



FY23 Annual Report

About Van Cortlandt Park Alliance

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance is the non-profit partner that helps sustain Van Cortlandt Park for the vibrant communities that consider the park their backyard.

Formed in 2019 by merging two preexisting nonprofits, VCPA's 35 years of combined history, form the foundation for excellence in educational programming, cultural events, advocacy, and restoration projects.

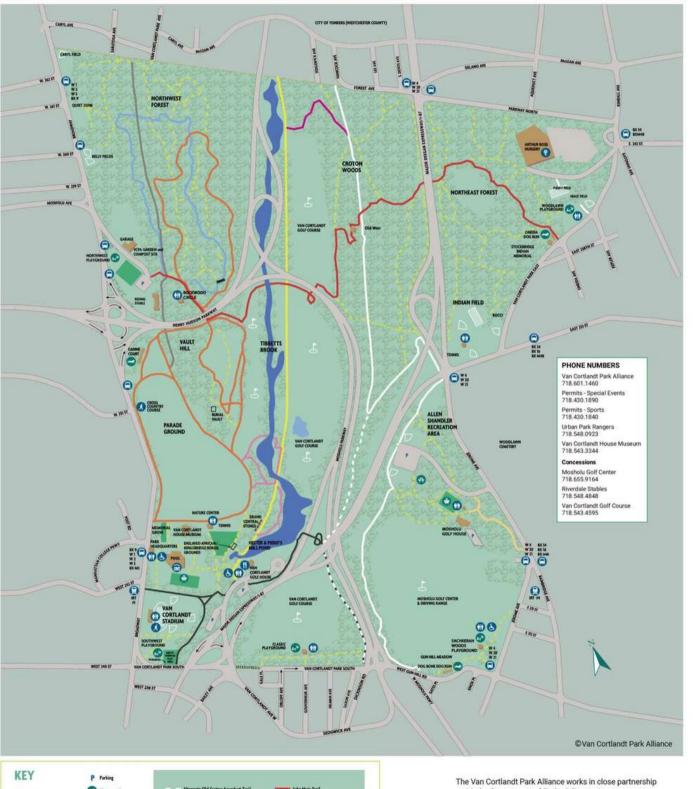
Today, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance plays a critical role in preserving, supporting, and promoting the recreational, ecological, and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park in partnership with NYC Parks.

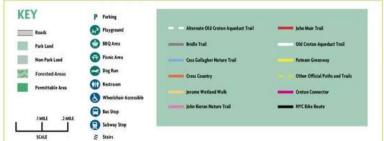
Friends of Van Cortlandt Park + Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy → Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (1992-2019) est. 2019

Van Cortlandt Park

- Third largest park in NYC
- Located in northwest corner of the Bronx
- 1,146 acres of recreational, historical, and ecologically important resources
- Used by over 3 million visitors each year
- 600 acres of forested land
- 20+ miles of hiking, walking and running trails

VAN CORTLANDT PARK





with the Department of Parks & Recreation to preserve, support, and promote the recreational, ecological, and historical value of the Park.

For more information, visit vancortlandt.org.







VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

Maintenance & Restoration Work*

- Natural Areas: Woods and Water
- Cross Country Course
- Hiking Trails

* VCPA works to assist NYC Parks on these projects

Community Stewardship

- Community Volunteer Days
- Wetland/Trail Work Wednesdays
- Forest Fridays
- Vital Volunteers
- Educational Garden & Compost Site

Research Partnerships

- Manhattan College
- Bronx Council for Environmental Quality

Arts & Culture

- Enslaved People Project
- Barefoot Dancing
- Family Fun Days
- Movies in the Park
- Music in the Park

Environmental Education

- Garden 2 Market Internship
- Urban Ecology Teens Internship
- Green Scholars
- Van Cortlandt Adventures
- Nature Hikes and Tours

Environmental Advocacy

- Daylighting Tibbetts Brook
- Funding for NYC Parks



FY23 Program Numbers

- 1,253 volunteers completed over 3,246 hours of community service
- 1,878 students participated in our education programs
- 5,041 people enjoyed our free community and cultural events
- 23,000 Cross-Country runners and spectators came to Van Cortlandt Park for a race this year
- 35 high school and college students were employed through our paid internship programs





Moving Mountains:

Garden & Compost Site Renovation

Our newly expanded Educational Garden & Compost Site is nearly 5 times the size of our old space at 12,060 square feet!



Before ...



During ...



After!



Starting New Traditions: Pinkster Festival

This past year we introduced our first-ever Pinkster Festival! During the 17th and 18th centuries, enslaved and free African Americans transformed Pinkster from a Dutch religious observance into a spring festival and a celebration of African cultural traditions.

This event coincided with the installation of Baobab Tree of Life, created by Ghanaian artist Tijay Mohammed and fabricated by Beam Center. The temporary artwork is a vibrant, 18-foot sculpture located across from the Enslaved African Burial Ground.



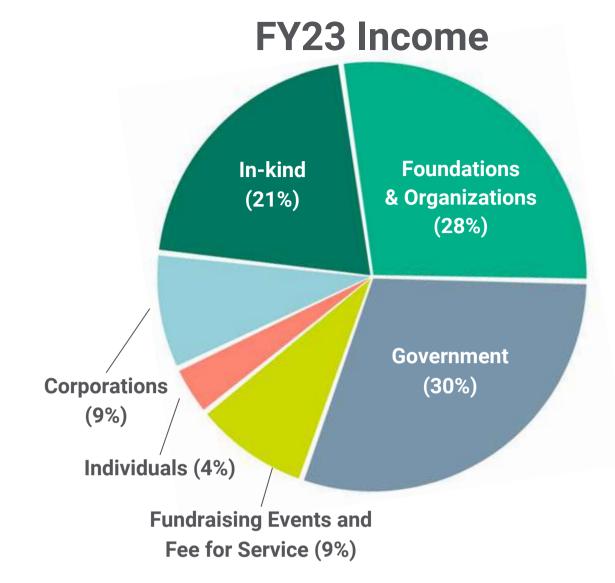


FY23 FINANCIALS

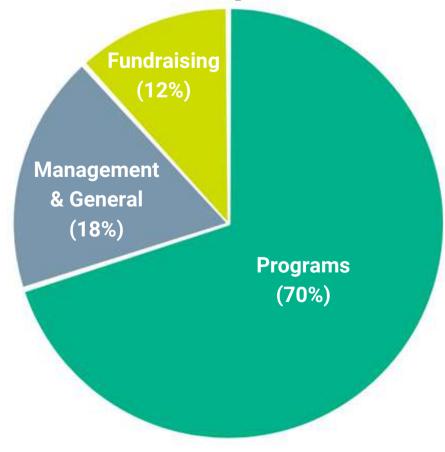
REVENUE	Amount	Percentage
Foundations & Organizations	\$446,647	27.66%
Government	\$484,146	29.99%
Corporations	\$142,206	8.81%
Individuals	\$61,715	3.82%
Fundraising Events & Fee for Service	\$142,476	8.82%
In-kind	\$337,392	20.90%
TOTAL	\$1,614,582	100.00%

EXPENSES		Amount	Percentage
Programs		\$895,690	70.02%
Management & General		\$233,066	18.22%
Fundraising		\$150,377	11.76%
	TOTAL	\$1,279,133	100.00%

Program Expenses		Amount	Percentage
Cultural		\$127,582	14.24%
Environmental Education		\$368,484	41.14%
Fields & Trails		\$163,055	18.20%
Natural Areas		\$200,154	22.35%
Outreach		\$36,415	4.07%
	TOTAL	\$895,690	100.00%



FY23 Expenses





INDIVIDUALS (\$1,000-\$10,000)

Listed alphabetically

Lilka Adams

Robert Baron

Bob Bender and Loretta Nash

Victoria Berger-Gross and Family

Lisa Cintron

The Honorable Andrew J. Cohen

and Dr. Heather Erhard

The Cornstein Family

Linda R. Cox and John G. Robinson

Stephanie Ehrlich

Jacqueline Elias

Teresa Grant Stoeth

Dr. Ronald Gray

Kathryn and Vincent G. Heintz

Stephen Kaplan

Dr. Tom Kelly and Dr. Rachel Kelly

Holly Leicht-Weinstein

Judy Mills-Johnson and Ian Johnson

Felicity Nitz

John Park and Jeanne Jang

The Phillips Family

Christopher Rizzo

Charlie Samboy

Carol J. Samol

Barry Seager

Sandra and James Seo

Bradley Serton

Marvin Shandler

and Linda Shandler Friedman

GOVERNMENT

Listed alphabetically

Environmental Protection Agency

New York State Council on the Arts

NYC Civic Corps

NYC Council - A Greener NYC

NYC Council - Cultural Immigrant

Initiative

NYC Council - Local Initiative

NYC Council - NYC Clean Up

NYC Council - Parks Equity Initiative

NYC Department of Cultural Affairs -

Community Development Fund

NYS Department of Environmental

Conservation

SUNY Environmental Science and

Forestry

U.S. Department of Agriculture

INDIVIDUALS (cont.)

Lee Sossen and Sherri Williams

Nina Habib Spencer and G. Parke Spencer

Hila and Amit Stern

Mandi Susman

Jeff Torkin

Stacey Wieder

FOUNDATION & CORPORATE

Listed from greatest to smallest

The New York Community Trust

Altman Foundation

Horace Mann School

City Parks Foundation

Courts of Dreams Foundation

New York Road Runners

Con Edison

Lily Auchincloss Foundation

Sarah K. de Coizart Article TENTH Perpetual

Charitable Trust

Valentine Perry Snyder

Calhoun School

Patagonia

Edward F. and Sheri G. Leonard Foundation

Ethical Culture Fieldston School

Horizon Media LLC

Montefiore Einstein

The New Yankee Stadium Community

Benefits Fund

Manhattan College

SAR Academy/SAR High School

SMPS Family Fund

College of Mount Saint Vincent

Collegiate School

Groundwork Hudson Valley

Optimum

Research Foundation of CUNY

Select Equity Group Foundation

Stagg Group

Woodlawn Run for a Cause

Laura J. Niles Foundation, Inc.

Lloyd's Carrot Cake

Whole Foods Market

Urban Forestry Organization

Dr. Robert C. and Tina Sohn Foundation

The Jockey Hollow Foundation

Lemle & Wolff

Ridgewood Savings Bank

Riverdale Country School

Schollerman Foundation

Universal Television LLC

Van Cortlandt Track Club
The Fullgraf Foundation

VCP Conservancy (spend-down)

BronxCares

Fordham Preparatory School

Fordham University

Timber Equities

Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP

The City Gardens Club of New York City

Excel Security

King of the Mountain Events

New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Tishman Speyer

Mario Bulfamante & Sons Landscaping

Burke's Beal Bocht Corporation

Emilano's Market

The Minia and Norman Sas Charitable Fund

Prospect Hill Foundation

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