

# Welcome

2012 marked the beginning of the third century of the Manhattan street grid - a monumental innovation, laid out by the Commissioners' Plan of 1811, that sparked development and growth that helped transform New York City into the global center for commerce, finance, entertainment, and culture that it is today. As the Grand Central Partnership (GCP) helps carry its global legacy into the 21st century, we are reminded of the incredible power and elegance of maps.

As a map of the Manhattan grid tells the story of our city's ascent and progress, a map of the Grand Central Partnership district tells its story. It relates the story of how our district - a global model for business improvement districts - is home to some of the world's most coveted business addresses, occupied by eminently successful Fortune 500 companies, midsized businesses, and hundreds of smaller, unique purveyors of goods and services. It tells our neighborhood's story of progress and preservation with Grand Central Terminal as our Beaux-Arts centerpiece and lavishly ornate Art Deco towers existing alongside gleaming glass office buildings and turn-of-the-century, low-rise townhouses. And just as the transformation of Manhattan in the 19th and 20th centuries started with its streets, so, too, do our streets form the solid foundation upon which our neighborhood is built. From our street sweepers to our patrolling officers; from graffitifree, attractively designed streetscape furniture to brightly lit sidewalks and efficiently illuminated landmarks; and from fragrant flowers to colorful retail hotspots, GCP is always putting the Grand Central neighborhood "on the map."

As we look to 2013, GCP recognizes that there is still much left to accomplish and many 21st century-specific challenges to confront. Chief among these challenges is an aging Midtown East building stock, which will be the subject of great focus in the upcoming year. Nevertheless, we are confident that just as the authors of the Commissioner's Plan of 1811 and the countless numbers of New Yorkers who came after them rose to the occasion, we, too, will continue to grapple with these issues and do our all to keep the Grand Central neighborhood among the world's most competitive and vibrant hubs — a bustling center of commercial activity by day, a destination for fun, culture, and delicious meals at night.

This annual report helps to visualize GCP's efforts and successes in 2012, while providing an opportunity to "map out" what's yet to come for our district. We hope you enjoy reading this 2012 annual report with its story of GCP's achievements this past year and how they will help us map out the path to an even brighter future.

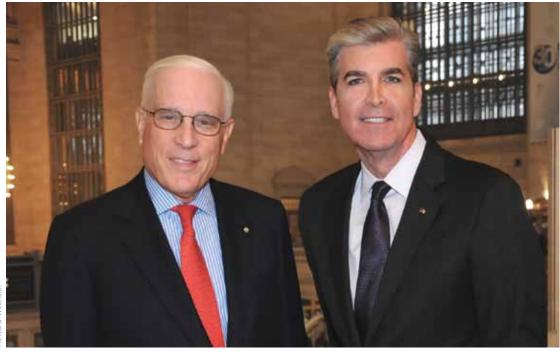


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**PUBLIC SAFETY** As it has been throughout its existence, GCP's Public Safety staff is managed by expertly trained and highly experienced field supervisors. In 2012, this team logged more than 85,000 patrol hours monitoring the streets of the Grand Central Partnership Business Improvement District and assisting the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and other law enforcement agencies in preventing, responding to, and reporting illegal activity therein. In addition to providing a timely response to 1,475 instances where assistance was either requested or merited (such as traffic accidents, fire, large crowds, and medical emergencies), our officers maintained a high standard of service to the neighborhood by disseminating regulatory information to commercial tenants, offering assistance to passersby on the street, and staffing two taxi queue locations around Grand Central Terminal.

According to statistics for 2012 provided by the NYPD, crime in the three GCP neighborhood police precincts (the 14th, 17th, and 18th) has continued to decline in the seven major felony categories by an average of 3.5% over the past two years, 53% in the past 11 years, and 81% in the past 19 years, the year the NYPD began its Comp Stat Report.

# Overview: 2012

GCP "CLEAN TEAM" 2012 **CLEANLINESS SCORES:** 100% FOR SIDEWALKS 99.8% FOR STREETS

Also in 2012, GCP continued its participation in the New York City Police Department "Paid Detail" program, whereby off-duty uniformed police officers accompany Public Safety personnel on patrols six days a week around the district to be on the lookout for criminal activity and quality-of-life infractions, such as unlicensed general and food vending, panhandling, and bag hustling.

THE GCP PUBLIC SAFETY STAFF AND OUR NYPD PAID DETAIL **OFFICERS TOGETHER** LOGGED NEARLY 88,000 PATROL HOURS

In 2012, GCP also continued its partnership with the NYPD to host closed-circuit cameras on numerous GCP-owned streetlight poles as part of the NYPD's anti-crime and antiterrorism initiatives. This partnership – while helping to keep New York City safe as a whole – makes GCP's sidewalks the subject of round-theclock observation, a comforting feeling in a high-profile and heavily trafficked business hub with a residential periphery. Also in 2012,

the camera program expanded with new camera installations along Lexington and Park in the vicinity of the Waldorf Astoria New York and the InterContinental New York Barclay.

The Public Safety division also maintained its participation in a referral network that provides homeless assistance and social service outreach efforts in the neighborhood. Under this program, GCP's officers are trained by professionals from the Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation (GCNSSC) so that they can then refer those in need to the local GCNSSC intake center. This past year GCP staff initiated 192 of these referrals and outreach workers from the GCNSSC made 187 visits to the neighborhood to offer support at locations typically frequented by those in need.

**SANITATION** GCP's "Clean Team" – comprised of 67 sweepers and supervisory personnel – spent 2012 keeping the streets and sidewalks of our portion of East Midtown in pristine condition. During the year, staff logged more than 133,000 hours of cleaning time while providing service seven days per week from 6am to midnight. This high volume of attentiveness yielded nearly 200,000 bags of trash, which was hauled out of the area by our private carter and taken to the Manhattan waste transfer station.

While GCP internally monitors its success at maintaining a clean neighborhood, its Sanitation crew is also evaluated on their success at achieving cleanliness by a system of ratings developed and issued by the Mayor's Office of Operations.

As part of this quarterly ratings process, government officials evaluate Business Improvement District (BID) neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs for street and sidewalk cleanliness, assessing criteria such as overflowing trash receptacles, refusefree curb cuts, and graffiti. GCP is proud to report that its 2012 annual ratings once again placed us in the top tier of these neighborhoods, receiving cleanliness scores of 100% for sidewalk and 99.8% for street cleanliness. We are very proud of this high standard of achievement and would like to recognize our Sanitation squad's ongoing commitment to excellence, as well as all of our private-sector partners who also participate in this unified cleanliness effort.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE

Maintaining our neighborhood's highly recognizable streetscape furnishings is the job of GCP's Capital Projects and Maintenance division. This dedicated team of workers is responsible for keeping an eye on GCP-owned and -maintained streetlight and regulatory sign poles, news boxes, benches, and bike racks, among other assets, to ensure that they are free of defects and kept in tip-top shape. During 2012, staff stayed busy painting and sprucing up our signature planters, granite tree pits, and hanging baskets to have them ready for our spring and summer seasonal floral displays. Also, maintenance personnel installed more new LED-illuminated street signs, raising our neighborhood total to more than 250 of these bright and easy-to-read signs that are going far to increase safety and reduce confusion in the district for drivers and pedestrians alike.

GCP also gave support to the NYC Department of Design & Construction (DDC) East Side water main and catch basin replacement project and to NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) street paving jobs in the GCP neighborhood. With both of these projects, GCP acted as a liaison between property owners, the City, and other interested parties to make sure owners and businesses are informed of construction-related activities and to help mitigate the effects such projects have on businesses,

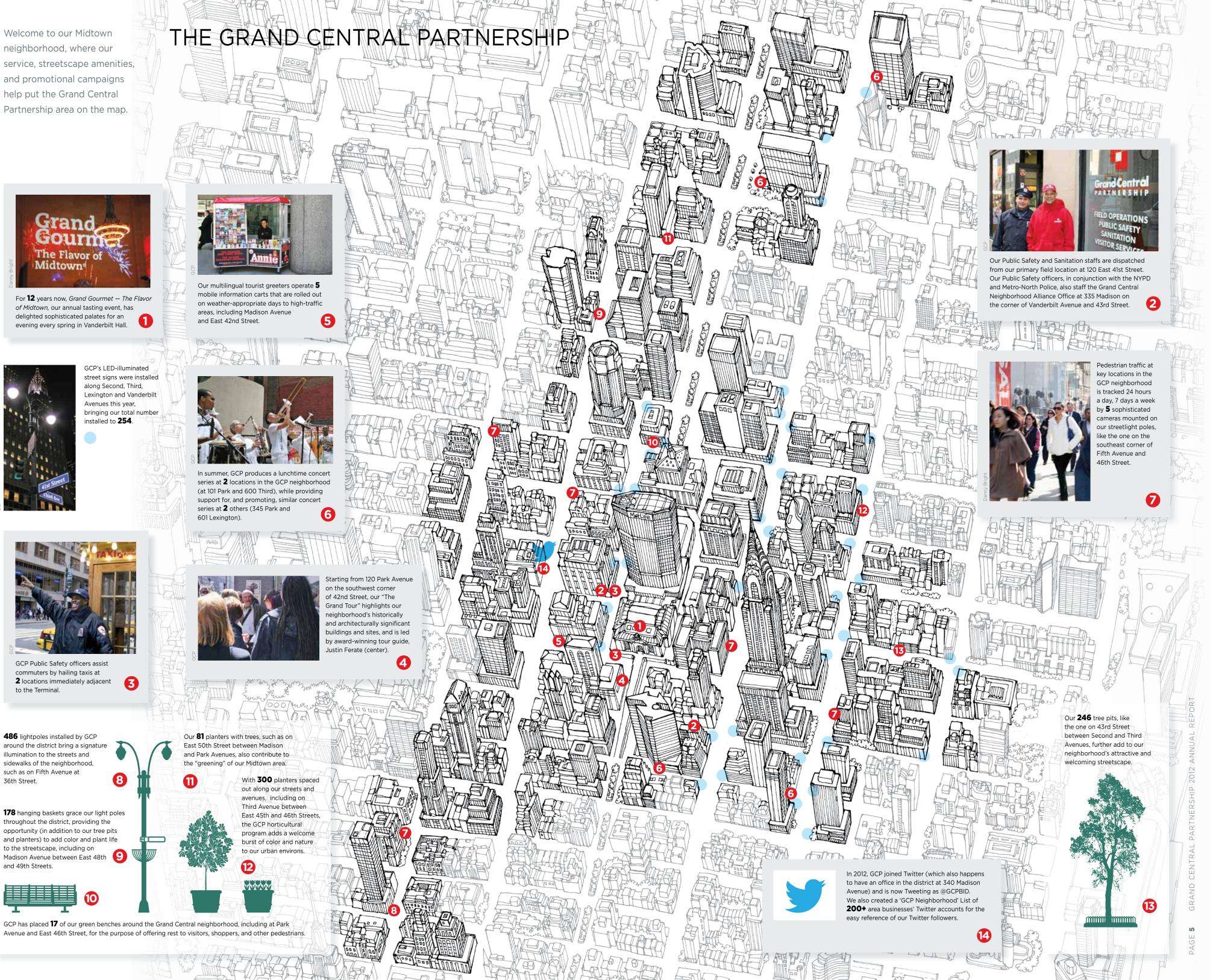
> workers, and visitors to our neighborhood.

Other highlights from the Capital Projects division's operations during 2012 include preliminary approval from the Public Design Commission of the conversion of the temporary Pershing Square Plaza on Park Avenue between East 41st and East 42nd Streets into a permanent, year-round urban plaza. The

plaza is on schedule to be completed in 2014. Additionally, major repairs were completed on many of our distinctive granite curb cuts which had deteriorated due to extreme weather conditions and ongoing roadway work, while hundreds of our regulatory sign poles were retrofitted to accommodate new, clearer DOT parking regulation signage.

In anticipation of Grand Central Terminal's Centennial celebration in 2013, GCP undertook a structural integrity and energy efficiency assessment review of our four rooftop stadium floodlight systems, which help to illuminate the exterior of the Terminal. GCP retained an outside engineering firm to perform the assessment and then engaged Musco Lighting, the internationally renowned outdoor lighting design company, to design the new lighting system that features energy-efficient LED technology to replace the current stadium light fixtures that were installed in 1990. Three of the four rooftop stadium light locations were completed by the end of calendar year 2012 and the fourth site is scheduled to be completed in 2013.

ENERGY-EFFICIENT, LED-ILLUMINATED STREET SIGNS INSTALLED ALONG SECOND. THIRD. LEXINGTON AND VANDERBILT AVENUES. TOTAL IN DISTRICT: 250+

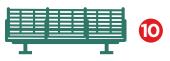


Welcome to our Midtown neighborhood, where our service, streetscape amenities, and promotional campaigns help put the Grand Central Partnership area on the map.



486 lightpoles installed by GCP around the district bring a signature illumination to the streets and sidewalks of the neighborhood, such as on Fifth Avenue at 36th Street.

**178** hanging baskets grace our light poles throughout the district, providing the opportunity (in addition to our tree pits and planters) to add color and plant life to the streetscape, including on Madison Avenue between East 48th 🧐 and 49th Streets.



## Overview: 2012

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**TOURISM** The Grand Central Partnership's Tourism department is integral in providing information and guidance to the millions of tourists and locals who pass through the Grand Central neighborhood yearly.

Our multilingual tourist greeters staff the **INY** visitor information window on the Main Concourse of Grand Central Terminal and a fleet of mobile information carts. From these locations, GCP tourist greeters provide directions, offer

suggestions for dining and shopping, and serve as ambassadors of the Grand Central

neighborhood to visitors from across town or around the world.

In 2012, our staff fielded almost 460,000 inquiries for assistance, helping to make sure everyone got the most out of their time in the Grand Central neighborhood.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS The

External Affairs department has a tightened focus on bolstering the neighborhood retail community

and its local and global reputation and visibility; branding and burnishing the neighborhood's many notable facets; and providing support to the commercial and retail broker community via the collection and dissemination of demographic and occupancy data.

#### ASSESSING OUR SERVICES

In 2012, the External Affairs department conducted Grand Central Partnership's Customer Service Survey, an anonymous survey of GCP's Board of Directors and the Grand Central District Management Association, aimed at assessing how well the company is doing at providing services. We asked respondents to rate GCP on a broad range of individual attributes across all of our program areas, and we received an overwhelmingly positive response with 100% of participating members saying that the Partnership is doing either an "excellent" or "good" job, and that they get either an "excellent" or "good" value for their assessment.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD MARKETING & PROMOTION

The Grand Central neighborhood has so much to offer that — as part of our ongoing effort to expand the reach of our business and neighborhood promotion and keep our digital audience up-to-the-minute with the many great time sensitive deals, discounts and promotions — 2012 saw us launch a GCP Twitter account (@GCPBID). Our fast-growing following includes a significant number of area businesses, organizations, and cultural and governmental institutions. Due to the frequent sharing of our Tweets, our reach extends well beyond our universe of followers.

In addition to our growing social media following, we continue to tweak GCP's website (www.grandcentralpartnership.org) and e-newsletter (news@gcp) — using insight provided by Google Analytics and via the Customer Service Survey — to maximize their efficacy in the context of the changing landscape of social media, websites, and electronic communications, as well as meet the changing needs and tastes of GCP's business community and readership. Continued requests from area businesses for inclusion in our weekly round-up of "what's happening" in the GCP neighborhood reflect the value of GCP's marketing efforts as does the continued growth of traffic to its website. In fact, in 2012 we saw a 70.7% increase in visits to GCP's website compared to 2011.

GCP'S TOURIST GREETERS FIELDED CLOSE TO 460,000 INQUIRIES IN 2012 AT OUR CARTS AND TOURISM WINDOW IN GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL

#### GCP RETAIL BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY CATEGORY AND TYPE

Food & Drink: 343 Misc. Retail: 138 Personal & Professional Services: 129 Apparel, Accessories, Footwear: 102 Financial Services: 88 Parking: 18

#### TRACKING BUSINESS TRENDS

In 2012, GCP continued to perform monthly surveys of neighborhood businesses, giving us a picture of leasing activity over time and allowing us to monitor trends by industry and business type. In addition to aiding our understanding of the ebb and flow of leasing activity in the neighborhood, our monthly surveys also allow us to track street-level occupancy and development.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS PRODUCTION

As it has been for the past 12 years, GCP's signature annual restaurant showcase event, Grand Gourmet — *The Flavor of Midtown*<sup>®</sup>, served as a major marketing tool for GCP and our area's world-class restaurants, bars, and lounges that now contribute to the neighborhood's bustling 24/7 scene. This is a stark contrast to the not-so-distant days when the Grand Central neighborhood was merely a "9 to 5" community. Grand Gourmet 2012 was — yet again — an immense success, attracting nearly 1,000 revelers and providing much-needed financial assistance for our beneficiary, Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation, the largest provider of immediate relief for Midtown Manhattan's homeless population.

Also in 2012, GCP again teamed with corporate sponsors and property owners to produce the free lunchtime concerts presented in our annual summer outdoor concert series — *Look, Listen, Lunch.* The concerts took place at four locations around the neighborhood, injecting the sounds of rock, jazz, salsa, and dozens of other musical genres into the summertime air. Like Grand Gourmet, the concert program has developed a devoted fan base at each venue at which it is held around the neighborhood, attracting hundreds of listeners to every performance!

#### GAUGING PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

Two years ago, GCP put in place a technologically sophisticated, pole-mounted-camera, pedestrian-counting program for the purpose of benchmarking and tracking pedestrian traffic in various locations throughout the neighborhood. Data is gathered in order to market the neighborhood to potential retail tenants, to assess retail performance, and to help project future service needs for GCP's field operations. At this point in the program, we are tracking truly staggering volumes of pedestrian traffic — with 12,522,439 pedestrians walking by the corner of 5th Avenue

GCP JOINED TWITTER AND, AS @GCPBID, NOW FOLLOWS THE **200+** AREA BUSINESSES THAT ARE ON TWITTER and 46th Street in 2012 — and have become a trusted source among brokers for this valuable information. Looking to the future, we are excited about the added value of providing year-on-year tracking data and analysis.

#### MIDTOWN EAST REZONING

While 2013 will be the year within which the Midtown East Rezoning proposal by the New York City Department of City Planning

will be formally presented for public review, comment, and government action; in 2012, GCP closely monitored and participated in the ever-developing discussions surrounding the proposal.

GCP will continue to monitor all news regarding the proposal, track its progress throughout the entire city approval process, and actively solicit opinions on the subject from GCP stakeholders.

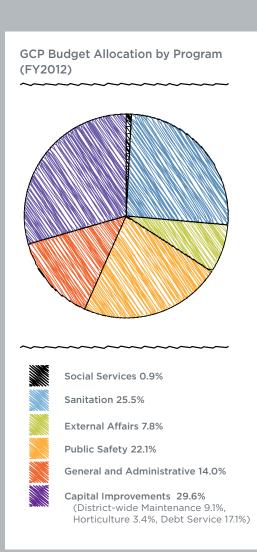
## Financial Statements

### nd Central Partnership, Inc

nd Central District Management Association, Inc.

ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
ts		
and cash equivalents	\$ 2,409,747	\$ 903,356
ram revenue receivable	59,590	
tments	2,418,325	3,117,426
aid expenses	307,716	352,130
I funds held by trustee	2,305,923	2,456,265
erty and equipment, net	13,824,842	15,008,522
talized bond issuance costs, net	476,182	526,307
rity deposits	115,481	115,481
Fotal assets	\$21,917,806	\$ 22,553,660
ilities and Net Assets		
lities:		
ounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 380,961	\$ 498,745
erred income	82,281	80,380
erred rent	200,405	102,578
rued bond interest	437,875	471,000
nds payable	18,026,382	19,478,346
liabilities	\$19,127,904	\$ 20,631,049
Assets:		
estricted	2,789,902	1,922,611
nporarily restricted		
manently restricted		
Fotal net assets	2,789,902	1,922,611
Fotal liabilities and net assets	\$ 21,917,806	\$ 22,553,660



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ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
ort and Revenues:		
ssment revenue	\$12,697,426	\$11,564,245
ram service revenue	310,699	360,574
cial event:		
ecial event revenue	166,417	147,332
s: Special event expense	(166,417)	(147,332)
et special event income		
ributions	14,638	18,425
hing Square rental income, net	242,437	233,985
est income	189,771	244,114
otal support and revenues	13,454,971	12,421,343
ises:		
ram expenses:		
blic Safety	2,688,088	2,726,534
nitation	3,341,156	3,349,320
ernal Affairs	900,353	1,078,333
pital Improvements	2,370,430	2,382,220
trict-wide Maintenance	1,197,517	1,114,617
rticulture	426,647	756,830
cial Services	145,211	156,615
otal program expenses	11,069,402	11,564,469
agement and general	1,518,278	1,565,291
otal expenses	12,587,680	13,129,760
se/(Decrease) in Net Assets:		
stricted	867,291	(708,417)
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crease/(Decrease) in net assets	867,291	(708,417)
ssets, beginning of year	1,922,611	2,631,028
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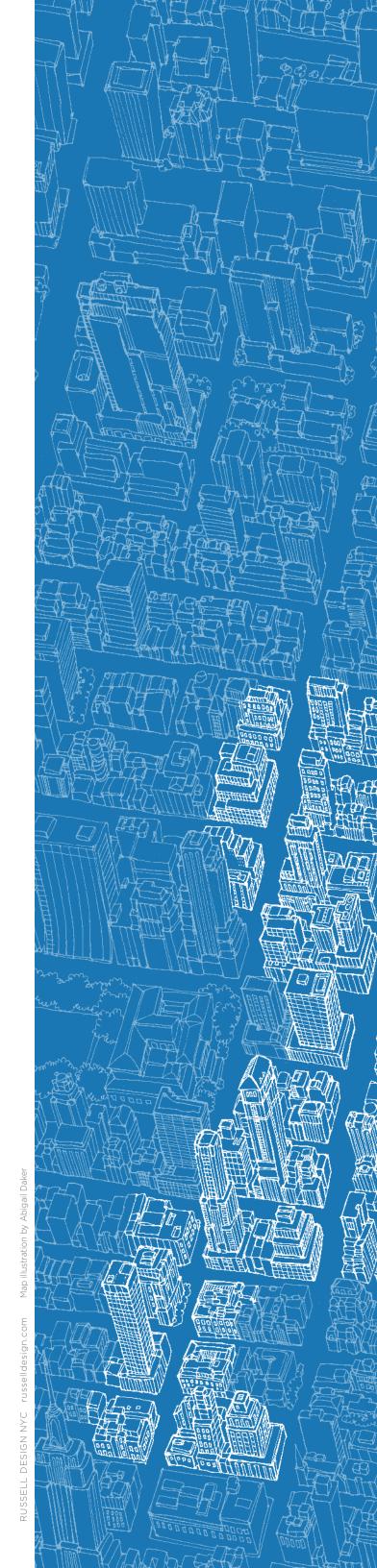
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