



NEW YORK
RESTORATION
PROJECT

At NYRP, we believe everyone
deserves access to beautiful,
high-quality public green space.



NYRP 2023 IMPACT REPORT

ACCESS TO NATURE IMPROVES LIVES.

For the past 28 years, NYRP has transformed neglected public spaces into cherished community treasures.

Over 1.6 million New Yorkers live within a 10-minute walk of an NYRP green space.

NYRP maintains 52 community gardens across the five boroughs, providing a haven for residents to grow fresh produce, connect with their neighbors, and relax in nature.

In three NYC parks, NYRP's innovative forest and shoreline restoration work supports critical ecosystem services to cool neighborhoods, improve air

quality, and absorb excess storm water.

And in the city's least-green and most densely populated neighborhoods, NYRP works with local partners to turn underutilized outdoor spaces into productive new gardens.

Expanding and stewarding green space in New York is vital to the physical and mental well-being of all city residents.

With the help of our supporters, NYRP continues to prioritize community-driven programs, improve access to open space, and enhance the resiliency of areas that will be disproportionately affected by climate change in the coming years.

"The work that was done at Bissel Gardens is beautiful. NYRP was here for a few weeks and was able to do what no one could. Bissel Gardens finally looks like a little piece of paradise. We are all very excited and can't wait for spring to become official members and start planting in the brand-new boxes."

- WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY MEMBER





NYRP 2023 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PARKS AND GARDENS

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers used NYRP's parks and gardens in 2023. Our skilled horticulturists kept our green spaces safe, clean, and welcoming. This year, our team:

- **Removed over 60,000 lbs. of trash and diverted nearly 80,000 lbs. of organic materials** from the waste stream to compost.
- **Planted or distributed 4,500 trees**, including hosting 21 free tree giveaway events.

URBAN AGRICULTURE

NYRP focused on increasing food access through urban agriculture, ensuring that community gardeners have the tools and skills they need to grow nutritious produce. This year:

- **Over 700 urban gardeners** working in our community **cultivated 19,000 sq. ft. of raised beds**.
- Our team **hosted 165 workshops, skill shares, and technical consultations** for almost 1,000 urban growers.
- We **distributed 10,500 plant starts to gardeners** to kickstart the growing season.

NEW GREEN SPACES

Through our Gardens for the City program, NYRP works with grassroots partners in underserved communities to transform their vacant or disused land into vibrant community gardens. In 2023, we:

- **Built 17 new green spaces** at schools, community centers, and

neighborhood organizations.

- **Built 5,000 sq. ft. of raised beds** for community partners to grow healthy and nutritious food.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Shared public spaces are critical to the well-being of communities, and our work ensures they remain strong and vibrant. This year, we:

- **Joined forces with over 1,500 volunteers**, who spent over 4,000 hours keeping NYC's vital open spaces clean and green.
- **Hosted more than 245 public programs and events for 7,000 community members**, including food distributions, arts performances, fitness classes and movie nights.

