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river alliance

Annual Report 2013



BRONX RIVER BY THE NUMBERS

Anyone who has observed the Bronx River over the years knows that dramatic change is underway. But what do the numbers tell us? Here's a numerical snapshot of our progress since our founding in 2001.

- New waterfront parkland created = **18 acres**
- New waterfront trails created = **3.5 miles**
- Amount raised for Bronx River Greenway and restoration = **\$163 million**
- Number of people who have paddled the river = **14,500** people (plus thousands more with partner organizations!)
- Number of new boat launches on a river where none previously existed = **7**
- Number of teachers trained to use the Bronx River as an outdoor classroom = **2,300**
- Numbers of students who have touched and been touched by the river = **9,500**
- Number of trees planted = **95,000**
- Number of beavers living in the river = **2**
- Number of volunteer hours dedicated to restoring and enjoying the river = **100,000**
- Number of awards for our work, our parks, and our beaver = **30+**

These numbers are a powerful reminder that our river, once a neglected eyesore, is now a source of community pride, where people come to canoe, bike, picnic and learn. The greenway trail system is coming together with 20 miles along the full river currently open for use. The river is getting cleaner and more beautiful year by year, the Alliance is growing stronger and deeper as an organization, and above all, the communities along the river are making it more and more their own.

Join us and discover what these facts and figures mean for our river, our communities, and our city.

See you on the river!

Linda R. Cox

Linda R. Cox, Executive Director



GET CONNECTED!

For many of us, 2013 was the year the Bronx River Greenway sprang to life. After years of planning, gathering funds, and piecing together designs and routes, it is thrilling to see people strolling, running, biking, kicking balls, and rolling skateboards along the nine miles of waterfront Bronx River Greenway trails in NYC!

Starlight Park opened in January 2013. Its 13 acres of NYC parkland feature ballfields, playgrounds, docks and a trail that joins together neighborhoods long divided by the Cross Bronx Expressway. River House, a community educational facility and boathouse now in construction at the south end of the park, will help thousands of Bronxites connect to the river each year through educational and recreational activities.

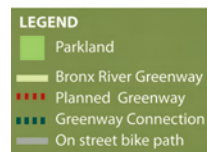
In the summer of 2013, the NYC Department of Transportation installed on-street bike lanes, safe street crossings, and other traffic calming measures that we have long sought. These improvements now make it much easier and safer for people to reach Concrete Plant Park and Starlight Park through the bustling streets of the South Bronx.

Finally, in the fall we celebrated the opening of the Bronx Park Connector, a crucial link in the greenway chain of NYC parks. This one-mile link connects South Bronx communities to the miles of trail and acres of parkland in Bronx Park, and in turn connects communities to the north with the newest stretches of the Bronx River Greenway in the South Bronx.

Over the past year, thousands of returning and new visitors have made the Bronx River, Bronx River Greenway, and Concrete and Starlight Parks their choice destination. Whether it's marveling at the white egrets standing gracefully in the Bronx River as you canoe by or picnicking with family on the green grass of Starlight Park, the Bronx River Alliance continues to connect people to its wonderful resources. The past year is a snapshot of progress that continues to make the Bronx shine. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Veronica Vanterpool, Chair





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Since the founding of the Bronx River Alliance in 2001, we have planted over 95,000 trees, shrubs and other herbaceous plants with the help of over 100,000 volunteer hours.



Fish ladder under construction at 182nd Street dam.

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(With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2012)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	12/31/13	12/31/12
Public support and revenue:				
Contributions	\$175,866	\$277,000	\$452,866	\$617,674
Government grants	326,025		326,025	355,973
In-kind contributions	583,821		583,821	507,205
Special event income	138,495		138,495	62,241
(net of direct expenses of \$22,246)				
Interest income	1,482		1,482	1,429
Miscellaneous	8,297		8,297	2,885
Net assets released from restriction	454,792	(454,792)	0	0
Total public support and revenue	1,688,778	(177,792)	1,510,986	1,547,407
Expenses:				
Program services	1,228,362		1,228,362	1,015,350
Supporting services				
Management and general	157,769		157,769	174,410
Fundraising	200,046		200,046	155,829
Total supporting services	357,815	0	357,815	330,239
Total expenses	1,586,177	0	1,586,177	1,345,589
Change in net assets	102,601	(177,792)	(75,191)	201,818
Net assets-beginning of year	598,883	729,944	1,328,827	1,127,009
Net assets-end of year	\$701,484	\$552,152	\$1,253,636	\$1,328,827



In 2013, the Bronx River Alliance secured a total of \$12,250,000 in capital funds for the river and the greenway: \$12,000,000 for Phase 2 of Starlight Park from mayoral funds and \$250,000 for fish passage at the twin dams in the Bronx Zoo from Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.



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