



CITY PARKS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCED 40+ ORGANIZATIONS AWARDED \$900,000 IN NYC GREEN FUND TREETOPS GRANTS

GRANTS WILL SUPPORT NYC STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS FOCUSED ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND MORE



Students learn how to advocate for and take care of their local park in the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Nature Nerds youth program, thanks to funding from an NYC Green Fund Treetops grant. Photos: Sean Jamar/City Parks Foundation

January 2, 2026 - New York, NY - Today, City Parks Foundation announced recipients of the [NYC Green Fund](#)'s Treetops program, to mid-sized organizations that program, steward, and advocate for parks and open spaces across NYC's five boroughs. Thirty five new projects were awarded first-time grants, and second-year grants to 8 additional projects. The Treetops grant program supports an equitable and resilient network of parks and open spaces to benefit the well-being of all New Yorkers.

This year's grant funding will support a range of programming and stewardship-focused projects, as well as open space improvements and green workforce development. This year, \$775,000 will go to 35 organizations through grants ranging from \$10,000 up to \$38,000, with an average grant size of \$22,000. An additional \$118,000 will go towards 8 projects continuing on for a second year. The Fund is administered by City Parks Foundation.

"The Treetops program helps mid-size organizations across NYC steward, maintain, and activate our green and open spaces through critical projects emphasizing the importance of our parks as New Yorkers' backyards," said **Heather Lubov, executive director of City**



Parks Foundation. "We are looking forward to all of the great work that grantees will undertake this year thanks to the NYC Green Fund."

"Van Cortlandt Park Alliance truly appreciates the support we have received from the NYC Green Fund, which has allowed us to grow and expand all of our programs in the park over the years," said **Christina Taylor, Deputy Director, Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy.** "We believe that it is vital for us to continue to provide these programs to ensure that future generations will love and care for Van Cortlandt Park as much as we do."

The funded projects provide innovative opportunities for New Yorkers to get involved in their communities and will address pressing needs in our city, including coastal restoration, tree care, expansion of the urban forest, and more.

Additional project highlights across the five boroughs include:

- **Bronx River Alliance, Inc. (*Bronx*) - Coastal Restoration and Community Engagement in Soundview Park, South Bronx**
 - To facilitate volunteers to clear 1.5 acres of invasive weeds and plant 600 trees and 200 shrubs. The project site is directly on the coastline of Long Island Sound in Soundview Park, and will include educational outreach to the community.
- **Fast Feet Running and Athletics, Inc. (*Brooklyn, Bronx*) - Movement for All: Expanding Adaptive Fitness in Williamsburg, Bay Ridge, and the Bronx**
 - To expand adaptive running programs in McCarren Park, Bay Ridge, and the South Bronx, longstanding sites with strong community ties and growing demand. Funding will help reduce waitlists by adding additional practice sessions and deepening recreational access for youth with disabilities.
- **Freshkills Park Alliance (*Staten Island*) - Freshkills Park: Rare Grassland Nursery Education and Stewardship Programs**
 - To engage students, volunteers, and community members in native plant horticulture and habitat restoration at the rare grassland nursery and teaching garden.
- **Gotham Park (*Manhattan*) - Expanding Gotham Park's Volunteer-Powered Stewardship**
 - To expand volunteer-powered stewardship programs that maintain and beautify Gotham Park, serving thousands of Lower Manhattan youth, elders, and families.
- **Lewis Latimer House Museum (*Queens*) - Lewis Latimer House STEAM Programming, Youth Engagement & City of Forest Day Event**



- Increase the number of STEAM programs and workshops in the newly beautified garden space at the Lewis Latimer House, and engage youth in the ongoing stewardship of the space alongside our partners, the Green Earth Urban Gardens and the Horticultural Society of New York.

NYC Green Fund Treetops grant recipients

Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Alliance for Paseo Park
Bronx Arts Ensemble
*Bronx River Alliance, Inc.
Bronx River Art Center
Brooklyn Greenway Initiative
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust
Fast Feet Running and Athletics, Inc.
*Fort Greene Park Conservancy, Inc.
Fourth Arts Block
Freshkills Park Alliance
Friends of Alice Austen House, Inc.
Friends of the QueensWay
Gotham Park
*Gowanus Canal Conservancy
Green Guerrillas, Inc.
*Guardians of Flushing Bay
Hunters Point Parks Conservancy
I Challenge Myself
Jazz Power Initiative
Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy, a Partner Project of the Fund for the City of NY
Lewis Latimer House Museum
Morris-Jumel Mansion
Mott Haven - Port Morris Community Land Stewards
New York Chinese Cultural Center, Inc.
Newtown Creek Alliance
*North Brooklyn Parks Alliance
*NYC H2O
Parent-Child Relationship Association Inc.
Rockaway Waterfront Alliance, Inc. DBA RISE Rockaway
Outstanding Renewal Enterprises, Inc. DBA LES Ecology Center
Staten Island Urban Center
Street Lab, Inc.



South Bronx Unite
*Sunset Park Business Improvement District
The Bee Conservancy
*The Bronx is Blooming
*Trees New York
Universal Temple of the Arts
UpBeat NYC, Inc.
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
Washington Square Park Conservancy
Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum

**These grantees are participating in the NYC Green Fund Urban Forest Grants, brought to you by Con Edison. These grants provide funding to community-based organizations working in neighborhoods suffering from environmental injustices to advance the NYC Urban Forest Agenda's goals throughout NYC.*

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

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At City Parks Foundation, we are dedicated to invigorating and transforming parks into dynamic, vibrant centers of urban life through sports, arts, community engagement and capacity building, and environmental education programs for all New Yorkers. Our programs -- located in 320 parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City -- reach nearly 300,000 people and organizations each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.