



In early 2018, **New Yorkers for Parks** launched its third annual 5-borough community outreach series, **NY4P: Boro x Boro**.

As more residents come to our great city and development increases at a rapid pace, parks and open spaces remain a key sanctuary for New Yorkers from the hustle and bustle of daily urban life.

For over 100 years, NY4P has protected and promoted open space across the city. Today, we champion quality open spaces for all New Yorkers as an independent non-profit organization. We research and listen to create actionable policy recommendations around our development, management, and sustainability findings. We inform and empower communities throughout NYC with this research, helping New Yorkers to voice their open space needs.

We **visited**...
Boroughs



We **listened** to ...
Community Groups &
Individuals



We **asked**...
How can we take the
Public Realm Bill of Rights
from a series of goals to reality?

----- **THIS IS WHAT WE HEARD** -----

Access



New Yorkers for Parks believes everyone has a right to open space in their communities. Everyone should be within a 5-minute walk to a park, garden, or green space. We should all be able to access and enjoy these places safely.

Steps to improve Access:

- ✓ Expand successful transformative programs like *Parks Without Borders* where possible
- ✓ Provide clearer, more straightforward signage about rules and expectations in and around parks
- ✓ Plan alternative transportation options to and inside parks for people with limited mobility

Infrastructure



New Yorkers for Parks believes that open spaces are essential city infrastructure and should be treated as such. They are as important to urban life as public transportation or electricity.

Steps to improve Infrastructure:

- ✓ Encourage more invaluable “Friends Of” groups to form supporting local parks across the city
- ✓ Facilitate one-to-one interactions between community members and local park workers and Partnerships for Parks coordinators
- ✓ Expand reach of citywide park advocates throughout the boroughs especially to underserved communities

Health



New Yorkers for Parks believes that open and green spaces improve our social, mental, and physical health.

Steps to improve Health:

- ✓ Increase programming in parks that make the connection between nature, mind and body such as yoga, outdoor meditation, or wellness walks
- ✓ Make health-centered programming more accessible to various age groups, especially high school students

Environment

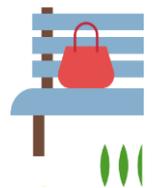


New Yorkers for Parks believes green spaces in New York are for residents as well as wildlife. They should be able to support multiple ecosystems and help make the city more resilient.

Steps to improve Environment:

- ✓ Design gardens and green spaces to attract beneficial wildlife, such as butterflies and bees
- ✓ Educate local communities about the importance of resiliency
- ✓ Community groups and the Parks Department should work with local schools to create and promote environmental stewardship programs

Funding



New Yorkers for Parks believes parks should be funded by public dollars and held to a high standard of care.

Steps to improve Funding:

- ✓ Speak up! Citizens should attend City Council hearings and testify in favor of a larger parks budget
- ✓ Increase opportunities for more public-private partnerships to support local parks
- ✓ Create new and inventive opportunities for local advocates to raise money for their parks