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Parks Without Borders: Ideas for the Next Generation of Urban Parks
OUR COMMITMENT: CREATE A BRIGHT, GREEN FUTURE WITH A MORE INCLUSIVE AND INNOVATIVE PARK SYSTEM
The Community Parks Initiative engages New Yorkers in transforming local parks, and will dedicate resources to make these parks great public places.

NYC Parks will spend $285 million to upgrade parks in communities that need resources most.
HISTORIC INVESTMENT TRENDS

- 400 active capital projects, across all five boroughs, totaling over $740M of investment
- NYC Parks spent ~ $5.7 billion on capital improvements over the past two decades
- 215 parks across the city received minimal capital investment—less than $250,000 over 20 years
- Total capital need for these 215 parks estimated at about $1 billion

Note: Investment data comes from NYC Parks’ Capital Division. Best efforts were made to identify all sites funded through requirements contracts. The mapped data excludes PlanNYC Schoolyards-to-Playgrounds project sites; projects funded by other agencies; sites run by a concessionaire; and sites in design, procurement or construction.
NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

- Above-Average Population Growth (2.8-25%)
- High Population Growth (Over 25%)

- Population Density 110 People Per Acre or More

- Individuals Below Federal Poverty Line 20% or More
Alignment of underlying demographics and under-resourced parks helped identify communities in which to focus investment.

This map shows overlap of poverty, density and growth criteria – the more priority characteristics, the darker the area on the map.

*Red dots exclude community gardens; buildings; historic house parks; cemeteries; park strips; malls; parkways; undeveloped natural areas; sites that cannot be developed; any site smaller than 0.15 acres; and triangles/plazas smaller than 0.5 acres.*
BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF GREAT PARKS

Partnerships: Initiate long-term outreach and community organizing

Programming: Expand our capacity, bring recreational programming to new communities

Maintenance: Take care of our neighborhood parks, more holistically

Partnerships

Capital Investment

Programming and Maintenance
## COMBINED RESOURCES FOR CPI COMMUNITIES

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<td>Re-imagine and re-create neighborhood parks in every borough</td>
<td>Improve park sustainability with green infrastructure</td>
<td>Create immediate impacts with targeted improvements at 25 parks every year</td>
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<td>$285 million total investment</td>
<td>$36 million in DEP funding for 2015</td>
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<td>35 parks in 2015</td>
<td>$14 million from DEP for 2016</td>
<td>New maintenance and gardening staff are sprucing up CPI zones</td>
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<td>12 new sites in 2016</td>
<td>Dedicated outreach coordinators are available to help communities better use and care for their parks</td>
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**NYC Parks**

Build a bright, green future.