



RESOURCE LIST
“GREEN SPACES THEN & NOW: CELEBRATING NYC 1626-2026”
ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM JANUARY 22, 2026

“The tree that moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing which stands in the way.” William Blake (1757-1827)

BOOKS:

Central Park Trees and Landscapes: A Guide to New York City’s Masterpiece, by Edward Sibley Bernard and Neil Calvanese, Columbia University Press, 2016.

Days Afield On Staten Island (1892), by William T. Davis, Kessinger Publishing.

The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped the New World, by Russell Shorto, Random House, 2005.

Mannahatta: A Natural History of New York, by Eric W. Sanderson PhD, Abrams Books, 2009.

Nature and the Mind: The Science of How Nature Improves Cognitive, Physical and Social Well-being by Mark Berman PhD, Simon & Schuster, 2025

HISTORIC HOUSE TRUST in partnership with NYC Parks and Recreation represents 23 publicly owned sites preserving 400 years of NYC history and including:

- *Brooklyn*: Wyckoff House Museum (built ca. 1652)
- *Bronx*: Van Cortland House Museum (1748)
- *Manhattan*: Morris-Jumel Mansion (1765)
- *Queens*: Queens County Farm Museum (original house 1680, restored to mid-18th century appearance)
- *Staten Island*: Conference House Museum (original house 1680)

APP STORE:

Central Park Entire: Digital tree guide to Central Park, by Ken Chaya

iNaturalist: Discover nature around you

Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab: Identify birds you see and who’s singing

Articles: “Where Green Space is Precious”, NYTIMES 10/12/25

“A Greener New York, via Divine Intervention”, NYTIMES 11/20/25

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PAST ENVIRONMENTAL FORUMS**

"Our Evolving Waterfront: 520 Miles of Opportunity" (2025)
"We Are What We Eat: Embracing a Healthy Food System" (2024)
"Saving Our Vanishing Soil" (2023)
"Why Wetlands Matter" (2022)
"Our Forests: Vital & Vulnerable" (2021)
"Our Oceans: Peril and Potential" (2020)
"Our Energy Future: Exploring Green Solutions" (2019)
"Understanding Biodiversity" (2018)
"Overcoming Our Nature Deficit" (2017)
"Feeding NYC: How 8 Million People Get Their Food" (2016)
"Sustainable New York: The Next Ten Years" (2015)
"Water: Our Most Essential Resource" (2014)
"Living With The Forces Of Nature" (2013)
"The Future Of Urban Landscape Design" (2011)
"Grow Green: Discover Urban Farming" (2010)
Majora Carter (Environmental City Planner; recipient, MacArthur "Genius Grant" (2009)
"Improve Your Green Roof IQ" (2008)
Panelists from Partnerships for Parks, Crotona Park, Forestry and NYC
Department of Parks and Recreation (2006)

**THE CITY GARDENS CLUB
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MISSION**

Founded in 1918, The City Gardens Club's mission is "to preserve, enrich and increase the natural beauty of the New York City environment for the public benefit through education, horticulture, conservation and other related undertakings."

Across the five boroughs, the Club fulfills its mission through a variety of programs, including Nature Kits for K-3 students in public schools, professional development scholarships for public school science teachers, and grants to schools, community gardens, and nonprofit organizations serving many of the city's underserved neighborhoods.



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