

# HOUSING NEW YORK: Zoning for Quality and Affordability

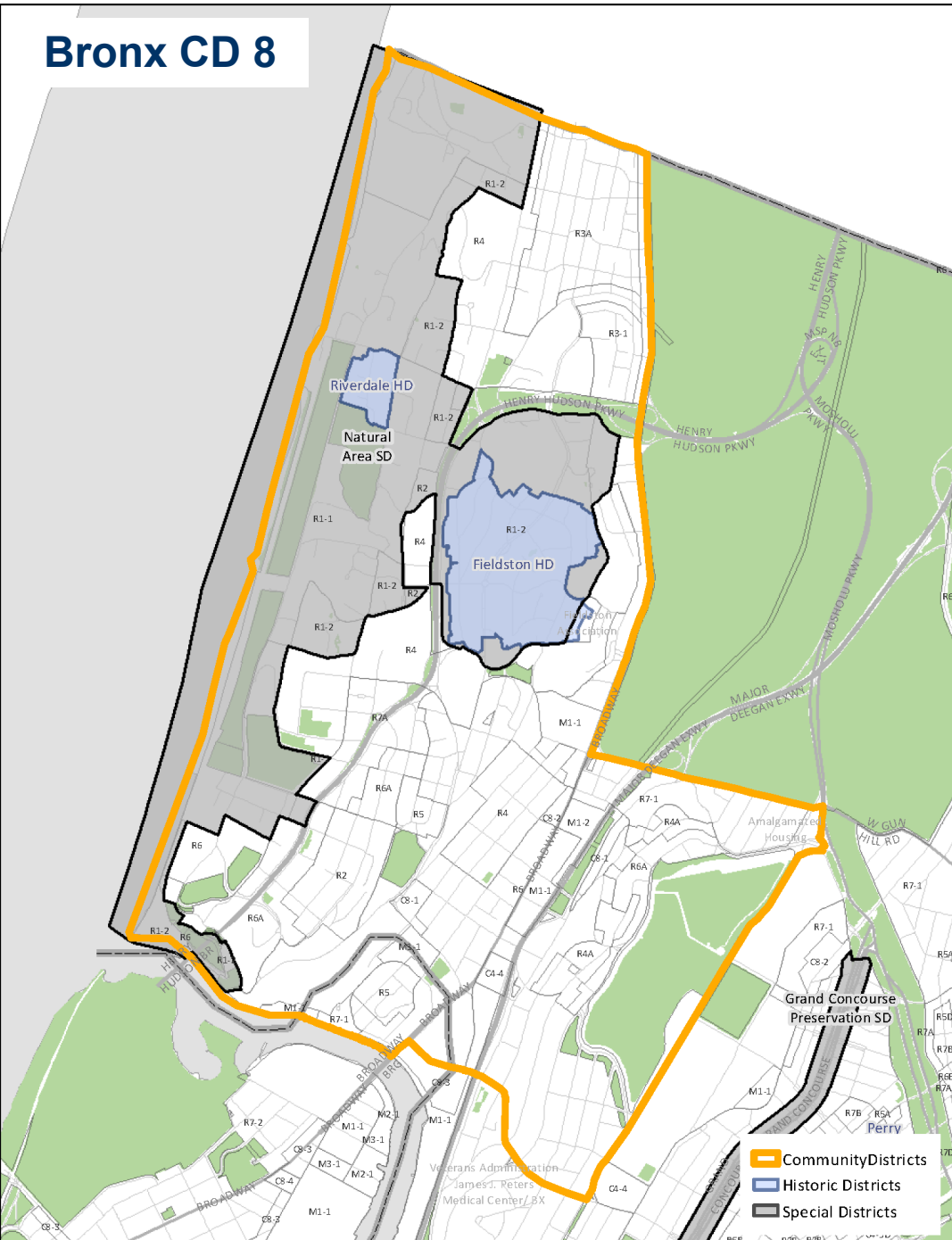
COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE

**Bronx CD 8**

**Purpose:** To promote affordable housing and foster diverse, livable neighborhoods

**Applicability in Bronx CD 8:**

- **Basic Residential Height Changes:**
  - Contextual
  - Non-Contextual
- **Senior Housing FAR and Height Changes:**
  - Contextual
  - Non-Contextual
- **Parking Changes:**
  - Transit Zone
- **Zoning Special Districts and Areas**
- **Other Reference Maps**
  - Historic Districts
  - FEMA Flood Zone



# Basic Residential height changes

**PURPOSE:** In many instances, changing regulations and building practices have made it difficult to fit floor area already permitted today within existing building envelopes. Current regulations limit design flexibility and can result in buildings that lack the variation and texture of older apartment buildings. The proposal also provides minor increases in height to encourage housing production and increase design flexibility.

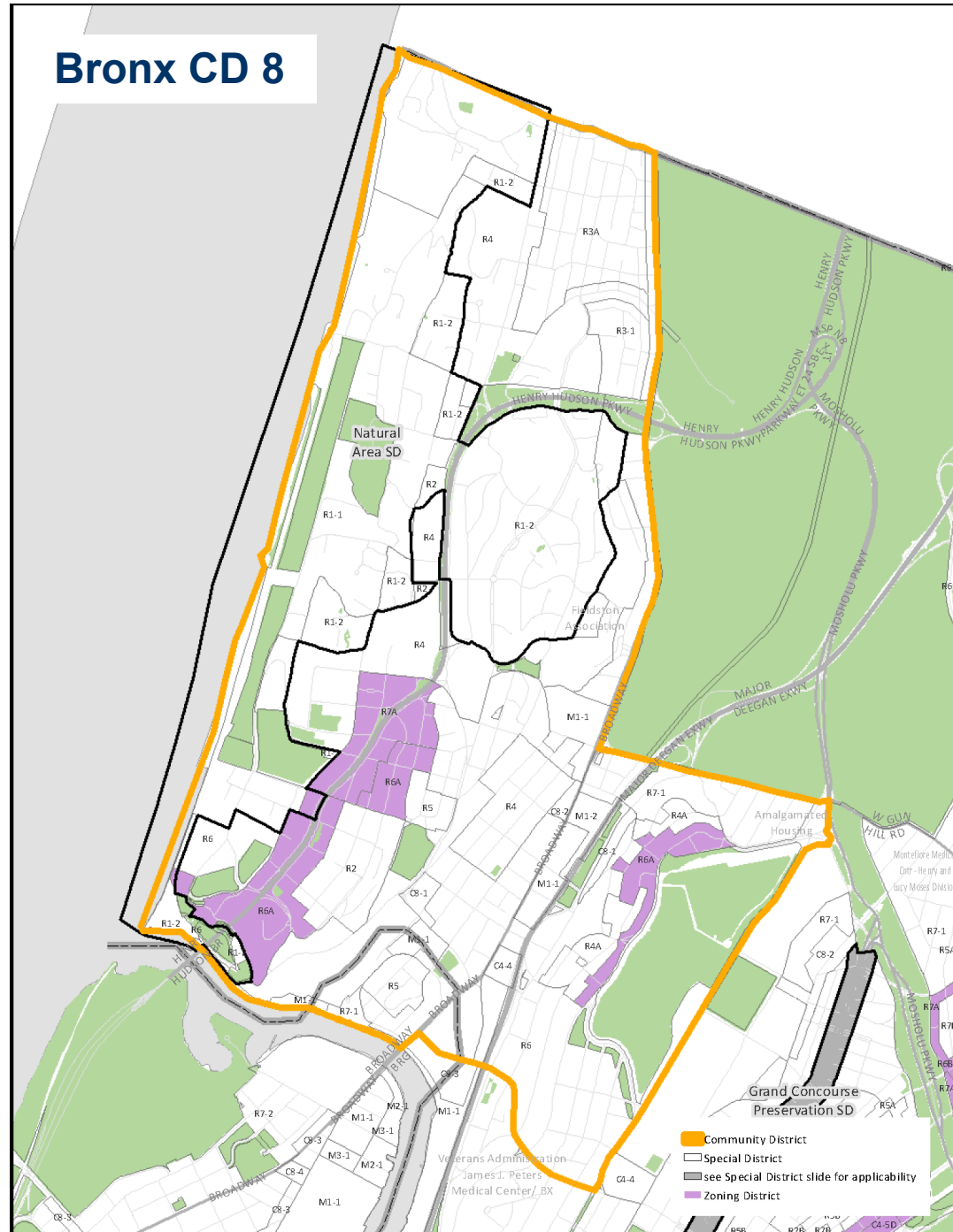
**APPLICABILITY:** Residential development in moderate and high density zoning districts and their commercial district equivalents.

# Contextual Districts: Basic Residential changes

- In order to better accommodate the floor area already permitted today and allow better design, maximum heights would be updated in the contextual districts shaded on the map.

Residential Equivalent	Zoning District	Existing Max Height	Basic Modifications	
			Basic Proposed Stories	Basic Height Difference
R6A	R6A	70'	75' (7)	5'
R7A	R7A	80'	85' (8)	5'

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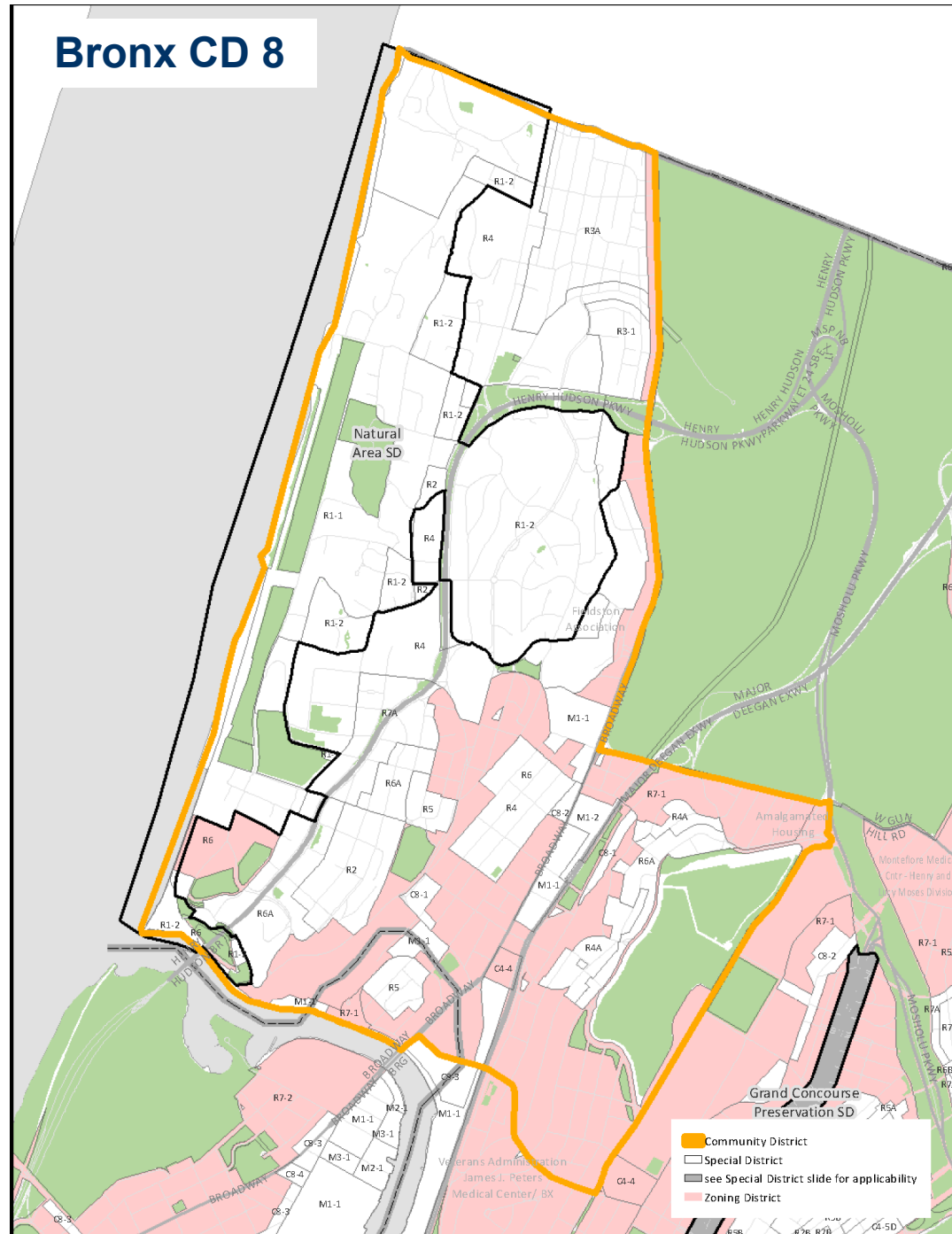
# Non-Contextual Districts: Basic Residential changes

- In Non-Contextual Districts, buildings have a “Quality Housing option” similar to the Contextual envelope.
- In order to match the Contextual envelope, the Quality Housing option will be updated in the shaded districts.

			Basic Residential Modifications	
Residential Equivalent	Zoning District	Existing Max Height	Basic Proposed Stories	Basic Height Difference
R6 (wide)	R6	70'	75' (7)	5'
R7-1 (wide)	R7-1	80'	85' (8)	5'
R7-2 (wide)	C4-4	80'	85' (8)	5'

\* In addition, developments in R6 through R10 districts could use the applicable Quality Housing option envelope.

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# Affordable Senior Housing height and floor area changes

**PURPOSE:** Older New Yorkers are a diverse and rapidly growing segment of the city's population. There is an increasing need for a range of housing and long-term care options for our seniors. The proposal encourages greater housing production and a greater variety of residential options for older New Yorkers.

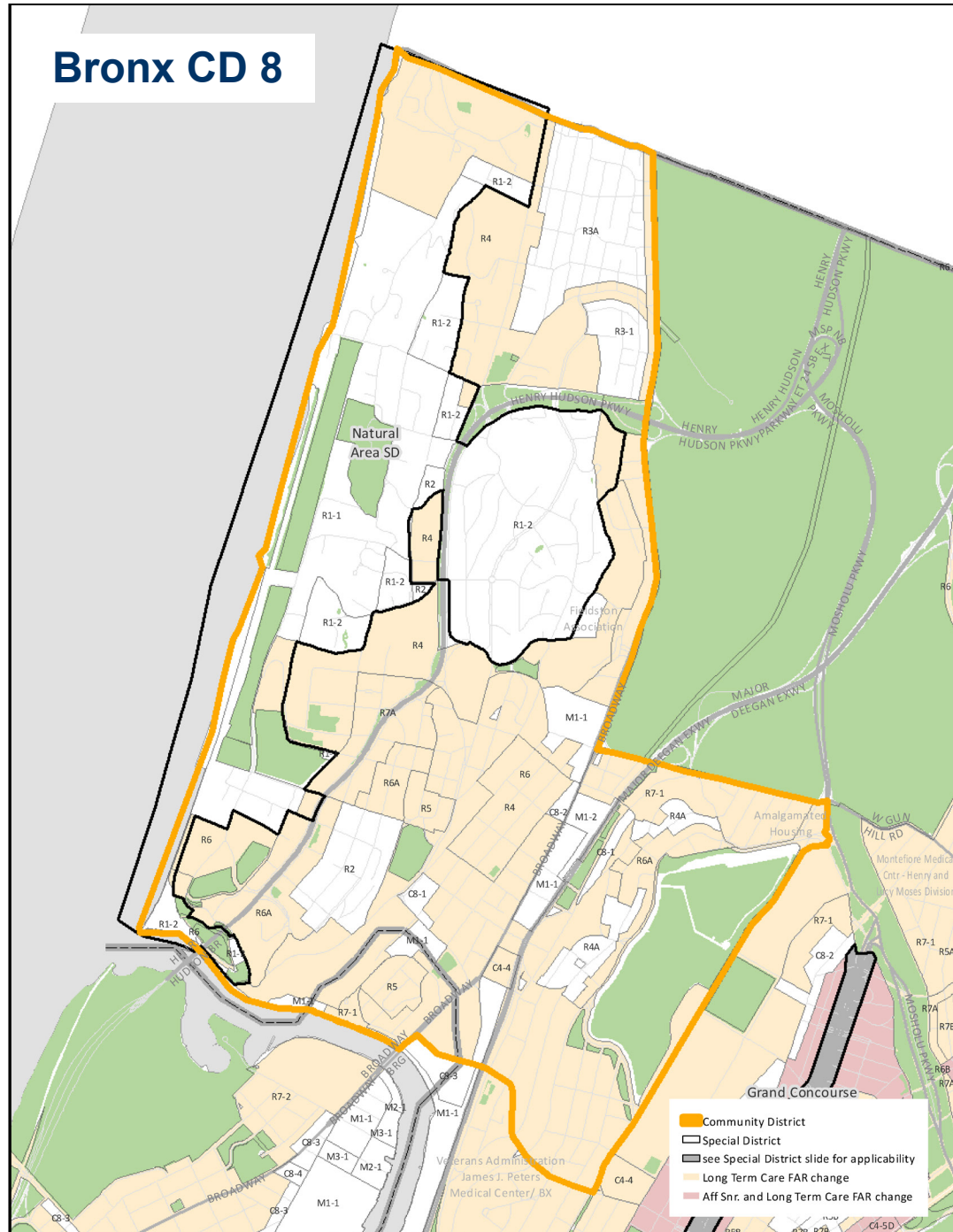
**APPLICABILITY:** Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors (AIRS) and Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) in R3-R10 zoning districts and their commercial district equivalents.

# Affordable Senior Housing and Long Term Care Floor Area

- Floor area ratio maximums would be updated for certain types of affordable senior housing and long term care facilities in the districts shaded on the map.

Residential Equivalent	Zoning District	Existing nonprofit residences for the elderly (FAR)	Existing Nursing Home and Health Related Facilities (FAR)	PROPOSED
				Proposed Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors and Long Term Care (FAR)
R4	R4	1.29	0.75	1.29
R5	R5	1.95	1.27	1.95
R6	R6	3.9	2.43	3.9
R6A	R6A	3.9	3	3.9
R7	C4-4	5.01	3.44	5.01
	R7-1	5.01	3.44	5.01
R7A	R7A	5.01	4	5.01

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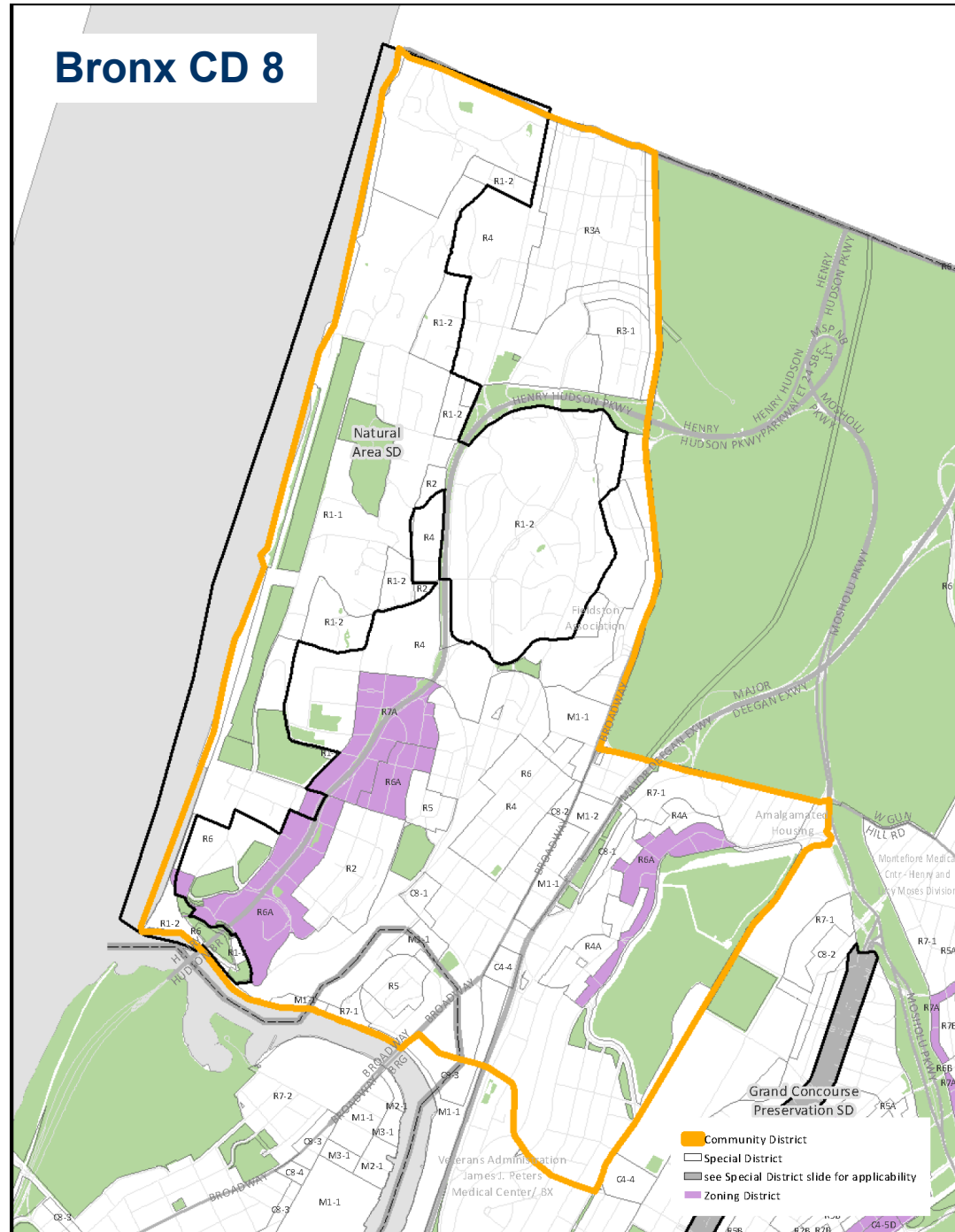


# Affordable Senior Housing and Long Term Care: Contextual districts

- To fit permitted floor area, maximum heights would be updated in the contextual districts shaded on the map.

Res. Equiv.	Zoning District	Existing Height (stories)	Senior Modifications	
			AIRS and LTCF Proposed (Stories)	AIRS and LTCF Height Difference
R6A	R6A	75' (7)	85' (8)	10' (1)
R7A	R7A	85' (8)	105' (10)	20' (2)

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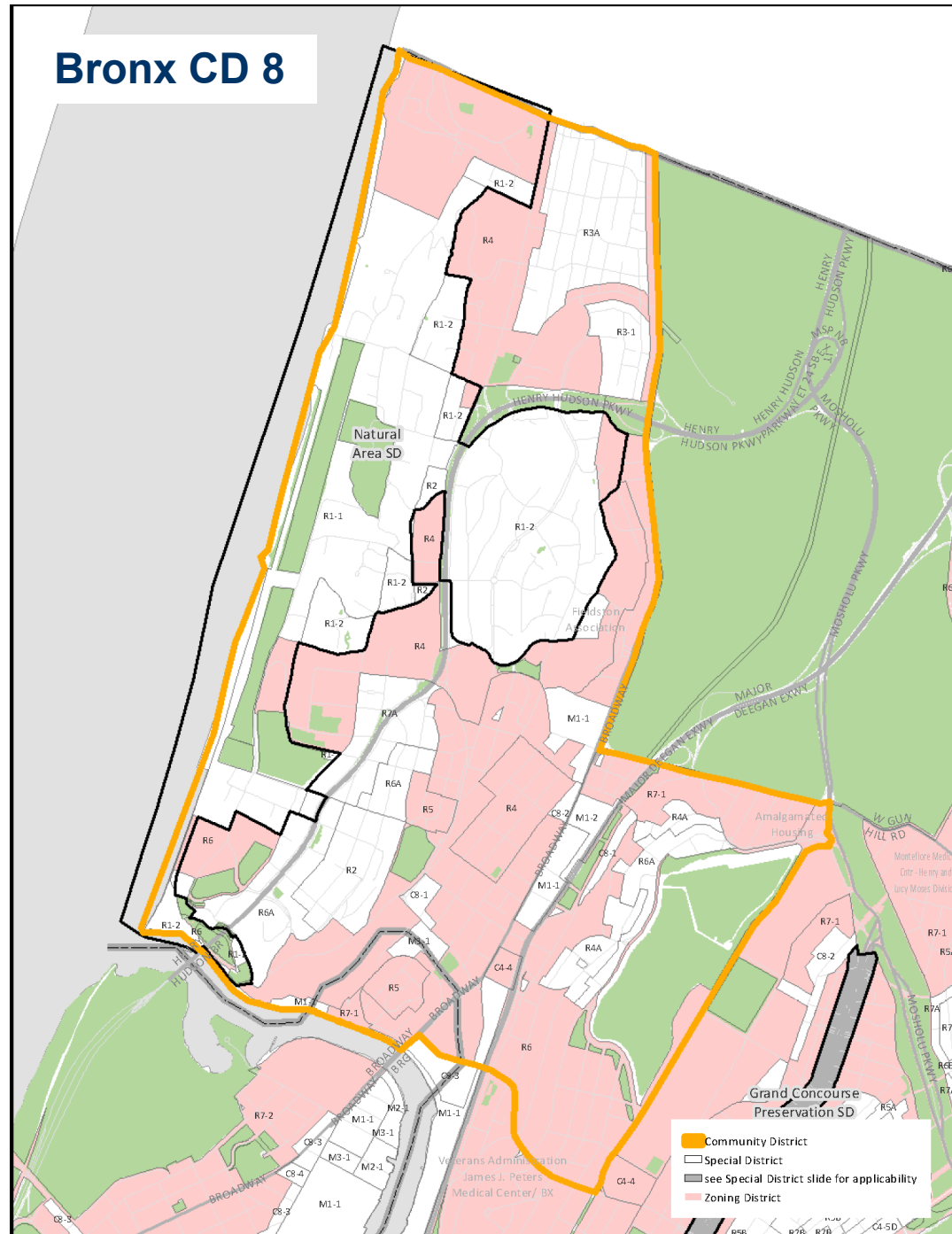




# Affordable Senior Housing and Long Term Care: Non-Contextual districts

- Currently affordable senior housing developments in non-contextual districts may choose between a height factor building, without fixed height maximums, or a Quality Housing option, which creates a contextual envelope.
- Buildings providing affordable senior housing or long-term care facilities would be able to utilize the enhanced Quality Housing envelope applicable for that zoning district.

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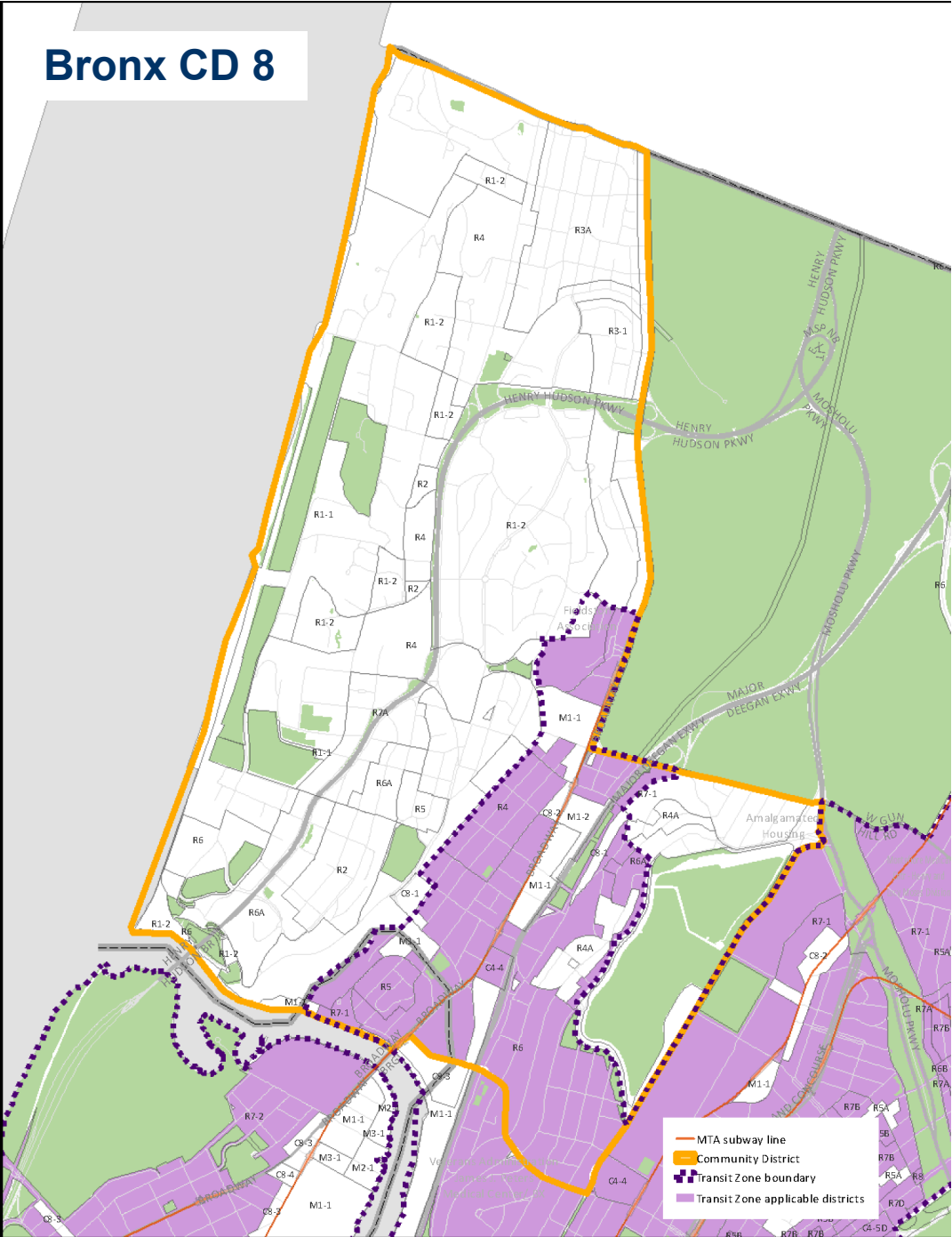
# Transit Zone parking changes

**PURPOSE:** The cost of providing off-street parking can hamper the production of affordable housing. In transit-accessible neighborhoods, low-income households own many fewer cars, and often don't use the parking that has been provided. The proposal eliminates or reduces parking requirements for a range of affordable and senior housing units.

**APPLICABILITY:** Affordable and affordable senior housing in moderate and high density zoning districts where car-ownership is low.

# Transit Zone: Off-street parking requirements

- Portions the Bronx CD8 are included in the proposed Transit Zone.
- To encourage senior and affordable housing, parking requirements would be eliminated for new affordable and senior units in the Transit Zone shaded on the map.
- Outside the Transit Zone, parking requirements for new senior and affordable housing will be simplified and in some cases reduced.



# Zoning Special Districts and Areas

**PURPOSE:** Where appropriate, the proposal will modify regulations in special zoning areas to promote the overall goals of the Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendment. The proposal will not modify regulations that are essential to the character and purpose of the special areas.

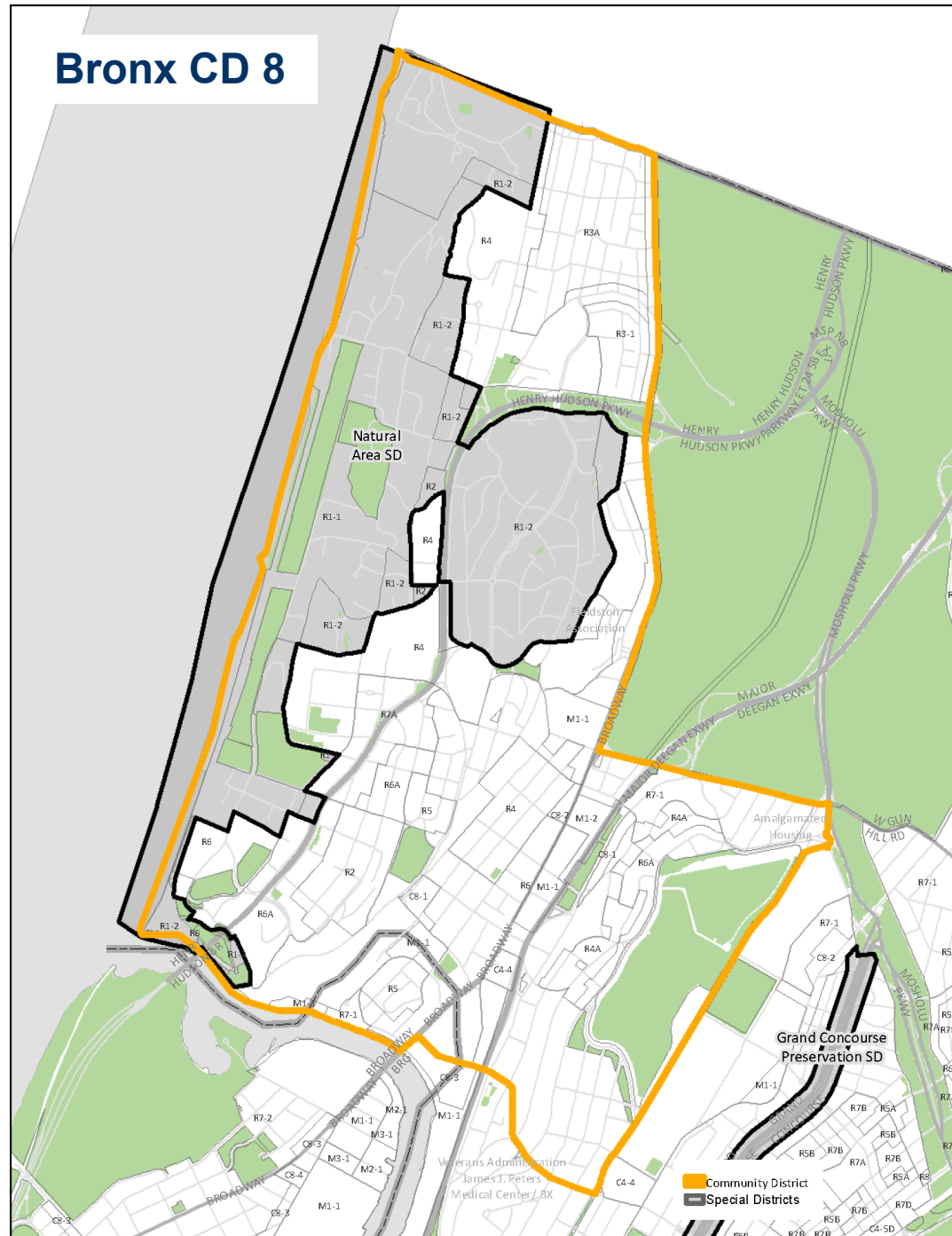
**APPLICABILITY:** Special Districts, Waterfront Areas

# Zoning Special Districts

• In the **Natural Area Special District**, The special district is intended to guide new development and site alterations in areas endowed with unique natural characteristics. ZQA proposes no changes to the special district's regulations which include special building and site plan regulations. ZQAs general changes to the underlying regulations are not modified by the Special District and would be applicable. These include:

- New building envelope for affordable senior housing and care facilities (subject to special district's 40 foot maximum height limit)
- Provisions for design flexibility applicable in R6+ districts (such as court and density factor regulations)
- Provisions for constrained lots applicable in R6+ districts (such as shallow lot regulations)
- Parking requirements for affordable housing and affordable senior housing

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# Special Areas

## Waterfront Area

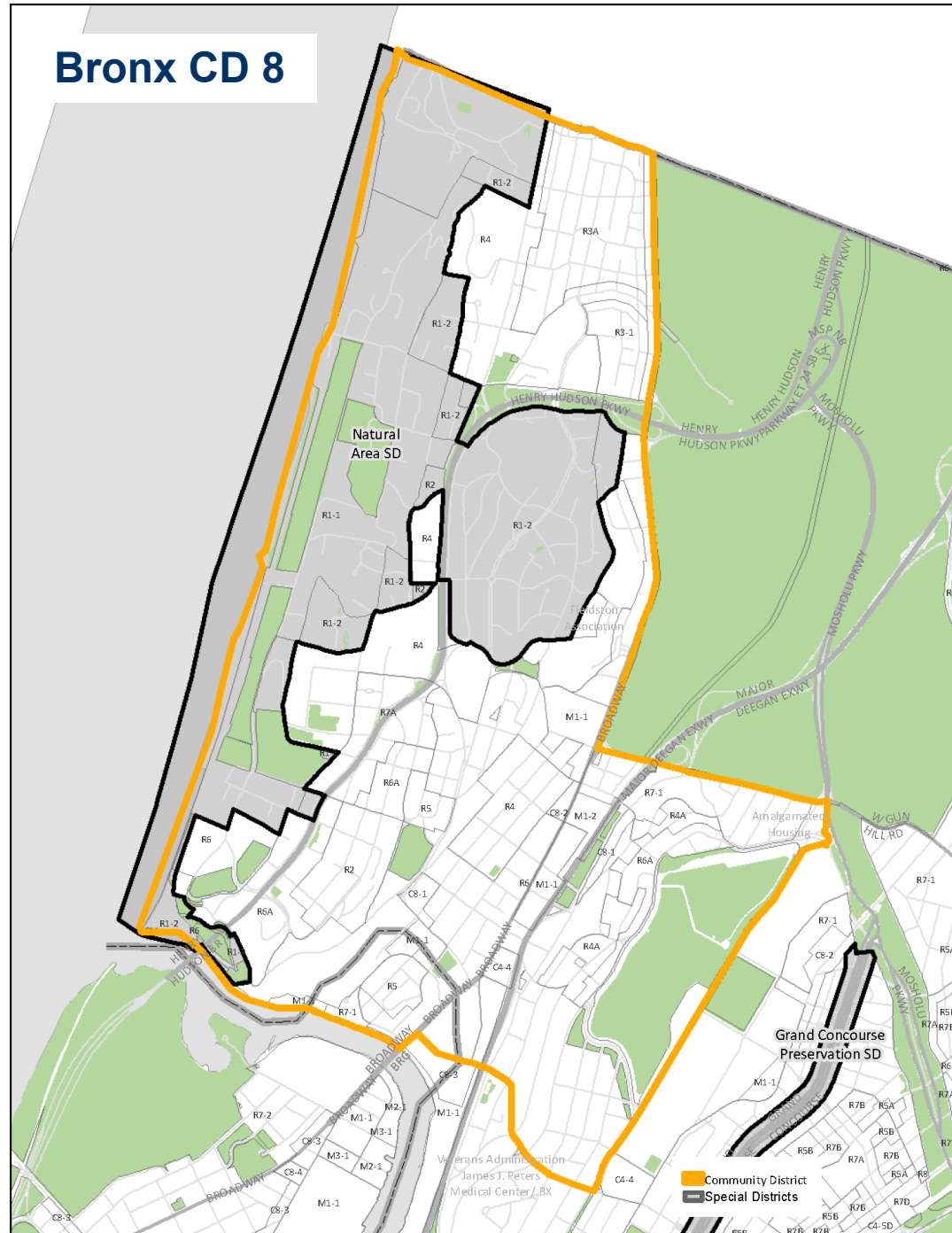
Waterfront zoning is intended to maximize the public's access to the city's waterfront resources while enabling appropriate redevelopment along the shoreline. The district includes special regulations for use, bulk and urban design. ZQA proposes the following changes:

- ZR 62-323 – updates regulations for non-profit residences for the elderly to bring in line with rules Citywide for affordable senior housing and care facilities.
- ZR 62-341(d) – updates the base and maximum heights to reflect proposed changes to underlying contextual districts.
- ZR 62-354(f) – updates to the ground floor transparency and use requirements within Waterfront Access Plan to be consistent with rules Citywide.

ZQA's general changes to the underlying regulations which are not modified by Waterfront zoning would be applicable. These include:

- Provisions for design flexibility applicable in R6+ districts (such as court and density factor regulations)
- Provisions for constrained lots applicable in R6+ districts (such as shallow lot regulations)

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# Other Reference Maps

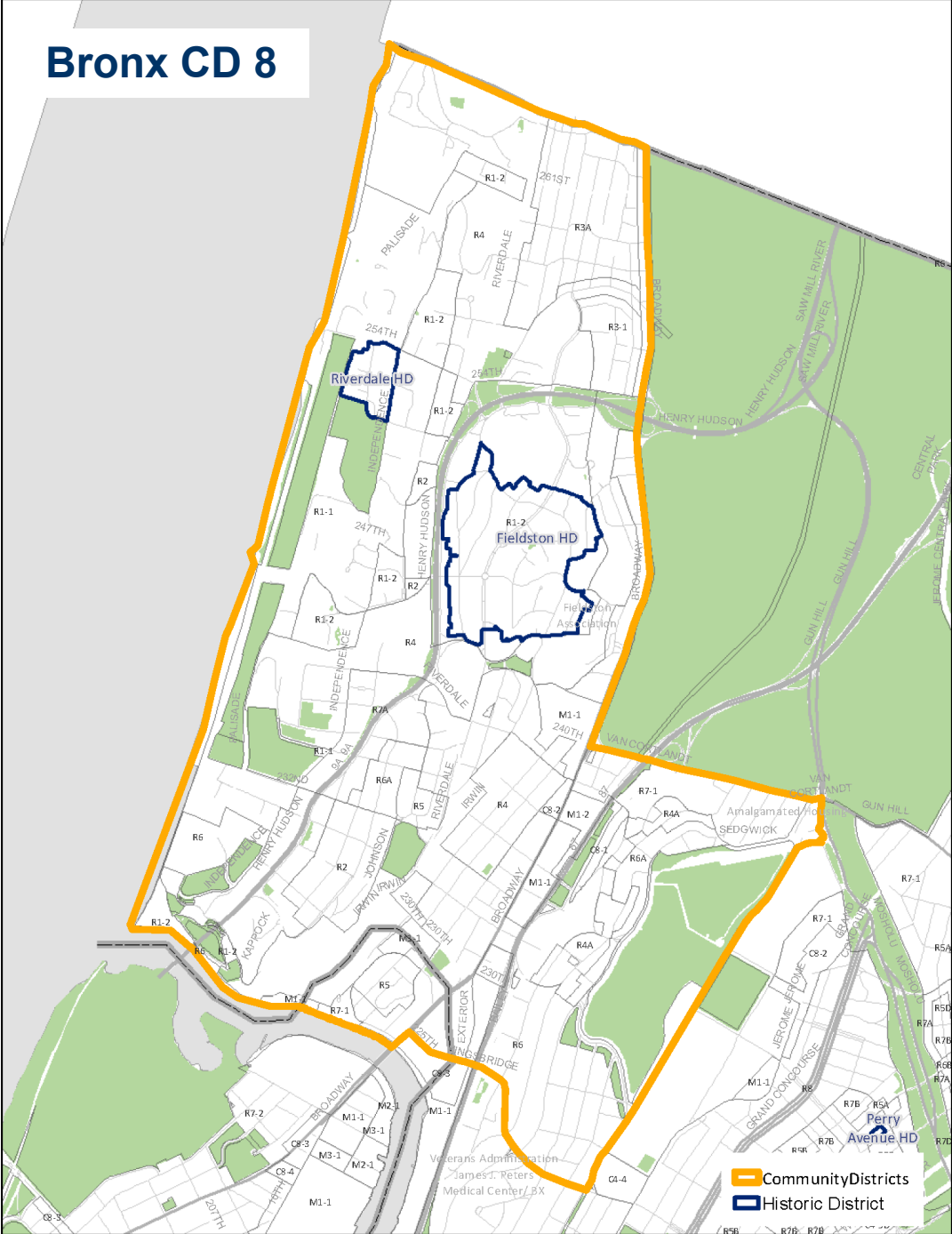
For informational purposes we are providing reference maps for other areas in this Community District.

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## Historic Districts

- The proposal will not alter Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) review of all modifications and new buildings in historic districts. No additional height would be permitted without public input and LPC approval.

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## FEMA Flood Zone

- Maximum heights will increase with underlying districts and continue to be measured from the Flood Resistant Construction Elevation (FRCE).

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