About NYRP

New York Restoration Project revitalizes parks and gardens throughout all five boroughs.

In a densely populated city, having access to clean, green open space is vital. Since our founding in 1995 by Bette Midler, we’ve partnered with the city’s most underserved communities to reclaim public space by picking up trash, planting trees, renovating gardens, and stewarding parkland. We bring private resources to spaces that need support, creating a safer, healthier, and happier city for all.

NYRP cares for 52 community gardens and 80 acres of parkland citywide. We support communities in activating these green spaces year-round through urban agriculture and public programs including live performances, food distributions, and other neighborhood-centered activities.

NYRP maintains 20,000 square feet of food productive space across all our gardens, where community garden members grow 90,000 pounds of produce annually. Last year, this provided over $180,000 worth of fresh, organic fruits and vegetables to families at no cost.

Each year we also refurbish and create entirely new gardens at nearly 30 schools, community-based organizations, senior centers, and public housing associations. In communities that have been most deeply impacted by COVID-19, these transformations make space for neighbors to grow food, safely hold programs outdoors, and find much-needed respite.

NYRP is committed to ensuring that all New Yorkers can access the essential benefits of nature, regardless of income or ZIP code. As we have shown for 25 years and counting, we are strongly equipped to partner with communities to build a more resilient city.

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