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A Local Law in relation to a survey to determine the feasibility of creating micro parks and green spaces on vacant city owned land near dead ends and highway entrance and exit ramps

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The department of transportation, in conjunction with the department of environmental protection and the department of parks and recreation shall identify locations that are suitable for the planting of trees or other vegetation, for the purpose of establishing bioswales, micro parks or other green spaces, by conducting a survey of: streets with dead ends located in residential zones in each borough; parcels of vacant land owned by the city in proximity to such streets; and land that abuts highway entrances and exits. Such survey shall be submitted to the mayor and speaker of the council no later than July 1, 2023 and include but not be limited to the following information:

1. The location of each street containing a dead end or terminating in proximity to a vacant lot owned by the city;
2. An analysis on the condition of each such dead end or vacant lot and the feasibility of whether such dead end or vacant lot can be converted into a bioswale, micro park or other green space that would support the planting of trees or other vegetation;
3. For each such dead end or vacant lot that the survey found to be suitable for conversion into a bioswale, micro park or other green space, a plan to convert such dead end or vacant lot and a description of the

cost of such plan, provided that such plan provides for the conversion of each suitable dead end and vacant lot owned by the city no later than July 1, 2027.

4. The locations of any area abutting highway entrance and exit ramps under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation that currently has no trees or other vegetation planted and an analysis of whether each such highway entrance and exit ramp is suitable for the planting of trees or other vegetation and;

5. For each such highway entrance and exit ramp that the survey found to be suitable for planting of trees or other vegetation, a plan to conduct such planting on each such highway entrance and exit ramp and a description of the cost of such plan, provided that such plan provides for the planting of trees or other vegetation on each suitable highway entrance and exit ramp no later than July 1, 2027.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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