

URBAN AGRICULTURE WITH PARKWAYS



The DOT Art Program, in collaboration with the Grand Central Partnership, will activate and beautify New York City's hardscapes on 52nd Street by reclaiming a portion of the south curb lane for a distinctive street seat, designed by **Parkways**. The street seat will be installed for a three-week period starting on July 31, 2017 and will remain on display until August 22, 2017.

Citi Summer Streets participants are invited to sit and relax on the street seat or participate in a planting workshop alongside the Parkways team each Citi Summer Streets

Saturday. The Parkways workshops will begin on Saturday August 5th when Monica Ibacache of Beyond Organic Design and Lisa DePiano of Mobile Design Lab host a permablitz planting event, demonstrating proper planting techniques and the multiple uses of the plants. On Saturday August 12th, Antonia Pérez, with Herban Cura, will speak on herbal medicine, and participants can create seed balls, a ready to grow mixture of wildflower seeds, compost, and soil. Isa Rodrigues, in partnership with the Textile Arts Center, will join us on Saturday August 19th for an educational and hands-on workshop on fabric dyeing using plant materials to produce vivid colors for fiber arts. The workshop will be held between **9 am** and **1 pm** at the Uptown Rest Stop on 52nd Street and Park Avenue adjacent to the Parkway.

Parkways are a simple, robust, and scalable system that can be deployed incrementally as a single parklet or a linear park to an entire city. Parkways are flexible interventions that reclaim underutilized vehicular hardscapes for plants and people. Parkways can be deployed with urban agriculture, a public sidewalk extension, bicycle parking and other community necessities. Using a permaculture model, Parkways integrates holistic approaches to creating ecosystems that impact health and happiness by linking food production, quality design and community engagement to placemaking.

ABOUT PARKWAYS

Parkways is a movement. The Parkways team operates in conjunction with municipalities to enact a coherent vision for sustainable long-term planning. They integrate high impact, temporary and low-cost Parkway units, and technology into existing streetscapes today. The Parkways team engages both bottom-up and top-down methods to enable local citizens and businesses, as well as municipal departments, to dream, execute and sustain real change in their local communities.

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