



Parks are essential to New York City's health and infrastructure, and New Yorkers for Parks (NY4P) serves as the citywide champion for quality parks and open space for all New Yorkers.

Our mission is to ensure that parks and open space are equitably distributed and maintained citywide, and we achieve this through an integrated approach of rigorous research and community empowerment. Based on research results, NY4P develops tangible policy recommendations related to park development, management, and sustainability. With this strong foundation for our advocacy, NY4P drives both immediate actions and long-term policies. To guarantee our success, NY4P builds and maintains strategic partnerships with government officials and agencies, local park groups and conservancies, academic institutions, and other key stakeholders in public and private sectors.

In 2015, NY4P celebrated several major accomplishments:

- We released the newest edition of our City Council District Profiles, which provide comprehensive information and maps about public open space resources in all 51 districts. The Profiles give New Yorkers tangible data about their neighborhood at the political level where they are likely to have the greatest impact on parks funding—the City Council.
- We successfully gathered support from communities, the City Council Parks Committee, and 18 Council Members to advocate for the creation of new legislation to require greater transparency in how and where resources are spent by the NYC Parks Department.
- We finally saw years of work come to fruition in the creation of the Flushing Meadows-Corona Park Alliance. We worked with Council Member Ferreras and Queens community members to improve Flushing Meadows-Corona Park: first to save the Park from intrusion of a proposed Major League Soccer stadium, then to secure \$10.05 million in funding from the US Tennis Association, and finally to guide the creation of the Alliance.
- We initiated our new community outreach program called “How’s Your Park, NYC?” to build a citywide network of park advocates working for a unified goal of a better budget and improved conditions for parks in all five boroughs.

NY4P has worked for over 100 years to protect and promote the parks and open space of New York City. With the momentum of our recent successes, we are prepared to continue in 2016. We will continue to conduct in-depth, data-driven research into the state of our city's parks and to bring communities together to make lasting changes that increase the quality of life for all New Yorkers.