



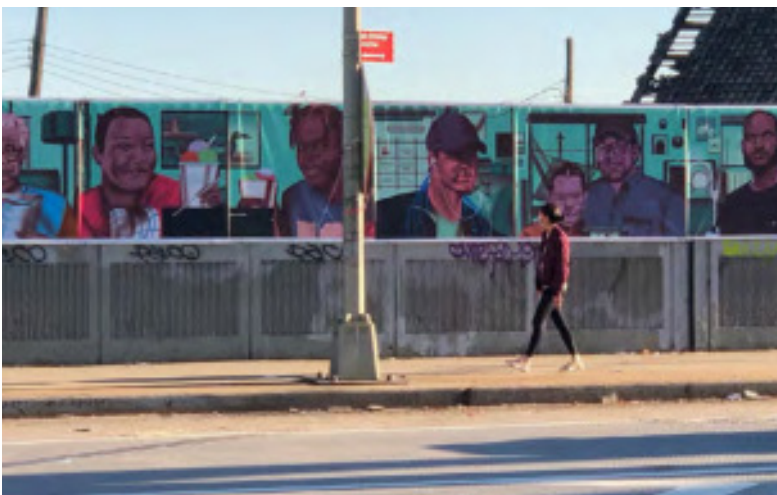
# ANNUAL REPORT 2020





The Bronx River Alliance serves as a coordinated voice for the river and works in harmonious partnership to protect, improve and restore the Bronx River corridor so that it can be a healthy ecological, recreational, educational and economic resource for the communities through which the river flows.

The Alliance works in close partnership with the New York City Parks as well as dozens of community-based partners, regional nonprofits, businesses and all levels of government.





Dear Bronx River Friends and Supporters,

**What a year!** 2020 threw all it could at us: nationwide demonstrations against police brutality and systemic inequality, an economic downturn, and of course, the COVID-19 pandemic. However, despite it all the Bronx River Alliance, and the Bronx River, persisted and has emerged stronger than ever. Together, we achieved our decade-long dream of **completing River House**, collaborated with our local partners to pilot a **brand new ecological internship program** for Bronx students, and achieved **national recognition** for our volunteer program:

- In April the Alliance finally opened the doors of River House. This LEED-Gold certified facility boasts a community boathouse, nature classroom and will serve as the central hub of the Bronx River's restoration for years to come.
- As the COVID-19 and budget cuts threatened youth summer employment, the Alliance pivoted quickly to launch a new program — Bronx River Environmental Enrichment and Leadership for Students (Bronx River EELS) to engage South Bronx youth in paid internships, allowing them to learn from BIPOC professionals in the environmental field.
- In the early spring, The Alliance's Volunteer Program was certified as a Service Enterprise by Points of Light, solidifying us as a leader in volunteer-based programming and connecting us with a national network of high-impact, innovative volunteering-based organizations.

Even still, 2020 presented the Bronx River Alliance with a slate of unique challenges that required significant introspection and adaptation. Following the murder of George Floyd, and the subsequent uprising against systemic racism and police brutality, the Alliance looked inward to reevaluate our own commitment to **equity** and **anti-racism**. In pursuit of becoming an anti-racist organization better equipped to serve the communities through which the river flows, the Alliance applied for and was awarded funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to hire a consultant to lead us in this work.

Additionally, as residents turned to NYC's parks and open spaces as locations for healing and recreation during the pandemic, NYC Parks faced major budget cuts. Decreased funding in tandem with record-breaking park usership overwhelmed our parks along the Bronx River Greenway. However, these challenges, felt by conservancy groups around the city, led to the creation of the Parks and Open Space Partnership, a coalition of open space groups who successfully advocated for increased support for parks and trails around the city.

2020 presented no shortage of challenges. Despite this, the Alliance emerged stronger, more resilient, and with a renewed commitment to its mission and goals. In 2021 and beyond, we are deeply committed to building a healthy, accessible, and resilient Bronx River together with you.

Yours in the Bronx outdoors,

**Maggie Greenfield**  
Executive Director

**Nila Martell**  
Board Chair



# 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

## RIVER HOUSE IS OPEN!

In the spring of 2020, River House was finally completed. We can't wait to welcome you into this innovative, green facility located directly on the banks of the Bronx River next year!



Despite all the challenges of 2020, we were floored with the outpouring of support from community members like YOU, with over:

**335K**

SQUARE FEET  
OF INVASIVE  
GROWTH  
REMOVED

**1,000**

NATIVE  
SPECIES  
PLANTED

**400**

VOLUNTEERS  
ENGAGED

**2,500**

BAGS OF TRASH  
REMOVED  
FROM THE  
RIVER

**“This internship gave me the motivation to be the change I want to see in the Bronx.”**

*-Saquan, student in the EELS program*



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Thanks to the incredible commitment of supporters like you, the Alliance's Volunteer Program is now certified as a Service Enterprise by Points of Light, joining a national team of organizations utilizing innovative volunteer strategies to affect change in their communities. And it is all thanks to our amazing volunteers!



POINTS OF LIGHT  
SERVICE ENTERPRISE



## A NEW SPECIES OF EELS

Even during the height of the pandemic, students had access to paid, hands-on STEM learning on the banks of the Bronx River through the Bronx River EELS Internship Program (Environmental Education and Leadership for Students).



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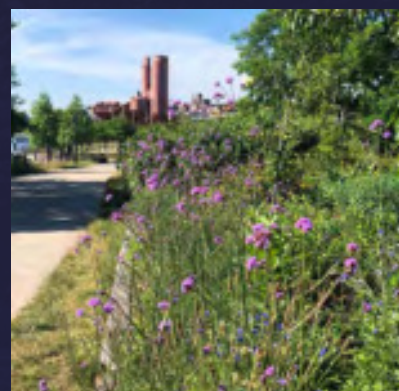
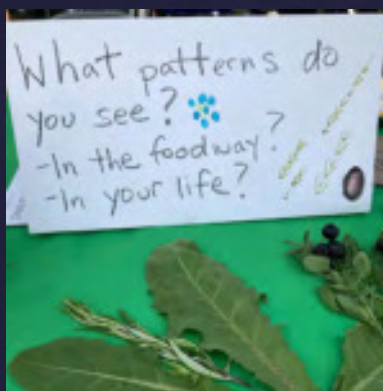
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Daniel Chillemi Charitable Foundation  
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation  
Lily Auchincloss Foundation  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
The Achelis & Bodman Foundation  
The Hagedorn Fund  
The Hyde and Watson Foundation  
The Janey Fund Charitable Trust  
The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation  
The New York City Green Relief and Recovery Fund  
The Prospect Hill Foundation  
Westchester Community Foundation

## CORPORATIONS

Bloomberg Philanthropies  
Citibike  
Clif Bar Family Foundation  
Consolidated Edison  
Patagonia  
TD Bank

## GOVERNMENT

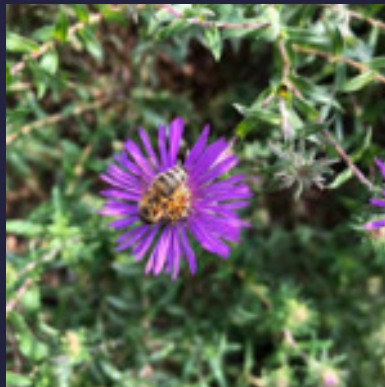
Bronx Health REACH  
Environmental Protection Agency  
NYC City Council, Parks Equity Initiative  
NYC Councilmember Andrew Cohen  
NYC Councilmember Andy King  
NYC Councilmember Ritchie Torres  
NYC Councilmember Ruben Diaz Sr.  
NYC Department of Cultural Affairs  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
NYS Department of Parks and Historic Preservation  
US Community Development Block Grant

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Surdna Foundation Inc.  
Sycamore Birch Management  
Tryax Realty Management  
Weeks Marine



## COMMUNITY-BASED & OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Canoe Association  
 Angela's Pulse  
 Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association  
 Bike the Bronx  
 Black Girls Do Bike NYC  
 Boogie Down Rides  
 Bronx Children's Museum  
 Bronx Council for Environmental Quality  
 Bronx Health Reach  
 Bronx Mama  
 Bronx Park East Community Association  
 Bronx River Parkway Reservation Conservancy  
 Bronx River Art Center  
 Bronx River Senior Center  
 Brooklyn Greenway Initiative  
 Bronx Sole  
 Bx Girl Bike Gang  
 Children's Aid Society  
 Christodora  
 City Parks Foundation  
 Columbia University Double Discovery Center  
 Concrete Friends  
 Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak (CURB)  
 Drew Gardens  
 East 222nd St Block Association  
 East Bronx History Forum  
 East Coast Greenway Alliance  
 Five Borough Bicycle Club  
 Friends of High Line  
 Friends of Hutchinson River Greenway  
 Friends of Soundview Park  
 Gowanus Canal Conservancy  
 Greenburgh Nature Center  
 Greenway Adventures  
 Green Girls  
 Green Thumb  
 Groundwork Hudson Valley

Harlem Grown  
 High Line Network  
 J-Teen Leadership  
 Kelly Street Garden  
 Long Island Sound Study (LISS)  
 Loving the Bronx  
 LYFE Coalition  
 Moskehtu Consulting  
 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
 Natural Areas Conservancy  
 Natural Resources Defense Council  
 New York Botanical Garden  
 Newtown Creek Alliance  
 NYC Greenways Coalition  
 NYC Water Trail Association  
 NY/NJ Baykeeper  
 NY — NJ Harbor Estuary Program  
 Parks and Open Space Partners  
 Partnerships for Parks  
 Patagonia  
 THE POINT CDC  
 Rebuild by Design  
 REI  
 Riverkeeper  
 Rocking the Boat  
 Save the Sound  
 Sebago Canoe Club  
 Solar One / Stuy Cove Park  
 SWALE  
 S.W.I.M Coalition (Storm Water Infrastructure Matters)  
 The Hope Program / Intervine  
 Transportation Alternatives, Bronx Committee  
 Uptown and Boogie Cycling Advocacy  
 Van Cortlandt Park Alliance  
 Waterfront Alliance  
 Westchester Parks Foundation  
 WHEELS  
 Wildlife Conservation Society  
 Women of Woodlawn  
 Woodlawn Collective  
 Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Amtrak  
 Urban Waters Federal Partnership  
 Office of Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez  
 Office of Congressman Jamaal Bowman  
 Office of Congressman Ritchie Torres  
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 U.S. Department of Transportation  
 U.S. Forest Service  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 U.S. Geological Survey

## STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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 NYC Department of Health  
 NYC Department of Parks and Recreation  
 NYC Department of Transportation  
 NYC Service Enterprise  
 NYC Soil and Water Conservation District  
 NYC Urban Park Rangers  
 NYC Office of the Attorney General  
 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
 NYS Department of Transportation  
 Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation  
 Westchester County Department of Planning



## SCHOOLS

The Academy for Career and Living Skills/811X

Bronxdale HS

Bronxville HS

Bronx Community Charter School

Bronx Center for Science and Math High School

Bronx Science

Charter School for Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Industries

Children's Aid Society Charter School

City College

Columbia Teacher's College

Columbia University

Cornell University

Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School

Fieldston School for Ethical Culture

Fordham University

Gotham Collaborative HS

Harlem Preparatory HS

Hostos Community College

Lehman College, CUNY

Manhattan College

Public School 811X

Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE), Queens College

Riverdale Country Day School

Samara Community School

Transformative Learning Community

Young Woman's Leadership School



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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2020 and totals for the year ended December 31, 2019.

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 12/31/2020	Total 12/31/2019
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>				
Contributions	\$ 187,124	\$ 448,852	\$ 635,976	\$ 406,060
Government grants	205,491		205,491	213,404
Forgiveness of Paycheck Program Loan	130,015		130,015	
In-kind contributions	723,551		723,551	453,015
Special event income	102,771		102,771	140,164
Interest income	13,800		13,800	17,655
Miscellaneous	45,327		45,327	25,222
Net assets released from restriction	281,965	(281,965)	-	-
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>1,690,044</b>	<b>166,887</b>	<b>1,856,931</b>	<b>1,255,520</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services	1,343,393		1,343,393	1,011,534
Supporting services				
Management and general	186,795		186,795	202,061
Fundraising	167,838		167,838	153,755
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>	<b>354,633</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>354,633</b>	<b>355,816</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,698,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,698,026</b>	<b>1,367,350</b>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	 (7,982)	 166,887	 158,905	 (111,830)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	655,856	664,095	1,319,951	1,431,781
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 647,874</b>	<b>\$ 830,982</b>	<b>\$ 1,478,856</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,951</b>



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