Get Involved.

8 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN PARK DESIGN

1. Advocate for Funding
   - Capital projects can be funded by state and federal sources. Write to your elected officials to support funding. Call the Mayor's office today at 212-444-5555.
   - Write to your borough president.

2. Get Involved
   - The community knows the park and its users, and gathering input has the potential to make the project a real success.
   - Ask your borough president or elected officials about your community's budget request before the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1.
   - The designer and review process can take anywhere from 9 months to 4 years. Staying involved until the new park opens is critical to successful outcomes.

3. Make a Mark on Your Park
   - Your elected officials are interested in your ideas for the new park.
   - The designer's request list is an excellent place to begin:
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   - The scope meeting is an opportunity for the community to share ideas about how the park should be improved.
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4. Pave the Path
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What is People Make Parks?

People Make Parks is a project to help communities participate in the design of their parks. When citizens engage with government and urban design, government builds better parks, and the public continues to care for places that they have helped to make. Based on this idea, People Make Parks facilitates collaboration in park design between invested park decision-makers in a timely way, and transition into long-term park stewardship.

This overview of how to get involved is the first published component of People Make Parks. People Make Parks is a project of Hester Street Collaborative and Partnerships for Parks. Learn more at www.hestestreet.org and www.partnershipsforparks.org.

Sample Questions

Whom should you contact to advocate for a capital project in your community or share your own ideas? These questions will help you understand what you can do to get involved, and to provide insight into how you can work on behalf of your community.

Why Advocate for Funding?

Funding for capital projects is largely funded by local, state, and federal sources. You can impact how the dollars are spent by advocating on their behalf. Contact your borough president or elected officials to support funding for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Why Get Involved?

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Why Make a Mark on Your Park?

Your elected officials are interested in your ideas for the new park. The designer's request list is an excellent place to begin:

Why Share Your Ideas?

Input is most effective when people understand what's at stake and their concerns are documented. The designer about what is meaningful to the community knows the park and its users.

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