

2026 Advocacy Guide

Importance of talking with your legislators:

Funding for the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) is not guaranteed. Its existence and allocation are determined EVERY YEAR through New York State's budget process. **We must ask for crucial NPP funding in 2026-27 budget.**

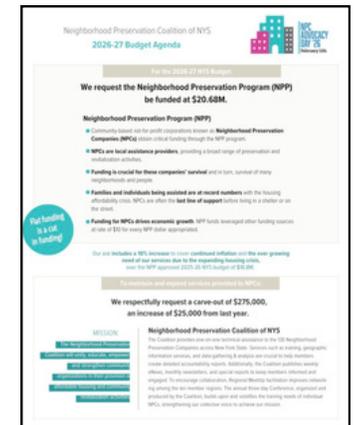
- ▶ It is imperative that you meet with your legislators to discuss the critical work we do and the funding needed.
- ▶ As individual NPCs, as well as a Coalition, we need to ensure that every New York State Senator and Assembly member comprehends the **invaluable contributions of the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP).**

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Meeting Agenda

In meetings with your legislators, provide information about NPC's and The Coalition. Share success stories of your organizations.

- ▶ Begin the meeting with each person introducing themselves.
- ▶ Highlight your organization (provide basic information).
- ▶ The two part message to discuss with your legislator
 - Make the ask for 2026 NPP Funding: Budget Agenda
 - Share you NPC's personal story

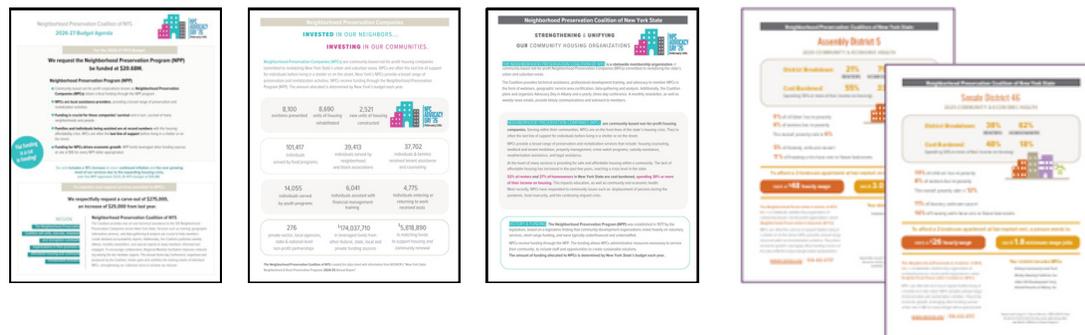


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NPP & District Info

- Share the NPC information with the legislator/staff. It contains information about the NPCNYS & NPC's. Access on the Coalition's website to view and print [HERE](#).
- Additionally, include the Community Health Data for your legislator's district which contains housing affordability and poverty data.



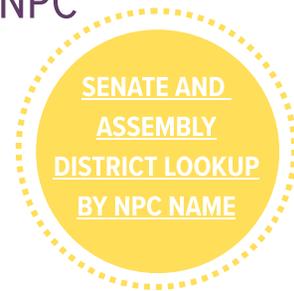
- Ask if she/he has questions or would like additional information.
- Thank her/him and end the meeting.

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Identify your legislator(s)

Identify the District Number(s) included in the footprint of your NPC

Click on link to review Senate and Assembly Districts by NPC, an alphabetic lookup of NPC names and associated Senate and Assembly District Numbers.



- ▶ Every NPC is represented by at least one Senator and one Assembly member
- ▶ Some NPC's may be within multiple Senate and Assembly Districts. (This is determined by the footprint of your organization.)

You've now identified the district number(s) for your NPC using this table. You'll use district numbers to identify the names of your legislators and their contact information.

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NYS Senator(s)

Identify your NPC's Senator(s):

- ▶ Visit [this site](#) for **Senate member information**
- ▶ This is easiest done by performing a quick search in the browser window
 - **Hit CONTROL/COMMAND + “f”**, this will bring up a search box on your screen, usually found in the upper right corner. Type the district number to search for the legislators district.
- ▶ When the district number is located, click on the **Senator's name**
- ▶ Select **“contact”** in the menu

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NYS Assemblymember(s)

Identify your NPC's Assemblymember(s):

- ▶ Visit [this site](#) for **Assemblymember information**
- ▶ Click on the “**District**” button when sorting in the Member Directory
- ▶ Scroll to the **district number** or search for it. Click on the Assemblymember's name
- ▶ Select “**Contact**” in the menu

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Scheduling Tips

- ▶ Ask to speak to the scheduler
- ▶ Introduce yourself and the name of your NPC. **Make sure you tell her/him your NPC is within the legislator's district**
 - “Hello, my name is [NAME] and I represent [NAME OF ORGANIZATION]. I would like to schedule a meeting with [SENATOR/ASSEMBLYMEMBER NAME] to discuss our organization and The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition.”
- ▶ If so, make the appointment. If not, ask if you can have an appointment with a staff member, or if you may drop off materials for the Senator/Assemblymember to read later
- ▶ A week prior to the appointment(s), call the scheduler or your legislator(s) to confirm your appointment(s)

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Preparing your Team

- ▶ Ideally, select 3-5 people from your NPC to meet with your legislator(s). One or two people will work fine if you don't have a larger group
- ▶ Designate a meeting captain to manage the meeting
- ▶ Identify a specific example on how your NPC has benefited the community. Personal stories work better. **Remember, all politics are local. Client or personal staff stories** often elicit the best and most memorable examples of community interactions
- ▶ Prior to the meeting, **practice** so that your group presents a strong and cohesive message the day of the meeting

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