



2009 Accomplishments



City Council District Profiles Released

Documenting parks and open space in all 51 City Council districts, the *City Council District Profiles* are an essential tool for advocating for increased green space and improved care for existing parks and playgrounds. Each profile provides rankings for the number of children per acre of park/playground, park acreage, maintenance inspection information and capital spending on parks.



Received NYS Bar Association Award for Alienation Work

In 2007, following the taking of 22 acres of parkland in the Bronx to build a new Yankee Stadium, NY4P launched a multi-year initiative to improve the process of parkland alienation and increase its transparency. In January, NY4P received an award from the New York State Bar Association for its work on this issue.



3.5 Million Daffodils Bloomed

Each year, hundreds of thousands of bulbs are distributed for free to residents in all five boroughs as a part of NY4P's annual Daffodil Project activities. One of the largest citywide volunteer efforts, the project has gained national recognition for its wide-reaching community participation and beautification of the city.



Second Report Card on Beaches Released

Documenting the conditions of all seven city beaches operated by the Parks Department, this year's *Report Card on Beaches* found improvements over the conditions highlighted in 2007's report. Results this year, however, show that New York City's 14 miles of public beaches still need additional maintenance attention.



Candidates Forum Attended by 100+ Parks Advocates

NY4P's annual Parks Advocacy Day gave over 100 parks advocates from all five boroughs the opportunity to meet with Mayoral, Comptroller and Public Advocate candidates to discuss the challenges facing their parks, giving candidates the necessary information to formulate their parks platform.



Groundbreaking Open Space Assessment Piloted

This summer, NY4P completed a pilot study of its Open Space Index on the Lower East Side. The product of extensive research, the Index includes standards of excellence for open space and environmental sustainability that neighborhoods should strive to achieve. The Index will serve as an organizing and advocacy tool for communities, as well as a planning tool for the Department of City Planning and the Parks Department.