
Community Events & Resources

Discover public resources for your community including grants, job openings, and internships.

COMMUNITY & GARDENING EVENTS

GROWTOGETHER CONFERENCE • GREENTHUMB

Saturday, March 30 • 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

CUNY Graduate Center • 365 5th Avenue • Manhattan

This year, we will be celebrating our 35th Annual GreenThumb GrowTogether conference on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Tickets required. www.greenthumbnyc.org

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR • PARK PARTNERSHIP FOR PARKS

Tuesday, April 2 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

The Arsenal • 830 Fifth Avenue • Manhattan

Want to make a difference in your community by supporting a park near you? Already a volunteer, but need a refresher on working with NYC Parks? At this introductory workshop, learn how you can access hands-on trainings, grants of up to \$3,000, free tools to clean up your park, and more. For more information or questions, please email relzinga@cityparksfoundation.org.

VOLUNTEER TRAILS RESTORATION CREW • FRIENDS OF VAN CORTLANDT PARK

Saturdays, April 6, May 4, and June 1 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Van Cortlandt Park

Crew Members will work alongside trails professionals, developing skills in various areas of trail construction while improving the trails in Van Cortlandt Park. Projects include building boardwalks, clearing waterbars and drainage swells and installing drainage dips. No prior trails experience is necessary; all training will be offered in an on-the-job format. Interested? Contact john@vancortlandt.org for more information. Must be 18 years of age to join.

FORESTRY AND CANOPY GAP VOLUNTEER EVENTS • FRIENDS OF VAN CORTLANDT PARK

Saturdays, April 13, May 11, and June 8 • 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Garden and Compost Site • Enter Van Cortlandt Park at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue

The Friends are partnering with the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy (VCPC) with the support of a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Urban and Community Forestry Grant to complete forest restoration projects to close canopy gaps in Van Cortlandt Park forests.

<http://vancortlandt.org/events/>

STOP 'N' SWAP • GROW NYC

Saturday, April 13 • 12–3 p.m.

Bronx Studio School for Writers and Artists • 928 Simpson Street

Bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, games, books, and toys that you no longer need, and take home something new-to-you, free! You don't have to bring something to take something. <https://www.grownyc.org/calendar>

RIVER PARK PLANTING DAY • TEDDY BEAR PROJECT

Sunday, April 14 • 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

River Park • East 180th Street and Boston Post Road

River Park plan has 4-park flowerbeds, one of which is a 60 ft. butterfly garden area, SUNDAYS@11 would like to share with volunteers. At this greening event; participants will learn about pollinator habitat, how to transplant into the ground, and add native perennials to River Park. All tools and supplies will be provided, please bring a water bottle and bagged lunch. For more information and RSVP, contact: Roseanne Andrade via phone at (929) 304-0908 or via email at **CQ4CATS11@gmail.com**.

EARTHFEST CELEBRATION • PELHAM BAY PARK

Sunday, April 28 • 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Pelham Bay Park • Playground for All Children

The day's festivities will kick-off with morning volunteer projects such as planting, weeding, and shoreline clean-up, followed by an afternoon filled with environmental fun and games, informational displays, nature walks, children's activities and much more.

2019 ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE GROWN NYC

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4 • 12–4 p.m.

College Avenue Garden • 1420 College Avenue

Every year since 1986, GrowNYC holds an Annual Spring Plant Sale in order to provide community groups with perennial and annual flowering plants, herbs, and vegetables from Greenmarket farmers at wholesale prices. Plants are for neighborhood open space projects only (e.g. community gardens, schools, block associations, churches, etc.) and may be sold to raise other funds.

<https://www.grownyc.org/gardens/plant-sale>

ECOQUEST CHALLENGE • NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

EcoQuests, part of the NYC EcoFlora Project, challenge New Yorkers to become citizen scientists and observe, study, and help conserve the native plants and animals of the City using *iNaturalist*, an easy-to-use mobile app. Each month, take part in a new challenge to help document the city's living things.

<http://bit.ly/2i651XD>

FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS • For more information visit: **<https://on.nyc.gov/2L6SljV>**

PUBLIC FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF • LEHMAN COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS

Mondays • 8–10 a.m.

Lehman College • Quad near Shuster Hall

PUBLIC FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF • THE CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR VOLUNTEERS

Tuesdays • 8–10 a.m.

The Church of the Mediator • West 231st Street and Kingsbridge Avenue

RESOURCES

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION ORGANICS COLLECTION SERVICE

The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) collects food scraps and yard waste to turn them into compost. DSNY is expanding NYC Organics to serve all New Yorkers with either curbside service or convenient neighborhood drop-off sites. Find out about your eligibility for curbside collection of organics and options for recycling organics in your neighborhood by visiting **www.nyc.gov/organics**.

ZERO WASTE PLEDGE SCHOOLS

The Department of Education's Office of Sustainability and the Department of Sanitation are excited to introduce the next chapter in Zero Waste Schools. Schools will be required to complete three phases of operational and educational activities—in return they will receive a one-on-one consultation and recycling materials. Find out more information by visiting

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/zws/contest/announcements.shtml>

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN COMMUNITY GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP FOR IDNYC CARDHOLDERS

The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) is pleased to participate by providing a complimentary Community Grounds Membership to IDNYC cardholders. For more information about obtaining an IDNYC, please call 311 or visit the City's IDNYC web site: **<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/benefits/benefits.page>**.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN GROUNDS MEMBERSHIP WITH CULTURE PASS

The New York Botanical Garden is pleased to participate in the Culture Pass program by providing complimentary Grounds-Only Pass access on weekdays. Passes must be reserved online in advance via the Culture Pass website. **<https://www.culturepass.nyc/faq>**

COMMUNITY SEED DONATIONS • SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE

They donate seeds each year to hundreds of gardens across the United States.

<https://www.seedsavers.org/seed-donation-program>

EQUIPMENT LOAN LIBRARY • CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK CITY

Equipment Share gives neighborhood leaders free and easy access to digital cameras, video projectors, projection screens, tents and amplifiers. **<http://www.citizensnyc.org/equipment-loan-library>**

NATIVE TREE SEEDLING • NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

The National Wildlife Federation provides free native tree seedlings to partners who in turn plant them through local restoration projects or community tree giveaway events. **<https://www.nwf.org/Trees-for-Wildlife/Request-Trees>**

GARDENS FOR THE CITY • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

Is there a community space in your neighborhood you'd like to see transformed? If so, apply for help from NYRP below. They provide support for project of various scales—from building a few vegetables beds to large-scale restoration work. **<https://www.nyrp.org/gardensforthecity>**

SEEDLINGS AND PLANTS • GOWANUS CANAL CONSERVANCY

All school and community gardens now receive a 35% discount on GCC native plants!

<https://gowanuscanalconservancy.org/nursery/>

LOVE YOUR CITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM • CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF NYC

Looking for extra volunteers? Citizens Committee for New York City's Love Your City program brings corporate volunteer groups to help out with one-time community projects. Group sizes range from 5 to 75 people and work days generally range from 2 to 5 hours. Whether you want help painting, planting, tutoring kids, or something else, we would love to lend a whole bunch of hands. Contact Andrew at **arohrberger@citizensnyc.org** or (212) 822-9555.

JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For current jobs and internship opportunities please visit the list at **<http://bit.ly/1XMZdiB>**.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Amount	Deadline	Project Keywords	Grant
\$500	April 3	Recycling, Schools, Waste Reduction	NYSAR Green Schools Grant https://www.nysar3.org/page/green-school-grant-program-16.html
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\$25,000	April 30	Education, School, Science, Youth	Voya Unsung Heroes http://corporate.voya.com/corporate-responsibility/community-investment/childrens-education/voya-unsung-heroes
\$250	April 30	Education, Project, School	Green Education Foundation Green In Action Award http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenweek/contests/green-in-action-contest.html
\$150,000	May 1	Research, Waste	Environmental Research & Education Foundation General RFP https://erefndn.org/research-grants-projects/how-to-apply-for-grant/
\$500	May 15	Environment, Project, Youth	Constellation Community Champions Program https://www.constellation.com/community/community-champions.html
\$3,000	July 1	Garden, Therapeutic	National Garden Bureau Therapeutic Garden Grant https://ngb.org/grant-application/
\$500	Rolling Basis	Art, Repurposing	Artfully Reimagined Reimagine It Grant http://www.artfullyreimagined.com/ReimagineltGrant
\$1,000	Rolling Basis	Project	Awesome Foundation Grant https://www.awesomefoundation.org/
\$5,000	Rolling Basis	Education, Recycling	Can'd Aid Foundation Crush It Crusade http://candaid.org/crush-it-crusade-grants/
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Fruit, School, Trees	Fruit Tree Planting Foundation Orchard Grant http://ftpf.org/resources.htm
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Community, Health, Project	ioby Healthy Neighborhoods Challenge https://www.ioby.org/healthy

The NYC Compost Project, created by the NYC Department of Sanitation in 1993, works to rebuild NYC's soils by providing New Yorkers with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to produce and use compost locally.

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\$5,000	Rolling Basis	Education, Youth	Kinder Morgan Foundation Grant Program https://www.kindermorgan.com/pages/community/km_foundation_guidelines.aspx
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Agriculture, Education, Environment	The Harry Chapin Foundation http://harrychapinfoundation.org/apply/
\$5,000	Rolling Basis	Activism, Organizing	North Star Fund Rapid Response Grant https://northstarfund.org/apply/rapid-response-grants/
\$10,000	Rolling Basis	Community, Environment, Youth	Singing for Change Social and Environmental Problem Solving Grants http://www.singingforchange.org/guidelines.html
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