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Open Space Solutions: 2025

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY DISTRICT

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Manhattan Community Board 10 has 0.3 acres of city parkland per 1,000 residents in the district, compared to the 1.8 acres per district average. Central Harlem, known for its cultural vibrancy and historical significance, has long been a center for African American heritage and community life. This report provides actionable solutions to support this dynamic community.

Read CB 10's Community District Needs Here.

LEGEND

- 1/4 Mile
- Community Districts
- Community Gardens
- Schoolyards to Plgds
- City, State, and Federal Parkland

NYC PARKLAND

1 132 St Block Association Park
2 A Philip Randolph Square
3 Abyssinian Tot Lot
4 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Malls
5 Bill Bojangles Robinson Playground
6 Bradhurst Ave Garden
7 Bradhurst Gardens Association
8 CEP Community Garden
9 Col. Young Playground
10 Collyer Brothers Park
11 Colonel Charles Young Triangle
12 Courtney Callender Playground
13 Dorrance Brooks Square
14 Electric Ladybug Garden
15 Elizabeth Langley Memorial Garden
16 Fred Samuel Playground
17 Frederick Johnson Playground
18 Garden of Love
19 Hancock Park
20 Hansborough Recreation Center
21 Harlem Grown 127th St Learning Annex
22 Harlem Grown 134th St Green House
23 Harlem Lane Playground
24 Harlem River Park
25 Harlem Valley Garden
26 Highbridge Park
27 Holcombe Rucker Park
28 Howard Bennett Playground
29 Jackie Robinson Park
30 Joseph Daniel Wilson Garden
31 Lafayette Square
32 Langston Hughes Playground
33 Luigi's Garden of Love
34 Margrichante Garden
35 Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground
36 New 123rd St Block Association Garden
37 Our Little Green Acre Garden
38 P.S. 76 Garden
39 Parks Council Success Garden
40 Renaissance Playground
41 Rev. Linette C Williamson Memorial Park
42 Robert L. Clinkscales Playground and Community Garden
43 Samuel Marx Triangle
44 St. Nicholas Miracle Garden
45 St. Nicholas Playground South
46 TRUCE Garden
47 United Block Association Garden
48 Unity Gardens
49 W 124th St Community Garden
50 Walter Miller III Memorial Garden (La Casa Frela)
51 William B. Washington Memorial Garden
52 William McCray Playground
53 Central Park

Actionable Ideas and Solutions

Manhattan Community Board 10 Master Plan

Manhattan CB 10 has requested a Parks Master Plan from NYC Parks. Specific goals include connecting residents to safe and well-maintained parks, addressing flood mitigation opportunities, and increasing access to the nine miles of waterfront in and around the district.

A. Philip Randolph Square Revitalization

Inspired by Alexander Garvin's visionary concept for Harlem Lane, the A. Philip Randolph Square Neighborhood Alliance (APRSNA) aims to transform 15-blocks of underutilized roadway along Saint Nicholas Avenue into a green corridor, community hub, and economic catalyst.

At the heart of this revitalization is a $16 million pilot focused on improving an existing public plaza with accessible seating, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, strategic landscaping to increase green space, and enhanced lighting for safety and aesthetics.

This project presents an opportunity to reclaim space for community use while boosting economic development in Central Harlem's historic core. To realize this vision, APRSNA calls for support from city officials and community members, essential to secure funding for inclusive planning and neighborhood engagement.

Repair and Enhance Existing Parks

Constructed in 1937 with federal funding, Courtney Callendar Playground is at the heart of Manhattan CB 10 and is a destination for families throughout the district. The public restroom has been closed for 25 years following playground renovations in 2000, despite decades of promises to reconstruct and renovate the facilities.

Improve Waterfront Accessibility

At the end of West 147th-148th Streets along the Harlem River lies a city-owned lot. This underutilized space has the potential to be reimagined as a community asset, enhancing access to the Harlem River and providing green space. The Harlem River Working Group, known for its commitment to revitalizing the waterfront, is well-positioned to lead efforts to activate this parcel. Transformation of this site would create a welcoming, sustainable public space that fosters recreation, environmental stewardship and neighborhood pride.

Convert Schoolyards to Playgrounds

The Trust for Public Land (TPL), in partnership with the DOE, has transformed two NYC schoolyards into thriving public parks and playgrounds in Manhattan CB 10. These conversions make previously inaccessible playgrounds available to the larger community. TPL has identified two additional schoolyards as suitable for conversion:

- P.S. 92 Mary McLeod Bethune
- P.S. 123M Mahalia Jackson School

Increase Bike/Pedestrian Access to Parks

There is a gap in the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway in North Harlem between 145th and 163rd Streets which limits safe waterfront access. Filling this gap would create a continuous greenway corridor, linking neighborhoods and strengthening Harlem's public space network. The NYC Economic Development Corporation is pursuing federal funding for this effort through the Reconnecting Communities Pilot.

Increase Tree Canopy

Expanding the tree canopy is essential to improve air quality, provide shade, reduce the urban heat island effect, and ensure livability. Plantable areas highlighted in green along corridors like Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd present opportunities to enhance public health, foster climate resilience, and equitably distribute urban greenery.

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