaft and Meter Chamber would begin followed by concrete and piping work

Anne Marie Garti, Jerome Park Conservancy, said DEP intentionally left details of the JPR work out of the FSEIS. She asked for a walking path around JPR. She said the Old Croton Aqueduct might be compromised when blasting commences. She reminded the community that, when the Croton water system is operating, there is chlorine stored at Gate House 5. Ms. Garti asked when the JPR basins would be filled. No specific schedule was provided by DEP.

Dan Husband, Scott Tower, asked whether a vibration and noise monitor would be placed at Scott Tower. He complained about double parked school buses. Mr. Daly said there will be eight vibration monitors installed at and near the site, and that one can be placed at Scott Tower.

Michael Bern, Scott Tower, said that DEP has mistreated the community. He referred to the chlorine leak at JPR. Mr. Lanaghan explained the steps taken by DEP and the Fire Department to safely secure the chlorine in Gate House 5 and that at no time was the public in danger.

Jane Sokolow, Bronx Council on Environmental Quality, said a supplemental EIS is needed for the work DEP plans at JPR. She complained that DEP has taken parking spaces along Jerome Avenue from the public for its contractor at Van Cortlandt Park and never informed anyone.

Ms. Argenti said she reviewed the minor modification. She asked what DEP will do about the rat problem in the community. She asked how much the upcoming contracts will cost and how much blasting will be performed. She added that last summer, when the community took DEP to court, they said that they were not ready. As a result, the litigation was considered premature. Subsequently, the public has learned that, during this same period of time, DEP gave the State Historic Preservation Office a technical document that described the planned construction. Mr. Daly gave the approximate cost of the four contracts at JPR as: CRO-312OS-G = \$100 million, 312OS-E = \$15 million, 312OS-P = \$800,000 and 312OS-H = \$800,000.

Professor Walter Matystk, Manhattan College, said the public wants to have an open process the way CEQR meant it to be. He read from the CEQR Manual that describes the process. Ms. Licata responded that the minor modification is as thorough as a Supplemental EIS would be and that construction impacts which are temporary are not required to be analyzed in an EIS. Ms. Licata admitted that what was written in the original EIS by DEP was not as clear and as understandable as it could have been.

Pat Byrne, Scott Tower, complained about asthma in the North Bronx.

Mr. Koppell asked what will be in Harris Park Annex after construction. Mr. Daly said grass will be planted.

Mr. Axelbank said there was suspicion during the period of the EIS. He said the community continues to be suspicious. He added that if blasting had been disclosed during the Croton Filter Plant siting process, the State Legislature would not have passed the siting legislation.

Construction Update

Mr. Daly gave a project update regarding construction at VCP and JPR.

The Contract CRO 312 contractors are continuing to work at the VCP site. Approximately 125,000 cubic yards of concrete have been placed to date and installation of piping, tanks and equipment is ongoing. There are currently 12 cranes in operation at the site including three tower cranes.

On Contract CRO 313, all excavation of the Raw and Treated Water Tunnels is complete. Work to construct the connection between the Low Service Treated Water Tunnel and the New Croton Aqueduct is ongoing. Phase 1 Shaft and Meter Chamber rock excavation work has preceded using hoe rams.

Contract CRO 315 work continues. An asbestos removal plan is underway prior to removal of asbestos at the Demonstration Plant. The unforeseen additional asbestos problem has delayed the demolition.

Contract CRO 312 OS contractors are mobilizing following the official Notice to Proceed issued in February 2009. Inspection work at the Gate Houses is underway. Noise wall installation at the Shaft and Meter Chamber will start in May 2009.

CFMC Discussion

For the next meeting:

- Mr. Koppell asked for a report about emergency notifications in the event of a chlorine leak
- Mr. Koppell reminded DEP to improve its jobs reporting
- Ms. Stockstill said that DEP was going to assess perimeter monitors and she wants to know the results of the assessment at the next meeting.
- Ms. Lappin said an emergency evacuation plan for the community is needed, referring to a recent bomb scare at Bronx High School of Science. She added that the people in her building have to know what to do in case of any emergency.
- Mr. Faulkner said there must be a plan in the event of a worst-case scenario
- Father Richard Gorman, Community Board #12, asked Professor Matystk how long the Professor thought it would take DEP to prepare a SEIS. Mr. Matystk said in his opinion, it would take 30 – 60 days. Ms. Licata responded that the process is lengthy requiring a scoping session, scoping document, draft EIS, and individual reviews. She said that no significant adverse impacts have been identified so a SEIS is unnecessary. Professor Matystik noted that, given the information already presented in the Tech Memo describing and analyzing the so-called “minor modification” at the Jerome Park Reservoir (JPR), the SEIS process would take a lot less time than DEP anticipated. Father Gorman said the DEP’s position is not satisfactory. Ms. Licata said that public input was solicited. She said that she would come back to the community for further discussion of the minor modification.
- Council Member Koppell spoke about his involvement in enacting the SEORA process into law and added that he supported Father Gorman’s motion calling for an open SEOR/CEOR process.
- Father Gorman moved that it is the wish of the CFMC that a SEIS be prepared and he requested the CFMC to adopt a resolution which he read. (Revised Resolution = Attachment 5. Mr. Faulkner seconded the motion. Mr. McShane addressed comments to the motion indicating his support of it. Ms. Stockstill said the CFMC and the public should have a month to review the minor modification before such a motion is adopted. Mr. Lanaghan said he understands the community’s frustration but that DEP is required to move ahead to stay on schedule and meet project

milestones. The motion was adopted with four votes in the affirmative, two abstentions and one negative vote.

The next meeting will be scheduled as determined by the CFMC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Last FMC Meeting held in April 2009 (March 2009 Report)

- Bronx Labor – 144 employees or 22% on site
- Bronx Purchasing – \$78.2 million or 41% of Bronx & Non-Bronx contracts
- Croton Community Outreach Office Applicants – 1,556
 - 640 union
 - 916 non-union

June FMC Meeting 2009 (May 2009 Report)

- Croton Community Outreach Office Applicants – 1,599
 - 676 union (660 Bronx union)
 - 923 non-union (541 Bronx non-union)
- Bronx Labor – 145 employees or 23% on site
- Bronx Purchasing – \$81.3 million or 41% of Bronx & Non-Bronx contracts

DEP-Sponsored Job Training Programs

BuildWorks

Sponsored 1 Class: 23 students (18 graduated)

Date: April 2007 – July 2007

Job Placement:

- 7 Carpenters, Local 608
- 4 Con Edison General Utility workers
- 2 Facilities Maintenance, DEP
- 1 Hazardous Materials Abatement, Laborers Local 78
- 2 Electricians, IBEW Local 3
- 1 Carpenters, Local 1456
- 1 Track Worker, Port Authority of NY/NJ (PATH)Date: April 2007 – July 2007

Project HIRE

Sponsored 2 Classes: 66 students (55 graduated)

Date: June 2007 – November 2007 & November 2007 – April 2008

Job Placement:

- 24 Apprenticed to Trade Unions (Local 28, 79, 731, and DC 9)
- 12 Hired by other employers
- 6 Acquired GEDs
- 1 Pending with Local 78

Bronx Community College GED Program

Sponsored: 44 students (25 completed the course)

Date: 2007 (day and night time classes offered)

Non-Union Job Training Referrals

Hosted BuildingWorks Recruitment Events: 2 Informational Sessions (Summer 2008)

Total Bronx Attendees: 75

Total Bronx Attendees enrolled in 2 BuildingWorks Classes: 13 (11 Employed or in Union)

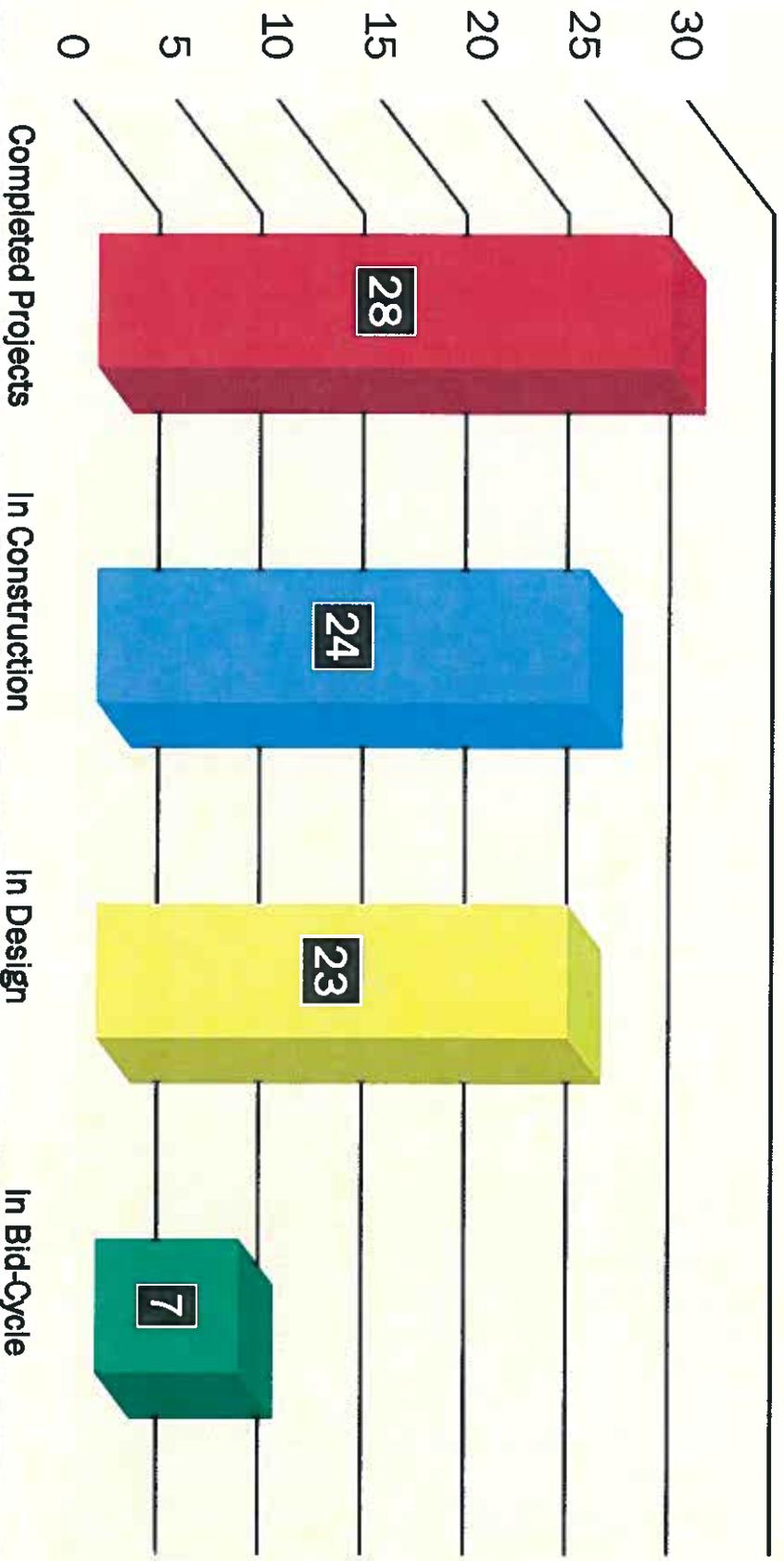
- 2 Hazardous Materials Abatement, Laborers Local 78
- 2 Plumbers
- 3 Carpenters, Local 1456
- 1 Sheet Metal
- 1 Building Maintenance at St. John's University
- 2 General Laborers

The Croton Program



THE CROTON PROGRAM CROTON PROJECTS OVERVIEW:

Within the Croton Projects, we have completed twenty-eight (28) construction projects totaling **\$56,962,960** and have twenty-four (24) more projects totaling **\$66,340,278** currently in construction. There are twenty-three (23) projects currently in design totaling **\$70,053,305** seven (7) of which are in the bid-cycle totaling **\$21,259,162**.

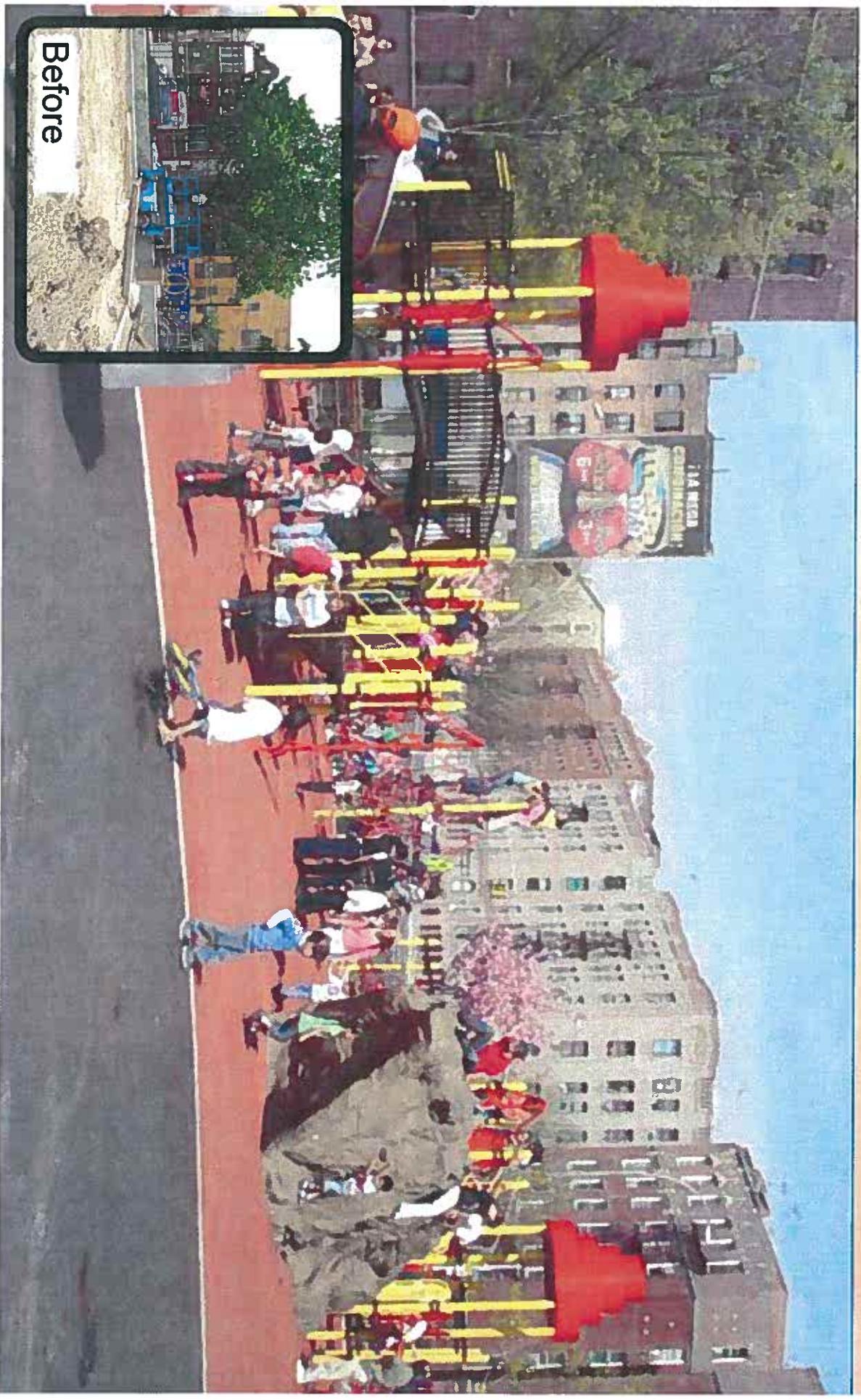


**CROTON PROJECTS
“BEFORE & AFTER”**

DEVOE PARK

Total Budget \$2,714,790

Accepted 4/3/08



MULLALLY PARK NORTH

Total Budget \$1,357,395

Accepted 5/23/08

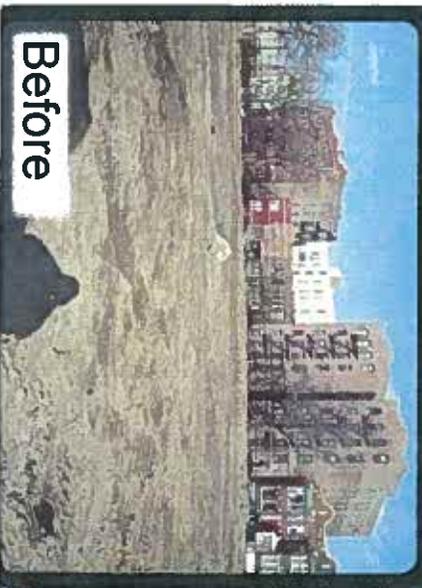


Before

MANIDA BALLFIELD

Total Budget \$1,600,000

Accepted 5/23/08

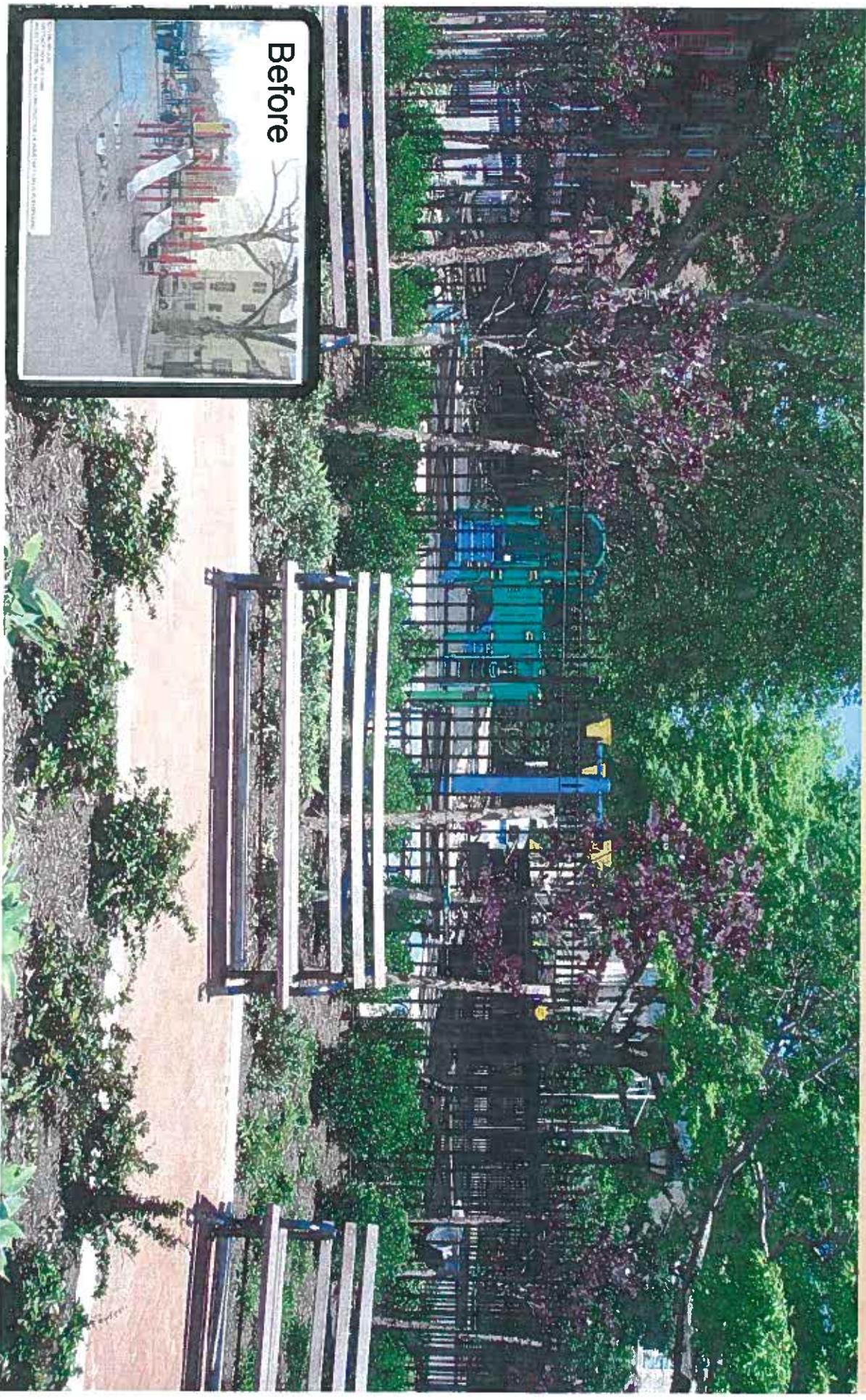


Before

AQUEDUCT LANDS PLGD.

Total Budget \$1,809,860

F.I. 6/26/08



Williamsbridge Oval Track and Field

Total Budget \$3,000,000



DREW PARK

Total Budget \$1,447,888

F.I. 6/27/08



Before

MT. HOPE PLAYGROUND

Total Budget \$1,809,860

F.I. 6/27/08



Before

STORY PLAYGROUND

Total Budget \$5,795,989

F.I. 6/28/08



Before

CLARK PLAYGROUND

Total Budget \$1,357,395

F.I. 6/30/08



Before

BRONX SKATE PARK EAST (BALLFIELD BUNDLE)

Total Budget \$1,357,395

Accepted 5/23/08



SOUNDVIEW BALLFIELD (BALLFIELD BUNDLE)

Total Budget \$3,619,720

U.I. 8/01/08

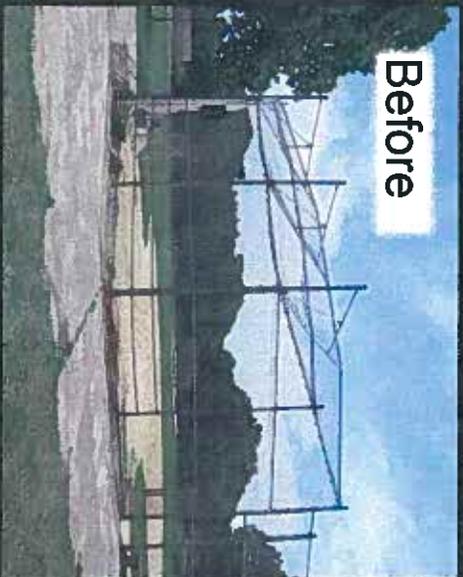


Before

TROJAN BALLFIELD (BALLFIELD BUNDLE)

Total Budget \$2,714,790

U.I. 8/08/08



Before

ST. JAMES (PHASE 4)

Total Budget \$3,000,000

Accepted 10/07/08



Before

MULLALLY PARK SOUTH

Total Budget \$4,929,580

Accepted 4/16/09



Before



Melrose Playground

Total Budget \$1,357,395

F.I. 1/5/09



Crotona Park Indian Lake

Total Budget \$4,434,157

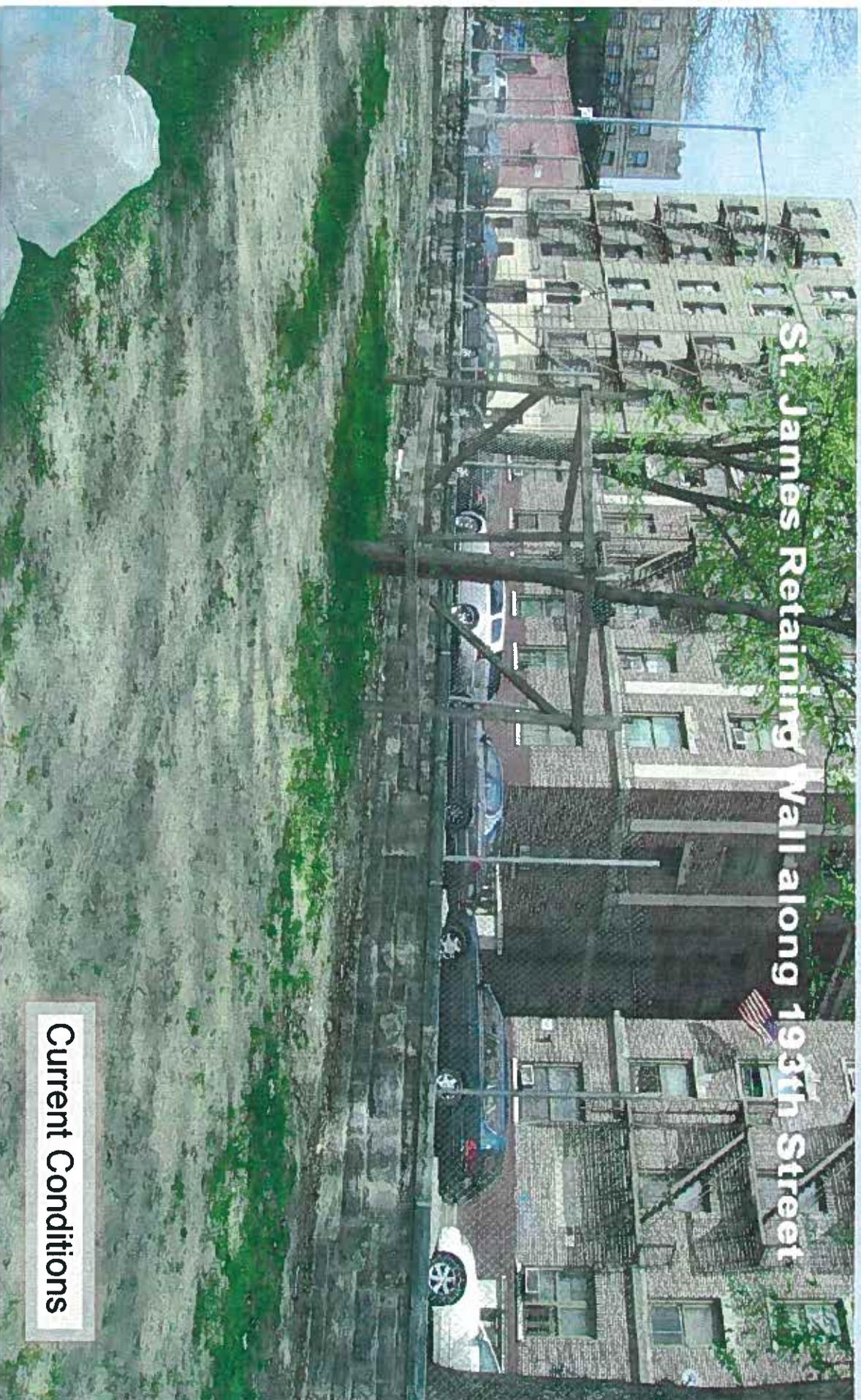
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CROTON PROJECTS “IN-CONSTRUCTION”

St. James Phase 3

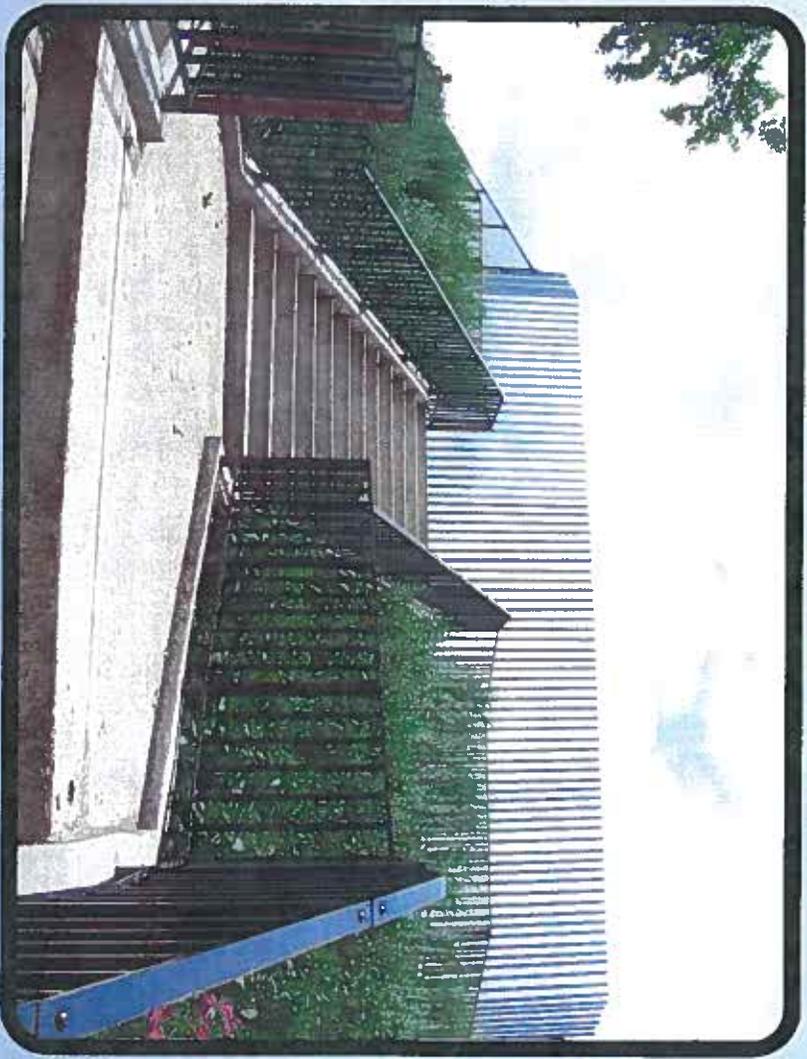
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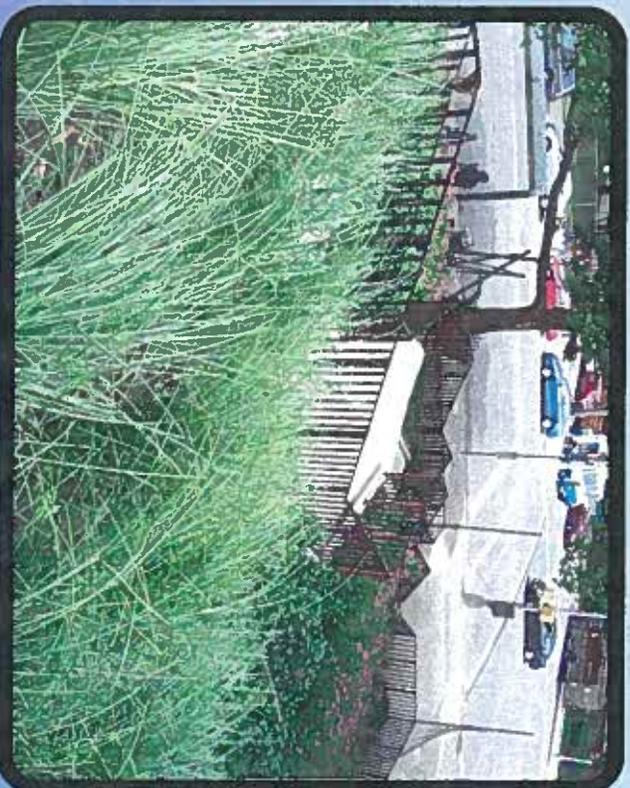
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Harris Park Ballfields

Total Budget \$8,922,610



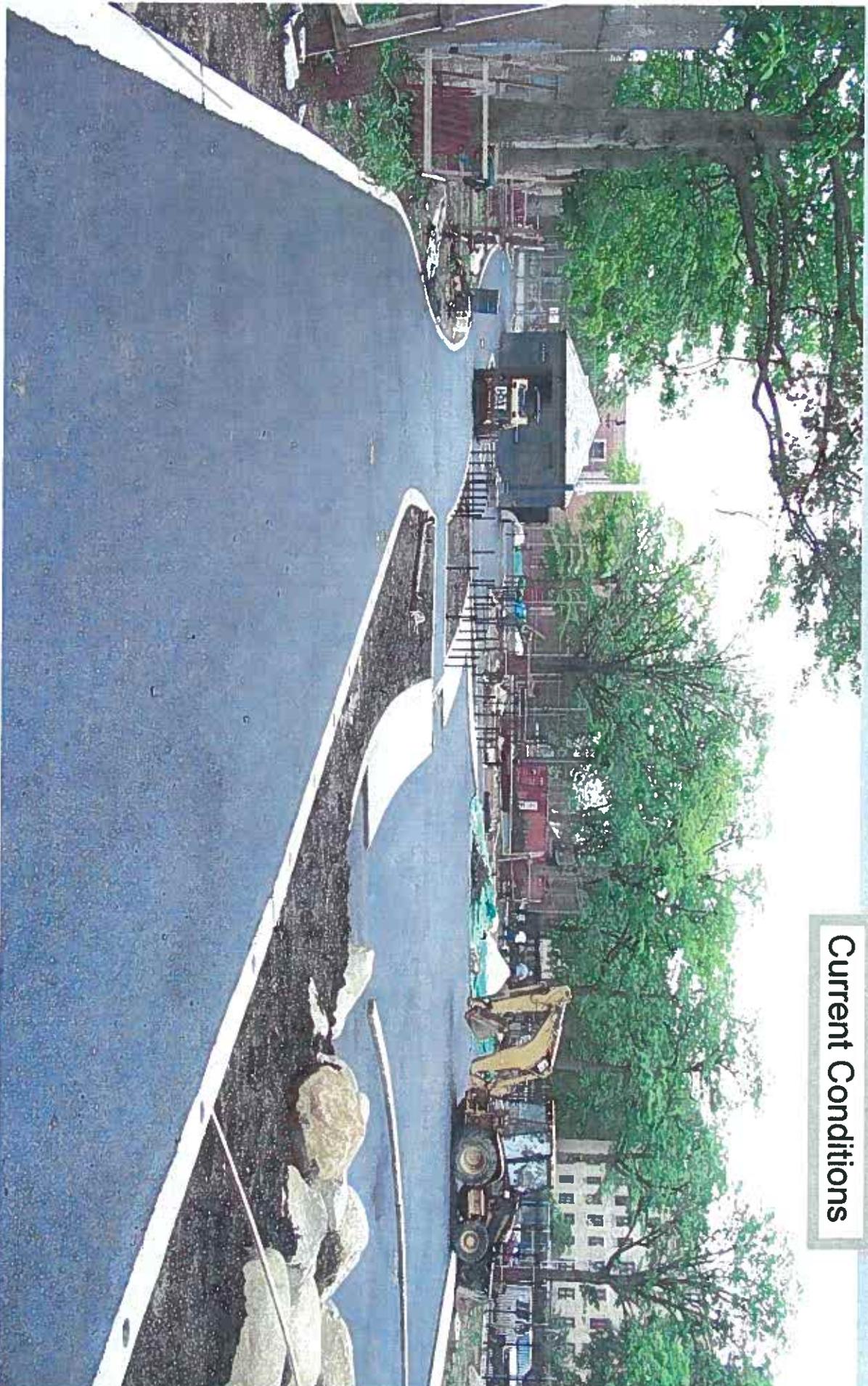
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Edenwald Playground

Total Budget \$1,809,860

Current Conditions



Campanaro Playground

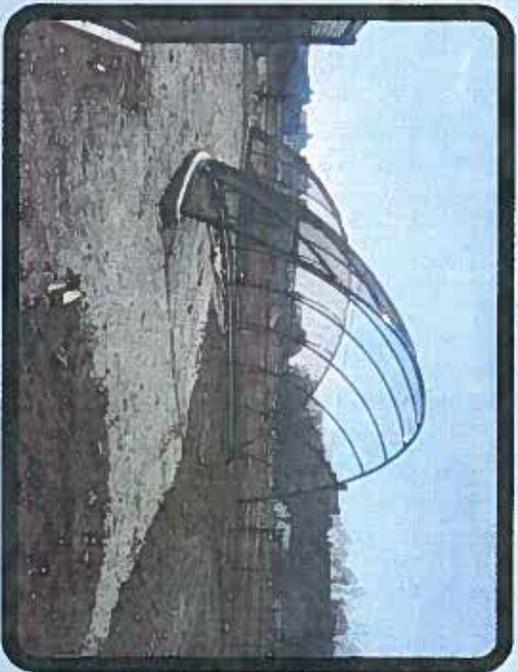
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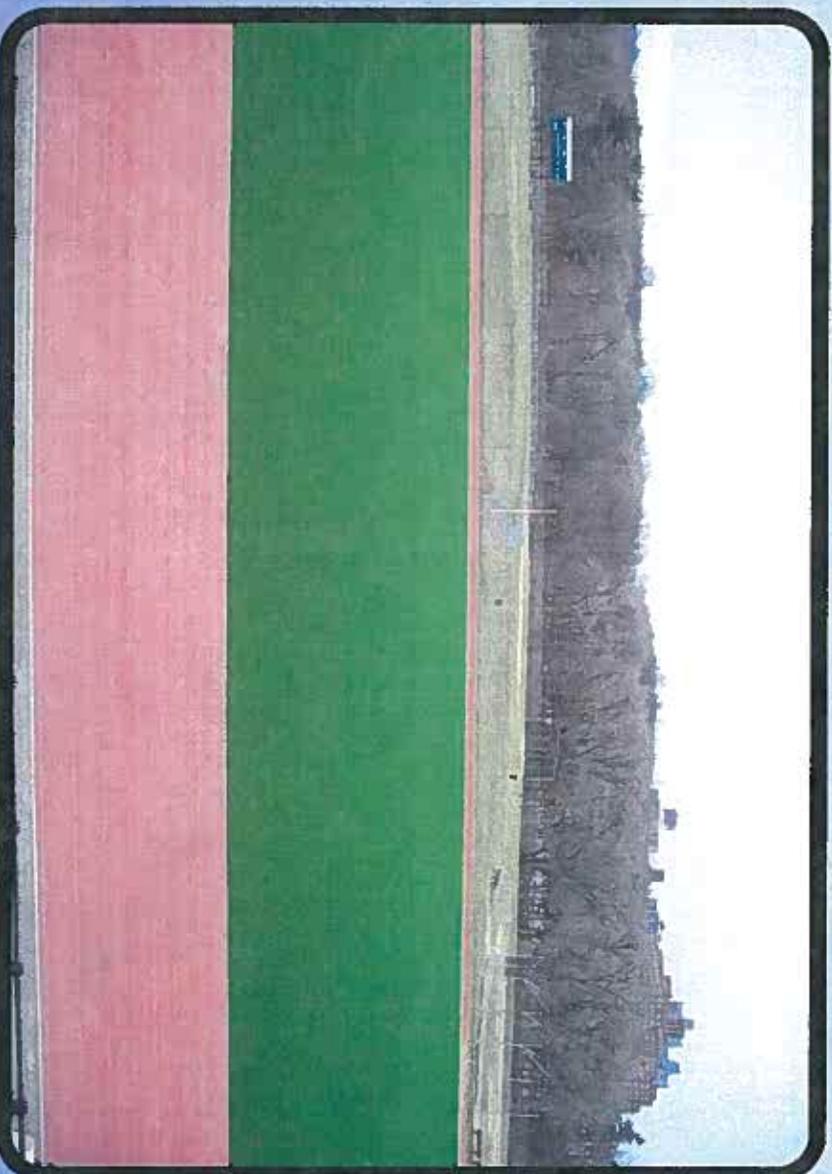


VCP Parade Grounds

Total Budget \$14,931,345



Current Conditions

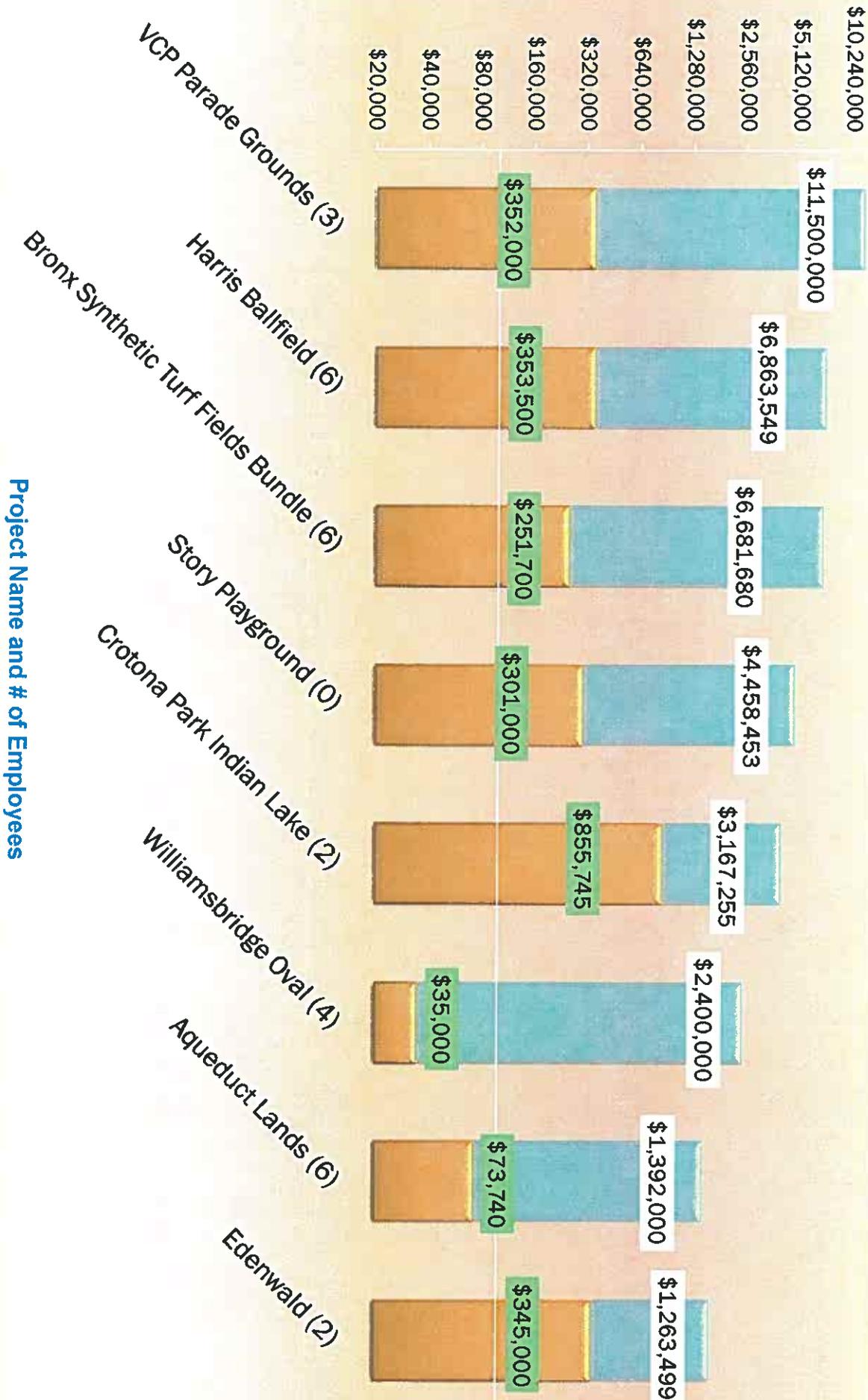


Parade Ground Schematic



OUTREACH EFFORTS

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May 12, 2009

Steven W. Lawitts
Acting Commissioner
New York City Department of Environmental Protection
59-17 Junction Blvd.,
Flushing, NY 11373-5108

Dear Commissioner Lawitts,

I am writing in regards to an ongoing DEP study regarding public accessibility to the Jerome Park Reservoir. I was told that the current study, conducted by consultant Peter Szabo would be completed sometime during the summer, but that no date for its final release could be determined. I would like to know if a deadline for the release of the study could be provided. I am aware of the need for flexibility in carrying out this important work. At the same time, the study's timeline may impact the use of funding secured by my office for the reservoir's improvement. The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation is currently finalizing its plans for this project. Without information about the DEP's study, the Parks Department may be forced to approve plans that do not take into account new guidelines from your department. I would be most grateful if you could contact Abraham, my district representative, at 718-822-2049 regarding any relevant details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey D. Klein', with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Jeffrey D. Klein
Deputy Majority Leader
New York State Senate

Cc: CB8 District Manager Nicole Stent, Jerome Park Conservancy President Anne Marie Garti, CB8 Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Tony Cassino, CB8 Environmental and Sanitation Committee Chairman Saul Scheinbach

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May 12, 2009

Commissioner Adrian Benepe
Department of Parks & Recreation
The Arsenal: Central Park
New York, NY 10021

Dear Commissioner Benepe:

I am writing to express my concern over the Parks Department's preliminary plans for the Jerome Park Reservoir Project. The Department of Environmental Protection is currently investigating whether it can relax its regulations for public access to the site. The Parks Department's preliminary plans for the project (formulated by an independent consultant) have been drafted however before the completion of the DEP's study. I initially secured funding for this project in order to improve the public's enjoyment of one the Bronx's most treasured historical resources. The DEP has informed me that its study will be completed by the summer of 2009. I am currently inquiring as to whether a more definitive date for release can be provided. In the meantime I would appreciate staying informed about your department's plans for the park. Should you have any questions about my involvement with this issue, please contact Abraham at 718-822-2049.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, bold 'J' followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

Jeffrey D. Klein
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