

Front Lines

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Green in the Big Apple

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Non-profit Project Evergreen recently teamed up with the urban gardening program New York City Parks GreenThumb to provide a “green oasis amid a concrete jungle” in NYC’s Clinton Community Garden.

The garden serves as a connection point for old and new residents, and volunteers from the green industry and area residents came together to install new planting beds, raise existing beds and regrade the site to eliminate standing water, install a shade garden, plant new ornamental shrubs, flowers and vegetables and make other site improvements like a paver patio and gravel path.

“Community gardens are labors of love. Having highly skilled volunteers build paths and patios makes a huge difference in helping these valuable spaces become accessible to all New Yorkers,” says Bill LoSasso, director of GreenThumb. “We are happy Project Evergreen supported the vision of the gardeners at Clinton Community Garden who have worked hard for years to transform this site into a place for the entire community.”

Since 2006, Project Evergreen has helped to renovate more than 50 community parks across the country as part of its GreenCare for Communities initiative. Find out more about how to get involved or nominate a park for revitalization at projectevergreen.org. **GP**