

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN  
RESOLUTION

DATE: AUGUST 1, 1989

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	16 In Favor	7 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Hudson/Chambers Street Rezoning (N870157ZRM, C870158ZMM, C8707599 ZSM)

WHEREAS: The above referenced zoning text change and zoning map amendment, which represent a zoning change from M1-5 to C6-3 plus an addition, is a change which only applies to the corner of Hudson, Chambers and Reade Streets, and is clearly a blatant example of spot zoning, a concept which this Board has said, numerous times, it opposes, and

WHEREAS: The Board currently has a down-zoning proposal for the eastern section of the loft district in Lower Manhattan and has made it quite clear that we are opposed to any changes in the existing M zone and this flies in the face of that proposal and also would negatively impact on the proposed Tribeca West Historic District, and

WHEREAS: These changes represent a gift to one developer with no reciprocal benefit to the surrounding community but with the potential of great negative impact on the surrounding community including even more demand on the over-burdened utilities and services of the area, increased foot traffic and a blocking of light and air, and

WHEREAS: These changes would set a very dangerous precedent in that developers would feel that the existing zoning resolutions are not enforced and every existing parking lot or "under-utilized" space would immediately become a target for development and existing low rise buildings would come under tremendous pressure due to potential rise in their real estate value should they be torn down, and

WHEREAS: These changes epitomize the reasons to oppose spot-zoning in that it totally undercuts the viability of existing zoning and indeed all zoning schemes, and

WHEREAS: These changes, while compared to the C6-3 zoning districts by the developer, allow an even greater height and bulk than those buildings along Greenwich Street and do not even comply with contextual zoning for C6-3 sites but again ask for an increase in height, and

WHEREAS: These proposals effect not only the applicant's site but also affect at least three other sites without their owners ever having wanted or proposed such a change, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has presented to us a proposed building, it is clear that this is not the final blue print and these changes are not building specific which is to say the building which we see is not the final building and, although an outside limit is set, it may change significantly without any input from this Board or the surrounding community, and

WHEREAS: The special permit for a 70 car garage would exceed the existing allowable 20% limit for garage space on residential buildings and this again sets a bad precedent that would not only further congest our streets it would also further pollute our air and set the precedent for other sites to do the same, and

WHEREAS: These changes were given a conditional negative declaration by the City Planning Commission over the strenuous opposition of the Board which is on record as calling for a full environmental impact statement because we felt the environmental data collected was insufficient, outdated, failed to assess the impact of these changes on sewer, subway and water service and foot traffic and did not analyze subsurface conditions and the boring data supplies us was over 3 1/2 years old and fails to show the effects of development during that time period which has been significant, and

WHEREAS: The developer suggested that the commercial area could be put to a community use and had suggested day-care and while the committee felt that day-care is much needed service in our area and would like to see developers provide this service, nevertheless we felt that this proposal was just advanced to us as a carrot but was so tenuous as to be nonexistent nor did anyone feel that, even if this were a real proposal, it would offset the damage to our neighborhood that these proposals would make, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the above referenced applications for a zoning text change, zoning map change and special permit for a 70 car below grade public garage.

KF/lma  
(resoluti.aug10-11/8)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor      0 Opposed      0 Abstained

RE:            Le Zinc Restaurant, Application for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe

BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends approval of an application by Le Zinc Restaurant for the renewal (5 year) of Board of Estimate consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe.

HH/lma  
(resoluti.aug5/8)

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN  
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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor            0 Opposed            0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor            0 Opposed            2 Abstained

RE:            South Residential Neighborhood (ULURP #N 891087 ZRM)

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT:            Community Board #1 recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the above-referenced proposed zoning text amendment to permit:

1.            Hotel use (Use Group5) on a zoning lot south of First Place and east of Battery Place
2.            Accessary parking for a hotel
3.            Loading dock required for a hotel
4.            Change in zone configuration to include the entire block within Zone A-1
5.            Addition of a C-2 (commercial) overlay to the block
6.            Increase in the aggregate curb cut on First Place

HH/lma  
(resoluti.aug3/8)

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor            0 Opposed            0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor            0 Opposed            0 Abstained

RE:            BPC-Curb cut on Chambers Street (ULURP #N 891088 ZRM)

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT:            Community Board #1 recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the above-referenced proposed zoning text amendment to allow the dimension of the curb cut zone on the south side of Chambers Street (now required to be at least 90 feet from the corner of River Terrace) to be changed to 50 feet, and thereby make it consistent with other curb cut zones in Battery Park City.

HH/lma  
(resoluti.aug4/8)

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN  
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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT**

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: **60 Wall Street**

WHEREAS: The Morgan Guaranty Trust Company is in the process of completing its new world headquarters building at 60 Wall Street and must receive temporary certificates of occupancy (TCO's) from the City in order to occupy several designated floors of "bonus space" resulting from the construction of a covered pedestrian space (CPS), and

WHEREAS: Completion of the CPS cannot occur until Morgan receives a delayed shipment of granite and marble from Italy now expected to be received and installed by mid-September, and

WHEREAS: The TCO's are required by early August in order to permit the long-scheduled move-in and occupancy of these floors by Morgan Guaranty's employees, and

WHEREAS: Although the TCO's are normally granted only after the CPS is "entirely complete", the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission may certify that the CPS is complete notwithstanding that "minor or substantial details of construction, decoration or mechanical adjustment remain to be performed", and

WHEREAS: Morgan has made a good faith effort to expedite the completion of the CPS and indicates that a majority of the CPS will be complete by August 4th, and

WHEREAS: Morgan holds performance bonds for timely completion from all of the contractors involved in the construction of the CPS and will receive no retail rent until the CPS is open and useable and has indicated a willingness to post with the City a bond equal to 150% of the cost of completing the unfinished work, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission grant the request by the Morgan Guaranty Company for a certification of completion for the CPS so that Morgan can gain the needed TCO's to immediately occupy the "bonused" floors.

PG/lma  
(resoluti.aug9/8)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS, ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	20 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: Proposed Korean War Memorial, Battery Park

WHEREAS: Mac Adams has particularly considered the constraints of Battery Park and the designated site, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends approval of his Korean War Memorial commission, but

WHEREAS: An abundance of memorials currently exist in Battery Park which curtail the impact and significance of individual memorials,

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: There be no more memorial sites in Battery Park.

JD/lma  
(resoluti.aug2/8)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS, ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 16 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Proposed Kiosk, Bowling Green Subway Station

WHEREAS: The subway station entrance at Bowling Green was considered as part of the initial plaza design in front of the U.S. Custom House and has since augmented the definition of the public space outside that building, and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 is not convinced that the installation of a kiosk over the station entrance is the only/best solution to what the NYCTA describes as essentially mechanical and maintenance concerns related to the operation of the escalator, and

WHEREAS: Because the U.S. Custom House is such a prized local and national landmark, no structure should be allowed to pose an obstruction to its graceful facade and stately entryway, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges the NYCTA to rule out all other alternatives before deciding to proceed with the construction of a kiosk, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Should there be a determination that a kiosk is the only solution to a mechanical problem, Community Board #1 then recommends a kiosk that would minimally impact on the face of the U.S. Custom House building and the surrounding plaza which offer such a dramatic aesthetic experience to the public.

HH/lma  
(resoluti.aug1/8)

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN  
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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 16 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Forfeiture Law in NYS

WHEREAS: Drug dealing and drug use are widely acknowledged to be among the most pressing problems facing NYC today, and

WHEREAS: Most of the suggested solutions to deal with the drug plague - more police, prosecutors, judges, jails, drug treatment, drug prevention programs etc. - require large budgetary commitments at a time when all levels of government are dealing with existing or anticipated budget gaps, and

WHEREAS: Many law enforcement experts have suggested stronger and more effective forfeiture laws in order to deprive criminals of their ill-gotten gains and ensure that the proceeds of their crimes are not used to fuel subsequent illegal ventures but instead used for additional law enforcement, drug treatment and education programs, and

WHEREAS: The existing NYS forfeiture law adopted in 1984 has proved to be ineffective and very difficult to implement due to its complex procedures and loopholes which render some property immune from forfeiture, and

WHEREAS: In contrast, the Federal forfeiture provisions permit swift seizures, are easy to use, reach tainted, assets expressly exempted from forfeiture under State law, and virtually guarantee that prosecutors and investigative agencies will recoup any costs incurred in connection with the proceeding, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 supports the recommendations of the NYS Law Enforcement Council to strengthen the State's forfeiture laws so that it is a truly effective strategy for taking the large profits and tools of crime away from the drug dealers and other criminal entrepreneurs involved in the sale of drugs and using those tainted assets for the public good, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 calls on the NYS Legislature to adopt these proposed changes as soon as possible.

PG/lma  
(resoluti7-8/8)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	15 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: "Environment '89 - A Platform for NYC"

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 endorses and supports the environmental goals as set forth in "Environment '89 - A platform for New York City".

NOTE: See platform attached.

HH/lma  
(resoluti.aug6/8)

# Environment '89

A PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK CITY

On the weekend before the September 12th Primary, millions of New Yorkers will be swimming at a city beach, lying on the lawns of a city park, or playing ball on a neighborhood field. Two days later, we will be choosing candidates for Mayor and other major City posts. We will be looking for leaders who will preserve and expand our city's natural treasures and protect us against increasing threats to the air, water, land and sunlight on which our lives depend.

Our city is a wonder on a summer day. Millions line the great shores at Coney Island or Orchard Beach, while others picnic in Alley Pond or Central Park. Still more hike the paths of Staten Island's Greenbelt or bike along Ocean Parkway. Elderly men play bocci in a Cobble Hill park while youngsters settle softball rivalries in Flushing Meadow Park. Shoppers delight in fresh produce at a farmers' market on the Lower East Side. Fishermen and boaters take off from City Island and Sheepshead Bay. At Jamaica Bay, birdwatchers peer through binoculars. Flower lovers stroll through our city's botanic gardens. Families and neighbors grow a little closer as they watch the clouds on a rooftop in Chelsea or gossip on front stoops in Harlem, Bay Ridge or St. Albans.

New York City is our home. But its rich natural environment is dangerously threatened, and with it our health and civic prosperity. The accelerating worldwide ecological crisis is painfully evident right here. Traffic chokes our streets, poisoning the air. Raw sewage and medical waste wash up on beaches. Asbestos in school buildings, lead paint in apartments, toxics at the work place threaten serious illness. Our water supply is vulnerable. We can't trust what we eat. We don't know what to do with our garbage. Unreliable service plagues many vital subway lines. Luxury towers and overdevelopment crowd public open space and destroy neighborhood diversity. We're in danger of losing access to much of our waterfront.

Our city doesn't have to be this way. We don't have to live like this. Human decisions, not natural disasters, are ruining our environment. Our city's pressing environmental crisis is inextricably connected to its social crisis: current, shortsighted land use policies and depleted resources contribute to conditions that result in homelessness, drugs, the spread of AIDS, and other health issues. We must devise new public policies to solve our city's physical and social problems together. We owe it to ourselves and future generations. 1989 is the year to act. We're electing city officials... we're considering a new structure of government... we're setting a course for the next century.

In the spirit of unity, we have joined together to offer this environmental platform for our city's future. It is not exhaustive, and there are different perspectives among us. We offer it as a blueprint for debate about our common future. The interdependent steps that we propose for discussion and action can reverse decades of neglect.

- Send a copy of our platform (over) to candidates. Call them, write them, question them at community forums.
- Join our election-year effort. Come to a workshop. Volunteer.
- Support your local environmental group. We'll plug you in.
- Get in touch: 212-316-7564

**Founding Members** • Audubon Society (NYC) • Cathedral of St. John the Divine • Clean Air Campaign • Coalition for the Right • Earth Environmental Group • Environmental Action Coalition • Environmental Education Advisory Council • Green Guerrillas • Hudson River Sloop Clearwater • Learning Alliance • Natural Resources Defense Council (NYC) • Neighborhood Open Space Coalition • New York Public Interest Research Group • Project for Public Spaces • Protectors of Pine Oak Woods • Radioactive Waste Campaign • Sierra Club (NYC) • Transportation Alternatives

**Endorsers** • 52 People for Progress • 900 Putnam Ave. Block Association • 1900 Bergen Street Block Association • 97-98 Street Block Association • 110 East 176 St. Housing Development Fund Cooperative • 1200 Pacific Street Block Association • All People's Garden • Alley Pond Environmental Center • American Community Garden Association • Asphalt Green/Fireboat House Environmental Center • Bell Park • Better Community Civic Association, Inc., Queens • Bronx Council on Environmental Quality • Bronx Frontier Development Corp. • Brooklyn Residents Against Garbage Incineration (BRAGI) • Calvary St. George Environment Committee • Center for Medical Consumers & Health Care Information • The Church and Center of Integral Living • Charman Home Owners and Tenants Association • Clinton Community Garden • Committee for Better Transit • Committee to Preserve Brighton Beach and Manhattan Beach • Community Environmental Health Center at Hunter College • Congregation B'nai Jeshurun • Council on Economic Priorities • East 4th Street Garden Association • The East 74th Street Association • El Jardin del Paraiso • Environmenters, Inc. • Essex Street Garden • Ferry Point Park Civic Association • Fireman's Memorial Garden • Friends of Blue Heron Park • Friends of Clove Lakes Park • Friends of Indian Road Playground • GAIA Institute • Garden Club of Laurelton, Inc. • GASP (Greenpoint Against Smell and Pollution) • G.O.L.D.S. (Good Old Lower East Side) • The Greens/Brooklyn Environmentalists • Green Heron Club • Guild for Exceptional Children • Harlem Environmental Impact Project • Harlem Rehabilitation Center • Housing Development Fund Cooperative • Inami Community Revitalization Inc. • Interfaith Assembly on Housing & Homelessness • Inwood Heights Park Alliance • Isham Park Restoration Program • Jardin de la Esperanza • Jewish Environmental Network • La Plaza Cultural Defense Committee • Lighthouse Hill Civic Association • Lincoln Road Block Association • Little Missionaries Day Nursery • Liz Christy Nursery, Houston Garden • Lower East Side Garden Coalition • Lt. Joseph Petrusino Park Volunteers • Magnolia Tree Earth Center • Manhattan Psychiatric Center Horticultural Program • Neighborhood Community Garden • New York Black Women's Health Project • New York Coalition for Incineration Alternatives • New York Rainforest Alliance • New York State Marine Association • North Luber Block Association • Off Broadway Homeowner's Association • Palm Beach Civic Association • Palmetto Street Block Association • Parque Tranquilidad • People for Westside, Inc. • Penn South Children's Garden • Pocano Environmental Center • Polo Ground Valley, Inc. • Putnam Community Garden • Queens Community Cadet Corp. • The River Project • The Riverdale Center of Religious Research • Rogers, Tilden and Veronica Block Association • Roosevelt Island Garden Club • Roosevelt Park Community Coalition • St. Joseph's Community Garden • St. Mary's Episcopal Church • Salvadori Educational Center on the Built Environment • Science House of High School of the Humanities • Serpentine Art & Nature Commons • Shore Response Community Garden • Shore Walkers • Spirit of the Forest • Staten Island Citizens for Clean Air • Staten Island Citizens Planning Committee • Staten Island Greenbelt Stewardship Council • Staten Island Liaison Against Enivirocare & Other New Jersey Toxic Waste (SILJNT) • Staten Island Planning Foundation • Staten Island Science Teachers Association • Striving Together • Sunflower Plaza • Tinsley Bus Offices • The Toxic Avengers of El Puente • Tree Care Consultancy • Tribeca Community Association • Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish • Trust for Public Land • Union Square Park Community Coalition • Upper West Side Recycling • Uptowner Neighborhood Improvement Association • Urban Homesteading Assistance Board • Vernon, Marcy, Nostrum Block Association, Inc. • Village Green Recycling Team • WABBA (Williamsburg Around the Bridge Block Association) • Way Out Church Ministries • We Care About New York • West 47-48 Street Block Association • West 181st Street Beautification Project • West Village Committee • Women's Housing Coalition

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# A Platform for New York City

## THE CITY MUST PROTECT AND EXPAND ITS PARKS, GARDENS AND OPEN SPACES

- acquire for the Parks Department privately owned natural sites in city and any city-owned natural sites not in Parks Department
- create a continuously accessible, public waterfront
- build esplanades and greenways that link major park systems
- widen sidewalks where possible and plant trees in all neighborhoods
- protect and expand community gardens
- manage natural sites to provide habitats for wildlife and native plants
- provide convenient open spaces for farmers' markets to encourage a regional food system
- raise operating park budget from current fiscal crisis level to at least 1% of total city budget
- make city planning criteria of 2.5 acres per 1000 people a reality
- press for stronger State and Federal support of their NYC sites and activities

## NEW YORKERS MUST HAVE CLEAN, HEALTHFUL AIR TO BREATHE

- implement controls needed to meet federal standards for minimally healthy air
- change transportation, development and land use policies to cut auto use dramatically
- encourage use of mass transit, bicycles and walking; limit official car and parking privileges
- close down antiquated apartment incinerators and phase out dependency on city incinerators
- expand testing program for less polluting fuels and begin purchasing alternate-fuel vehicles to reduce emissions from buses and other moving sources
- retain low-sulfur fuel requirements to reduce pollution from power plants and heating systems of buildings and reduce pollution from industrial sources
- renew multi-billion dollar program to buy new-subway cars and buses and rebuild system in 1991
- hold bus/subway fares at \$1 to encourage ridership
- plant trees and maintain existing ones to reduce carbon dioxide levels as part of Global ReLeaf effort to lessen greenhouse effect

## THE CITY MUST ENSURE ABUNDANT CLEAN, HEALTHFUL WATER

- practice water conservation: upgrade infrastructure, improve and enforce building codes, mandate low flow fixtures, speed up metering, and increase water conservation education
- enforce laws, like the Federal Clean Water and Coastal Zone Management Acts, to preserve and protect rivers, wetlands, waterfronts, and coastal waters for public open space and water dependent uses
- safeguard city watersheds: purchase development rights solely for watershed protection, acquire land, and vigorously use watershed regulation authority
- halt city schemes for non-water dependent development in the water that are environmentally unsound, including the use of landfill, platforms or floating structures
- create city policy to test for lead in water and begin to remove lead pipes when hazards are identified

## THE CITY MUST CONSERVE ENERGY

- promote cogeneration and conservation-oriented utility pricing
- retrofit offices and homes for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources
- improve mass transit, bicycling and walking, while eliminating commuter toll discounts and parking subsidies
- plant trees to cool city
- amend zoning and building codes to encourage use of natural ventilation and daylight, prohibit sealed buildings, and include energy conservation

## THE CITY MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS GARBAGE, SEWAGE AND TOXIC WASTES

- recycle everything physically possible (60%-85%) by 2005; reduce and clean waste stream by limiting such materials as non-recyclable packaging, styrofoams, batteries, tires and household toxics; and then dispose of whatever residue remains in the most environmentally benign way
- set up exchange facilities for reusable trash
- build holding tanks to contain sewer overflow during storms, rebuild sewers to curb beach wash-ups, develop new policies for sewage overflow problems
- use new sewage treatment funds to reduce pollution rather than build new infrastructure for inappropriate development
- reduce toxics in sludge to use as compost to improve soil
- enforce federal, state, and local "right-to-know" laws for work places and industries
- help residents get low-interest loans to remove damaged asbestos
- require industry to improve pretreatment of waste, and hospitals and other medical facilities to dispose safely of their toxic medical garbage
- clean up hazardous waste sites

## THE CITY MUST ENSURE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND DEVELOPMENT

- plan development based on the carrying capacity of natural systems, the city's infrastructure, and needs for a livable city
- require disclosure of environmental permit requirements at the beginning (not end) of development process, and insist on full compliance with the laws and environmental goals that underlie them
- strengthen planning capacity and responsibility of local Community Boards by providing staff, technical assistance, and access to information
- reinstate a Comprehensive Planning Process supported by environmental groups and citizens that mandates least environmentally damaging alternatives for meeting city-wide needs and then equitably site remaining necessary projects where they do least harm
- mandate full disclosure and analysis of all public subsidies for development as integral components of environmental impact analysis
- require careful analysis and disclosure of all impacts from development; shape development to avoid harmful environmental impacts, including displacement of residents and businesses, shadows and wind created by new buildings, loss of open space, increased pollution, and impact on resources needed to achieve environmental goals
- limit building heights in and adjacent to parks and historic districts

## THE CITY MUST PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR ALL AGE LEVELS

- urge the New York City Board of Education to establish strong environmental education policy, including the appointment of a full-time Environmental Education Coordinator
- conduct intensive media campaigns about NYC environmental problems and programs, increase environmental coverage on WNYC and WNYE, negotiate with cable TV companies for city-wide channel to monitor city's ecology
- help schools acquire or use natural sites for outdoor nature study and gardens and provide school camping sites within the city
- provide innovative, informal environmental education for adults through workshops conducted by city departments with environmental responsibilities; provide environmental information for non-English speaking New Yorkers
- train teachers to teach about the city environment in a multi-disciplinary manner