

School Siting Task Force Report

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Two separate lists were produced, one by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (“DCAS List”) and the other by the Department of Finance (“DOF List”).

The DCAS List includes all City-owned lands with an area of over 20,000 sf that has no reported use by an agency. The DCAS List consists of 328 lots.

- 198 lots were removed based on review conducted by DCAS and Housing Preservation and Development. The following are all the reasons for removal:
 - Land Under Water
 - Waterfront
 - Lack of access to site via constructed street
 - City-owned portion does not meet square footage requirements
 - Designated HPD housing project with approvals
 - Planned HPD housing project
 - Irregular lot configuration (including sliver lots) which prohibits development
 - No longer City-owned
 - Railway ROW
 - Required open space

- 130 lots were reviewed to determine if they are located in the districts and sub-districts with funding for new seats in the FY2020-2024 Five Year Capital Plan. The following are all the reasons for removal:
 - No funded seats
 - All funded seats sited
 - Small number of seats to site

The DOF List consists of 29,181 lots and was produced from Department of Finance data of all tax lots with a Vacant Building Class.

- 22,065 lots are not owned by the City according to the Department of Finance. They were not reviewed in this phase of analysis and will be looked at in the near future.
- 7,116 lots are owned by the City according to the Department of Finance and reviewed further.
 - 5,829 lots are under 20,000 sf and removed due to their small size.
 - 1,287 lots are over 20,000 sf and reviewed further.
 - 270 lots are on the DCAS list and have already been reviewed.
 - 1,017 lots were reviewed to determine if they are located in the districts and sub-districts with funding for new seats in the FY2020-2024 Five Year Capital Plan. Desk review was also performed utilizing ACRIS, Property Shark and Google Maps. ACRIS and Property Shark provided updated information on whether properties have been sold, leased to third parties or otherwise unavailable as to ownership. Google Maps and Property Shark assisted in the

elimination of sites which were on long, narrow strips of land; under water; in road ways; or in active use by the Agency with jurisdiction. The following are all the reasons for removal:

- No funded seats
- All funded seats sited
- Small number of seats to site
- Other active use
- No longer owned by the City
- Not available
- Not usable for various reasons

After thoroughly reviewing the potentially viable lots, there are two (2) sites, which require further investigation through site visits. The properties which require further investigation include:

Site Name	Community School District	Borough	Tax Block(s)	Tax Lot(s)
Avenue Y	21	Brooklyn	7206	1
Former Flushing Airport	25	Queens	4183, 4209, 4210, 4213, 4238,4278	1, 19, 33

The SCA has previously looked at the former Flushing Airport and found it not feasible for the construction of a new school. Despite the prior determination, we will schedule a site visit to review the specific lots which appear to be a distance from the water front, marshlands and roadways to see if it would be possible to construction a school on those lots. We will begin scheduling the 2 site visits in the coming weeks.