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**MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES IMMEDIATE TARGETED IMPROVEMENTS  
FOR STATEN ISLAND'S TOMPKINSVILLE PARK**

*NYC Parks to explore raze of unused comfort station to improve sightlines for safety purposes*

**STATEN ISLAND**—Mayor de Blasio today announced that NYC Parks will make immediate, targeted improvements—high impact, fast-action enhancements—to Staten Island's Tompkinsville Park that include exploring the removal of the long unused comfort station on site. Using existing Parks resources, the improvements will address safety concerns and improve area quality of life by revitalizing the park and making it a more open green space. These improvements are in advance of community input meetings where area Staten Islanders will have an open dialogue with NYC Parks about the new vision for the park.

“Parks are so important to New Yorkers -- even small ones like Tompkinsville Park. We're making a simple fix that will expand open space, remove an eyesore, and return the park to its former glory,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

These immediate, targeted improvements will include repairing the park fountain, aesthetic enhancements like painting of benches and horticulture planting, and new flood lighting, courtesy of the Department of Transportation.

These improvements and the dialogue around the future of the comfort station will be completed over the next couple of months.

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