

#SaveNYCParks FY25

New Yorkers deserve a fully funded, safe, clean, green and resilient parks system. NYC Parks has instead been systematically defunded for decades.

CURRENT SITUATION: NYC PARKS IN CRISIS

- NYC Parks' FY24 budget was cut by 5% (\$25M) in November
- Hiring freeze will eliminate 600+ Parks job lines (200 lost so far)
- Programs eliminated: Tree Risk Management, Trail Formalization, Community Garden Anti-Gun Violence, Swim Safety Expansion
- FY25 Preliminary Budget is \$583M, nearly **\$55M** less than FY24
- Projected Parks headcount is 7,163 (900 less than FY24 and pre-Covid)
- 200 Parks staff will lose their jobs in July
 - 100 CPWs, 50 Rangers, 45 Forestry & 11 GreenThumb staff

FY25 PLAY FAIR BUDGET DEMANDS

End the hiring freeze NOW; Return to pre-Covid headcount

- Restore positions lost to hiring freeze and attrition
- Add 1,000 NYC Parks workers to get to pre-Covid staffing levels, starting with the following:

Safe Parks

- Save the 50 Urban Park Rangers about to lose their jobs in July
- Add 100 Parks Enforcement Patrol Officers to keep parks safe

Clean Parks

- Save the 100 City Parks Workers (CPWs) who will lose their jobs in July
- Add 200 CPWs to return to pre-Covid headcount

Green and Resilient Parks

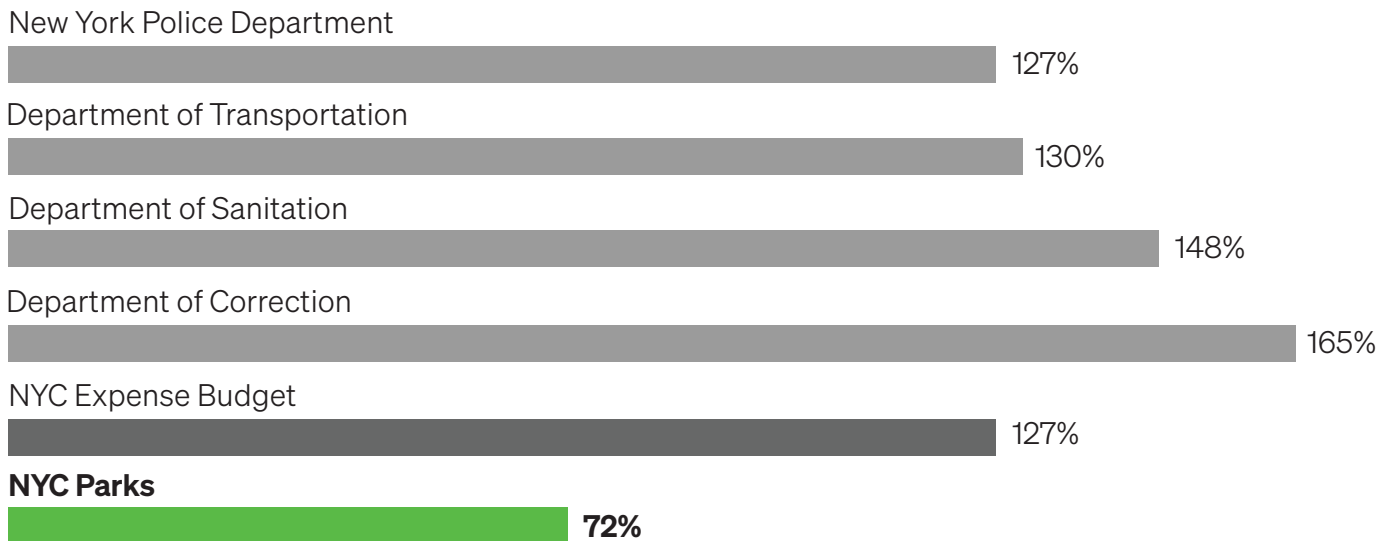
- Save the 50 Forestry & GreenThumb staff who will lose their jobs in July
- Add 51 Forestry restoration and volunteer engagement positions
- Reinstate the Citywide Trails Program
- Renew the Parks Equity Initiative



NYC PARKS: 40+ YEARS OF AUSTERITY

NYC Parks received 1.3% of the city operating budget in 1976—the last year the agency would receive over 1%. In the five decades since, Parks funding has not kept pace with citywide budget and population growth, remaining between .5% and .6%. **Parks deserve 1%.**

NYC Parks Losing Ground. Agency Budget Growth Since 1980:



Declining NYC Parks Headcount

11,000 — 1960s/1970s
8,200 — FY23 Adopted Budget
8,043 — FY24 Adopted Budget
7,163 — FY25 Projected Headcount

