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Mini Ecological Study Part I

It is February 23, 2022, a Wednesday afternoon, and it is 2:30 pm. It is a sunny day at a temperature of 66 degrees. Since I was six years old, I have lived in a community surrounded by Hispanics and Jewish people. As I leave my apartment building there is an elementary school that is under construction in front of my building, which I attended when I first moved here. This elementary school starts from kindergarten to fifth grade. Some of the kids I see are lining up for the dismissal, they seem to be wearing their masks as I see families waiting to pick up their children. Families are making lines and social distancing. As I walk around the corner of the school by Audubon Avenue there is a park where most of the families and children go. I can see a big playground surrounded by trees where there is a lot of children and families. This park leads to a basketball court where I can see a lot of people participating in the sport. Most of them are not using a mask.

The basketball court leads to a bigger park where all you can see are trees, birds, benches, and green grass. As you walk in there is a path that leads you to a baseball field. This part of the park seems to be clean. After that, most baseball teams are practicing the sport in their uniform. By the end of the baseball field, there is a small dog park where you can see dog owners and their dogs putting their dogs to play as the owners make conversations with different people. By Audubon Avenue walking back to my apartment, I see a grocery store next to a bus stop that takes you to Harlem. As I keep walking, there is a Jewish university campus that led to a cross Bronx

bridge. This avenue is surrounded by the Jewish who owns about three blocks. In their neighborhood, you can see a few businesses such as a pizza store and a deli. They seem to have the streets very clean and open. In every corner of this avenue, you can see security guards watching over the Jewish area. The Jewish campus which is called Yeshiva University has a small area for the students to sit and relax like a small cafeteria. As I walk around Amsterdam Avenue, it is very different from Audubon. You can see a lot of businesses open like groceries stores, supermarkets. As I walk through these businesses, due to the pandemic, most of the stores require everyone to wear a mask as you walk in, they have signs that say, "No mask, no service" or "Please wear a mask before entering." The streets are more overpopulated, loaded with the garbage that people cumulate, and not as clean. Since the pandemic started, a lot of services have been given to a lot of residents who need assistance. As I kept walking, there is a variety of covid 19-medical trucks in every corner for covid testing. Every day as I pass by, a lot of people tend to make a line for covid testing. Today I still see people lining up using their face masks for a covid test. As I proceed, I see groceries stores, restaurants, pharmacies, banks, dentists, medical clinics, shopping stores, and urgent cares that are also filled with people for covid testing. A lot of open stores are still requiring people to make a line outside the stores to go in. However, there is a lot of business that has been closed due to the pandemic.

Heading towards Amsterdam, it is very populated with street vendors and is usually busy with traffic. Usually, the vendors always sell clothes and material things but because of the pandemic, they are also trying to build up their business by selling face masks, gloves, and disinfecting kits. Moving forward, since it is always crowded, it is very hard to walk through. In the corner of the avenue, I see a medical clinic, as you walk in you see a ramp for people with disabilities and stairs. Walking forward, you can also see a lot of people who are outside as they sit

down and enjoy the weather. Especially in barbershops and deli's, these people just sit outside playing dominoes or enjoying themselves with music without masks. As I keep walking, you will still see a lot of street vendors that almost end after a number one-line train station. Where I live, most of the areas are filled with business and people. Most people try to keep and maintain a peaceful and clean neighborhood but over the years, the time has changed, and as more and more people move in, it makes the neighborhood different than before and harder to keep a safe and clean environment.

