

PE1: Partnerships with Other Entities

Village of Bronxville

The Village of Bronxville collaborates with various state and local jurisdictions and organizations. Below is a summary of partnerships and their outcomes.

Sustainable Westchester

Sustainable Westchester is a nonprofit, consortium of Westchester County local governments that facilitates effective collaboration on sustainability initiatives. Their goal is to bring socially responsible, environmentally sound, and economically viable solutions that create healthy, resilient, sustainable communities. Bronxville utilizes Sustainable Westchester's Waste and Recycling Communications Platform. The app is available on the Village website providing a tool for residents to access their trash and recycling schedule and to learn how to dispose of and/or recycle all household items using the user-friendly Recyclopeda. Residents can also use the mobile app to be reminded about the pickup schedule or to be alerted to changes in the schedule.

Attached is the October 2020 renewal of shared services agreement. This is a three-year service agreement that is in effect from November 5, 2020 to November 5, 2023. Also attached is April 2021 Village of Bronxville Board of Trustee Minutes adopting the use of the "recycling app".

In addition, Bronxville Green Committee members and Trustees attend Sustainable Westchester educational events throughout the year and promote their programs through community communications.

New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC)

The New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC) is an independent, non-profit education organization that provides leadership in the development of vital environmental programs for cities, towns, and villages throughout the State of New York. NYSACC's membership consists of municipal conservation and environmental commissions, councils, and boards, as well as individuals. Bronxville has been participating in NYSACC events since 2020 and recently became a member in 2022. Attached is a letter documenting membership.

NYSERDA Charge Ready Program

Charge Ready NY offers public and private organizations that install Level 2 EV charging stations at public parking facilities, workplaces, and multifamily apartment buildings rebates. Attached is the Village of Bronxville's March 2020 Charge Ready NY application.

Pollinator Pathways

The Pollinator Pathway project is organized by volunteers from town conservation organizations working together to establish pollinator-friendly habitat and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects and wildlife along a series of continuous corridors. The Village of Bronxville's Green Committee started a Bronxville Pollinator Group in 2020. Our efforts include educating residents about Pollinator Pathways and establishing/maintaining numerous native plant gardens in our community. Attached are screen shots of the Pollinator Pathways website (<https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns-1/new-york>), which lists Bronxville as a participating town, and a screenshot of our website (<https://www.bronxvillegreencommittee.org/biodiversity/pollinator-pathways>) providing information on our Pollinator Pathways group.

Eastchester Community Action Partnership

Eastchester Community Action Partnership (ECAP) is a community based, non-profit organization, located in the Village of Tuckahoe which serves the residents of Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville. One of the invaluable services ECAP provides is their Kitchen and Pantry, which distributes fresh fruits/vegetables/meats and poultry each month, ready-to-eat food and baked goods daily and provides free emergency food service to anyone in need. The Bronxville Giving Garden has been donating fresh vegetables to ECAP to help support their efforts for six years. Attached is a letter from ECAP's Chair acknowledging the Bronxville Giving Garden's donations and the positive impact it has on the community.

Bronx River Watershed Coalition

The Bronx River Watershed Coalition was formed in 2003 as a partnership among Westchester County municipalities and agencies and not-for-profit organizations seeking the same goal: to improve water quality in the Bronx River. It also helped address flood mitigation. The coalition developed a comprehensive watershed plan, which lays out a strategy for limiting the amount of stormwater runoff and pollutants entering the Bronx River and its tributaries.

Coalition members included municipalities in Westchester County whose boundaries fall wholly or partly within the Bronx River watershed. Attached is a screen shot of the coalition's web page (<https://planning.westchestergov.com/bronx-river/>) indicating Bronxville as a member.

Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council

Since 2020, The Village of Bronxville's Green Committee has been actively collaborating with Scarsdale's Conservation Advisory Council to share ideas and information on conservation efforts in our neighboring communities. Our recent success working together has been launching the Bronxville residential Food Scrap Recycling program using the Scarsdale model which has been in running for many years.