2019 Community Survey
Summary Report

Presented by the Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership
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Overview

The Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership conducted a survey of the Flatiron community from October 8th through December 5th. The online survey was shared via the Partnership's newsletter and social media. At the close of the survey, 308 people had submitted responses.

Respondents

53.6% of survey respondents live or work in the district, and 39.6% visit Flatiron at least once a month.

*Respondents were asked to select all affiliations that applied - graph > 100%

Top Five Favorite Things About the Flatiron District

1. Madison Square Park
2. Ambiance
3. Restaurants & Dining
4. Diversity & Variety
5. Central Location & Convenience

Five Most Important Issues Facing the Flatiron District

1. Homelessness
2. Congestion & Pedestrian Safety
3. Affordability
4. Construction & Noise
5. Sanitation
Partnership Programs & Performance

**Overall BID Performance**

92.4% of respondents stated that they “Approve” or “Strongly Approve” of the Partnership’s work in the district.

The Partnership’s Sanitation, Public Safety, and Social Services programs were most selected as “Very Important” by respondents.

- **Sanitation Program**: 92.1% Very Important, 7.6% Somewhat Important, 0.8% Not At All Important
- **Public Safety Program**: 87.5% Very Important, 11.7% Somewhat Important, 1.3% Not At All Important
- **Social Services (Homeless Outreach Program)**: 84.1% Very Important, 15.2% Somewhat Important, 1.1% Not At All Important
- **Public Improvements: Beautification & Streetscape**: 67.1% Very Important, 31.8% Somewhat Important, 6.8% Not At All Important
- **Marketing, Communications & Events**: 48.3% Very Important, 44.9% Somewhat Important, 3.8% Not At All Important
Partnership Programs & Performance

Clean Streets
91.5% of respondents who are familiar with the Partnership’s Clean Streets program rated the impact on the district as “Good” or “Excellent”.

58.1% of respondents said that Flatiron is cleaner than most neighborhoods in Manhattan, while 36.5% believe it is as clean as other areas.

Public Safety
88.6% of respondents who are familiar with the Partnership’s Public Safety program rated the impact on the district as “Good” or “Excellent”.

95.9% of respondents said that Flatiron is safer or as safe as other neighborhoods in Manhattan.
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Social Services
58% of respondents who were familiar with the Partnership’s Social Service Homeless Outreach Program rated the impact on the district as “Good” or “Excellent”.

Homelessness is consistently cited as the most important issue facing the district. 83.6% of respondents believed the conditions around homelessness are the same, or worse, than one year ago.
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Streetscape Beautification and Enhancements

93.3% of respondents **who were familiar with** the Partnership’s Streetscape and Beautification program rated the impact on the district as “Good” or “Excellent”.

Respondents stated that they would like to see the Partnership expand tree pit guards & plantings (47.5%), streetlamp flower baskets (46.4%), and enhanced street lighting (42.5%) throughout the district.

*Respondents were asked to select all choices that applied - graph > 100%

Respondents stated a strong interest in more public art, specifically with local artists.
**Public Plazas**

93.3% of respondents who were familiar with the Partnership's management of the Plazas as “Good” or “Excellent”.

*Respondents stated the desire for improved public WiFi, varied types and increased seating, and more community events in the Plazas.*

When asked which aspects of the Public Plazas respondents like the most, free community events (71.6%) were followed by trees/plants (62.6%), public art (57.8%), safer pedestrian crossings, and movable tables and chairs.

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**Marketing & Communications**
92.2% of respondents who were familiar with the Partnership’s Marketing and Communications efforts rated the impact on the district as “Good” or “Excellent”.

76.1% of respondents stay informed via the Partnership’s electronic newsletter and 22.9% through the website.

**Neighborhood Communication**
73.2% of respondents stated the weekly newsletter as the most effective form of communication, followed by Instagram (28.7%).

42% of respondents follow @FlatironNY on Instagram, accounting for more than Facebook (14.5%) and Twitter (14.9%) combined.

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Events
Live performances, including music, theater, and dance, and open streets events were the most requested event types within Flatiron.

- Live Performance: 38.6%
- Block Parties/Open Streets: 12.0%
- Family Programming: 9.6%
- Outdoor Film Screening: 9.6%
- Farmers Markets: 9.6%
- Food Events: 8.4%
- Public Art Installations & Events: 6.0%
- Fitness: 6.0%

The majority of respondents stated 6pm-8pm as the best time frame for Partnership events.

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