

WHEDco to Crotona Park East and Wakefield: Have Your Say!

WHEDco wants to know what residents in Crotona Park East and Wakefield think about their communities.
(photo: WHEDco)



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In an effort to give two Bronx communities maximum input into upcoming development and other resident concerns, WHEDco (Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation) is conducting surveys of the Bronx neighborhoods of East Crotona Park and Wakefield.

Surveys are nothing new for WHEDco, they’ve used them to effectiveness in the past to identify community concerns around the [Jerome Avenue rezoning area](#), a [cultural survey](#) in Morrisania, and on Southern Boulevard.

“We interviewed merchants, community members who traverse the commercial corridor, and Southern Boulevard commercial property owners,” said Kerry McLean, WHEDco’s Vice President of Community Development. “We were able to channel that information into a proposal based on what community members were saying they wanted in their neighborhood. As a result, we were a conduit for this information to the city, elected officials, and the community board.”

The idea to survey two neighborhoods from different parts of the borough was not arbitrary. According to McLean, WHEDco had surveyed Crotona Park in 2010 and these 2018 survey results will provide important data and perspective from then to now, especially as the Southern Boulevard neighborhood is the focus of a zoning study by the New York City's Department of City Planning.

“Besides getting updates on how community members are doing in areas ranging from housing and youth education to financial access, this assessment will equip us and other community partners with current data and information so that we can be, once again, advocating for what the community members who live in the neighborhood are identifying as their own interests and needs.”

WHEDco is also looking at Wakefield, according to McLean. “We’re partnering with a local organization to help them also get a snapshot of what community needs to address in the Wakefield area.”

The deadline for both surveys is October 1.

If you live, work or attend school in zip codes 10456, 10459, or 10460 the you are encouraged to fill out the Crotona Park East Community Needs Survey

[Crotona Park East survey – ENGLISH](#)

[Crotona Park East Survey – SPANISH](#)

If you live, work or attend school in zip codes 10466, 10470 you are encouraged to fill out the Wakefield-Edenwald-Baychester Community Needs Survey.

[Wakefield-Edenwald-Baychester Survey – ENGLISH](#)

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Link: <http://www.thisisthebronx.info/whedco-to-crotona-park-east-and-wakefield-have-your-say/>