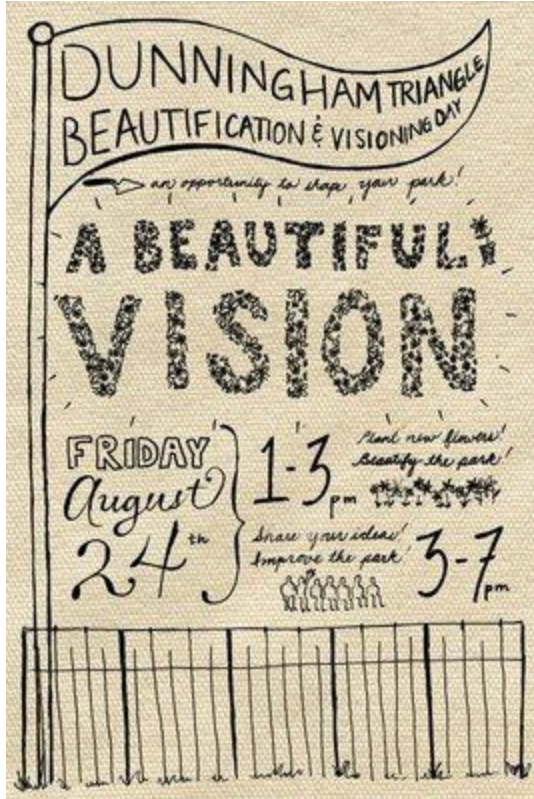


Help redesign Dunningham Triangle

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The 82nd Street Partnership will be taking suggestions from residents on Friday, August 24, on redesigning Dunningham Triangle on the border of Elmhurst and Jackson Heights.

Dubbed “Visioning Day,” the event, a joint venture between the partnership and the Partnership for Parks, will take place at the triangle, located at the intersection of Ithaca Street and Baxter Avenue.

The day begins at 1 p.m. with a community cleanup, and the open forum will take place from 3 to 7 p.m.

Dunningham Triangle recently received an allocation of \$200,000 from the mayor and Queens Borough president to fund a makeover.

After organizers review suggestions from local residents, they will present the best ideas to the Parks Department in early fall. The Parks Department will design the renovations to Dunningham Triangle over the winter with those suggestions in mind, and begin construction in the spring of 2013.

“The goal is to get people to think about how this can be a better space,” said Seth Taylor, executive director of the 82nd Street Partnership.

Taylor said the area surrounding Dunningham Triangle has a lack of outdoor seating. People who get lunch from restaurants and businesses on 82nd Street have only two options: eat at the restaurant or bring it back to work.

“It’s important to give people an option to enjoy outdoor seating,” Taylor said.

Along with seating, the partnership hopes to host music events and other forms of entertainment at the park in the future. “Right now it’s underused,” Taylor said, “not a lot is going on. That’s why Dunningham Triangle was identified as a real opportunity to improve 82nd Street.”

Taylor added that the 82nd Street Partnership will be allocating some of its resources to keep the triangle clean, and that the business community is focused on ensuring that the new Dunningham Triangle will be a safe and inviting space. However, Taylor feels that if everyone does their part the park will stay clean.

He encourages all residents to take part in the event.

“Just bring your ideas,” Taylor said.