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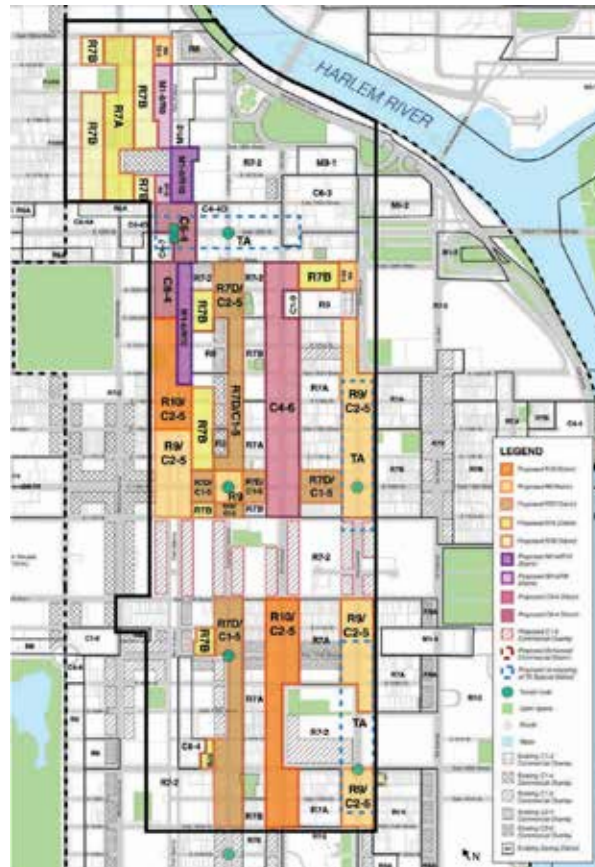
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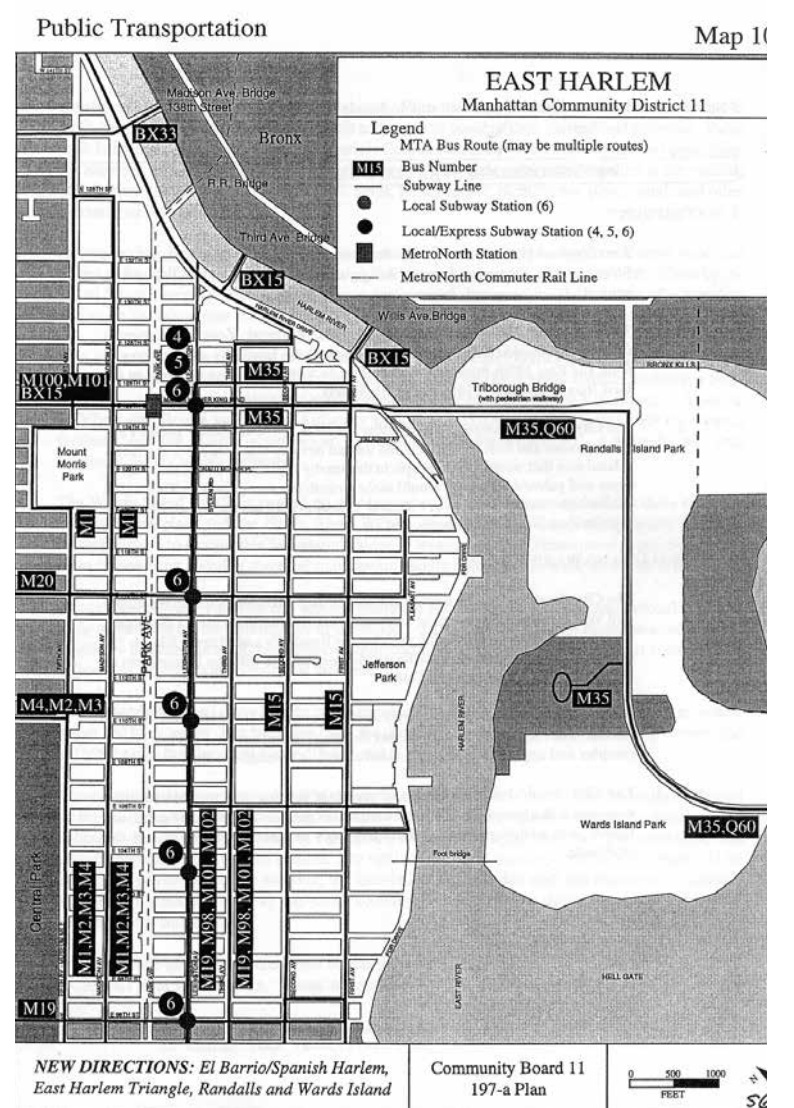
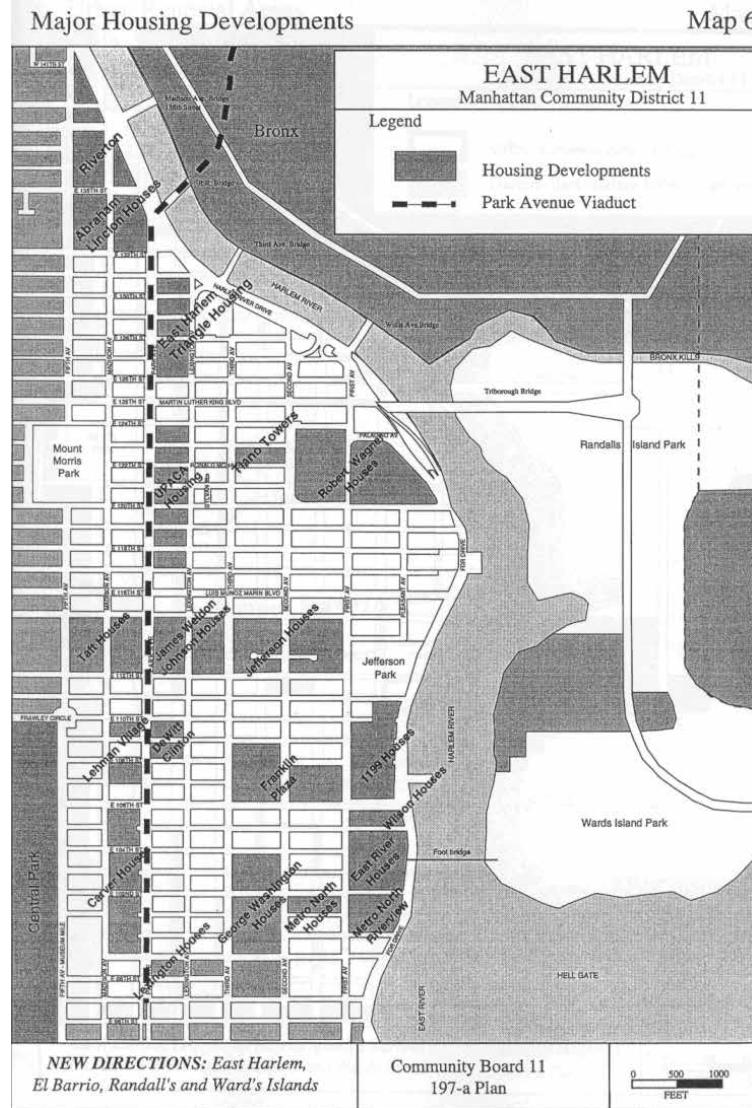
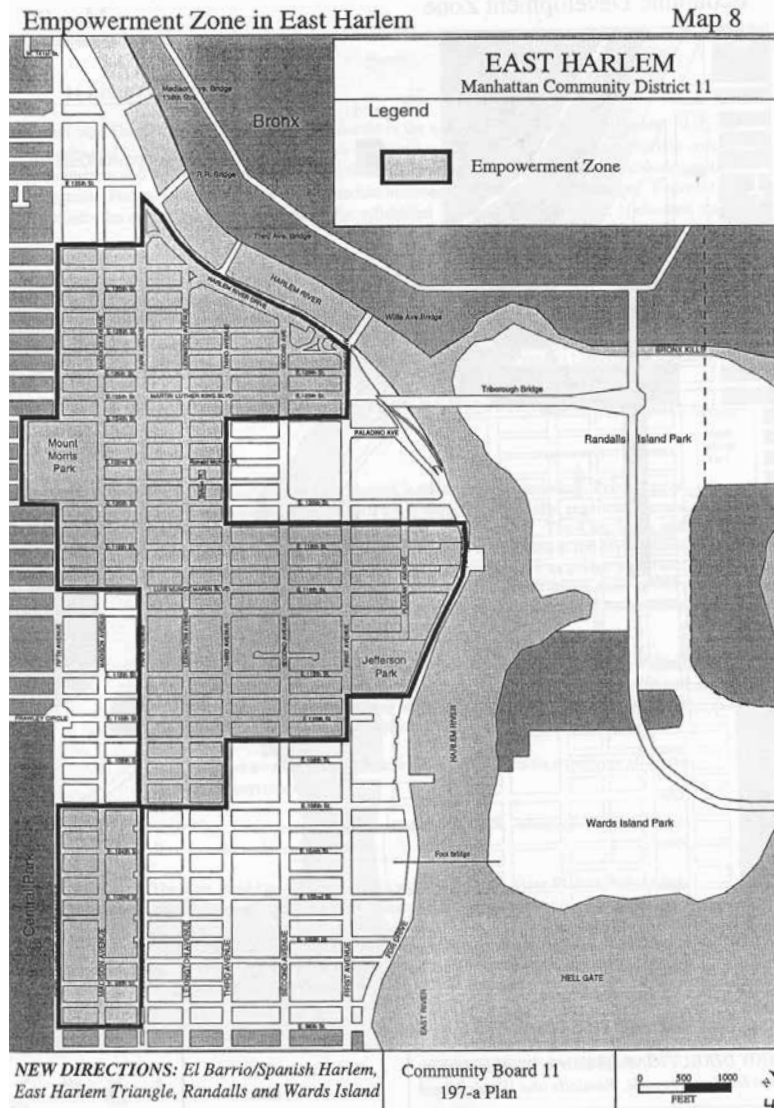
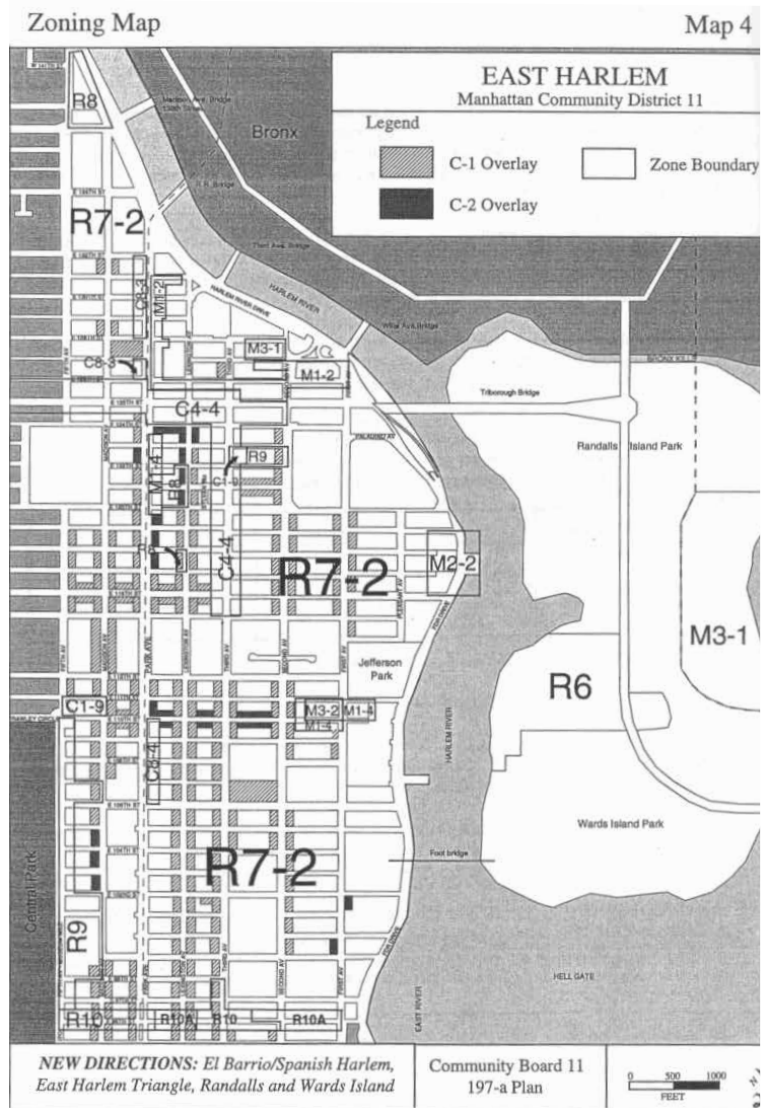
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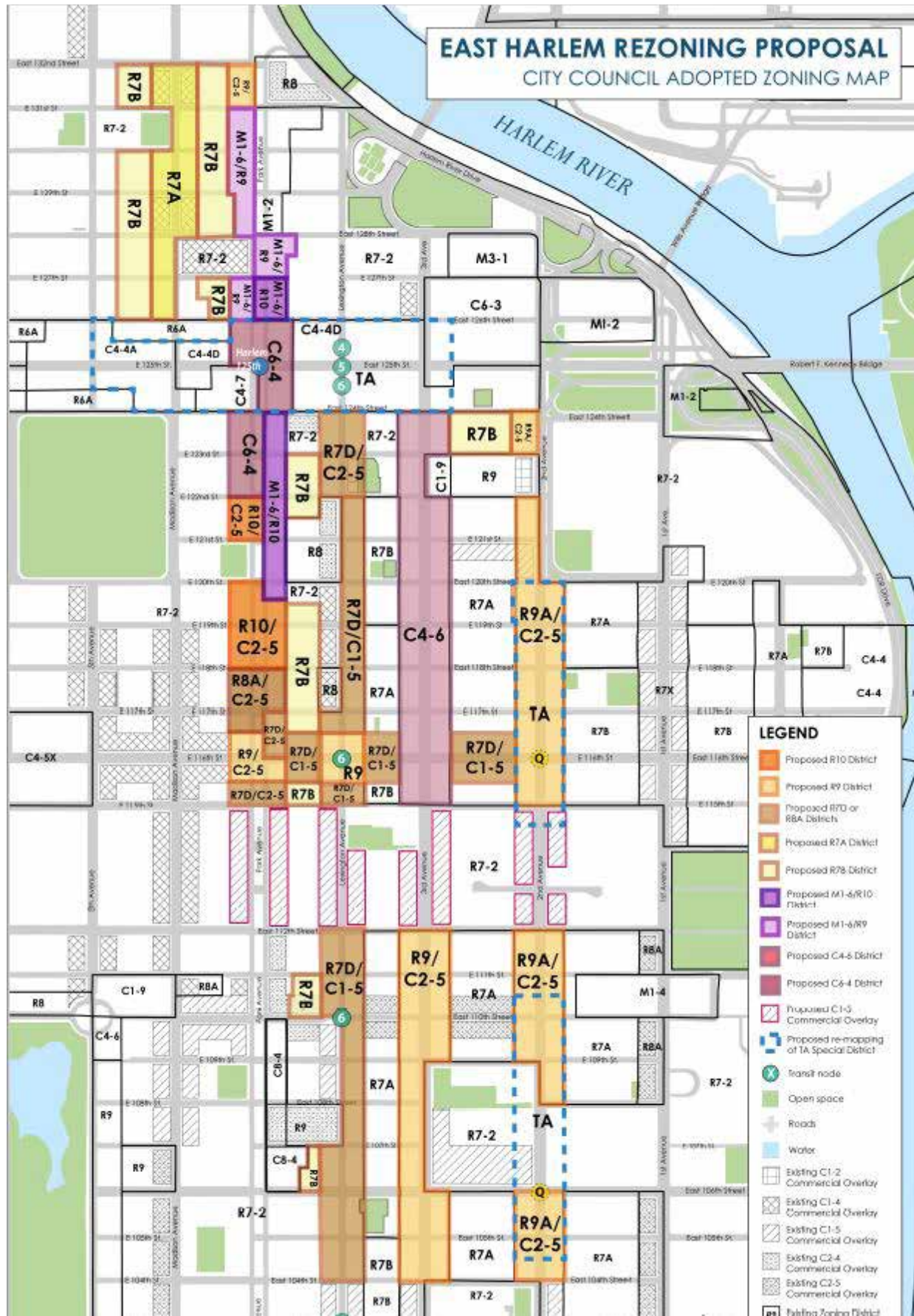
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Introduction

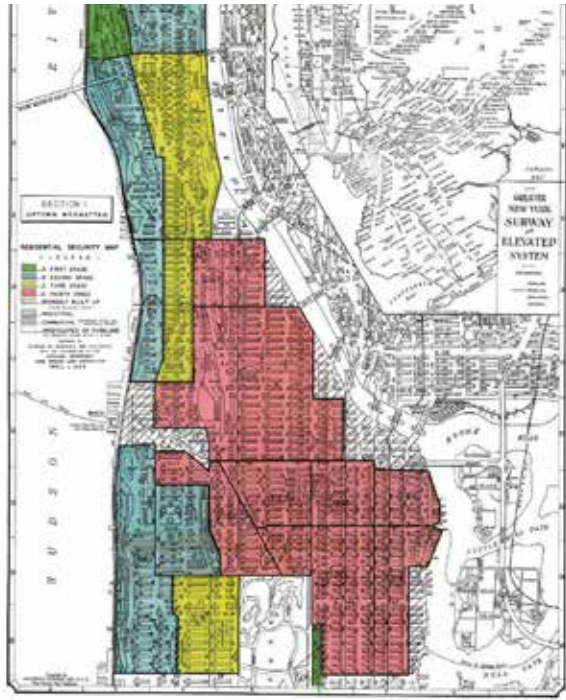
The City will advance the following comprehensive neighborhood investments in housing, transportation, public space, community services, and culture, all of which are conceived to work together to improve the quality of life for East Harlem residents. The strategies below reflect over \$178 million in new City funding for various projects and initiatives.



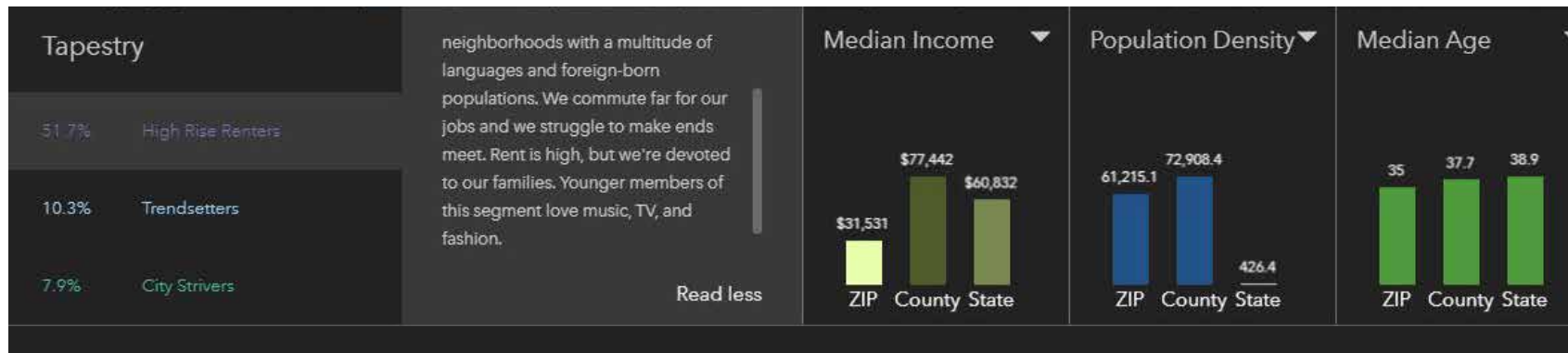
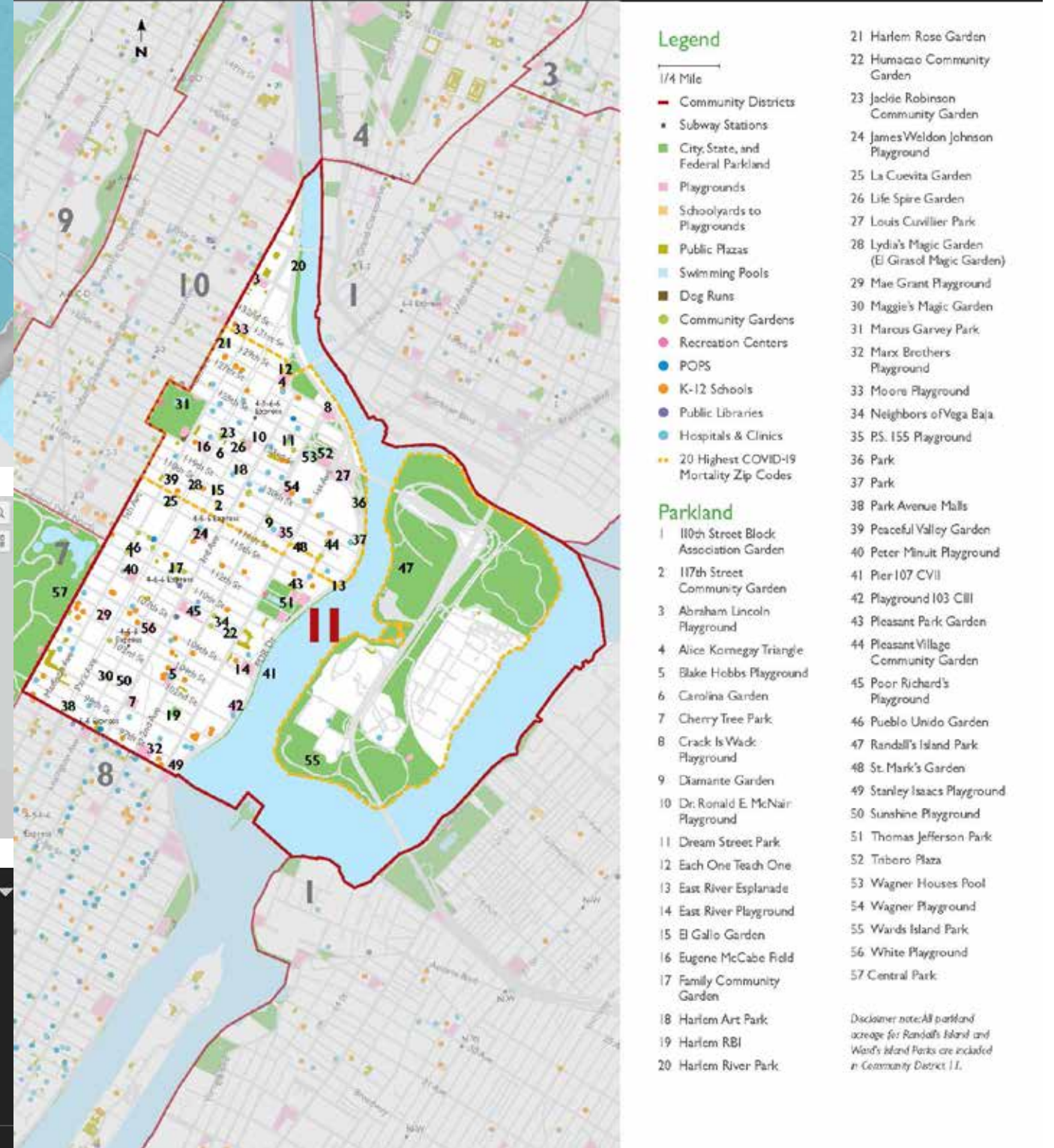
East Harlem - Zoning & Character



East Harlem - Rezoning



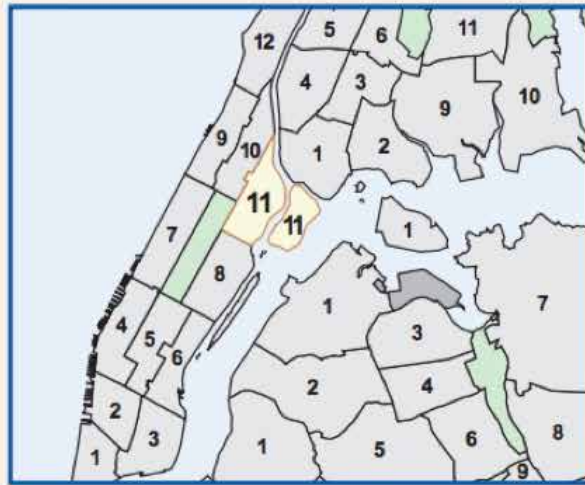
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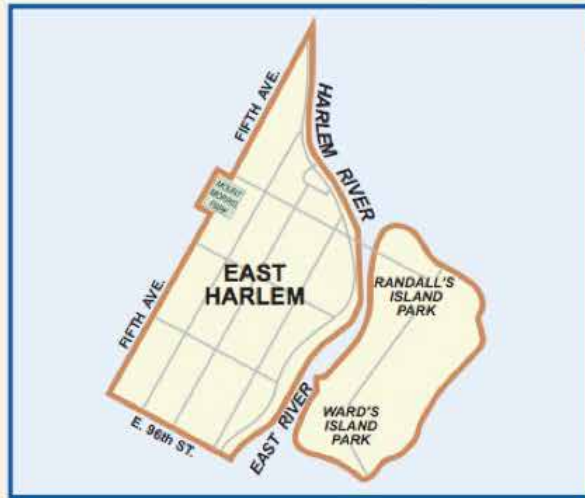
East Harlem - Equity

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 11

TOTAL POPULATION	1990	2000	2010
Number	110,508	117,743	120,511
% Change	—	6.6	2.4



VITAL STATISTICS	2005	2012
Births: Number	1,725	1,537
Rate per 1000	14.7	12.8
Deaths: Number	1,054	900
Rate per 1000	9.0	7.5
Infant Mortality: Number	6	—
Rate per 1000	3.5	5.3



INCOME SUPPORT	2005	2014
Cash Assistance (TANF)	13,514	9,837
Supplemental Security Income	12,252	12,478
Medicaid Only	31,751	32,306
Total Persons Assisted	57,517	54,621
Percent of Population	48.8	45.3

	LAND USE, 2014		
	Lot Area		
	Lots	Sq. Ft.(000)	%
1- 2 Family Residential	101	159.7	0.3
Multi-Family Residential	1,275	12,001.1	21.4
Mixed Resid. / Commercial	719	3,683.8	6.6
Commercial / Office	241	1,369.2	2.5
Industrial	86	361.4	0.7
Transportation / Utility	48	4,852.6	8.7
Institutions	239	5,453.8	9.7
Open Space / Recreation	59	24,621.2	44.0
Parking Facilities	136	941.2	1.7
Vacant Land	293	2,366.6	4.2
Miscellaneous	22	157.8	0.3
Total	3,219	55,968.5	100.0

TOTAL LAND AREA	Acres:	1,520.2
	Square Miles:	2.4

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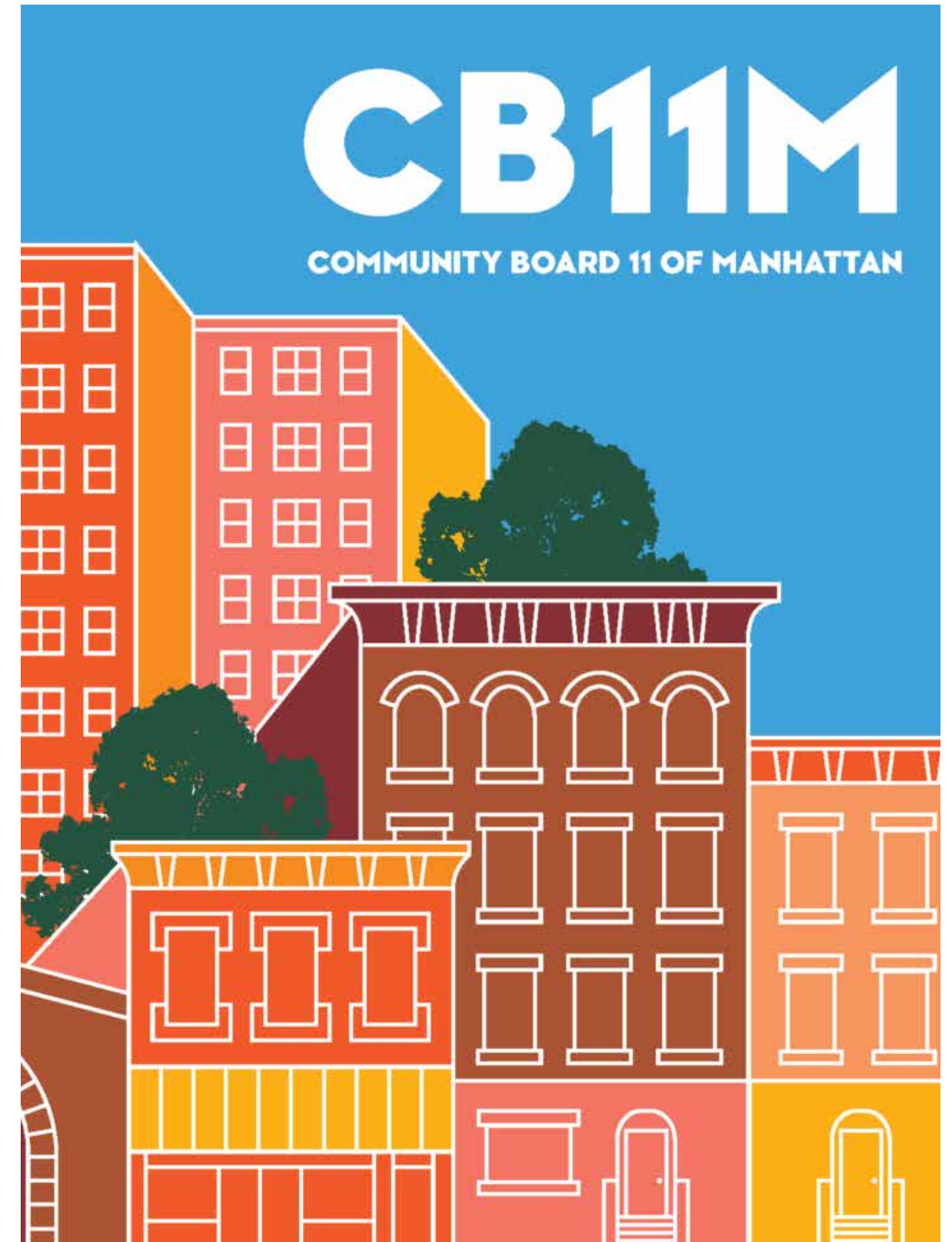
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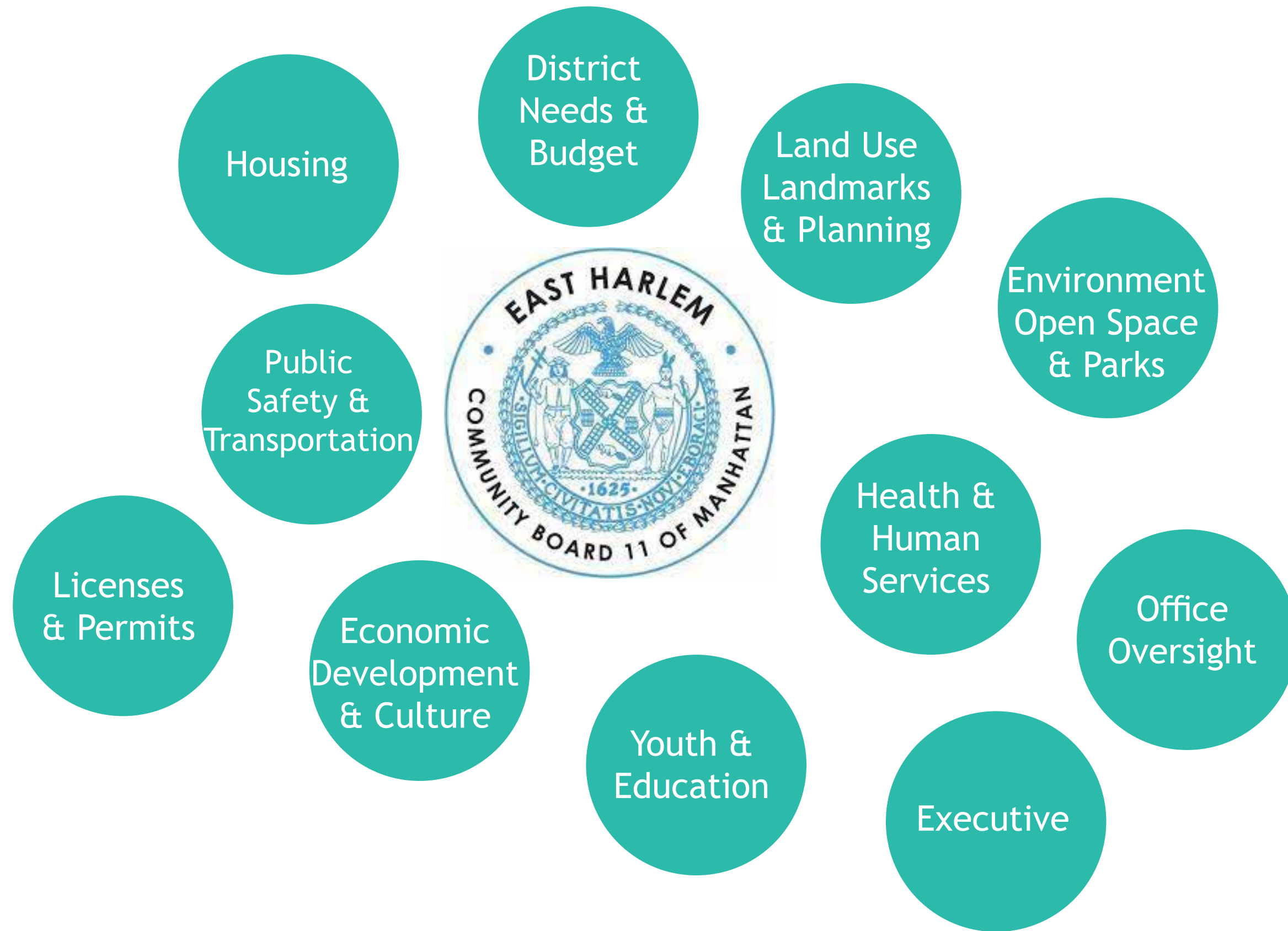
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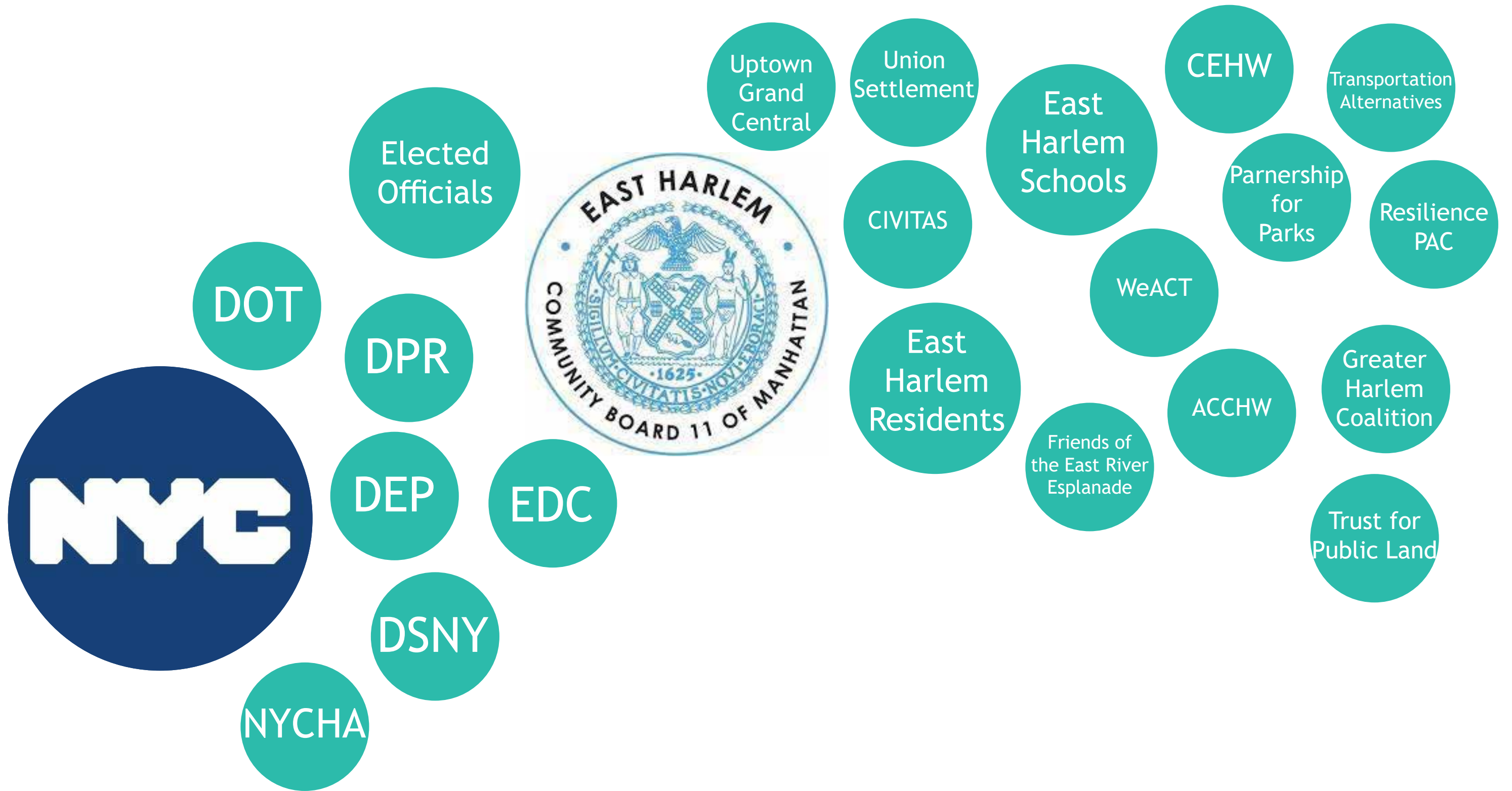
STAKEHOLDER LANDSCAPE



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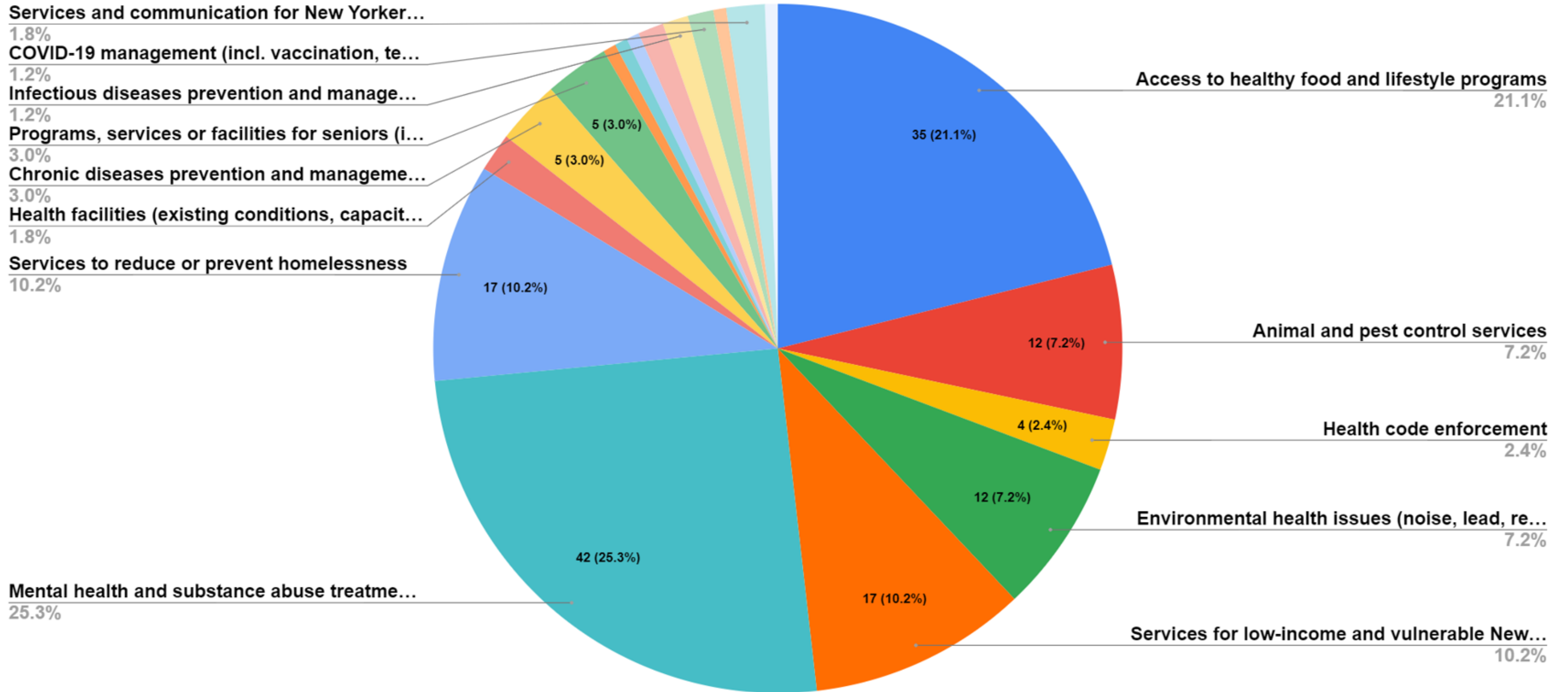


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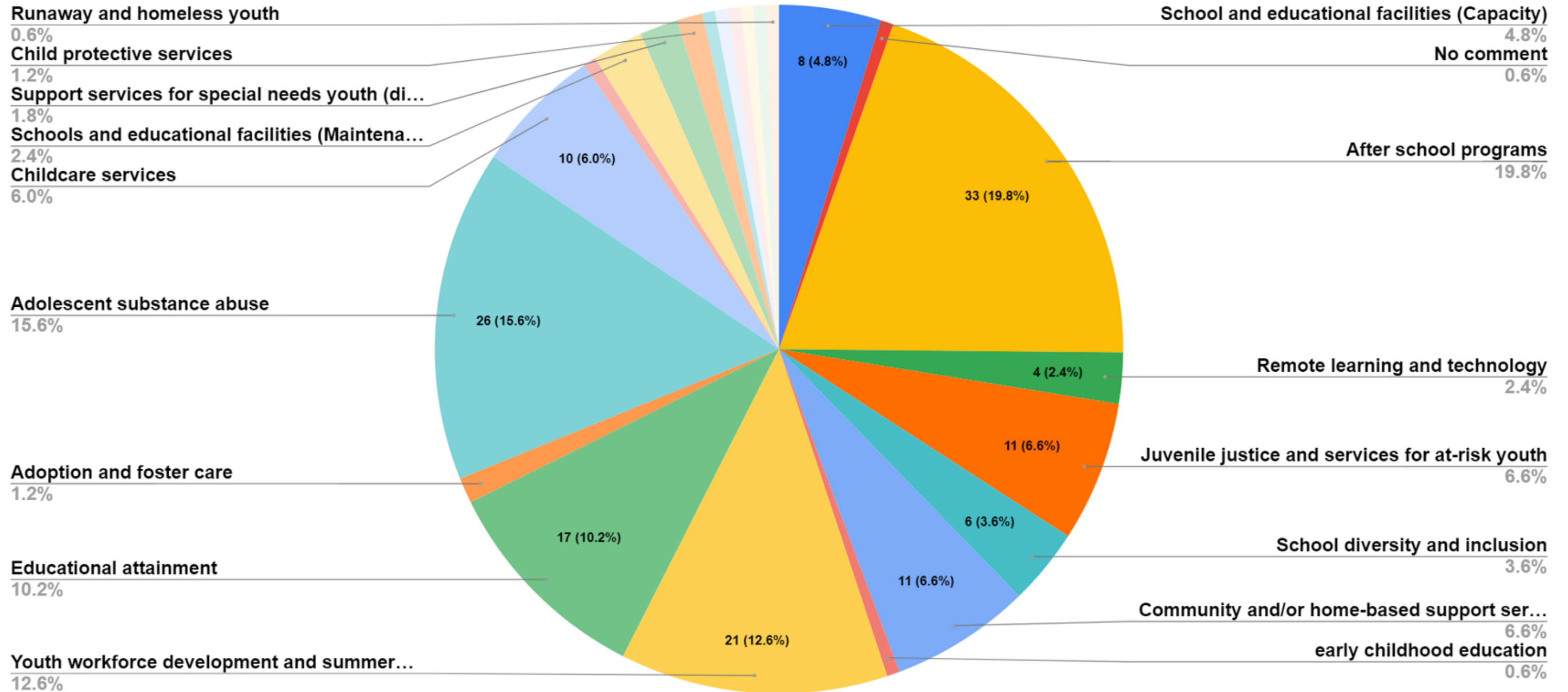
Coordinating Multisector Partnerships

Most Important Health Care and Human Services Issues

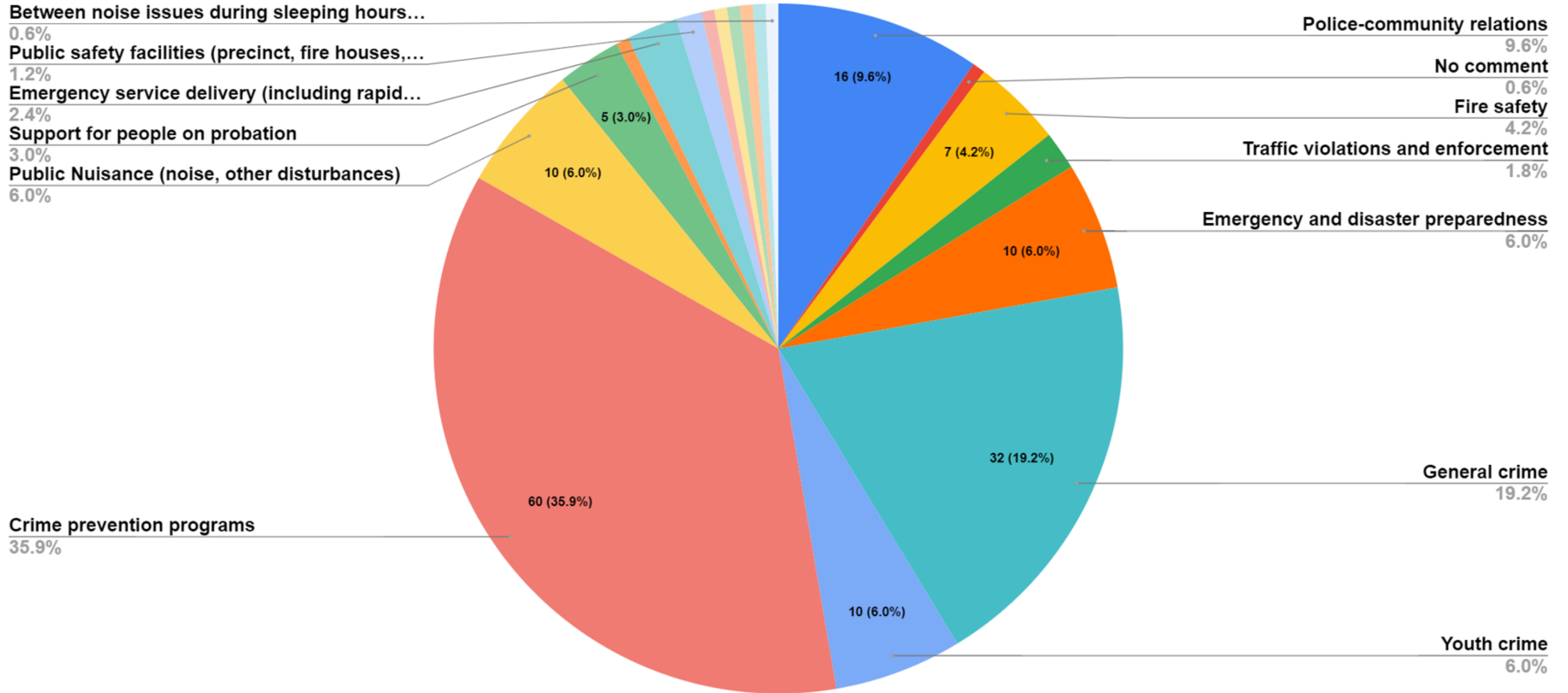


Community Feedback - District Needs & Budget - Health Care & Human Services

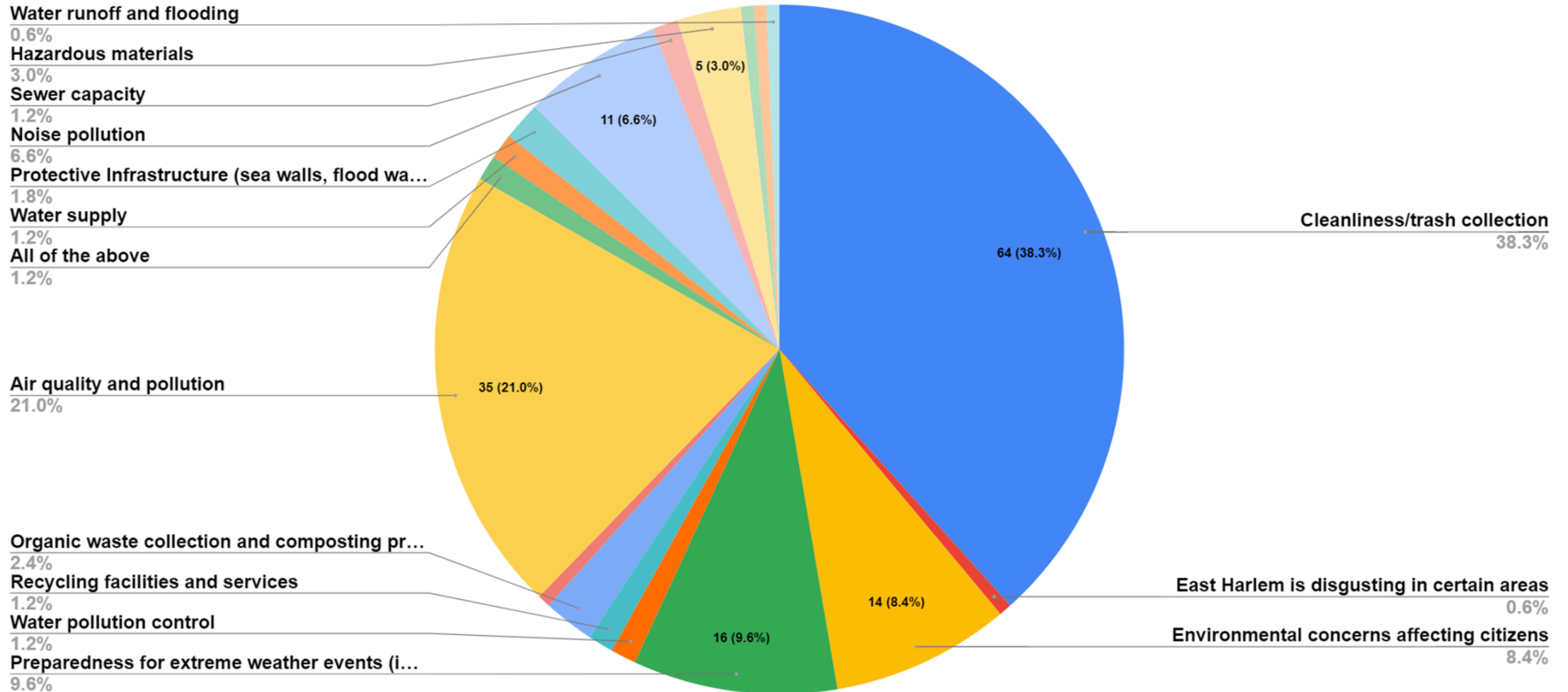
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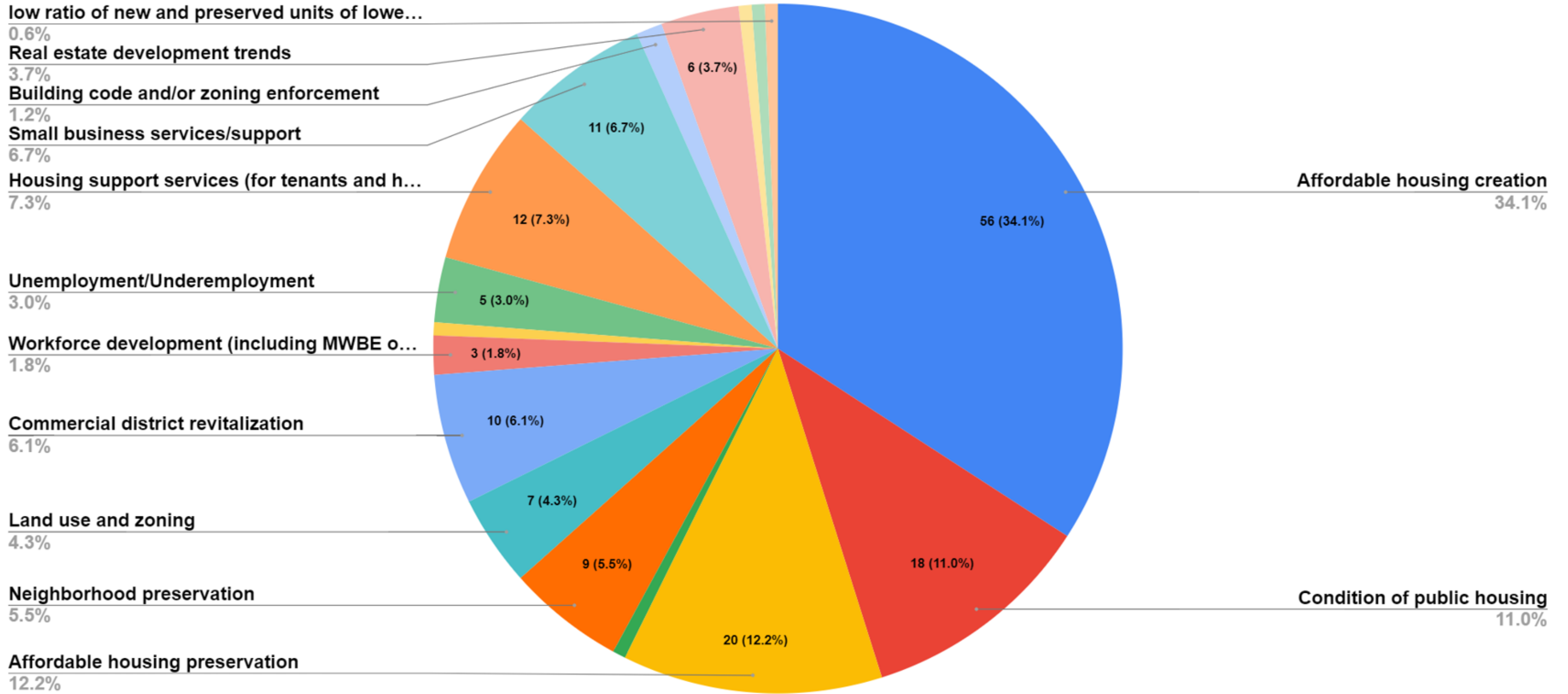
Most Important Public Safety and Emergency Services Issues



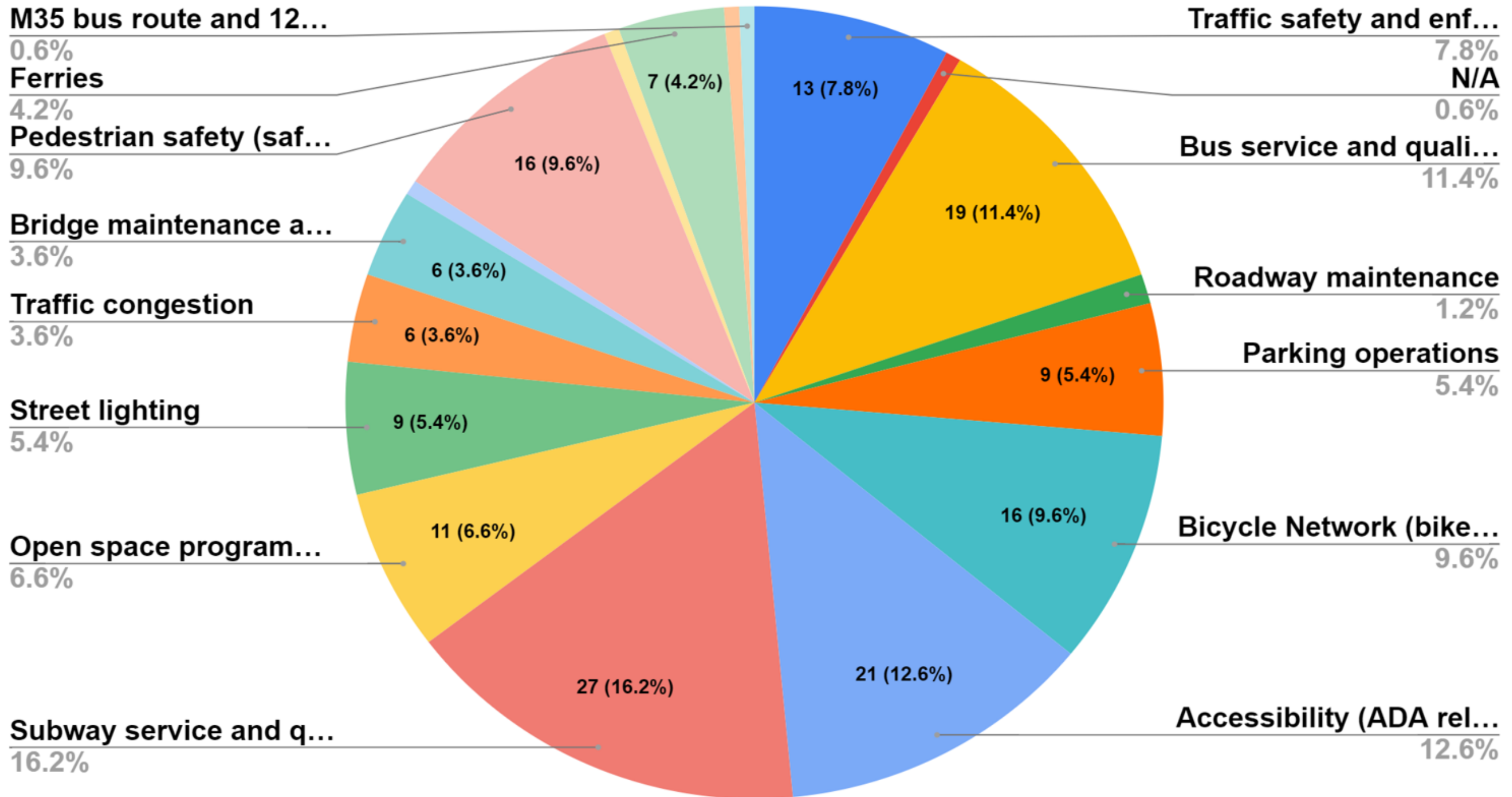
Most Important Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency Issues



Most Important Housing, Economic Development and Land Use Issues



Most Important Transportation and Mobility Issues





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East Harlem Earth Day Conference

Towards a Healthy & Equitable
East Harlem

Image from Starr Whitehouse's Vision for a Resilient East Harlem

Hosted by CB11's Environment Open Space & Parks Committee

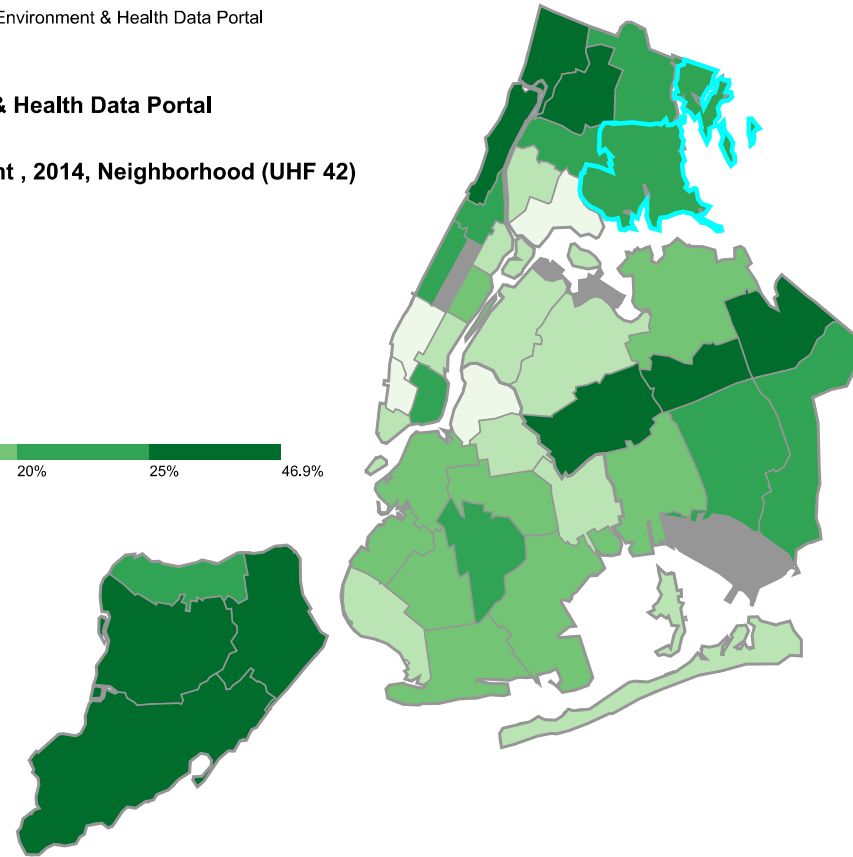
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Environment & Health Data Portal

Tree Canopy Cover - Percent , 2014, Neighborhood (UHF 42)



The New York Times

Why an East Harlem Street Is 31 Degrees Hotter Than Central Park West

If you want to map inequality in New York, you can just count trees.

On a midday in early August, that disparity became glaring when The New York Times used an infrared thermometer to record surface temperatures on Manhattan's Upper West Side, as well as in East Harlem and the South Bronx.

On the tree-canopied block of West 94th Street near Central Park in Manhattan, the sidewalk temperature was 84.

Just across town, at a treeless lot for sanitation trucks on First Avenue in East Harlem, the blacktop registered at 115 degrees, a full 31 degrees hotter.



Two Manhattan neighborhoods, two heat experiences. Desiree Rios for The New York Times



Above left: the Upper West Side. Right: Spanish Harlem. Desiree Rios for The New York Times

Harlem's Trash Bins Were Overflowing. So the City Took 223 Away.

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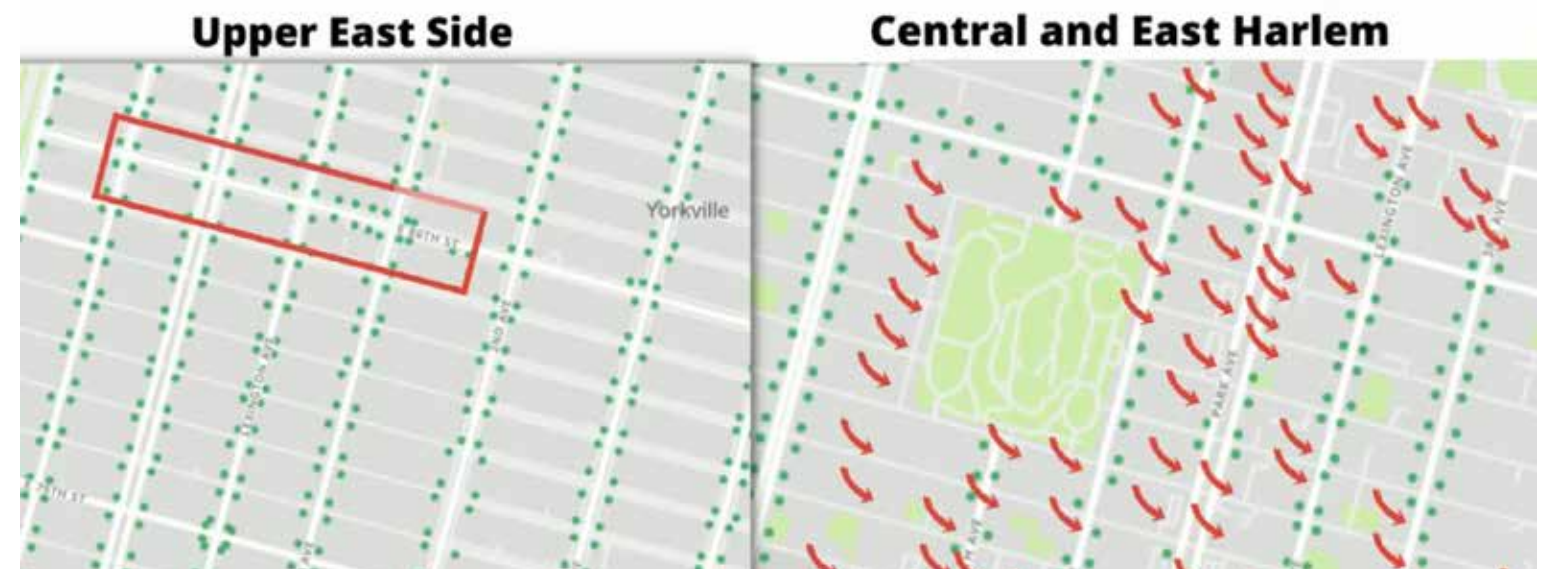
Trash collected on Sunday at Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard and West 139 Street in Harlem, where the New York City Sanitation Department has taken away more than 200 litter baskets over the last year. David Dee Delgado for The New York Times



The green litter basket had stood on a street corner in Harlem for as long as anyone could remember, collecting unwanted plastic bottles, candy wrappers and crumpled bags and papers.

Then one day it was gone. And it was not the only one: Over the course of the past year, 222 other trash cans have also disappeared.

On UES, one intersection can have up to 12 baskets...whereas many are missing in Harlem



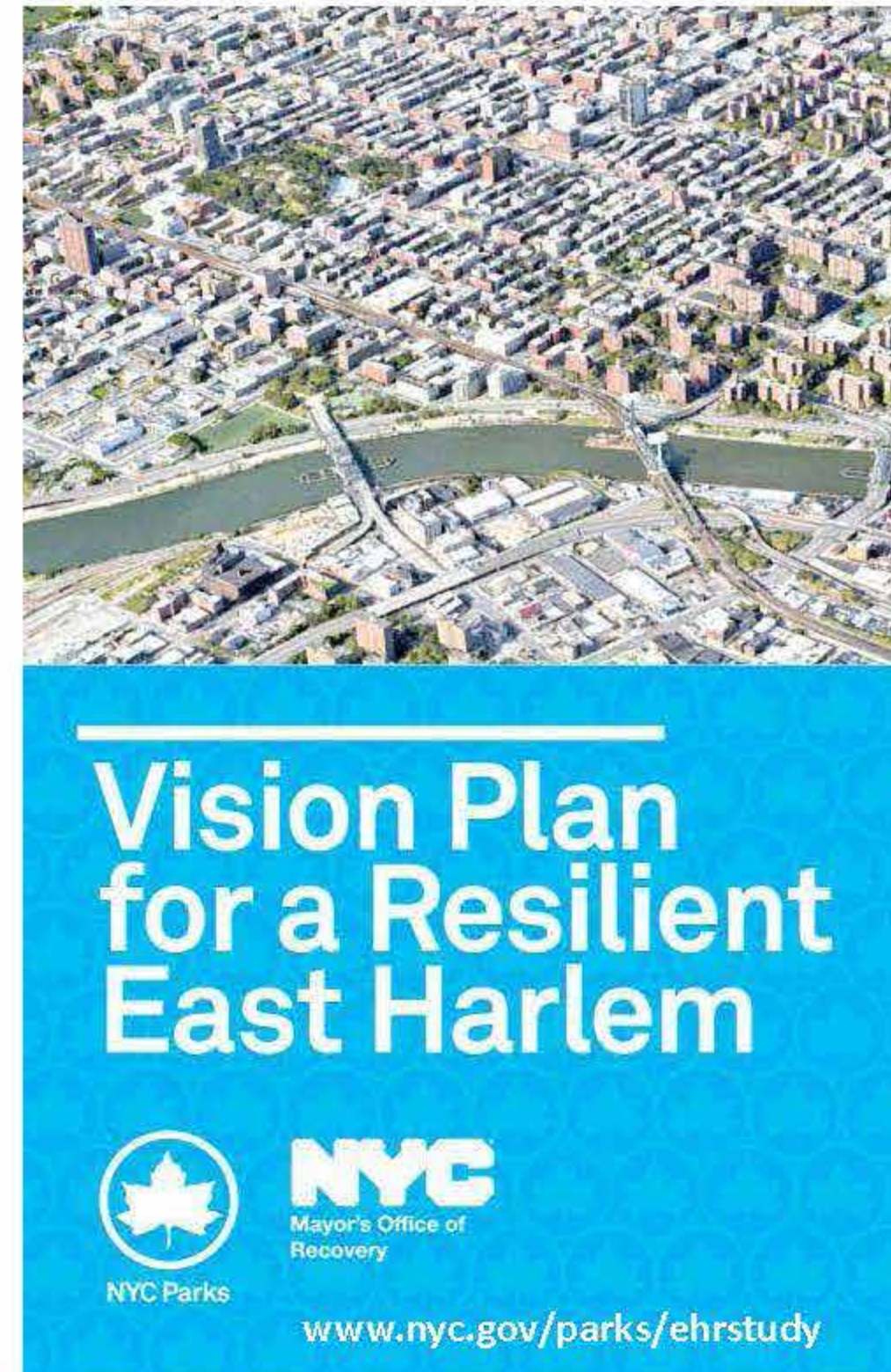
VISION PLAN

The *East Harlem Resiliency Study* was undertaken by NYC Parks and the Mayor's Office of Resiliency in order to develop a vision plan for a climate-resilient East Harlem.

The effort was funded through the City's post-Sandy Disaster Recovery (HUD CDBG-DR) funds. The City proactively dedicated funds from general Planning dollars to East Harlem because not all storms and climate risks will hit waterfront neighborhoods the way Sandy did.

The Vision Plan was released and has been publicly available since December 2019.

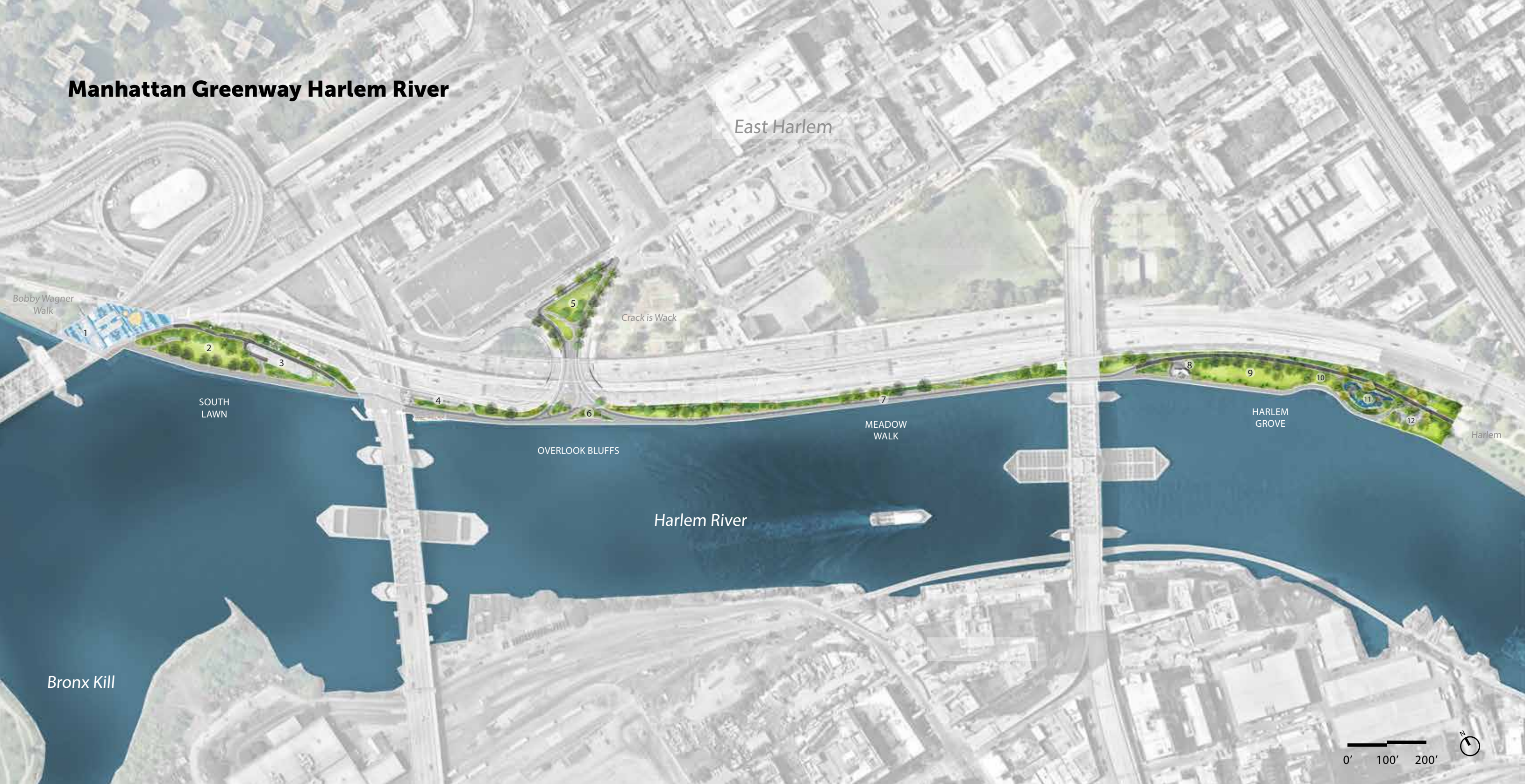
Parks and MOR presented the final Vision Plan to CB11 in January 2020.



Vision for a Resilient East Harlem: Planning Framework



Manhattan Greenway Harlem River



- 1. Athletic area under RFK overpass
- 2. South lawn and stone amphitheater
- 3. Bicycle ramp connection to RFK bridge
- 4. Bicycle ramp connection to Willis Ave bridge

- OVERLOOK BLUFFS
- 5. Entry triangle
 - 6. Seating "bluffs"

- MEADOW WALK
- 7. Pedestrian esplanade and bicycle path

- HARLEM GROVE
- 8. "Emanativ" – public artwork
 - 9. North lawn
 - 10. Cove
 - 11. Playground

Manhattan Greenway Harlem River

