

## NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT'S *FREE Tree Giveaways Return Throughout NYC*

NYRP TO DISTRIBUTE 3,500 FREE TREES THROUGHOUT ALL 5 BOROUGHES

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(Courtesy of New York Restoration Project)

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**NEW YORK, NY – Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – [New York Restoration Project](#) (NYRP) is thrilled to announce free tree giveaways with community partners throughout New York City in time for spring and Earth Month. Beginning April 5, 2025 and continuing through May 4, 2025, NYRP will trees throughout all five boroughs.**

NYRP started its very popular free tree giveaways in 2008 as part of the [MillionTreesNYC](#) initiative led in partnership with the NYC Parks Department and completed in 2015. The tree giveaway program has continued, and NYRP has distributed **more than 75,000 free trees** to New Yorkers since it began.

The **26 different native tree species** to be distributed this spring include American Persimmon, American Plum, Beach Plum, Black Cherry, Eastern Redbud, Flowering Dogwood, Pawpaw, Sweetbay Magnolia, and Witchhazel, among others. **See a full list of available species at [nyrp.org/freetree](https://nyrp.org/freetree)**

As the climate crisis intensifies, trees play an essential role in New York City's environmental resilience by providing shade, creating wildlife habitat, reducing temperatures, improving air quality, and mitigating storm water run-off. NYRP thanks Bloomberg Philanthropies for their generous support of our work to steward and increase the tree canopy in New York City.

Additional support for the tree giveaway program is provided by the Citizens Philanthropic Foundation, National Grid, and the New York Islanders.

Free tree recipients **must register** in advance at [www.nyrp.org/freetree](http://www.nyrp.org/freetree). As of March 18, 2025, dates, partners, and locations include:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Borough</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 5, 2025 9:30 AM-2 PM	Bronx	Norwood	<a href="#">TD Bank</a>	3432 Jerome Ave., Bronx, NY 10467
April 5, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Staten Island	New Brighton	<a href="#">Snug Harbor Cultural Center &amp; Botanical Garden and Borough President Vito Fossella</a>	1000 Richmond Terr., Staten Island, NY 10301
April 5, 2025 2-4 PM	Brooklyn	Greenpoint	<a href="#">McCarren Park and Council Member Lincoln Restler</a>	McCarren Park Demonstration Garden (457 Leonard St., Brooklyn, NY 11222)
April 6, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Manhattan	Hell's Kitchen	<a href="#">New York City Children's Theater and Broadway Green Alliance</a>	225 W 44th St, New York, NY 10036
April 6, 2025 2-4 PM	Queens	Flushing	<a href="#">Queens Botanical Garden</a>	43-50 Main St., Queens, NY 11355
April 12, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Brooklyn	Flatbush	<a href="#">Brooklyn Public Library—Clarendon and Council Member Farah Louis</a>	2035 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11210
April 12, 2025 2-4 PM	Brooklyn	Bed-Stuy	<a href="#">Brooklyn Public Library—Marcy with Council Member Chi Ossé</a>	617 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216
April 13, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Queens	Far Rockaway	<a href="#">RISE Rockaway with Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers, and the New York Islanders</a>	RISE (58-03 Rockaway Beach Blvd., Queens, NY 11692)
April 13, 2025 2-4 PM	Staten Island	St. George	<a href="#">H.E.A.L.T.H. for Youths</a>	143 Westervelt Ave., Staten Island, NY 10301
April 19, 2025 10 AM-1 PM	Queens	Long Island City	<a href="#">Citizens LIC</a>	2302 31st St., Long Island City, NY 11105
April 19, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Brooklyn	Canarsie	<a href="#">Wyckoff House Museum with Council Member Farah Louis</a>	5816 Clarendon Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11203

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April 19, 2025 2 PM-4 PM	Brooklyn	Red Hook	<a href="#">Red Hook Farms</a>	560 Columbia St., Brooklyn, NY 11231
April 20, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Queens	Jamaica Hills	<a href="#">Jamaica Muslim Center</a>	85-37 168th St., Queens, NY 11432
April 20, 2025 2 PM-4 PM	Queens	Flushing	<a href="#">Kissena Synergy</a>	Kissena Velodrome (158- 02 Booth Memorial Ave., Queens, NY 11354)
April 26, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Bronx	Westchester Square	<a href="#">New York Public Library— Westchester Square with Council Member Amanda Farías</a>	2521 Glebe Ave., Bronx, NY 10461
April 26, 2025 10 AM-1 PM	Queens	Woodside	<a href="#">Citizens Woodside</a>	5120 Northern Blvd., Queens, NY 11377
April 26, 2025 2-4 PM	Bronx	Crotona Park East	<a href="#">Bronx River Alliance</a>	1490 Sheridan Blvd., Bronx, NY 10459
April 27, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Bronx	Wakefield	<a href="#">Bissel Gardens</a>	4525 Barnes Ave., Bronx, NY 10466
April 27, 2025 2-4 PM	Brooklyn	Greenwood Heights	<a href="#">Green-Wood Cemetery with Plant Xchange and UPROSE</a>	Green-Wood Cemetery (500 25th St., Brooklyn, NY 11232)
May 3, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Bronx	Concourse	<a href="#">New Roots Community Farm</a>	670 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451
May 3, 2025 2-4 PM	Bronx	Mott Haven	<a href="#">New York Public Library— Mott Haven</a>	321 E 140th St., Bronx, NY 10454
May 4, 2025 10 AM-12 PM	Queens	Jackson Heights	<a href="#">Travers Park with Jackson Heights Beautification Group and Council Member Shekar Krishnan</a>	Travers Park (76-9 34th Ave., Queens, NY 11372)
May 4, 2025 2-4 PM	Manhattan	Harlem	<a href="#">St. Nicholas Park with Borough President Mark Levine, Brotherhood Sister Sol, and West Harlem Art Fund</a>	St. Nicholas Park (St. Nicholas Ave. & 135th St)

## **QUOTES**

“New York Restoration Project’s free tree giveaways are a great spring tradition in our city,” said **New York Restoration Project Executive Director Lynn Bodnar Kelly**. “Since 2008, this beloved program continues to spread the undeniable benefits of our urban tree canopy to the neighborhoods that need them most. Our city must get more trees in the ground if we want to truly increase New York’s environmental resilience.”

“NYRP’s giveaway gets us thousands of trees closer to our Million More Trees goal. From reducing temperatures to absorbing storm run-off, our city benefits from every tree added to the urban canopy,” said **Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine**. “I’m especially grateful to NYRP for prioritizing historically underplanted neighborhoods, like Harlem, as tree distribution sites.”

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"After a fall filled with drought and wildfires, we are reminded how critical it is that we expand our urban tree canopy. I'm so proud to partner with the New York Restoration Project this spring to give away trees in my district and across our city, to advance this goal. Together with our neighbors, we'll beautify our streets and homes, and clean our air and protect our planet," said **Council Member Shekar Krishnan, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee.**

"Expanding our urban tree canopy isn't just about beautifying our neighborhoods—it's a crucial investment in climate resilience, public health, and environmental justice. As temperatures rise and extreme weather intensifies, communities that have long lacked green spaces need more trees to provide shade, cleaner air, and stormwater protection. I'm thrilled to support the New York Restoration Project's initiative to distribute 3,500 free trees across the city this season, bringing us closer to a greener, healthier, and more resilient New York," said **Council Member Amanda Farías.**

"Trees help us fight climate change, cool our blocks, and beautify our neighborhoods! We're working hard to plant new trees in every viable street tree bed in the 33rd and we are grateful that the New York Restoration Project is helping us fill more front yards, backyards, school yards, and community gardens with beautiful new trees," said **Council Member Lincoln Restler.**

#### **ABOUT NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT**

New York Restoration Project (NYRP) is a 30-year-old non-profit organization driven by the conviction that all New Yorkers deserve access to high-quality public green space. Since our founding in 1995 by Bette Midler, NYRP has worked collaboratively with residents in communities across the five boroughs to renovate gardens, restore parks, plant trees, promote urban agriculture, and build partnerships that transform the city's landscape. We are committed to creating a greener, more resilient city for all.