



**NYC GREEN RELIEF & RECOVERY FUND ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR 62
NONPROFITS CARING FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN NYC
IN FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING**

**SIX NEW FUNDERS HAVE SIGNED ON TO SUPPORT THE GROWING FUND, TOTAL
ESTIMATED NEED IS \$40 MILLION**

Funding will support nonprofits and volunteer-led groups to help keep New York City's parks and open spaces open, clean, and green this summer as public open spaces become increasingly essential for New Yorkers in the warmer months

New York, NY -- Today, a growing coalition of national, family, and community foundations announced the selection of 62 grant recipients through the [NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund's](#) first round of funding. The NYC-based nonprofits will receive grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$120,000 to support essential maintenance, stewardship, public programming, and management of parks and open spaces across the five boroughs of New York City.

The 62 recipients were selected through an open call and application process by a panel of funders that emphasized community need first and foremost. Grantees are located in all five boroughs of New York City. Funded projects range from basic maintenance and operations within heavily-used parks and open spaces to ensure they ready for summer and fall usage, to ensuring that volunteer activities can restart safely in parks and community gardens, neighborhood plazas remain clean, and our city's young people receive training -- and paid work -- focused on environmental issues within green spaces this summer. The Fund is being administered by City Parks Foundation.

The NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund is still accepting applications from volunteer-led groups that help care for our parks and open spaces. Applications are due on June 19th and volunteer-led groups may apply for small grants of up to \$1,500. Detailed guidelines and application instructions are available on City Parks Foundation's website at cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund.

Grant recipients include:

Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park Corporation
BK ROT, Inc.
Broadway Mall Association Inc.

Bronx Land Trust
Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, Inc.
Brooklyn Greenway Initiative Inc.
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust
CatRock Ventures, Inc.
CEC Stuyvesant Cove, Inc.
City Growers, Inc.
City Parks Foundation
Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Alliance
East New York 4 Gardens Inc.
Fort Greene Park Conservancy, Inc.
Freshkills Park Alliance
Friends of Abandoned Cemeteries Inc
Friends of Alice Austen House, Inc.
Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park
Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
Friends of Morningside Park, Inc.
Friends of Olmsted Beil House Inc.
Friends of Straus Park, Inc.
Friends of Verdi Square, Inc.
Gowanus Canal Conservancy, Inc.
Green Guerillas, Inc.
Greenbelt Conservancy
Guardians of Flushing Bay
Historic House Trust of New York City, Inc.
HUB Third Avenue Merchant District Management Association, Inc.
Hudson River Community Sailing
Hudson River Park Friends
Hunters Point Parks Conservancy
Jackson Heights Beautification Group
Natural Areas Conservancy, Inc
New York Restoration Project
New Yorkers for Parks
Newtown Creek Alliance Inc.
North Brooklyn Parks Alliance
NYC H2O
Prospect Park Alliance Inc.
Queens Botanical Garden Society, Inc.
Queens County Farm Museum
Queens Economic Development Corporation
Randall's Island Park Alliance, Inc.
Riverside Park Conservancy, Inc.
Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden
Socrates Sculpture Park
Southern Queens Park Association (SQPA)
Street Lab, Inc.
Sustainable South Bronx
Sutton Place Parks Conservancy, Inc.
The Black Feminist Project
The Bronx is Blooming
The Forest Park Trust, Inc.
The Friends of Governors Island
The Horticultural Society of New York
United Community Centers, Inc.
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
Washington Square Park Conservancy, Inc.
WE STAY/Nos Quedamos, Inc.
Wyckoff House & Association, Inc.

A coalition of open space stewardships groups estimated a shortfall in private revenue of as much as \$40 million this year, and this coalition is committed to growing the Fund significantly over the next several months. Those interested in donating to the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund may donate through the CPF website at (cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund).

Current contributions to the Fund total \$3.2 million and will be distributed over a three year period, with at least \$2.4 million planned for distribution this year to address urgent needs. Since the Fund was announced on May 14th, six new funders have joined the coalition.

The current list of funders now includes:

Altman Foundation
Con Edison
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
The J.M. Kaplan Fund
The JPB Foundation
Leon Levy Foundation
Libra Fund
Lily Auchincloss Foundation
The New York Community Trust
Prospect Hill Foundation
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
The Tiffany & Co. Foundation
Thompson Family Foundation

As New York City copes with the pandemic's economic and financial consequences, the City Council and the Mayor must recognize the essential role that parks play. The current proportion of the City budget dedicated to parks is at its lowest point since the 1970s. While this fund will help replace private funding lost because of the pandemic, it cannot substitute for adequate public support for parks.

For more information on the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund and to apply, visit cityparksfoundation.org/nyc-green-fund.

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About the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund

The NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund will provide support to nonprofits and volunteer-led community groups that provide essential maintenance, stewardship, public programming, and management of parks and open spaces across the five boroughs of New York City. Organizations of all sizes are eligible for the Fund, with consideration given to budget and staff size, population and community served, amount of parkland maintained, and ability to serve as a resource to other organizations. The Fund is intended to grow, and we encourage those interested in supporting the NYC Green Relief & Recovery Fund to [donate now](#) or contact NYCGreenFund@cityparksfoundation.org for more information.

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 400 parks, recreation centers and public schools across New York City -- reach 300,000 people each year. Our ethos is simple: thriving parks mean thriving communities.

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