

Forest Houses

Community District #: 3

Chair: Gloria S. Alston

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District 16 - Council Member - Democrat

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Street Boundaries

163rd Street/166th Street

Tinton Avenue/Trinity Avenue

Directions:

Subway Lines

2, 5 to *Prospect Avenue* – walk north 4 blocks to 165th Street

Bus Lines

BX21 to *166th and Boston Road*

Neighborhood: Morrisania

Demographics

Population: 3,376 residents

Units: Fifteen, 9, 10 and 14-story buildings containing 1,349 apartments

Additional Notes: Forest Houses has fifteen buildings, 9, 10 and 14-stories tall with 1,349 apartments.

Completed November 12, 1956, the 19.62-acre Bronx development is bordered by East 163rd and East 166th Streets, and Trinity and Tinton Avenues.

Development Name:

Forest

Main Address:

1000 Trinity Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456

Managing Development Name:

Forest

Program Type:

Federal

Construction Type:

New Construction

Building Type:

Elevator

Senior-Only Development/Buildings:

False

Total Number of Residential Buildings:

15

Total Number of Non-Residential Buildings:

0

Total Number of Apartments:

1,349

Total Population:

3,376

Completion Year:

1956

Police Service Area:

7

Police Precinct:

042

Development Cost:

\$19,576,000

Average Monthly Gross Rent:

\$414

Neighborhood Organizations:

Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Center

Executive Director: Diane Herbert

Director of Community Affairs/ Training and Employment Southeast Bronx : Clyde Thompson

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Founded in 1929, The Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers, Inc. (SEBNC) is one of the oldest community service agencies in the South Bronx and provides services to over 6,000 persons on an annual basis. SEBNC's headquarters is located in the New York City Housing Authority's Forest Houses.

Services range from early childhood to adult services, with particular emphasis on youth programs. Programs include: family child care and child care day care centers, afterschool programs, an evening youth activity center, vocational programs, summer camp, home attendant service, and day habitation recreation and day treatment programs for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled population.

SEBNC's mission is to plan, develop and provide services that enhance the quality of life and facilitate empowerment of the constituents of the Southeast Bronx.

Mothers on the Move

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Mothers on the Move / Madres en Movimiento (MOM) is a member-led community organization which was founded in 1992 as a vehicle for low-income people of color to take strategic leadership in campaigns to transform ourselves and our communities. MOM envisions a society where resources and benefits are equally shared, and where people play a role in community decision-making in proportion to the degree they are affected. We are fighting for a South Bronx where future generations have clean air, well-resourced & community-controlled schools, safe streets, green space, good jobs and more control over the wealth that their labor creates.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES: • Mothers on the Move is a social justice community organization. • We are organizing to build a just society where there is equal economic, social and political opportunity for all. • We work collectively, based on our love for our children, our families, our community and humanity. • We have faith in each other, that together we will create a better society. • We believe in respect, dignity and equality for everyone, regardless of ability, age, culture, gender, sexual orientation or any other defining characteristic.

• We celebrate the power of our diversity. • We invite people to join us and share in the struggle to reach our goals.

The Point

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THE POINT Community Development Corporation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) dedicated to youth development and the cultural and economic revitalization of the Hunts Point section of the South Bronx. We work with our neighbors to celebrate the life and art of our community, an area traditionally defined solely in terms of its poverty, crime rate, poor schools and substandard housing. We believe the area's residents, their talents and aspirations, are THE POINT's greatest assets.

THE POINT offers a multi-faceted approach to asset-based community development. It's programming falls within three main headings - Youth Development, Arts and Culture and Community Development - all aimed at the comprehensive revitalization of Hunts Point.

163rd Street Improvement Council

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Created in 1965, the 163rd Street Improvement Council involved itself in the fight against community deprivation of resources in the South Bronx. Determined to make a difference in the lives of the residents, the Council began to create affordable housing in the community. Pioneers in the Bronx for housing and human service programs, the council offers the special needs, homeless and low income populations an array of support services. They provide a range of programs such as:

· Ogden Avenue Residence · Flossie Wilson Residence · Veralyne Hamilton Residence · 167th Street Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) · Division of Housing & Community Renewal (DHCR) Housing Assistance and Referral Services · Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)

William Hudson Community Center

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Morrisania Neighborhood

In 1783 Lewis Morris, legislator and signer of the Declaration of Independence, proposed that the new republic build its capital on his estate, Morrisania, in what is now the southwest Bronx. With more than 2,000 acres on the mainland, and deepwater access, the Morris manor was not an unlikely seat for a new city. Although the offer was tabled, Morrisania retained its local prominence by linking itself, earlier than most of its neighbors, with New York City to the south. The New York and Harlem Railroad was extended from Manhattan to Morrisania in 1842, bringing first laborers and then more substantial residents to the village, incorporated in 1848. German immigrants predominated, establishing piano factories, breweries, turnveriene (athletic clubs) and choral societies. Annexed to New York in 1874, Morrisania filled with tenements after the Third Avenue Elevated Railroad, entering the Bronx in 1888, made it cheap and easy for workers to commute to jobs downtown. In 1904, the first year of its operation, the New York subway crossed southern Morrisania (called Melrose) along 149th Street, intersecting the El at the congested "Hub," which rapidly became the entertainment and shopping center of the borough. By 1920, the section had reached the peak of its population (in which Eastern Europeans had joined Italians, Irish, and Germans) and prestige, although residents were already leaving, following the new subway lines north and east. A later Manhattan legacy were Puerto Rican and African-Americans, often forced from their homes by urban renewal projects, who came to Morrisania in the 1950s. Morrisania has two main east-west streets. Along 149th street are sited Lincoln Hospital (1976), Hostos College (1968), the main Post Office (1937) and the still-thriving shopping center at the Hub, where Third Avenue meets Westchester Avenue. 161st Street, anchored at the west by Yankee Stadium (1923), leads past the Bronx County Building (1934). (An earlier court building, 1906, still stands at the intersection of 161st and Third Avenue.) The Grand Concourse, which originally began at 161st Street and headed north, was extended southward to 137th Street in 1927, forming, with Jerome Avenue and Third Avenue, Morrisania's north-south axes.



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