

RECOMMENDED POLICY
TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM
FOREST HILLS BROUGH

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose of this policy is to preserve and improve the safety of all residents within our Borough through the use of traffic calming measures. Traffic calming involves the combination of measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alters driver behavior, addresses dangerous conditions, and improves conditions for pedestrians, children, (especially where there are no sidewalks) bicyclists, and all other non drivers. The steps of this program are listed numerically as follows.

1. **REQUEST:** This step describes the method in which a traffic calming project will be submitted and how it will be reviewed and implemented. An individual resident or group of residents shall submit a written request to the Public Safety Committee (PSC) for review. The request must be accompanied by a written petition signed by ten (10) residents that are affected by the area of concern. The PSC will determine if the request should be evaluated further during their committee meeting. (In the case that the PSC is reorganized, the appropriate committee shall be selected by Council President and the Borough manager.) Input from appropriate borough entities may be solicited.
2. **TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN DEVELOPMENT:** This step involves developing a traffic calming plan to meet the specific goals of the PSC. Appropriate borough officials working with the PSC will develop one or more options to address the goals of the petitioners. The plans may utilize one or more traffic calming device including, but not limited to, temporary and permanent speed humps, traffic circles, center islands, median barriers, and realigned intersections. All discussion will be held at the PSC committee meetings and council business meeting ensuring an open forum for resident attendance.
3. **APPROVAL PROCESS:** This step requires the plan arrived at through the PSC meeting, resident, and public official input to be presented for discussion and vote to at the following council business meeting. The council may approve or reject the plan. If funding is not available, the plan may be deferred to the next budget.
4. **Installation and Evaluation:** This step involves the installation of the approved plan and determining the effectiveness. The devices are installed. The residents are asked if the plan is considered successful. Further evaluation of the problem may be needed.

THE PETITION: The residents will be offered the following language by the borough official who instructs them on the traffic calming petitioning procedure.

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