

**TELL ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT TO LET THE CITY CUT DOWN 58 SHADE TREES
AND INSTALL A CEMENT PLAZA IN FORT GREENE PARK!**

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[Be polite, you do not have to leave your name, some suggestions on what to say:]

Hello, I live in your district and I am calling to oppose the **destruction of 78 trees** to build a cement plaza on the Myrtle Avenue side of Fort Greene Park.

- **78 Trees**

The trees are essential for the health of the community. I don't want **78 big shade trees cut down** and replaced with saplings that will take decades to grow. **Many new plantings** [die soon after NYC Parks' two-year warranty](#).

- **Cement Plaza**

I visit the park [in the summer, winter, all the time, every day, with my kids, dog, grandchildren, to exercise, have BBQs, etc.]. We sit under the trees, on the greenspace and lawn, and use the barbecue area. A cement plaza does not fit how we use the park. A **cement plaza with reduced shade will turn into a frying pan** on a 90-degree summer day.

- **Construction**

Where will we, and all of the kids go when we can't use (that corner of) the park? **18 months of construction** (if on time) will negatively affect the well-being of kids and parents at the playground and everyone near the construction site.

- **Greenery**

I oppose the City's plan to tear down the mounds, **limit the barbecue area, fence in the tree areas, take away the park's usable space**. (the City plans to take away an estimated 13,314 sq. ft. of usable greenery)

- **\$24 Million**

Use the \$24 million for the park to meet the needs of users and keep it a neighborhood park: [**install a ramp at the Myrtle Avenue stairs, improve the restrooms, fix broken pavement, repair mounds, upgrade the playground and maintain the trees.**]

- **Community Input**

Why weren't nearby residents notified of these changes? How come the public didn't get a say in how to use the \$24 million or about this redesign?

- **Transparency**

Who has decided that spending the funds can only proceed if 78 trees are cut down and a hardscape plaza built?

I AM ASKING YOU TO **PRESERVE THE TREES AND REJECT THE CEMENT PLAZA PROPOSAL**.

Thank you.



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