

# Improving Public Safety Through Residents' Participation



# Neighborhood Safety Initiatives (NSI)

An implementation partner with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety, together we collaborate with NeighborhoodStat (NSTAT) resident teams at 15 NYCHA sites to support residents on **improving the safety and well-being of their neighborhoods** by:

- Investing in their communities
- Transforming public spaces and
- Influencing systemic policy change.

**NSI** works side-by-side with NStat resident teams to implement our community-centered problem-solving process that is grounded in the belief that public safety and well-being cannot exist without the input and feedback from the communities that it effects.



## We currently work in 17

developments in across NYC,  
lead by dedicated community  
organizers.

In 15 of those developments,  
NSI leads teams consisting of  
365 NYCHA residents  
consisting of the following:

- 35% are seniors (55+)
- 11% youth (under 21)
- 54% adults (22-54)



# NeighborhoodStat.

Our model to elevate community voices by facilitating opportunities and access for NYCHA residents to have decide and co-design community projects, plan and invest in their communities and have input on policy.

48  
strategies to  
re-imagine safety

180 +  
working  
groups  
participants

300 +  
summit  
participants

9,200 +  
ballots collected  
from NYCHA  
residents

\$1.3  
MILLION  
invested in  
community  
projects

45+  
community projects

310+  
NSTAT team  
members

**WORKING GROUPS**  
Residents and agency  
staff work collaboratively  
to develop policy  
priorities & actions.

**ACTION AGENDA**  
Strategic roadmap  
to prioritize  
residents' voices.

**BALLOTS**  
Local NSTAT Resident  
team selected 5  
projects from the  
Action Agenda.

**VOTING PERIOD**  
The wider community  
was engaged to decide  
a community project  
using a participatory  
budgeting framework.

**CO-DESIGN PROCESS**  
Each Engagement  
Coordinator facilitates  
conversation to co-decision  
and foster community  
decision making.

**IMPLEMENTATION**  
The team implements a  
project that elevates  
community voices.

## CENTRAL NSTAT

Resident leaders and policy  
makers come together to learn  
and discuss how residents'  
priorities can influence policy.

## LOCAL NSTAT

We hosted interactive events at each  
MAP development for residents to decide  
how to invest \$30K in a community  
project that re-imagines safety.

## NSTAT ACTION PLANS

Residents teams transform  
priorities into a community project  
that re-imagines safety!

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS INSPIRE POLICY CHANGE

OUR IMPACT

OUR PROCESS

OUR PROJECTS



# Driving Policy Change

We work to bridge the goal between policymakers and community members on the ground.

In partnership with MOCJ, NSI designs and executes Central NStat, a process where NStat teams **identify policy issues discuss it with City representatives, City agency staff, and other policy-relevant stakeholders.**



- If you would like to speak
- Consider commitments th
- Demonstrate respect for c
- Assume good intentions.

# Driving Policy Change

We implemented a new **collective and participatory decision-making process to bring even more residents to the table at a much larger scale.**

Engagement Coordinators and local Nstat Teams launched this process via interactive, idea-generating, and community visioning events at each of the 15 MAP sites. NYCHA Residents weighed in on community safety priorities and submitted ideas for up to \$30,000 in funding.





# Recap of Local NeighborhoodStat 2021





# YOU DECIDE HOW TO SPEND \$30K!



Neighborhood  
STAT  
Castle Hill Houses

NYC  
Office of  
Neighborhood  
Safety

Neighborhood  
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Initiatives

QUESTIONS?  
Contact Luis at (647)691-1977  
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#### C1. PHYSICAL SPACE | Love Where You Live Campaign\*

If selected, this project will seek to improve environmental conditions of common spaces through stewardship led by building and floor reps, community clean-up & planting days, training, signage, and supplies, advocacy through neighbor-to-neighbor meetings, and projects that highlight unique community features and promote pride.



#### C2. ECONOMIC STABILITY | Education & Job Training Programs

This project aims to connect education and job training to long-term, stable careers through on-site college fairs, youth mentorship, career coaching, subsidized apprenticeship programs, and events offering funding opportunities for education & entrepreneurial start-ups.



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This project seeks to increase access to culturally competent wellness and healing through opportunities like resource guides, training for community ambassadors, mental health first aid training that centers racial equity and coping skills, and small group "safe place" meetings to promote trust, sharing, and healing.



#### C4. SAFETY + JUSTICE | Re-Entry Support

This project seeks to increase the support for NYCHA residents and families impacted by incarceration and the criminal justice system. Potential programs may include: a family support network, resource guide, training for credible messengers and front-line staff to recognize signs of trauma and how to offer help, and creative strategies like healing circles, arts workshops, and storytelling.



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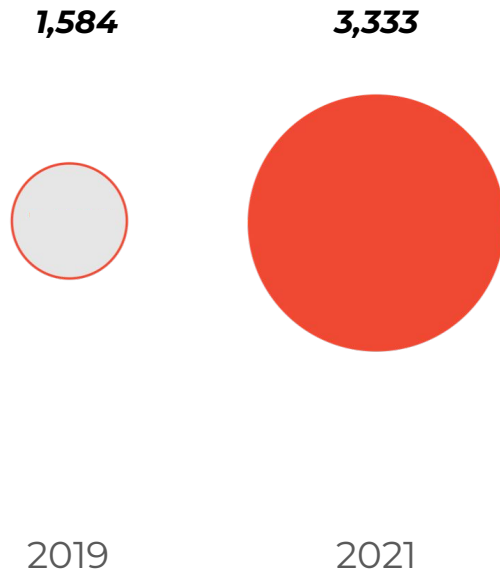
\*The LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE Campaign builds off the long history of positive community engagement work by Green City Force and NYCHA to engage residents in environmental stewardship.

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# LocalNStat Impact

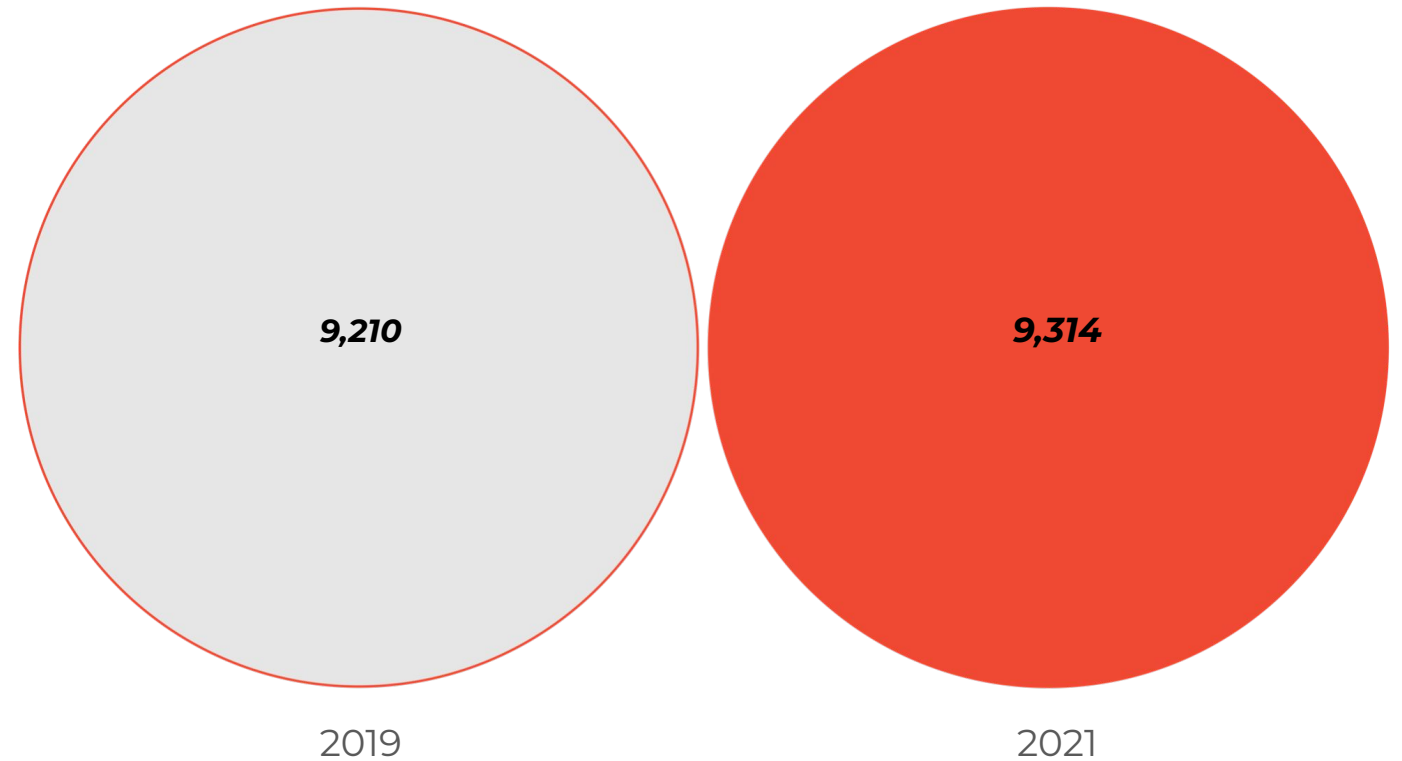
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Goal of 5% of the Population **(2,489)**



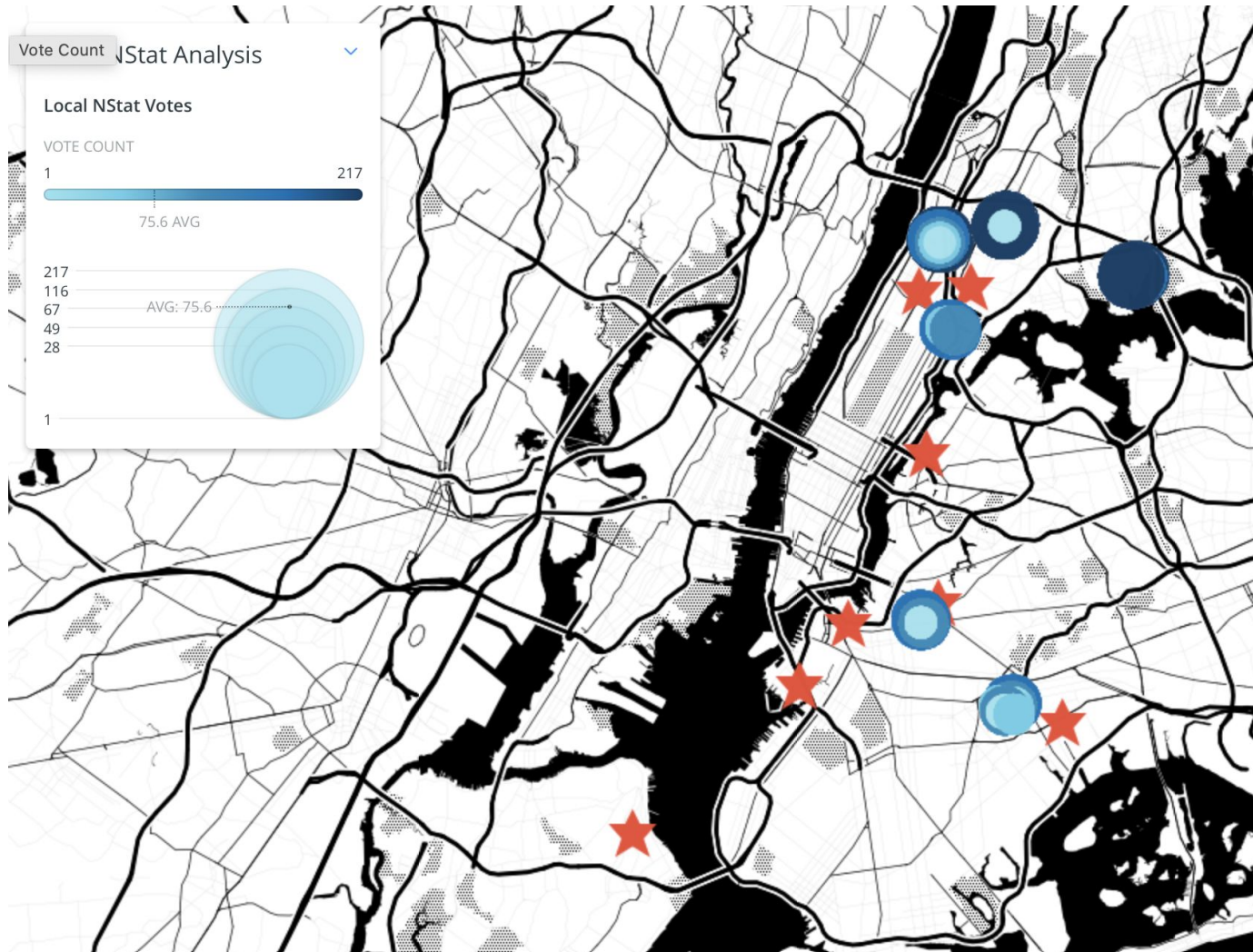
## Ballot Collection

Voting Goal of 15% of the Population **(7,467)**



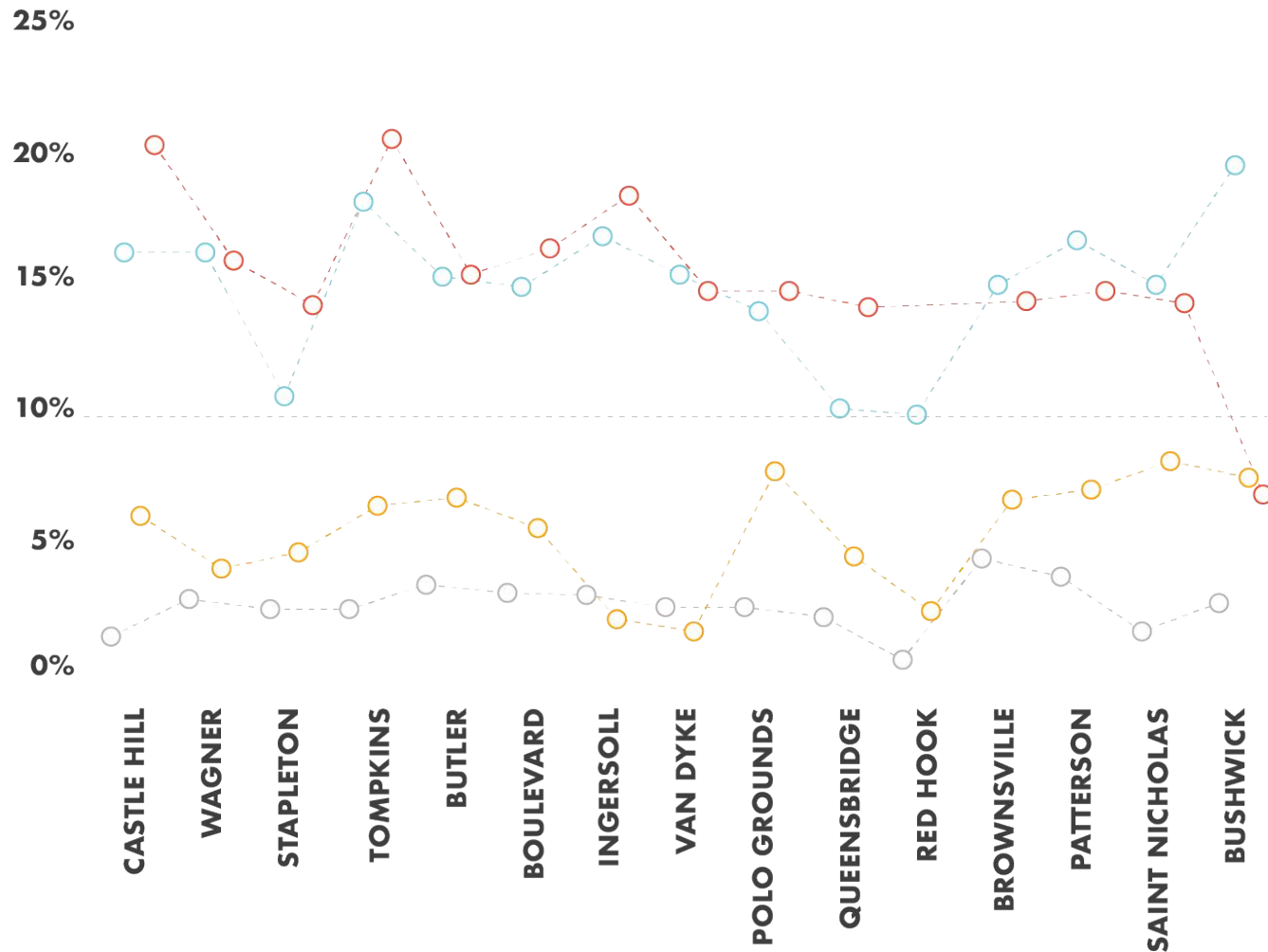
# Community Engagement

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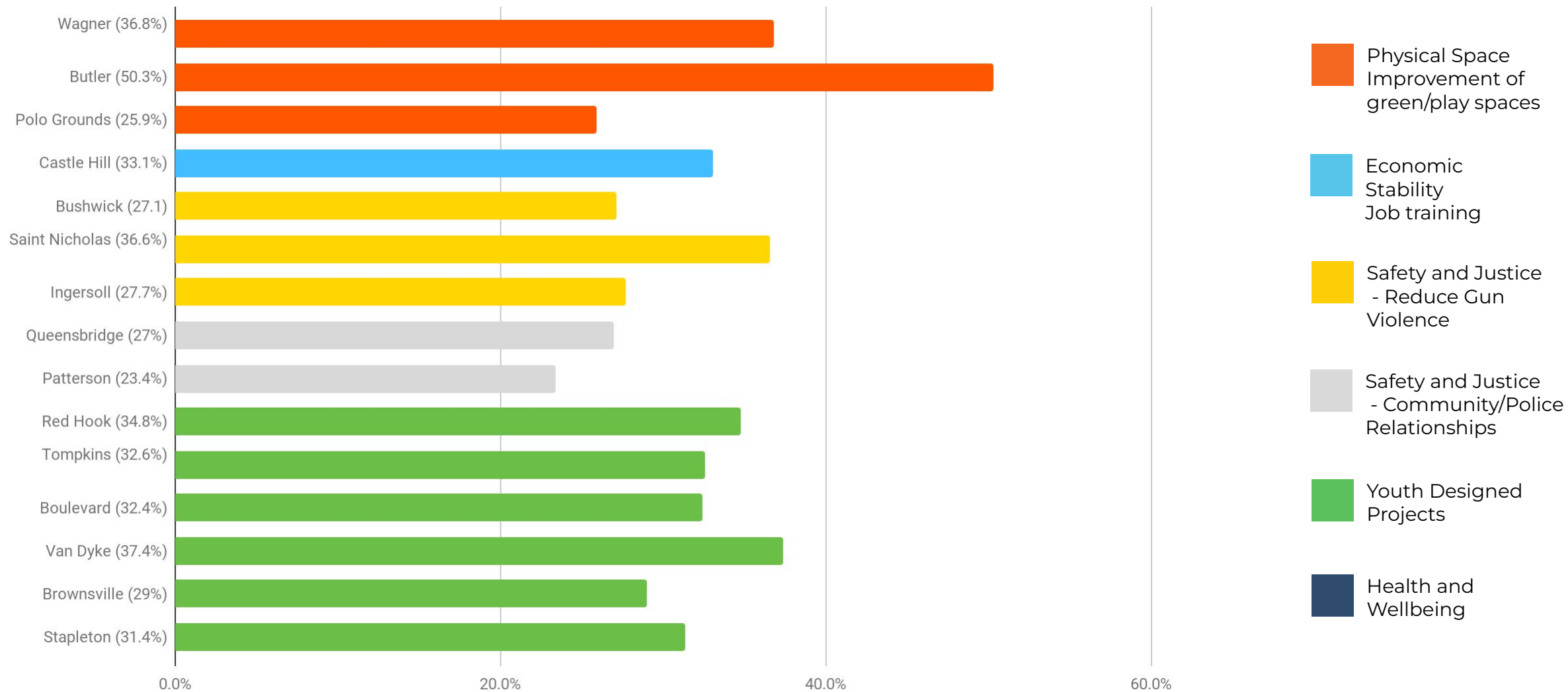
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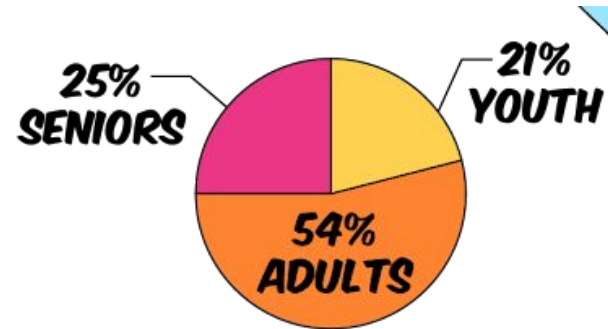
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In average 6% population at each NYCHA site attended the 2021 Local NSTAT event

In average 3% population at each NYCHA site attended the 2019 Local NSTAT event

# Local NeighborhoodStat 2021 Winning Projects!





**365**

**NYCHA RESIDENTS ARE PART OF  
15 NEIGHBORHOODSTAT TEAMS  
ACROSS 5 BOROUGH**





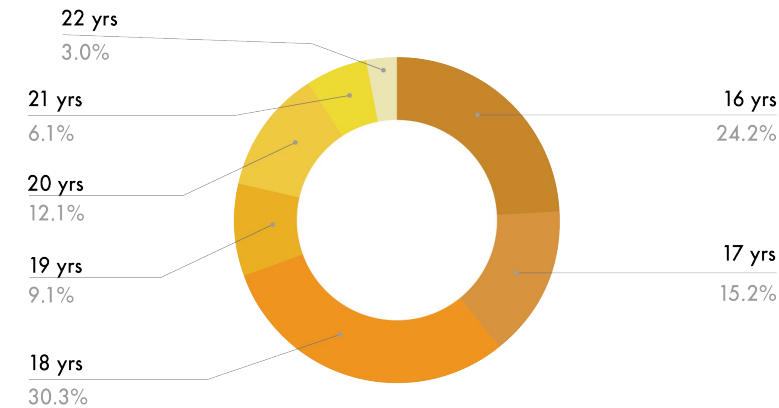
# Youth Leadership Council (YLC)

The ONS Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is an initiative of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), in partnership with the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI), and the CUNY Intergenerational Change Initiative (ICI) that brings together 65 youth leaders ages 16-22 from 30 NYCHA developments across New York City.

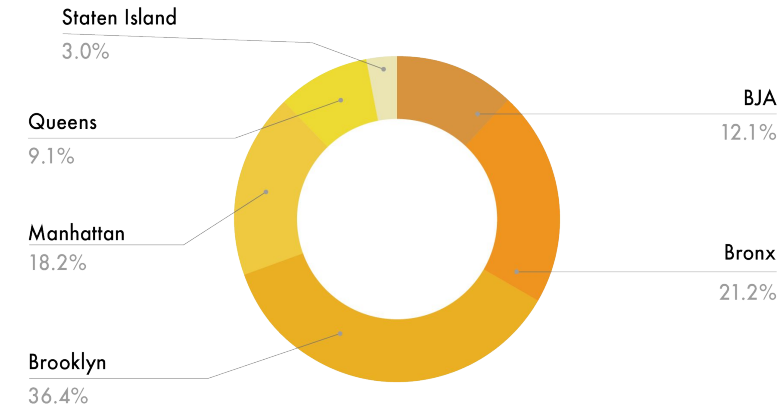


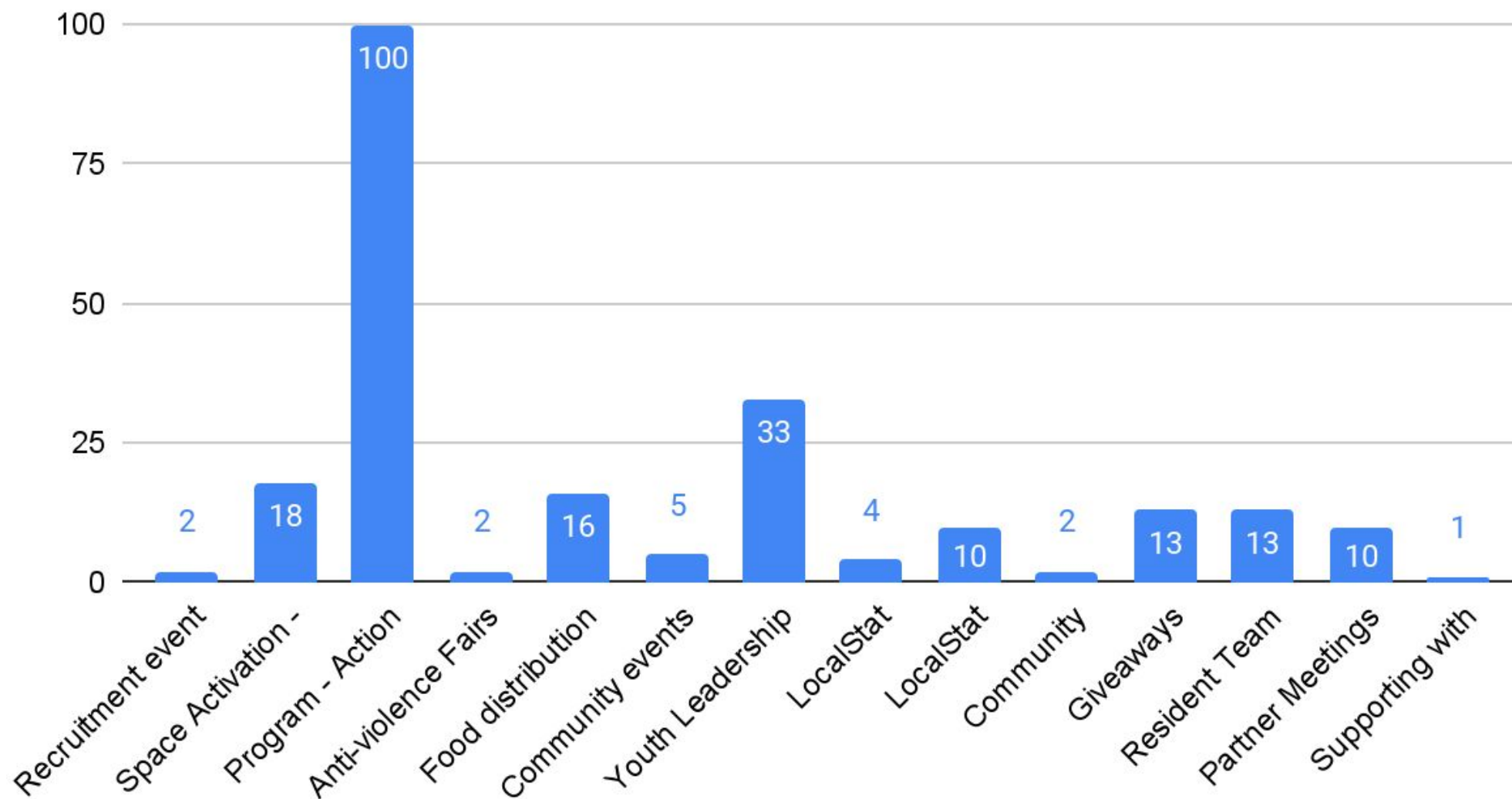
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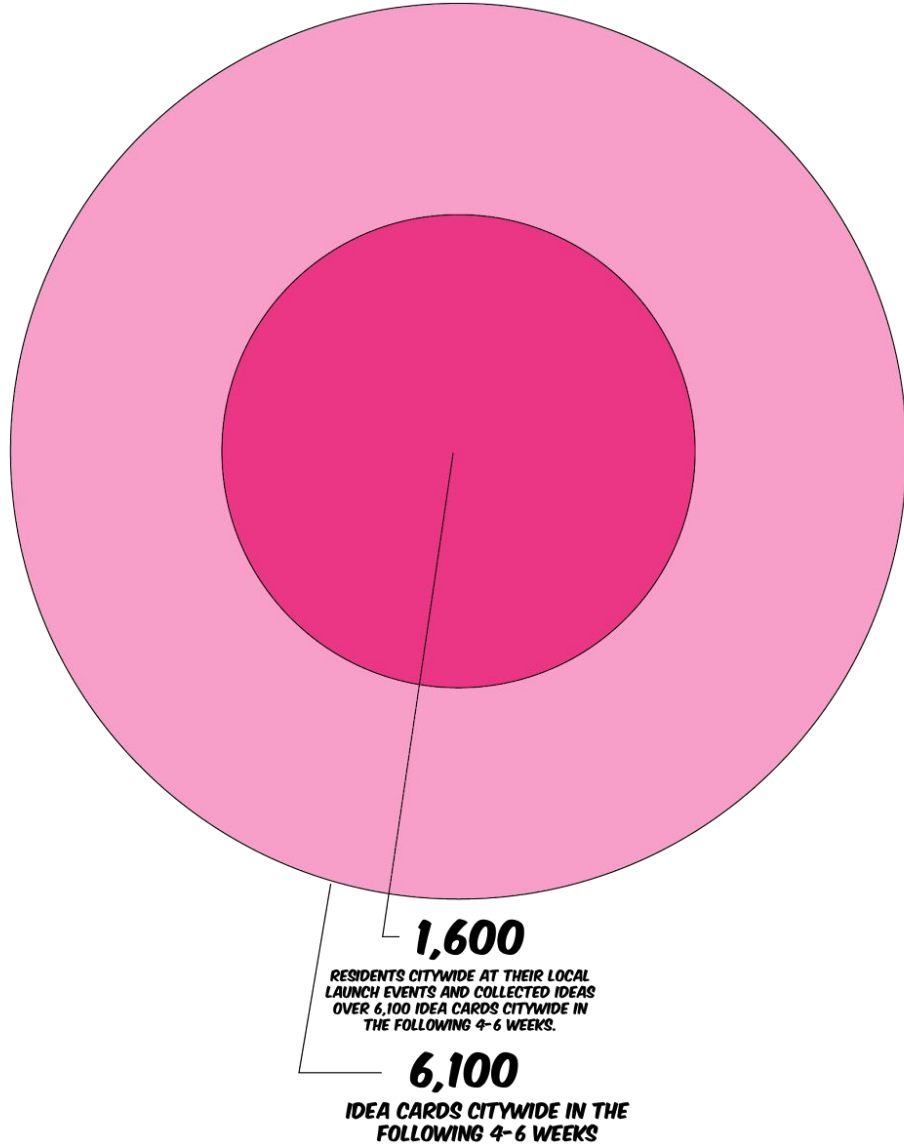
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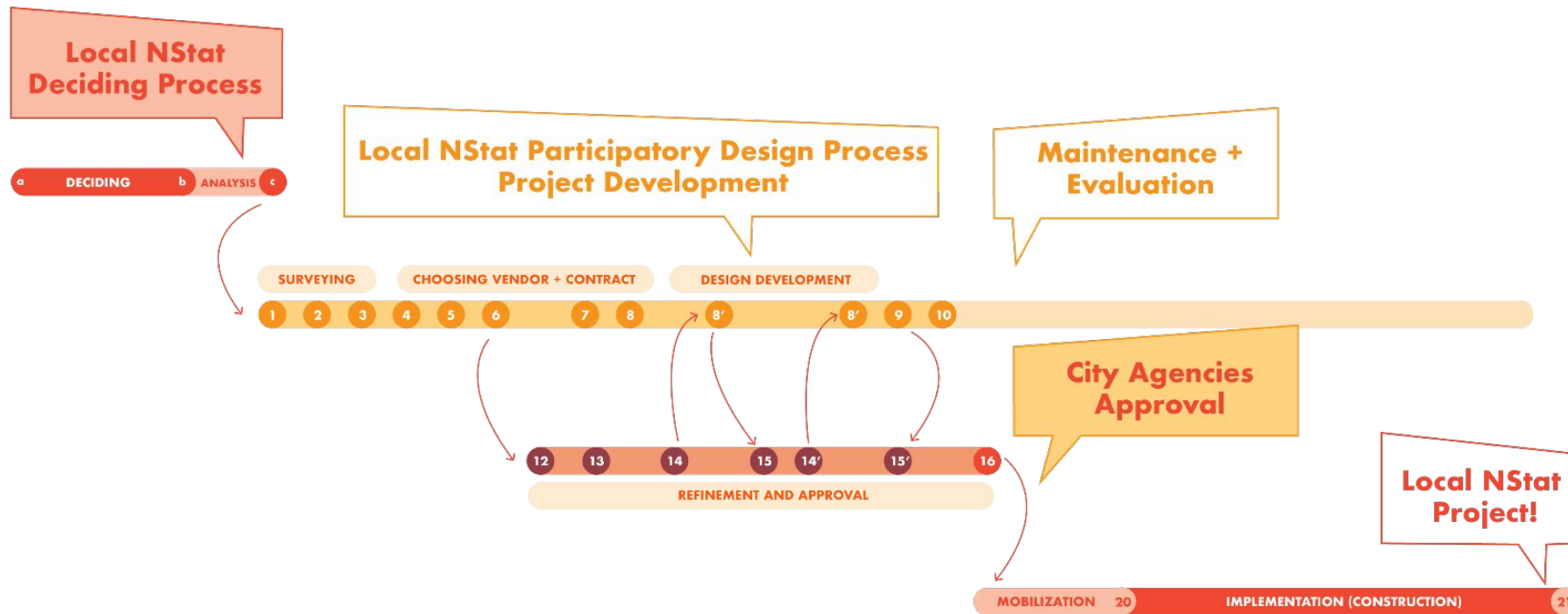




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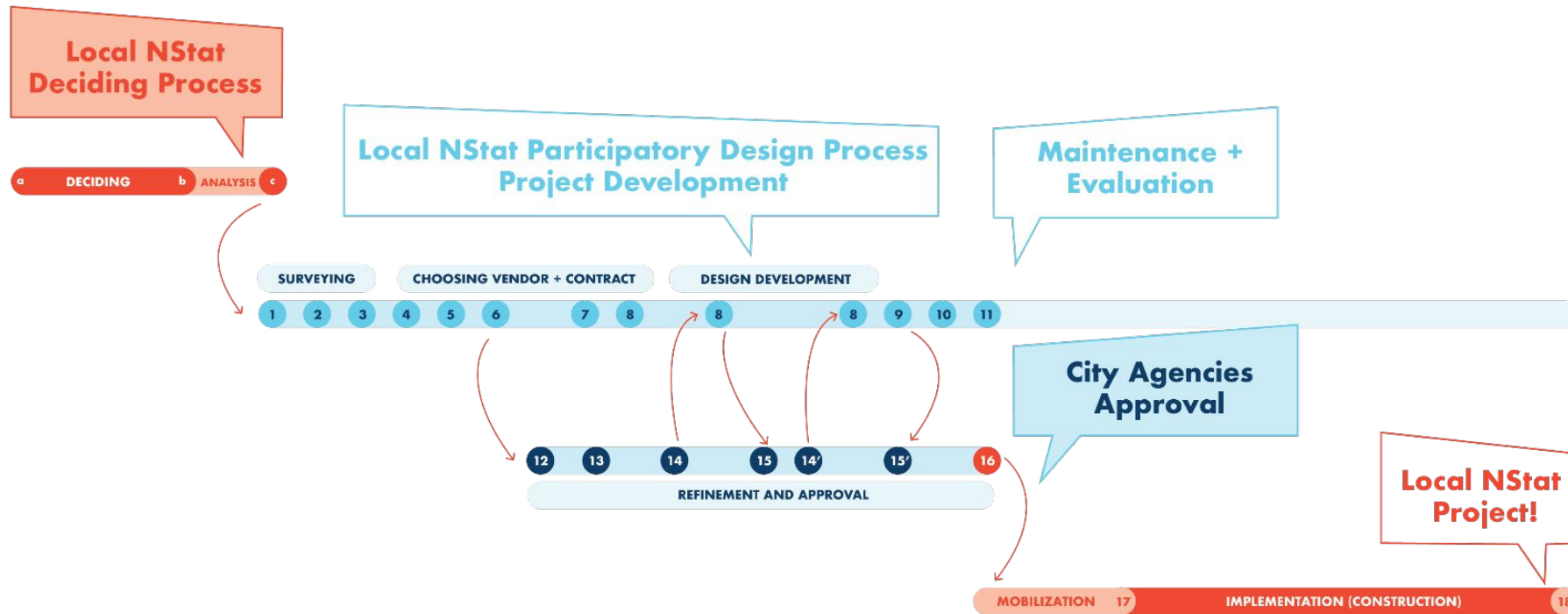






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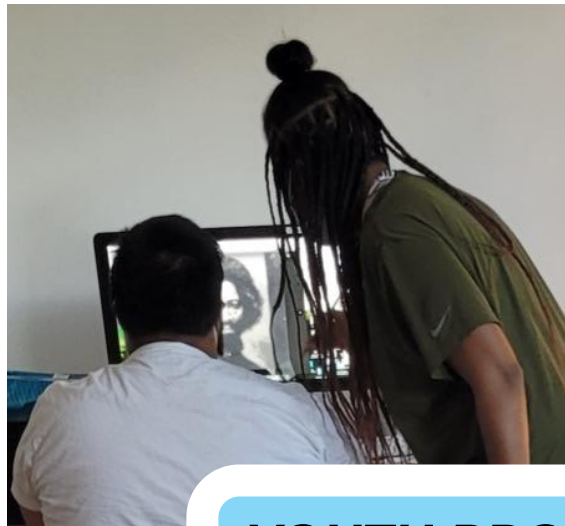
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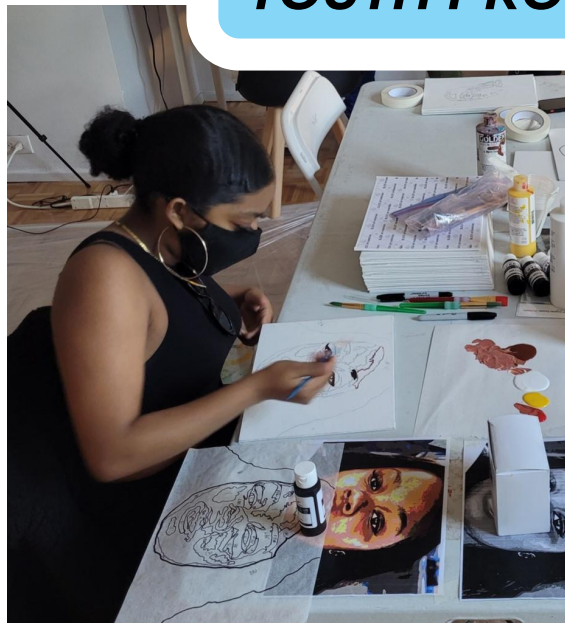
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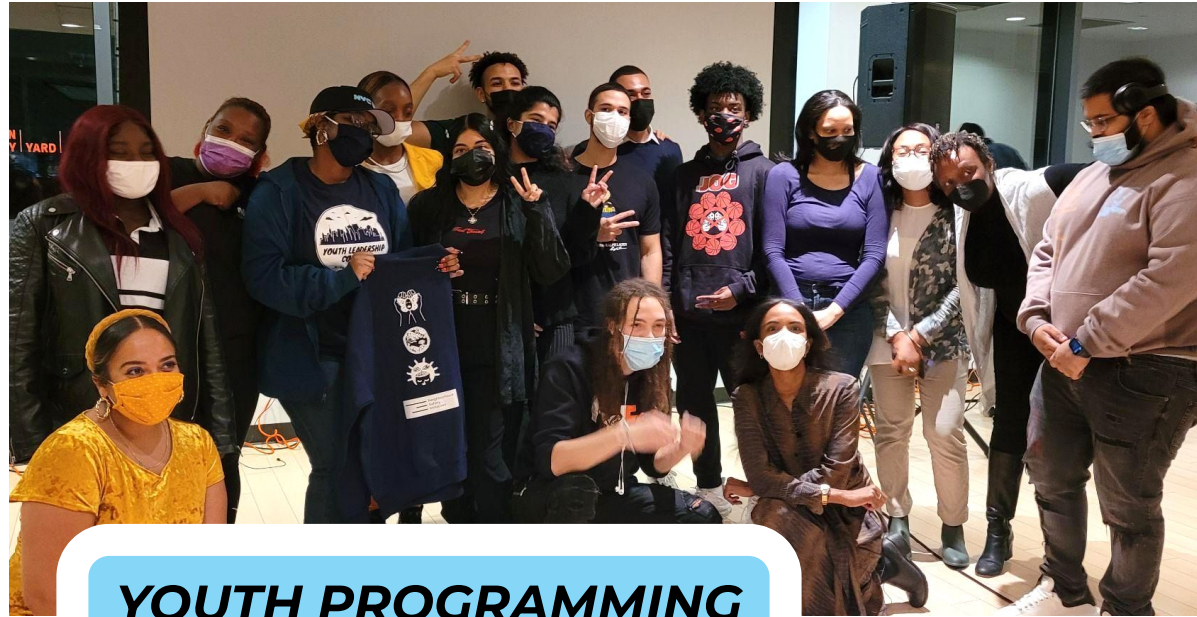




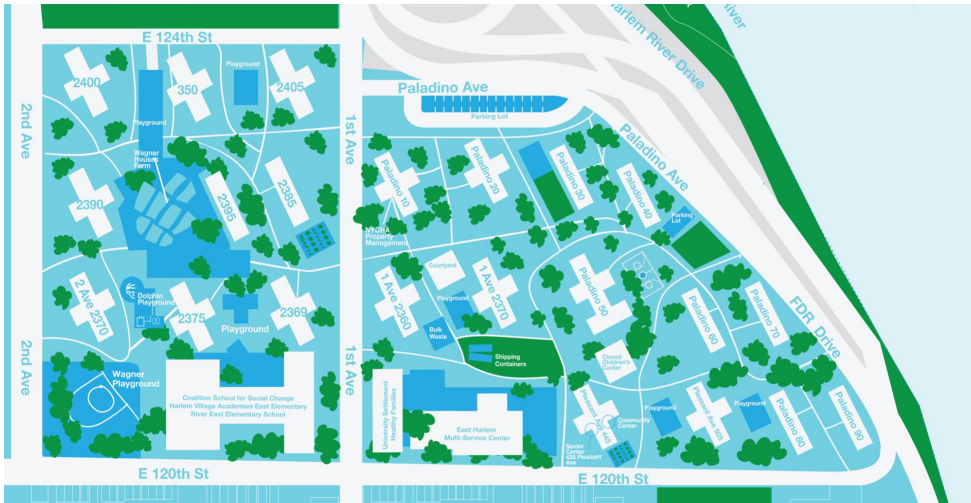
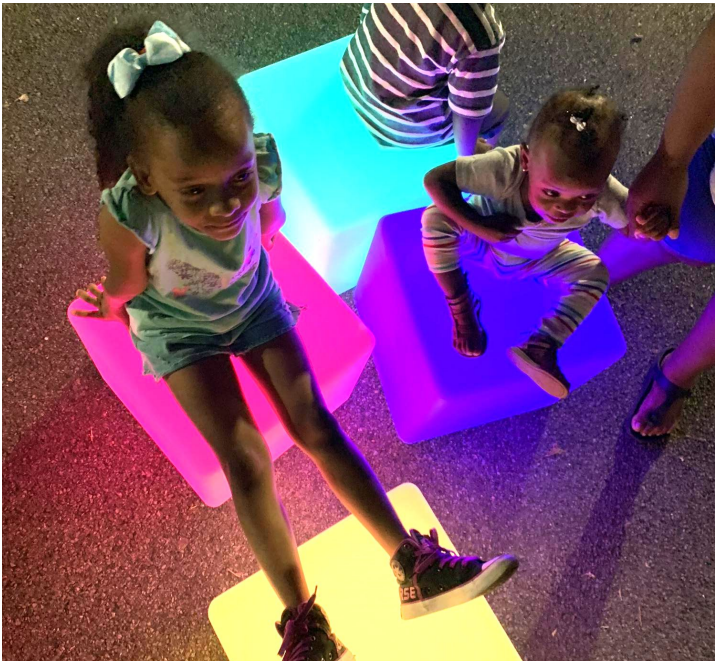
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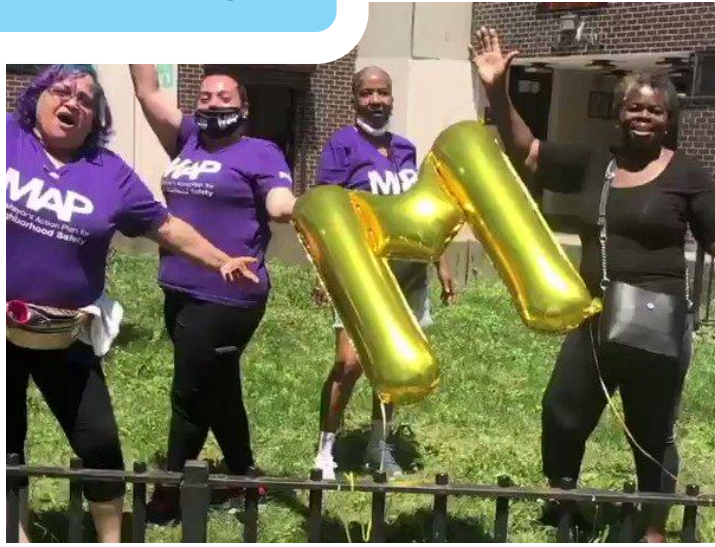


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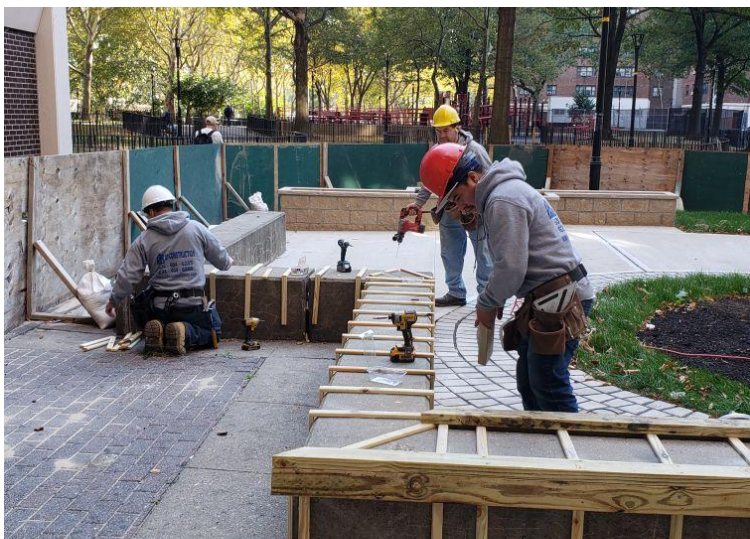




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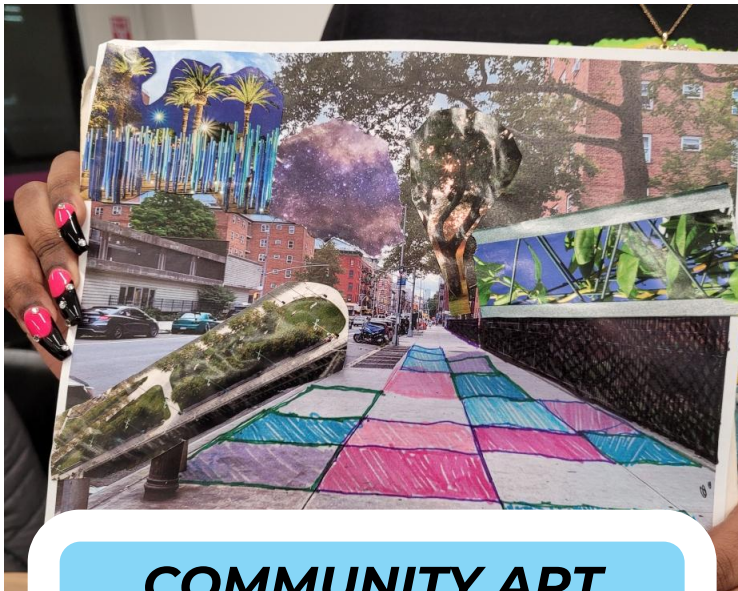




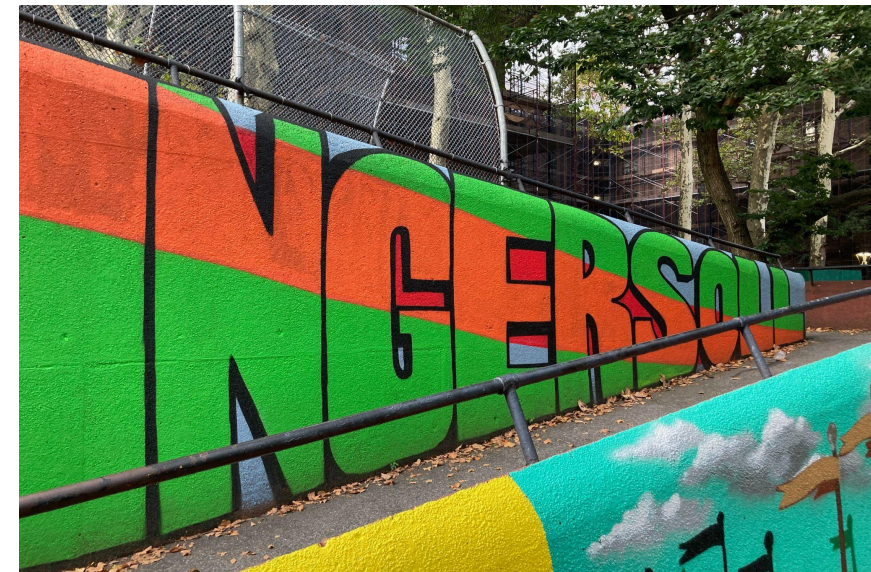
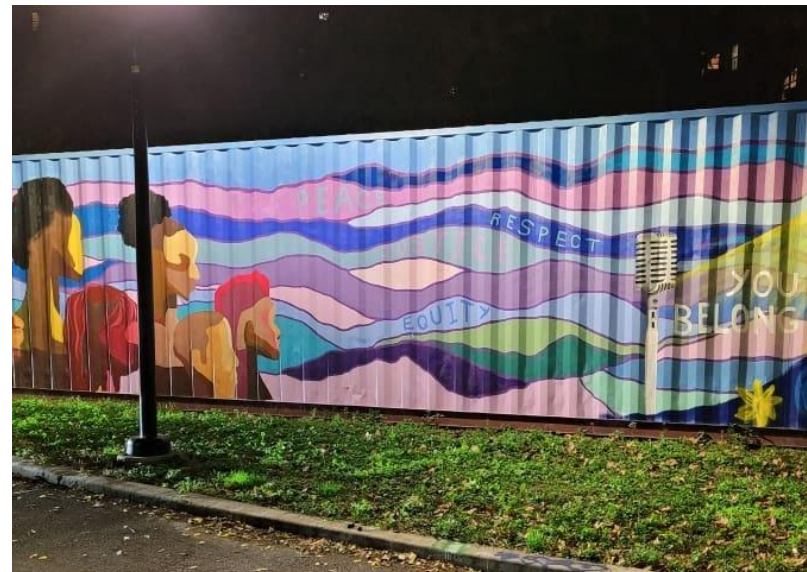
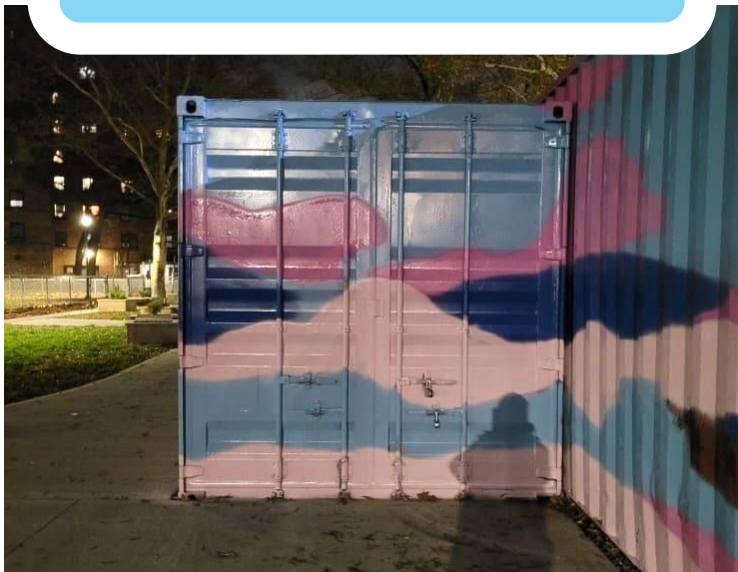
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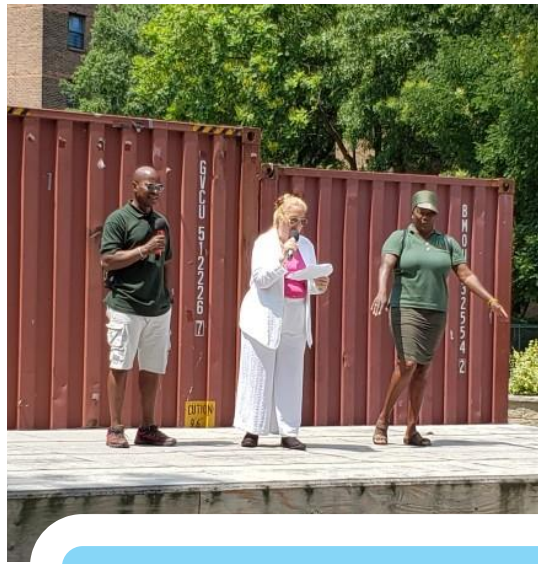




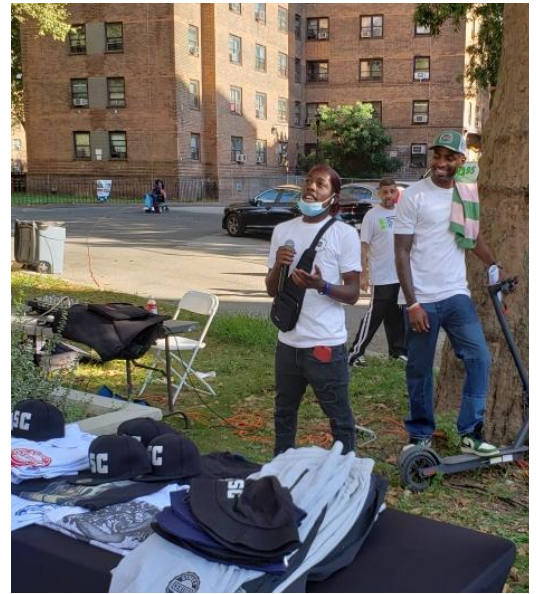
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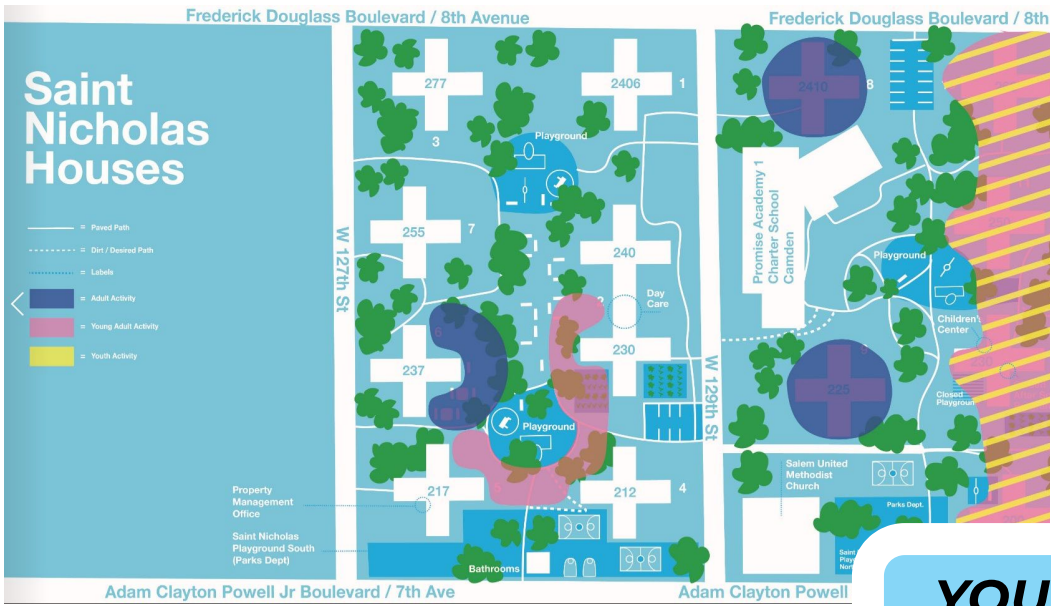




## SOCIAL PROGRAMMING







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## LocalNStat - Where Residents Decide On Projects



### Step 1: Idea Generation and Survey

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☐ I'm a resident of Van Dyke Houses

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#### VD1. PHYSICAL SPACE | Improve Unsafe Conditions

This project focuses on making rapid improvements to unsafe conditions. The team will focus on co-designing quick improvements to construction areas; doing safety walkthroughs; leading campaigns to address chronic repair backlogs and to influence policy; holding awareness campaigns for issues such as gas outages, and more.



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#### VD4. SAFETY + JUSTICE | Reduce Gun Violence

This project aims to increase community-based support to prevent and respond to gun violence by supporting mini-grants focused on community-led strategies; offering trainings on peacemaking practices and restorative justice; hosting intergenerational healing events and providing access to therapeutic services.



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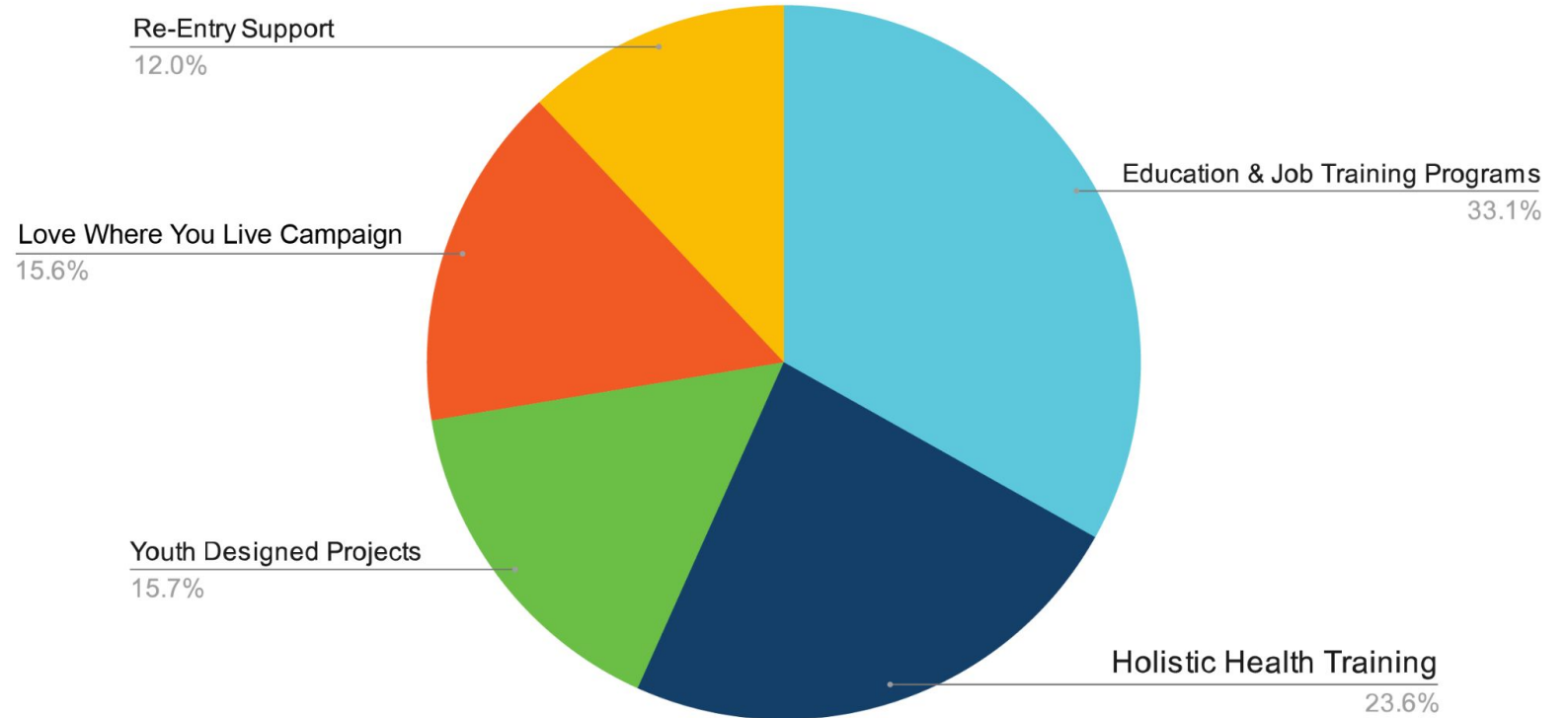


# Castle Hill Houses

**Castle Hill NStat team  
collected 1,065 ballots**

from residents for a  
\$30,000 project to  
support community  
safety and well-being!

Using this data,  
residents selected the  
winning project to be  
a Job And Education  
Program.





# ACTION PLAN 2022

## GROUP ONE RESULTS

5 priorities were selected, and residents decided on projects based on their priorities

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**The East Harlem Community Safety Project** will make concerted efforts to identify and recruit residents who may have never considered being part of a safety initiative. The project's goals are to reduce violence and improve community safety and quality of life in the catchment. The project's objectives are to:

- Develop and implement a targeted, placebased, resident-driven public safety strategy
- Increase the use of data-driven and research-based strategies to reduce crime and increase safety, and
- Build the capacity of the community and cross-sector partners to achieve sustainable safety improvements.





# What's Next?