

Grant Them a  
Healthy Future

# Love your Park? Then Help It

## Parks Need You

- The Dept. of Parks budget is insufficient, meeting only 25% of needs. In 20 years, a smaller budget for parks has forced a 60% staffing cuts.
- Once parks deteriorate, they will become unused and unwanted, and finally gone. Once gone, it is difficult to get them back.
- Well-maintained parks deter crime.
- Parks promote health: play for the body, relaxation for the mind.
- Parks increase real estate value and promote business development.

## Become One with Your Park.

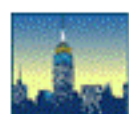
### Ways to Help

- Contact 311 about unsatisfactory conditions.
  - Get a tracking number and follow up on the status of the complaint.
- Make your voice heard
  - Go to [www.nycouncil.info](http://www.nycouncil.info) for a list of city council members and contacts.
  - Meet your council member on Park Advocacy Day (May 10). For more info, go to [ny4p.org](http://ny4p.org).
  - Write to the mayor: [nyc.gov/mayor](http://nyc.gov/mayor) or Mike Bloomberg  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007
- Get involved with park groups.
  - Find a local group and info for It's My Park Day (May 13) at [www.itsmypark.org](http://www.itsmypark.org)



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