Looking Beyond the 2010 Census

Neighborhood Issues

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Introduction

Social issues in particular areas can lead to the devaluation of a community and its reputation, an increase in crime and an uncomfortable living environment. For example, some social issues include gang violence, pollution, park issues, race and immigration.

Tract 125: Park Issues

Quantitative
- Total Population 2,719
- Male population 1,458
- Female population 1,261
- Population in households 2,716
- Family households 430
- Husband-wife family 310 with own children under 18 years 49
- Male household 30 with own children under 18 years 7
- Female householders 90 with own children under 18 years 40
- Average household size 1.56
- Average family size 2.32

Qualitative
- Family neighborhood, which explains the parks around the area.
- Two Parks that catch attention, Fort Tryon Park and the Playground in Margaret Corbin Circle.
- One park is used by the kids more than the other.
- Fort Tryon is used for mostly adults, and playground is for families with young children.
- Not too many young people seen, mostly adults, children and tourists or visitors.

Tract 36: Pollution

Quantitative
- Census tract 36 consists of a total of 1,729 residents.
- There are 939 females and 790 males.
- There are 586 males under five years of age, 100 males from the ages of 25 to 29, 98 males from the age of the 25 to 29
- The area consists of a total of 988 housing units, 927 occupied houses and 61 vacant housing units.
- The most common ethnicity in this neighborhood is whites.
- The population of whites is 1,286 which is 74.4 percent of the residents as opposed to 3.8 percent Hispanics, 1.7 percent African Americans and 15.4 percent Asians.
- Bay ridge consists of 462 households which is about 49.8 percent one person households, 381 families and only 276 husband-wife families.

Tract 228: Gang Violence

THESS: The elevation of gang activities in a community can affect the safety and security of people. These violent activities lead to increased school dropout and drug use.
- Gang members usually hang out in front of the liquor store or Dell - where they sell their shit to people.
- Gangs do not pass Barnes Ave because there are no potential costumers.
- Some sell marijuana, some sell cocaine.
- When selling or using drugs increase crime increases.
- Mothers’ fear children involvement in gangs, drugs, crime.
- Mothers’ fear their children may drop out of school.
- Most people who live here are afraid to walk outside alone, especially now that people are robbing you for money or phones.
- Some gang member mature with time and eventually leave the gang life.

THESS: The increase in school dropout and drug use.
- Male population is 3,001 that is 48.3 percent
- Female population is 3,217 that is 51.7 percent
- Common age is between the ages of 25 to 29, which make up 10.2 %
- Young people from the ages of 5 to 19, the percentage of people in total is 27.6 %
- Age of majority of population 30 to 64, which make a total of 45.4%
- White 40.3%, Black or African American 18.9%, Asians 11.0%, Hispanic or Latino of any race makes 49.4%
- 30.5% live alone
- Household with 2 to 5 people make up 54.2%

Tract 353: Racial Change

THESS: The decrease of the white race and increase of Hispanics has been a big impact to this neighborhood.
- This neighborhood is made up of mostly immigrants.
- Whites began moving though the years, as Hispanics and other races came and began occupying this tract.
- The decrease of white population began in 1960, and up to now it’s still decreasing.
- “It came to this neighborhood because I feel like home, almost everyone here speaks my language Spanish and they’re from my country.” Maria

Conclusions

We can conclude that there are problems in every neighborhood that lead to the devaluation of the community and its reputation, an increase in crime and an uncomfortable living environment. These problems should be addressed immediately.