A NASCAR racetrack has been proposed for a former oil tank facility in Bloomfield, Staten Island. The proposal, which has stirred controversy over its scale and potential impact on traffic and quality of life, includes not only the racetrack but also thousands of housing units and a large retail complex.

St. George/ Stapleton had one of the highest rates of home purchase loans in the five boroughs in 2004, with 85.6 per 1,000 properties. The percent of home purchase loans that are subprime more than doubled since 2002. The rental vacancy rate has almost tripled since 2002, as certificates of occupancy increase significantly. CD 501 had one of the lowest crime rates in the City in 2004, with 19.7 felonies per 1,000 residents.