

Green Infrastructure on Private Properties Outreach & Education

NYC Soil & Water Conservation District has partnered with the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ), Green Roof Researchers Alliance (GRRRA) and NYC Department of Environmental Protection to reach out to residents and businesses in the Bronx Community Districts 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 to disseminate information about incentives and regulations around green infrastructure.

We want to make sure property owners understand requirements and incentives, such as:

- Local Law 92/94 that require green roofs and/or solar panels on new buildings
- Yard planting zoning text that requires planted areas on residential yards
- Green roof tax abatement that provide property tax abatement for property owners who install green roofs
- Resilient NYC Partners Program that provide property owners with grants to install green infrastructure on large properties
- NYC Green Infrastructure Grants Program

Green infrastructure has multiple benefits beyond managing rainwater and reducing the burden on our sewer system. Green infrastructure can cool air temperatures during the summer, filter air pollutants, improve the quality of life, and create habitats for wildlife.

Green infrastructure is a nature-based method to capture rainwater and direct it into the soil instead of over the land into the sewer system or nearest waterbody. It mimics nature by utilizing soils and vegetation and soaks up rainwater where it falls. Some examples include but are not limited to:

- Green roofs
- Rain gardens
- Porous pavement
- Community gardens
- Urban farms (rooftop or ground level)
- Green walls



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