

## Parks: Parks, Open Space and Recreation

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<b>Increase access to open, green and recreation spaces in Chinatown for all residents. Allocate capital funding to renovate derelict parks and playgrounds. Ensure that new designs employ innovative and sustainable design practices.</b>	Allow for the East River Waterfront redevelopment to include more open green space and free recreational spaces. Explore options for converting piers 35, 36 and 42 into useable public space and free recreational facilities. See existing CB #3 waterfront plan.	EDC, CBO's, CB #3, Elected Officials.
	Identify additional city owned sites/streets that can be converted into viable open/park spaces for public use.	DOT, DPR, CB #3, CBO's & Coalitions, Elected Officials
	Allocate capital funding to renovate all of the Allen & Pike Street Malls from Houston Street to South Street and expedite capital improvements to James Madison Park.	DOT, DPR, CB #3, CBO's & Coalitions, Elected Officials
	Make better use of existing open space resources such as underutilized and poorly programmed public housing campuses.	NYCHA, Tenant Associations, DOT, Elected Officials, CBO's
	Convert underutilized DPR buildings in parks into public facilities.	DPR, CB #3, CBO's & Coalitions, Elected Officials
	Convert underutilized DPR buildings in parks into public facilities which serve the needs of CB #3 residents. Convert buildings in SDR Park, and the comfort station on Allen & Pike into community centers. Relocate some of the district, borough and city-wide functions in the SDR buildings to other sites.	DPR, CB #3, CBO's & Coalitions, Elected Officials
	Create rooftop community gardens.	NYCHA, Tenant Associations, Elected Officials, Greenthumb, NYRP, CBO's
	Green existing streets and sidewalks.	DOT, NYPD, Local businesses, NYRP
	Replace the turf fields in Columbus Park.	DPR, CB #3, CBO's & Coalitions, Elected Officials
	Flexible programming spaces in park renovations.	DPR, CB #3, CBO's & Coalitions, Elected Officials
	Create more innovative playgrounds in public parks. Base designs on research into how play spaces impact childhood development and best practices in the field - e.g. Imagination playground in CD #1.	DPR, CB #3, CBO's & Coalitions, Elected Officials, Design Commission
	Protect and preserve Greenthumb community gardens.	DPR, CB's, Elected Officials, CBO's, Greenthumb, community gardeners
	Protect public parks and open spaces against private uses which exclude moderate and low-income users. Ensure that any private partners such as vendors and recreational facilities on public land are accessible to all residents.	DPR, EDC, CB's, Elected Officials, CBO's

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	<p>Research models for increasing after-school community access to school-based recreation facilities such as the Verizon track field. Research relevant programs and precedents such as the PlaNYC Schoolyards to Playground initiative, and community accessible schoolyards at Brooklyn Tech, Downtown Brooklyn Exchange, and Boys and Girls High (Bed-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn).</p>	<p>DOE, CBO's, Elected Officials</p>
	<p>Create a dog run in a local park.</p>	<p>DPR, CB's, Elected Officials</p>
	<p>Incorporate more artwork into local parks.</p>	<p>DPR, CB's, Elected Officials, CBO's, Design Commission</p>
<p><b>Expand park-based recreational opportunities for the health and well-being of all ages.</b></p>	<p>Preserve and develop flexible multi-use spaces in Chinatown Parks such as the "The Pit" in SDR Park between Broome and Delancey Streets, which can be used for pick-up games and informal non-permitted activities.</p>	<p>DOT, NYPD, Local businesses, NYRP</p>
	<p>Increase free activities for seniors e.g. – Free film screenings in Columbus and SDR Park.</p>	<p>DPR, Senior Centers, CBO's, City Parks Foundation, Partnerships for Parks</p>
<p><b>Increase safety in local parks and open space.</b></p>	<p>Establish a regular and ongoing patrol of local parks (not sweeps). Work with community coalitions and the community board to monitor the success of PEP and NYPD patrols. Create an open dialogue between community based organizations and enforcement agencies to address specific problem areas such as the Broome Street bathrooms in SDR Park.</p>	<p>NYPD, PEP, DPR, CBO's, CB #3</p>
	<p>Prohibit all vehicles from parking and driving on parkland. Establish dedicated parking spots for DPR maintenance vehicles adjacent to parks.</p>	<p>DPR, DOT, DPR, NYPD, Elected officials</p>
	<p>Increase lighting at heavily used courts to extend the hours of usage, e.g. the handball courts at Grand Street in SDR Park.</p>	<p>DOT, DPR, CB #3, CBO's &amp; Coalitions</p>
<p>Improve safety and visibility in accessing the Al Smith Recreation Center during the evening hours.</p>	<p>DPR, Elected officials, CBO's, CB's</p>	

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<b>Increase cleanliness in local parks and open space.</b>	Increase the quality and amount of maintenance, and number of garbage cans in all Chinatown parks, but especially Sara D. Roosevelt Park to increase park cleanliness. Work with park stakeholders to address park specific maintenance issues.	DPR, CBO's, CPLDC, DOS
	Allocate attendants to public restrooms in Columbus and Sara D. Roosevelt Park to promote more sanitary conditions.	DPR
	Install multi-lingual signage in all Chinatown Parks to address issues that are specific to these parks, e.g. "Do not feed the birds" signage in Columbus Park could help inform bakery owners to not dump left over pastries which attract rats.	DPR, Park coalitions & CBO's
	Survey and develop procedure around controlling rat population's at all local parks, green streets, and adjacent conditions (i.e. Restaurants around Columbus Park). Pick up garbage before sundown.	DPR, CBO's, CPLDC, DOS, CB's
	Ensure more thorough and timely park clean-ups, and repairs. Seek out additional private funding and foster community based stewardship programs as necessary to improve park maintenance.	CBO's, Partnerships for Parks, DPR, DYCD, schools, private businesses/LES BID/CPLDC
<b>Foster in local residents a sense of community ownership and stewardship of our parks and recreational resources by identifying roles that our local institutions can play – be it the private sector (e.g. banks, businesses, real estate owners) and public (e.g. schools).</b>	Create and support public and privately funded programs administered by local CBO's, and schools to cultivate community ownership and stewardship of Columbus, Seward, and Sara D. Roosevelt Parks and others. E.g. gardening programs for seniors and youth; adopt-a-park programs for local schools and after-school providers; public art in the park programs led by local arts organizations incorporating community input and local student involvement.	Local senior centers, local youth and community development organizations, arts and cultural organizations, Partnerships for Parks, DPR, DYCD, schools, private businesses/LES BID/CPLDC
<b>Gather community input on local needs to determine best uses/programming, capital improvements, and permitting. Prioritize community uses in local parks. Establish better communication between DPR and park users in the park.</b>	Conduct a needs assessment (surveys, interviews, secondary research) to determine how parks can best serve as resources for parents, children, schools, and after-school programs.	DPR, CBO's, CB #3, park users, elected officials
	Establish more equitable use of athletic fields in all local parks.	DPR, recreational organizations, CB #3, park users
	Improve community bulletin boards in parks; announce available services via translated signage and flyers; provide access to community groups for posting a wide variety of park event and programming. Post translated notifications about events, warnings, repairs & happenings in the parks.	DPR, CBO's, CB #3, park coalitions

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	Create more community-led programming in the upper and lower levels of the Columbus Park Pavilion. Develop a mechanism for community groups to more easily program, permit, and utilize this space.	DPR, Elected Officials, CBO's, CB #3
	Ensure community involvement in capital improvement and programming of parks via community visioning/ participatory design events and broad outreach to park stakeholders. DPR/DOT should report back to stakeholders on how its input is being incorporated for all capital improvement projects.	DPR, DOT, Elected Officials, CBO's, CB #3
	Create and support events that center on local cultural holidays and festivals in all public parks and spaces.	DPR, DOT, Elected Officials, CBO's, CB #3
	Create opportunities for parks and open spaces to reflect and celebrate the cultural identity and history of Chinatown via park design, art/design installations and cultural programming.	DPR, DOT, arts & cultural organizations, CB #3
	Increase capacity for park recreation centers to be more extensively utilized and provide language access.	DOT, CB #3, CBO's, Elected Officials, DYCD
	Foster communication and interagency coordination in regards to local parks and open spaces.	NYPD, DPR, DOT, CB #3, Elected Officials
	Facilitate communication, interaction and activities for children, youth and families, as well as all groups in order to promote sharing, participating and healing for community health, peace and prosperity.	DPR, CBO's
<b>Improve language access in local parks.</b>	Translate all parks signage into locally spoken languages.	DOT, CB #3, CBO's
	Ensure that Parks & DPR Recreation Centers have on-site staff and workers which speak local languages/dialects.	DPR, CBO's