

milliontreesNYC™

A PLANYC INITIATIVE WITH NYC PARKS AND NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

About PlaNYC

Million Trees NYC is part of PlaNYC, the most extensive plan to strengthen New York City's urban environment ever undertaken by an American city. Unveiled by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg on Earth Day 2007, the 127-point plan is designed to create the first environmentally sustainable twenty-first century city. PlaNYC focuses on every facet of New York's physical environment—its transportation network, housing stock, land and park system, energy network, water supply and air quality—and sets a course to achieve 10 aggressive goals to create a more sustainable New York by the year 2030. For more information, please visit www.nyc.gov.

About New York Restoration Project (NYRP)

Founded by Bette Midler in 1995, NYRP is a non-profit organization dedicated to reclaiming and restoring under-resourced parks, community gardens, and open spaces in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods throughout NYC's five boroughs. NYRP has accomplished dramatic results by investing in New York City's open spaces and diverse communities. Since its founding, NYRP staff and volunteers have raised more than \$70 million and planted over 100,000 trees and shrubs to support the restoration of parks and public spaces; removed more than 925 tons of garbage and debris from project sites totaling more than 400 acres; saved 114 community gardens from commercial development; transformed an illegal dumping ground into the five acre Swindler Cove Park and Peter Jay Sharp Boathouse; and served families and over 10,000 at-risk youth through environmental education programs and events. To find out more information about the New York Restoration Project, please visit www.nyrp.org.

About New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (Parks)

With a total of 29,000 acres of parkland, including parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities, and other properties, and half of the City's total tree population (including the city's nearly 600,000 street trees and two million trees in parks) under its care, the Parks Department is responsible for greening and maintaining the city's open spaces. Through partnerships, the Parks Department provides essential greening services for city residents through programs like Greenstreets—with the Departments of Transportation, converts paved areas into greenspace; Operation GreenThumb—the largest community gardening program in the country; Natural Resources Group—manages and restores the City's remaining woodlands, wetlands, and meadows; GreenApple Corps—an AmeriCorps program on environmental restoration and urban forestry stewardship and education; Partnerships for Parks—a joint program with the City Parks Foundation that works to increase community support and involvement in parks; and Trees for Public Health—a tree-planting program that targets neighborhoods with low tree canopy coverage and high asthma rates. To find out more information about the Parks Department, please visit www.nyc.gov/parks.

Home Depot Foundation (Sponsor)

The Home Depot Foundation is dedicated to improving the health of local communities by supporting the development of affordable, healthy homes for working families and by the strategic planting and preservation of trees in parks, in schoolyards and along city streets. In 2007, The Home Depot Foundation committed to significantly increase its financial support in these two areas by awarding \$100 million in grants over the next 10 years, which will result in the development of 100,000 affordable, healthy homes for working families and the planting and preservation of more than three million community trees.

