

New York City Environmental Fund Past Grants

2010 Grants

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Alley Pond Environmental Center	The <i>Scientific Research and Inquiry Program</i> engages teenagers in three-semester field biology internships at Alley Pond Park where they evaluate the habitat value of fresh and salt water bodies, wetlands and forest eco-systems, create a field guide of plants and animals, and write papers based on their research.	\$5,000
American Littoral Society	The <i>2010 International Coastal Clean-up in New York City and Westchester County</i> will engage volunteers in documenting and removing debris from beaches, waterways, wetlands and waterfronts. The project increases public stewardship and awareness of the urban coastal environment and devises strategies to combat pollution.	\$10,000
American Museum of Natural History	The <i>Great Pollinator Project - Bee Watchers</i> enhances understanding and management of NYC's native bees while engaging citizen scientists to gather data about them. Working cooperatively with NYC parks to improve and conserve bee habitat in NYC, staff will expand bee watching opportunities to develop a more robust dataset, complete statistical analysis of all data to date, and develop best management guidelines for managers throughout the city.	\$12,500
Audubon New York	<i>For the Birds! An Environmental Education Experience</i> will involve classes from 11 New York City elementary schools in a program incorporating interdisciplinary activities, bird watching field studies, habitat enhancement projects and professional development for teachers. The program connects children to nature in their own communities so that they will come to love and ultimately, protect it.	\$8,000
Bronx River Alliance	During summer and fall of 2010, a <i>Bronx River Internship</i> for outreach will recruit, support and celebrate the 800 or more residents who will work and play with the Bronx River Alliance. A communications intern will keep the Alliance's revamped website and social media outlets updated in order to share what's happening on the river and all the ways people can get involved.	\$10,000

Cornell Cooperative Extension, New York	Designed as a permanent orientation program of the Harbor School, the <i>Scavenger Hunt Exploration on Governors Island</i> will involve the public in outdoor, environmental learning explorations on City of Water Day, 2010. CUCE NYC will train high school students to facilitate the public’s discovery of the ecology, landscape, culture, and history of Governors Island, New York Harbor and the Hudson River.	\$5,000
Eastern Queens Alliance	Through workshops, field trips and classroom activities, the <i>Idlewild Park Salt Marsh Environmental Learning Center Project</i> will educate children, teachers and adults about the ecological benefits of restoring and preserving the degraded ecosystem of Idlewild Park Preserve and the Jamaica Bay Watershed.	\$10,000
Eibs Pond Education Program	Teen environmental leaders in the <i>Community Youth Leadership Project at Eibs Pond Park</i> will introduce younger children from neighborhood programs to the plants and animals of Eibs Pond Park, utilizing the program’s website to document their work and record the park’s flora and fauna. The teens will create butterfly habitat areas and conduct clean-ups of Eibs Pond.	\$6,000
Friends of Brook Park	The <i>Bronx Kill Clean-Up and River Tours Project</i> will increase the habitat value of the Bronx Kill and make it more navigable for small boats through an annual clean-up of debris, to be conducted with members of the local community and city-wide stakeholders. The Friends will conduct five floating eco-tours to increase public awareness of the Bronx Kill.	\$5,000
Friends of Van Cortlandt Park	The <i>Summer Environmental Internship Program</i> will involve teenagers in restoring trails in Van Cortlandt Park and position three experienced interns to “Lead by Example” by sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for the park and the opportunity to restore the health of forest eco-systems.	\$10,000
Greenburgh Nature Center	<i>Establishing an American Eel Exhibit and Data Collection</i> will involve Yonkers teenagers in collecting field data on American eel abundance and migration in the Saw Mill River, in collaboration with NYS-DEC, to help shape conservation management plans. An aquarium exhibit will be developed at the Center to increase public interest in this species.	\$6,000

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater	Clearwater will collaborate with New York Harbor School and Rocking the Boat to offer 8 days of programming onboard Clearwater and Mystic Whaler for the <i>NYC Environmental Leadership Project</i> . Participating students can qualify for 2010 summer positions including week-long summer internships and other leadership opportunities.	\$10,000
Hudsonia Limited	Completion and web-publication of the <i>Biodiversity Handbook for New York City</i> will provide a method for assessing biological diversity on urban undeveloped land, while guiding conservation of rare and uncommon wildlife and plants on brownfields, parks, nature reserves, gardens, beaches, abandoned piers and green roofs.	\$12,500
Hutchinson River Restoration Project	The <i>Thomas Pell Wildlife Sanctuary Clean-up</i> will involve volunteers in a well-publicized clean-up of debris in the river. Through this project, the Hutchinson River Restoration Project will improve wetland habitat and focus public attention on local community stewardship and appreciation of the Sanctuary.	\$3,100
Lower East Side Ecology Center	The <i>Estuary Pollution Education Program and Land-Water Connections Stewardship Program</i> will raise public awareness about land-based pollution sources that harm the Hudson River estuary and the impacts of CSO pollution. Staff will engage volunteers to mitigate CSOs through street tree stewardship, native species plantings, rain gardens and water quality monitoring.	\$12,000
Protectors of Pine Oak Woods	<i>Strengthening Public Involvement in Staten Island's Natural Areas, Parks and Open Spaces</i> will help Protectors of Pine Oaks raise awareness of the borough's parks, preserves, bluebelts, and areas planned for acquisition and preservation through a program of sixty nature walks aimed at both decision-makers and the general public, in order to connect them with environmental issues on Staten Island.	\$3,900
Soundwaters	Soundwaters' two-month <i>Summer Outdoor Ecology Program</i> will engage twenty Port Chester middle school students in hands-on science activities and field investigations of Long Island Sound, its watershed and diverse habitats including freshwater wetlands, forests, salt marsh and beaches.	\$7,645
SPLASH	<i>Science Partners Learning About Animals of the Sound and Hudson (SPLASH)</i> utilizes interdisciplinary field and classroom studies to	\$12,500

encourage environmental literacy in second grade students from three Westchester County communities. Through collaborative explorations of waterways and wildlife, the program fosters friendships between different children of different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Staten Island Museum	Through the <i>Teen Environmental Club</i> , up to fifteen students will participate in weekly activities including a workshop about recycling and waste reduction, Citizen Science projects organized by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and habitat restoration workshops in local parks. Through meetings and internet-based tools, teenagers will exchange ideas and interact with scientists.	\$6,000
Urban Divers Estuary Conservancy	The <i>EnviroMedia Mobile's Community Environmental Literacy Program</i> is a traveling environmental center, which offers on-water and on-shore programs to catalyze citizen stewardship of the watershed. The group will host three summer residencies at sites along the salt belt of the urban estuary where Urban Divers has a long-established presence.	\$10,000
Wave Hill	The <i>Forest Project at Wave Hill</i> , now in its 39th year, is a paid internship in which teen participants from throughout the Bronx learn job-applicable urban forestry skills and earn tuition-free college credits while working on projects that encourage environmental stewardship.	\$10,000
Wildlife Conservation Society	The <i>Teen Conservation Program at the New York Aquarium</i> develops teenagers' ability to articulate and interpret the interconnectedness of people, wildlife and marine ecology as aquarium docents and engages them in field research and stewardship. Participants access networking and internship opportunities through exposure to the interdisciplinary professional and scientific careers available in aquatic research, conservation and education.	\$10,000