

NYC Parks Accessibility Progress Report 2024-2025

Mission of Agency

NYC Parks manages over 30,000 acres of the City's land. Our parks improve New Yorkers' health and quality of life, providing oases of beauty, recreation, and relaxation, particularly in communities of need. We empower people through participation and trainings, enhance the public's health from fitness classes to forests, and restore our environment's health and resiliency. Our parks connect and unify diverse constituencies through stewardship, learning and celebration, thereby strengthening and attracting investment to communities, the building blocks of our great City.

In 2023, New York City passed Local Law 12 requiring city agencies to create a five-year accessibility plan, in consultation with the MOPD. [Our Five Year Accessibility Plan](#) required under Local Law 12 can be found on [our Accessibility page](#).

Since the passage of the ADA in 1990, NYC Parks has made accessibility a priority in our physical projects, our programming, and in our communication. This progress report reflects NYC Parks' continued accessibility efforts undertaken over the past fiscal year.

Statement of Commitment

Our commitment to accessibility is central to our mission statement. "NYC Parks' impact on NYC is considerable and our work is essential to the City's vitality. Our parks improve New Yorkers' health and quality of life, providing oases of beauty, recreation, and relaxation, particularly in communities of need. We empower people through participation and training, enhance the public's health from fitness classes to forests,

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Disability Service Facilitator and Other Key Accessibility Information

Rain Credle serves as NYC Parks' Disability Service Facilitator (DSF). Rain can be contacted by phone at: 212-360-2715.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), NYC Department of Parks and Recreation ("NYC Parks") will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Accommodations to take part in a NYC Parks program, service or activity, are made by contacting the NYC Parks DSF as soon as possible and at least 72 hours before the scheduled event by using our online [Reasonable Accommodation Request form](#) or by contacting the DSF at:

NYC Parks Disability Services Facilitator

Rain Credle

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Feedback Process

We welcome feedback on accessibility issues at NYC Parks. To contact the NYC Parks DSF, use the [Contact the Accessibility Coordinator form](#) on our website.

To file a grievance, use the [NYC Parks ADA Compliance Procedure and Form](#) on our website.

Progress Report

Physical Accessibility

As of May 2025, we have completed the following capital projects which include accessibility improvements:

- Albano Playground Reconstruction
- Bayside Playground Public Restroom Building Reconstruction
- Beach 24th and 25th Streets Ramps Construction
- Brook Park Fence, Water Supply and Sidewalk Reconstruction
- Brooklyn Basketball Courts Reconstruction
- Brooklyn Pavement Reconstruction
- Cadman Plaza Park Oval Reconstruction
- Canarsie Park Public Restroom Building Construction
- Captain Tilly Park Public Restroom Building Reconstruction
- Citywide Pool Reconstruction
- Classic Playground Fitness Equipment Construction
- Cooper Park Public Restroom Building Reconstruction
- Cunningham Park 210th Street Playground Reconstruction
- Davidson Park Construction
- East 66th Street Greenstreets Reconstruction
- Edenwald Playground Basketball Courts and Mini Pool Reconstruction
- Epiphany Playground Reconstruction
- Flushing Meadows Corona Park Meadow Lake Northwest Area Reconstruction

- Franz Sigel Park Ballfields and Basketball Court Reconstruction
- Frederick Johnson Playground Public Restroom Building Construction
- Frost Playground Basketball Courts Reconstruction
- Harold Ickes Playground BMX Bike & Skate Park and Multipurpose Play Area Construction
- Harold Schneiderman Playground Reconstruction
- Havemeyer Playground Public Restroom Building Reconstruction
- Highbridge Park Dyckman Rest Reconstruction
- Highbridge Park Public Restroom Building Construction
- Idlewild Park Fencing, Sidewalks and Parking Lot Reconstruction
- James A. Bland Playground Reconstruction
- John J. Carty Park Playground Reconstruction
- Kelly Park Playground Reconstruction
- Kelly Park Public Restroom Building Reconstruction
- Linden Park Playground Reconstruction
- Lopez Playground Modular Public Restroom Building Construction
- Lyons Recreation Center Reconstruction
- MacNeil Park Entrances Reconstruction
- Marine Park Oval Path Reconstruction
- Matthew P. Sapolin Playground Multipurpose Play Area Reconstruction
- Noonan Playground Dog Run Construction and Seating Area Reconstruction
- NYCHA Sotomayor Houses Open Space Construction
- Oakland Lake Pathways Reconstruction
- Ocean Parkway Malls Bike Path Reconstruction
- Ocean Parkway Sitting Areas Reconstruction
- Orchard Beach Nature Center Reconstruction
- P.S. 155 Playground Reconstruction
- Prall Playground Public Restroom Building Reconstruction
- Sankofa Park Reconstruction
- Sarah J.S. Tompkins Garnet Playground Basketball Courts Reconstruction
- Seton Park Adult Fitness Area and Skate Park Construction
- Sheltering Arms Playground Public Restroom Building Reconstruction
- Shore Front Parkway Amenities Construction
- Shore Park and Parkway Vinland Playground Reconstruction
- Socrates Sculpture Park Administration Building Construction
- Sohncke Square Reconstruction
- Sol Bloom Playground Basketball Court Reconstruction

- Washington Hall Playground Basketball Courts Reconstruction
- Washington Park Dog Run Reconstruction
- Wyckoff House Park Public Restroom Building Construction

Over the next fiscal year, we anticipate completing the capital projects listed below, which will include accessibility improvements. Details on the construction and completion schedules for these projects can be found on our [Capital Tracker](#).

- Alexander Hamilton Playground Basketball Court Reconstruction
- Astoria Park Great Lawn Pathways Reconstruction
- Berry Playground Reconstruction
- Broad Channel American Park Field Reconstruction
- Bronx Pavement Reconstruction
- Brooklyn Multipurpose Play Areas Reconstruction
- Brookville Park Baseball Fields Reconstruction
- Bushwick Inlet Park Motiva Parcel Remediation and Passive Seating Area Construction
- Crowley Playground Reconstruction
- Cuyler Gore Park Reconstruction
- Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Reconstruction
- Dongan Playground Reconstruction
- Faber Park Basketball Courts Construction
- Father Macris Park and Irving Square Park Compact Prefabricated Public Restroom Buildings Construction
- Ferry Point Park 9-11 Living Memorial Flagpole Construction
- Fulton Mall Streetscape Reconstruction
- Goble Playground Reconstruction
- Grand Slope Staircase Reconstruction
- Greene Playground Reconstruction
- Jamaica Playground Multipurpose Play Area Reconstruction
- Jennie Jerome Playground Reconstruction
- Joyce Kilmer Park, Hoyt Playground, and Thomas Jefferson Park Compact Prefabricated Public Restroom Buildings Construction
- Laurelton Playground Reconstruction
- Lewis Playground Reconstruction
- Lincoln Terrace Park Field House Construction
- Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center Reconstruction

- Manhattan Beach Park Tennis Courts Reconstruction
- Monsignor Kett Playground Public Restroom Building Construction
- Morningside Park 113th Street Steps Handrails Construction
- Northern Manhattan Pavement Reconstruction
- NYCHA Kingsborough Houses Open Space Construction
- NYCHA Sotomayor Houses Open Space Construction
- Oakland Lake Pathways Reconstruction
- Owl Hollow Fields Public Restroom Building Construction
- Parade Ground Field No. 9 Reconstruction
- Playground 62 Reconstruction
- Queens Tree-Damaged Sidewalk Reconstruction Community Boards 3 & 4
- Rainey Park Playground, Picnic Grove and Basketball Court Reconstruction
- Riverside Park Cherry Walk Greenway Reconstruction
- Riverside Park Path Pavement Reconstruction
- Riverside Park West 142nd Street Dog Run Construction
- Rochdale Park Basketball Courts Reconstruction
- Russell Pedersen Playground Reconstruction
- Seaside Wildlife Nature Park Public Restroom Building Construction
- Sunset Park Bathhouse Reconstruction
- Washington's Walk Strong Street Playground Reconstruction
- West Playground Public Restroom Building Construction
- William McCray Playground Reconstruction
- Woodside Memorial Plaza Reconstruction

Digital Accessibility

NYC Parks is conducting accessibility audits and reworking major sections of the Parks public website, focusing on the popular events section in 2025 (underway) with further major sections to follow in 2026.

Programmatic Access

The NYC Parks Beach Wheelchair Reservation System was updated to allow beachgoers with disabilities to reserve a beach wheelchair up to 48 hours in advance on our [Beach Accessibility page](#).

Workplace Inclusion

Interns from the PII (Partnership for Inclusive Interns) and AHRC NYC assisted our NYC Parks beach and pool staff over the summer months in calendar year 2024. NYC Parks aims to provide courses, training and program development opportunities to Parks staff so that they are equipped to work with those with accessibility needs and those with disabilities.

Consultations and Feedback

We've received feedback from our ADA Advisory Committee and employees regarding the creation of greater accessibility at NYC Parks. We addressed their suggestions to improve beach access for wheelchair users and those who use mobility devices with a new online beach reservation system.

Conclusion

Our vision is to create and sustain a restorative and thriving park system for all. Our mission is to grow, maintain, and program a world-class park system prioritizing equity, access, safety, and nature. Accessibility has been and continues to be a central consideration in guiding upgrades to our facilities and putting together our programming, upholding our goal of creating an inclusive parks system for all.