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RESTORE THE RIVER CORRIDOR • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE

Volunteer with the Bronx River Alliance to protect and restore the Bronx River ecosystem! Clean up debris in Starlight Park, plant trees in the Bronx River Forest, maintain rain gardens, and more while learning about river stewardship. Learn more at: https://bronxriver.org/visit-the-river/calendar

YOUTH-LED PARK RESTORATION • BRONX IS BLOOMING

Volunteer with Bronx is Blooming to restore neighborhood parks across the Bronx while supporting a culture of youth leadership and environmental stewardship. Help maintain local greenspaces by caring for young trees, removing invasive species, planting, applying mulch, and more. Learn more at: https://www.bronxisblooming.org/upcomingevents

COMMUNAL GARDENING PROJECT • BISSEL GARDENS & PRAXIS

We INVITE YOU to our Communal Gardening Project. We'll share the sowing, maintaining and the harvest! We'll grow for ourselves and for others, and you'll be a part of it. Don't like to dig but like to participate in community activities? We've got you covered, there's a variety of garden maintenance that doesn't involve digging, and we also need help with social media. We're in two Wakefield locations in the Bronx. To learn more, contact: **connect@urbancultivated.com**

PARK AND PLAYGROUND CARE • FRIENDS OF MOSHOLU PARKLAND

Contribute to the parkland, edible garden, and community by volunteering for compost duties, pruning, weeding, harvesting, cleaning, trash pickup, and maintenance. Volunteer at the Edible Garden Monday thru Friday (contact for weekend hours) and for playground patrol at Kossuth Playground, Mosholu Playground, Whalen Playground, Williamsbridge Oval Playground, Knox-Gates Playground, French Charley's Playground, and Frisch Baseball Field. Learn more at: https://www.mosholuparkland.org/howtovolunteer/



THE AUXILLIARY FARMER PROJECT • IRIDESCENT EARTH COLLECTIVE

AFP is the volunteer program hosted by Iridescent Earth Collective in Delaware County NY. It is made up of members from Delaware county to the Bronx. The goal is to provide short term, noncommittal opportunities for folks to directly contribute to alternatives for how our food is grown and produced. It is also an opportunity for collective skill sharing, local and regional organizing and community healing. Learn more at: https://tinyurl.com/3ytsk3jd

GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY • THE MISSION CONTINUES

Volunteer with The Mission Continues to support community gardens across the Bronx! The Bronx Operation's focus is on environmental restoration and preservation to support improvements along the waterfront and underused green spaces in the South Bronx area. Partners include Rincon Criollo Community Garden, Bronx Sunshine Garden, and The Bronx County Historical Society. Learn more at: https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/New-York/

FOREST & WETLAND RESTORATION • NYC PARKS STEWARDSHIP

Volunteer with NYC Parks Stewardship to support forest and wetland restoration across the city. Help plant and prune street trees, propagate native seeds, and monitor local wildlife while learning more about the city's natural landscape. Want to lead your own stewardship projects? Volunteering is the first step to become a Super Steward. Learn more at: https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship

GARDEN & PARK RENOVATION • NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

Volunteer with New York Restoration project to renovate gardens, restore parks, plant trees, promote urban agriculture, and build a greener, more resilient city. Find a community garden near you, or register online to assist with forest stewardship, wetland stewardship, gardening, composting, and litter removal in focus parks. Learn more at: https://www.nyrp.org/en/get-involved/#events

"IT'S MY PARK" • PARTNERSHIPS FOR PARKS

Volunteer with Partnerships for Parks and affiliated local park stewardship groups to beautify neighborhood green spaces through cleaning, painting, and gardening. Learn more at: https://cityparksfoundation.org/volunteer-its-my-park/

FOREST RESTORATION & TRAIL WORK • VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE Van Cortlandt Park Alliance works with over 2,000 volunteers a year to complete community stewardship projects throughout the 1,146 acres of Van Cortlandt Park. Learn more at: https://vancortlandt.org/calendar-of-events/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OUR ROOTS, OUR FRUITS: FOOD FUTURES SUMMIT • FARM SCHOOL NYC

Saturday, December 7 • 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The People's Forum • 320 West 37th Street

This summit honors the history and culture of a thriving community of land stewards and justice warriors who protect our food ecosystem and challenge systemic disparities while addressing the needs of NYC's most impacted communities. This event also recognizes emerging leaders who are advancing our ancestors' collective goal of building and sustaining a healthy and thriving food ecosystem. Learn more and register here: https://givebutter.com/24summit

REIMAGINE THE CROSS BRONX • BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE Saturday, December 7 • 2–4 p.m.

Bronx River House • 1490 Sheridan Blvd



From December 2022 to present, New York led a community driven effort to re-envision the Cross Bronx Expressway from the Harlem River to Westchester Creek. The Reimagine the Cross Bronx study focuses on reconnecting the communities divided by the Cross Bronx Expressway and reducing the negative effects it has on surrounding neighborhoods. Join us to give feedback on the Reimagine the Cross Bronx Draft Plan from NYC Department of Transportation, Department of Health, and Department of City Planning. Did they get it right? Is there anything we would change? Learn more here: https://bronxriver.org/event/12726

FACING CLIMATE CHANGE AS URBAN GARDENERS • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB Wednesday, December 18 • 6–7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Face climate despair head-on in these monthly, peer-to-peer meet ups. Meet other community gardeners and land stewards to learn and exchange tips for gardening with climate change and workshop community preparedness in your neighborhood. Learn more here:

https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/12/18/facing-climate-change-as-urbangardeners

WELCOMING WINTER: A FAMILY NATURE WALK • VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE Saturday, December 21 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Garden and Compost Site • Broadway and Mosholu Ave In this free guided hike, families can hit the trails while learning about amazing local plants and animals, and how the park changes in the colder weather. Afterwards, join us for a nature craft and themed activities. Learn more here: https://vancortlandt.org/event/welcoming-winter-a-family-nature-walk/

WINTER WONDERLAND HIKE • NYC PARKS URBAN PARK RANGERS

Sunday, December 22 • 1–2 p.m.

Crotona Nature Center • Crotona Park

Join the Urban Park Rangers on a brisk nature walk in winter and discover the science of winter weather and what it means for local flora and fauna. Learn how the cold weather brings changes in landscape and habitats in our parks and discover the composition of snowflakes and how each one takes a unique shape. Learn more here:

https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/12/22/winter-wonderland-hike

TRAININGS

RAT ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS • NYC PARKS GREENTHUMB & NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Monday, December 16 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Virtual Event

Pest Control Services at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene invites you to attend Rat Academy for Community Gardeners, sponsored by NYC Parks GreenThumb. Learn more about rat prevention and management during this virtual session. Learn more here: https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2024/12/16/rat-academy

FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFFS

Volunteer-operated Food Scrap Drop-Off locations are open. For more information and sites in other boroughs, visit the **DSNY Food Scrap Drop-Off Map**.

LEHMAN COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS

Mondays • 8 a.m.-12 p.m. • Year Round



Lehman College • 250 Bedford Park Blvd West

DREW GARDENS

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays • 4–7 p.m. • Year Round Drew Gardens • 1070 East Tremont Avenue

PADRE PLAZA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mondays • 12.-5 p.m. • Year Round

Padre Plaza Community Garden • 541 East 139 Street

NEW ROOTS COMMUNITY FARM

Fridays • 8 a.m.-12 p.m. • Year Round

New Roots Community Farm • 670 Grand Concourse

FORDHAM PLAZA GREENMARKET

Fridays • 8-11:30 a.m. • Year Round

East Fordham Road between Webster Avenue and Third Avenue

KELLY STREET GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Saturdays • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Year Round

Kelly Street Garden • 924 Kelly Street

FARMERS MARKETS

Our partners' farmers markets are closed for the season. For a list of citywide farmers markets, including markets open year-round, please see the **NYC Department of Health 2024 Farmers Market Map**.

JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

YEAR-ROUND and ONGOING RESOURCES

For resources available year-round, please visit our Resource Page at https://bit.ly/34AlihY

GRANTS AND AWARDS

For an annual schedule of funding opportunities, please visit our 2023 Grants and Awards page https://bit.ly/3XdNUFM

