



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

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Commissioner Mitchell Silver
NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation
24 W. 61st Street
New York, NY 10023

Dear Commissioner Silver,

At the June 8, 2017 Community Board 8 general meeting, members voted 31 in favor, 1 opposed, with 4 abstentions to request the Parks Department acquire the vacant city owned land located on Prospect Place between Kingston and Albany Avenues (Block 1230, Lots 49, 50 & 51) from the Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) for use as inalienable park land. Members of the 596 Acres organization made a proposal complete with over 200 signatures seeking to gain access to reconfigure the vacant land that already has playground equipment and murals, but is currently unused and poorly maintained.

The space has great potential for gardening, art projects, movie screenings, urban agriculture, and community workshops. The goal is to provide a space that will accomplish the following:

- To build a resilient gardening community where neighbors grow and share plants.
- To strengthen networking and share learning between community.
- To organize and advocate for supportive policies for community and backyard gardening.
- To foster partnerships between the gardening community and public and private sectors.

We hope you will view this request favorably and turn an unmaintained portion of land in our District into a gem of open community space that will provide valuable services to our residents. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nizjoni Granville
Chairperson