

CITY PARKS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$975,000 IN NYC GREEN FUND TREETOPS GRANTS FOR MORE THAN 40 PROJECTS ACROSS NYC

PARKS PROGRAMMING AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL FIVE BOROUGHES TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING, STEWARDSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN NYC PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

December 17, 2024 - New York, NY - City Parks Foundation has announced 22 new grantees as well as 21 organizations receiving second year funding through the [NYC Green Fund's](#) 2024 Treetops program, a grant program intended to support an equitable and resilient network of parks and open spaces to benefit the well-being of all New Yorkers. The Treetops grants provide funding for mid-size organizations that program, steward, and advocate for parks and open spaces across NYC's five boroughs.

This year's grant funding will support a range of projects, including open space stewardship, environmental action, organizational development, health and wellness, youth engagement, and arts and culture. The recipients will be awarded one- or two-year grants of up to \$50,000 annually. This year, \$975,000 will go to 43 organizations, with grants ranging from \$5,000 up to \$35,000 with an average grant size of \$22,675. The Fund is administered by City Parks Foundation.

"The Treetops grant program allows mid-size organizations to create or continue vital projects that support our city's green and open spaces. These stewards help build community, demonstrate why maintaining our parks is important, and ensure that every neighborhood has welcoming and active outdoor space, because that open space is critical to improving mental health and well-being," said Heather Lubov, executive director of City Parks Foundation. "We are looking forward to all of the great work that new grantees will undertake this year, all thanks to the NYC Green Fund."

"Support from the NYC Green Fund will be a much-needed catalyst for the volunteer-based stewardship of our rapidly growing public space beneath the Manhattan anchorage of the Brooklyn Bridge," said Megan Brosterman, chief operating officer of Gotham Park. "These grassroots initiatives create a sense of unity, shared purpose, and ownership of this special place among our community members."

The funded projects provide innovative opportunities for New Yorkers to get involved in their communities and will address pressing needs in our city, including infrastructure maintenance, environmental education, data collection and analysis, volunteerism, and more.

New project highlights:

- **RISE Rockaway** will host the second year of the Rockaway Dune Stewards Youth Training & Community Stewardship Program at its new RISE Native Plant Nursery, Seed Bank, and Educational Garden in Arverne, Queens.

- **South Bronx Unite** will promote an Urban Forest Canopy along the proposed greenway in the Mott Haven – Port Morris Waterfront Plan and other key air quality monitoring points to mitigate the Heat Island Effect, and collect and analyze data from initial tree placement and stewardship.
- **The North Brooklyn Parks Alliance** will create opportunities for emerging horticulturalists in North Brooklyn through regular, diverse, and targeted stewardship and fellowship programs.
- **Trees New York** will educate and mobilize volunteers to care for trees near and on NYCHA properties in Bushwick, Brooklyn.
- **Brighton Ballet Theater** will bring together diverse communities in South Brooklyn through three free, live dance performances and eight dance workshops in local parks. Participants will enjoy cultural expressions and engage in wellness activities, fostering community unity and appreciation for the arts.
- **Hudson River Community Sailing** will expand their Adaptive Sailing program, providing access to sailing for New Yorkers with disabilities through partnerships, adaptive equipment, and membership opportunities.
- **The LES Ecology Center** will host the Lower East Side “Coolest” Block Contest to empower community stewardship of street trees through education and engagement, enhancing urban greenery and promoting environmental sustainability in the LES. To further encourage community involvement, they will introduce a contest that celebrates creativity and initiative in caring for our street trees.

Full list of 2024 NYC Green Fund Treetops grant recipients

Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park**

Brighton Ballet Theater Co.Inc

Bronx Arts Ensemble

Bronx Land Trust**

Bronx River Alliance**

Brooklyn Queens Land Trust*

CatRock Ventures, Inc.**

Concrete Safaris Inc.**

Fort Greene Park Conservancy, Inc.**

Fourth Arts Block

Freshkills Park Alliance**

Friends of Alice Austen House, Inc.**

Gotham Park

Gowanus Canal Conservancy**

Green Guerillas, Inc.**

Greenbelt Conservancy

Guardians of Flushing Bay**

Hudson River Community Sailing

Hunters Point Parks Conservancy

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Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy, a Partner Project of the Fund for the City of New

York
The Jazz Drama Program
LES Ecology Center*
Morris-Jumel Mansion
New York League of Conservation Voters Education Fund
Newtown Creek Alliance**
North Brooklyn Parks Alliance
NYC H2O**
Parent-Child Relationship Association Inc.**
RISE Rockaway
Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation**
South Bronx Unite*
Sunnyside District Management Association**
Ten to One +Nonprofit
The Bronx is Blooming**
The Forest Park Trust Inc.**
Trees New York*
UpBeat NYC, Inc.
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance*
Washington Square Park Conservancy
We Stay/Nos Quedamos, Inc.**
Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum**
Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice, Inc.**

*These grantees are helping to sustain and expand the tree canopy thanks in part to the NYC Green Fund's Urban Forest Grants, brought to you by Con Edison.

**These grantees are receiving second-year funding.

For more information on the NYC Green Fund, visit cityparksfoundation.org/nycgreenfund. To contribute to the NYC Green Fund [donate now](#) or contact Billy Fidler at bfidler@cityparksfoundation.org for additional information.

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About City Parks Foundation

At City Parks Foundation, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community building and

education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs -- located in more than 320 parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City -- reach over 278,000 people each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.