

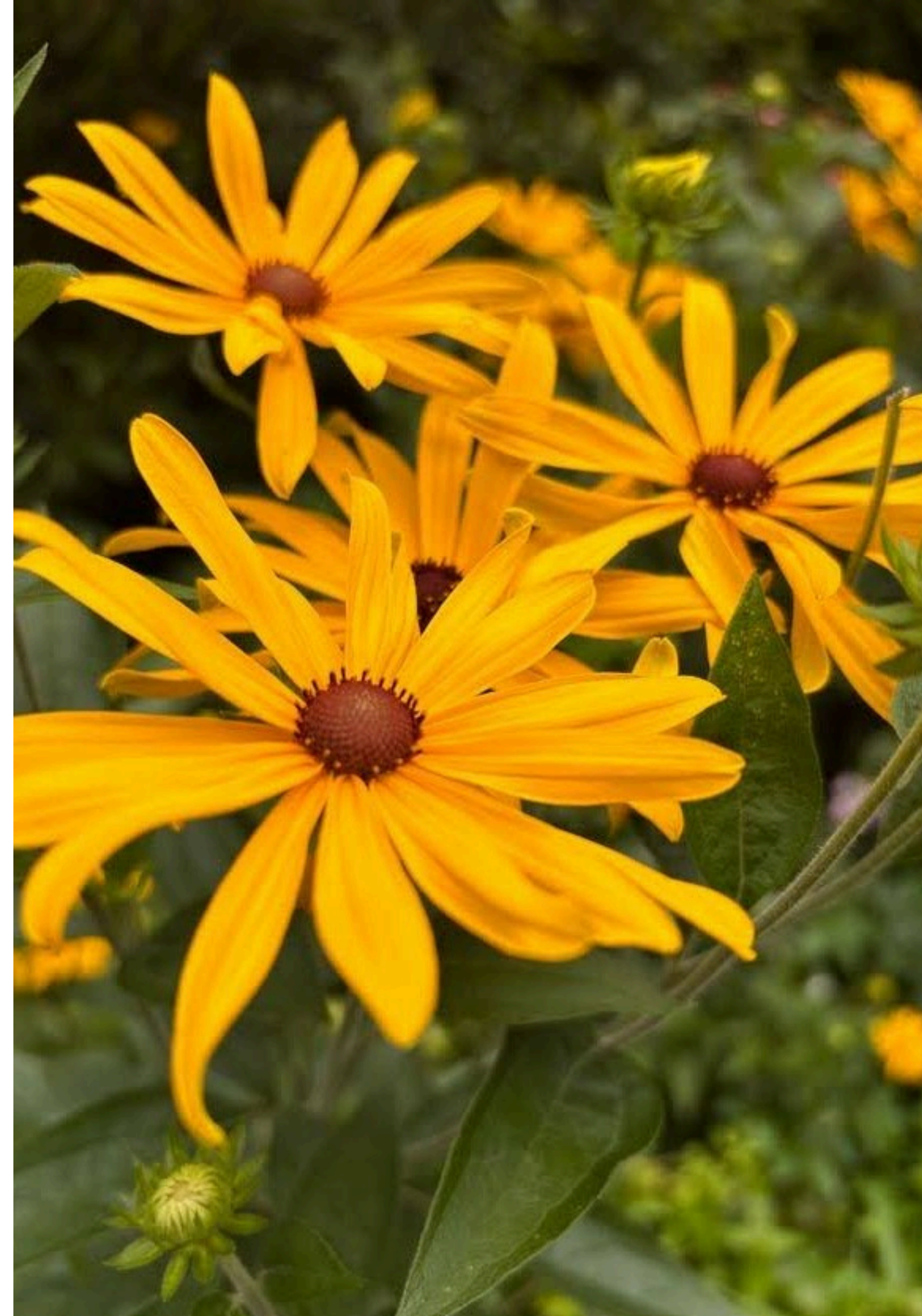
LOWER EAST SIDE ECOLOGY CENTER

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



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LETTER FROM THE BOARD + EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Reflecting on 2025, it was a year that ushered in tremendous change on the national level, during which we continued to stay focused on our community-based approach to our work. We believe that by coming together on the local level we can effect long-lasting change and make our community stronger, healthier, more livable, and just.

What makes the Ecology Center special is not just the programs we run, but the systems we help build. Our work sits at the intersection of community, environment, and city infrastructure. We are not only composting, recycling, and running workshops, we are helping New Yorkers understand that sustainability is something we participate in every day through the choices we make about waste, food, resources, and community stewardship.

In 2025, the Ecology Center and our community achieved meaningful progress. Together, we diverted hundreds of thousands of pounds of food scraps from landfills, returned finished compost to community gardens and green spaces, and continued to educate and engage New Yorkers through workshops and outreach across the city. We expanded our recycling programs to include textile and paint recycling, further supporting the city's circular system of reuse. We also deepened our food justice work, engaging youth and community members in urban agriculture, food access, and healthy eating. Together, this work demonstrates how local, community-based programs play an essential role in building a more sustainable and equitable city.

The Ecology Center succeeds because of people who believe that small daily actions can lead to meaningful environmental change, and because of a team that works tirelessly to turn that belief into real programs and real impact.

As we look ahead, we are excited about returning to our home in East River Park and reconnecting with a space that has been central to our work, our community, and our mission.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Lower East Side Ecology Center and makes this work possible.

Sincerely,

Mohita Sinha, Board Chair
Christine Datz-Romero, Executive Director
Lower East Side Ecology Center



MISSION

The Lower East Side Ecology Center has pioneered community-based models for urban sustainability since 1987. We provide unique e-waste and composting services, environmental stewardship opportunities, and educational programming for all New Yorkers to create an equitable, resilient, and sustainable city.



Community Compost



Stewardship



Environmental Education



Community Recycling

COMMUNITY COMPOST

In 2025, we:

- Diverted 466,576 pounds of food scraps from landfills
- Donated over 100,000 pounds of finished compost to 46 groups
- Distributed 12,720 pounds of finished compost through four public giveaway events
- Conducted 186 compost workshops and outreach activities, connecting with over 4,300 New Yorkers

The Ecology Center’s Community Compost program provides free food scrap drop-off opportunities, distributes finished compost, and supports participation in composting across New York City through education, technical assistance, and outreach.

Throughout the year, we operated five food scrap drop-off sites that served approximately 1,300 participants each week, collecting a total of 466,576 pounds of food scraps. While the amount of material collected through drop-off sites declined from previous years as the city expanded curbside composting, these sites continue to provide an important and trusted service for residents whose buildings do not yet offer access to curbside composting. Community drop-off sites also serve as hubs for connection around composting and waste reduction.

The program continued to focus on closing the loop by returning finished compost to local communities. Over the course of the year, the Ecology Center donated more than 100,000 pounds of compost to 46 groups, including community gardens, parks, schools, and neighborhood organizations. These donations help support healthy soils and green spaces while keeping food scraps within a local, community-based composting system.

In addition to operating drop-off sites, the Ecology Center supported the growth of composting citywide through education and technical assistance. Staff conducted 186 workshops and community outreach activities to educate New Yorkers on composting best practices. In addition, staff provided technical support to 19 groups to strengthen their composting operations through site evaluations, action planning, volunteer coordination, and the distribution of resources such as browns, building materials, and tools. Staff and volunteers also supported two community groups in building three-bin composting systems, providing hands-on carpentry training as part of the process.

We also expanded outreach efforts to support the city’s curbside composting program by conducting 38 compost assistance appointments with residential buildings to help increase participation and connect residents to resources. Together, these efforts reflect the Ecology Center’s commitment to meeting New Yorkers where they are and providing multiple pathways to learn about and participate in composting.



“Our community garden, El Sol Brillante had the privilege of having the Ecology Center rebuild our compost bins in the summer of 2025. An amazing crew of mostly women created a strong foundation of concrete blocks, sand and gravel to build a three-bin compost system using cedar wood to build the bins. We couldn’t be happier to have these bins to process our bokashi food waste.

“LESEC has also brought volunteers to dig trenches to process food waste at our sister garden, the Down to Earth community garden.

“We are very grateful to LESEC for improving our community gardens.”

–Barbara Augsburger from El Sol Brillante & Down to Earth community gardens

“The Ecology Center was incredibly supportive of our community composting site this year. Our bins were reaching the end of their lifespan; LESEC conducted a consultation visit, helped us troubleshoot barriers to garden member participation in the composting area, and provided a full rebuild of the bins. The weekend build was a great event and learning opportunity for garden members and community volunteers alike.”

–Michael Mangieri from 6th & B Community Garden





COMMUNITY RECYCLING

In 2025, we:

- Began accepting unwanted textiles and leftover paint at events
- Hosted 85 events, including three paint collection events
- Diverted 343,705 pounds of e-waste, 34,050 pounds of textile waste, and 29,043 pounds of paint from the waste stream
- Provided 9,632 households with access to convenient, free, and accessible community recycling

For two decades our e-waste collection events have been an integral part of the city's recycling infrastructure, bringing convenient, safe, and accessible electronics recycling to neighborhoods across the city. Since 2003, we've diverted over 11.7 million pounds of unwanted electronics from the waste stream, and with the passage of Local Law 88, we expanded the scope and reach of our events in 2025.

In collaboration with the Department of Sanitation, we expanded the reach of Community Recycling Events to be citywide and increased the variety of materials collected.

Electronics, textiles, and paint represent a small but critical part of NYC's waste stream, as improper disposal can lead to toxins like mercury, lead, and microplastics leaching into our soil and water. As we continue to work alongside the Department of Sanitation, we are not only committed to increasing waste diversions but also incorporating circularity into our programming by encouraging reuse and repair at our collection events. We've hosted Community Recycling Events alongside Repair Cafes at El Barrio in East Harlem and the Greenpoint Public Library.



“We're so fortunate that East River Park is the long-standing home of the Lower East Side Ecology Center. For years they have brought together people from every part of our community to steward our beloved green space—and we're very happy that they will be continuing that work with us for years to come.”

—Dianne Lake from the East River Park Alliance



STEWARDSHIP

In 2025, we:

- Hosted 100 park stewardship events
- Led 1,800 volunteers for a total of 4,700 volunteer hours worked
- Removed 1,045 pounds of trash from NYC parks
- Removed 7,122 pounds of invasive species
- Spread 37 cubic yards of compost and 30 cubic yards of mulch on planting beds
- Planted 8,618 bulbs
- Installed 446 native plants and shrubs

The Stewardship Program at the Ecology Center provides support to the Department of Parks & Recreation (Parks) by performing horticultural maintenance and leading volunteer events at Tompkins Square, East River Park, and Pier 42. The Stewardship team also leads our Horticulture Training Program and Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), where we train and educate local youth in horticultural practices and help them develop skills for public park maintenance.

In May, the first sections of East River Park were opened to the public after five years of closure due to East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) construction. The Stewardship team worked together with the East River Park Alliance to implement twice-a-week community volunteer days. These volunteer days were used to invite the local community back to their beloved waterfront park and inspire ownership of landscape maintenance through volunteerism.

Our Stewardship Program continues to put an emphasis on installing native plantings and maintaining green infrastructure in our parklands. We continued to engage and educate our local communities on the benefits these native plantings provide to our ecosystem. As part of the community-led celebration for the reopening of East River Park, our Stewardship team partnered with the MNLA Landscape team to lead an informational walk through East River Park, where people were invited to ask questions, learn more about the park redesign, and understand how the green infrastructure in place is meant to support the landscape.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

In 2025, we:

- Hosted or co-hosted 35 public education workshops for 650 New Yorkers
- Engaged 400+ K-12 students in urban stewardship, food justice, and estuary education
- Co-hosted five fishing clinics connecting 138 New Yorkers to the East River

The Environmental Education programs at the Ecology Center provide urban environmental education to New Yorkers of all ages through meaningful hands-on learning opportunities. 2025 was another busy year of connecting New Yorkers to our food systems, green spaces, and waterways while helping residents build skills for sustainable living. Our 35 public workshops offered something for everyone, including birdwatching, indigo dyeing, botanical weaving, fungus identification, paper-making, pickling, and so much more.

Our public adult workshops are incredibly popular as well as an opportunity for staff from different programs to share their individual skills and interests. For example, Lena, Community Engagement Coordinator, taught a paper-making workshop using cardboard, paper scraps, and flowers. Renée, Deputy Director and textile artist, hosted a community indigo dye bath in the Clyde Romero Memorial Garden, and a bundle dye workshop using food scraps and other organic materials. Antonio, Development Director, led bird walks all over New York City, including the Lower East Side, Prospect Park, and Jamaica Bay. These offerings are always changing and we are excited for new workshops from our team in 2026.

Along the waterfront, we co-hosted three fishing clinics at Stuyvesant Cove Park in partnership with Solar One and two fishing clinics for femme and nonbinary anglers with the Randall’s Island Park Alliance. At every event, we reeled in creatures of the river—mostly black sea bass, but we also caught two large eels. On City of Water Day, we brought a group of volunteers to clean up the East River Park embayment and removed over 10 contractor bags of litter and large debris.



“As an outdoor educator with the Battery Park City Authority, I am grateful for the opportunity to partner with the LES Ecology Center to bring fishing opportunities to the people of NYC! LES Ecology Center and BPCA have created Femme Fishing—an inclusive, relaxed fishing outing designed to welcome all folks to the water, learn how to fish, and share their skills with others. Through this partnership, we travel to parks and partner sites sharing the work of our organizations with a diverse audience across the city.”

—Marieke Bender from BPCA



FOOD JUSTICE PROGRAM

In 2025, our Food Justice Program:

- Surveyed 252 New Yorkers about their experiences accessing healthy and affordable food
- Engaged nearly 250 multigenerational participants in food justice education
- Hosted three seasonal cohorts for older youth focused on urban agriculture, food justice, and community care
- Grew 50 pounds of food and over 45 unique crop varieties

2025 was an exciting year for our Food Justice Program. We launched a Community Food Needs Assessment in partnership with TYTHEdesign, funded by the NYS DEC's Community Impact Grant Program. Over the summer, our cohort of 15 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) participants engaged in on-the-ground, youth-participatory action research to better understand food access across the Lower East Side. From the East Village to Two Bridges, youth participants mapped out affordable food resources in the area and engaged hundreds of community members through surveys and food distribution efforts. This work will directly inform how the Lower East Side Ecology Center and our community partners support our neighbors as we return to our home in East River Park and deepen our programming. Findings from this research were shared in summer 2026.

Throughout the fall and spring, 17 older youth from Henry Street Settlement's Community Response Team maintained our food justice garden by applying compost, planting seeds, harvesting, and winterizing the beds. In the process, they explored urban food systems, the dignity of land stewardship, and the role of care and sustainability within broader justice movements.

Beyond our SYEP and CRT youth cohorts, we engaged over 200 adult and intergenerational participants in hands-on learning around food systems, community care, activism, and healthy eating and nutrition. This included "Nourishing Communities," a four-part series with the Center for Wellbeing and Happiness that concluded with a field trip to the Poughkeepsie Farm Project, as well as "Interplanted: Weaving Roots for Food Justice", a panel highlighting local partners working to build resilient food systems.

We closed out 2025 with a holiday food distribution for 40 community elders. We listened to festive jazz, enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate, and helped the older adults select pantry staples and fresh produce generously donated by Whole Foods.



MASTER COMPOSTER ADMINISTRATION

The Master Composter Certificate Course returned after a short hiatus due to city funding constraints in 2024. This advanced compost education and outreach program is offered through a partnership with the NYC Community Compost Network (NYCCCN). To earn a certificate, participants must complete seven required workshops, two field trips, and nine volunteer service hours at a compost site. It is designed to build a citywide network of educators, advocates, and community composters.

The Ecology Center acts as the centralized administrator of the course, working closely with the NYCCCN. Over the last year, we facilitated conversations and program infrastructure with the network partners to redesign and relaunch the course.

As the citywide course administrator, the Ecology Center ensures that activities are scheduled year-round, communicating with Master Composter course participants, tracking program data, and facilitating course feedback. In June, we hosted a graduation ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of the 157 graduates of the Master Composter course. In addition, three networking events were held across the city to give current participants and graduates space to connect in person.



HORTICULTURE TRAINING PROGRAM



In 2025, we were able to increase participation in our spring and fall horticulture training programs, while maintaining a 100% completion rate for our youth participants! This year our Horticulture Training Program participants gained skills and knowledge in pruning, native plant identification and installation, soil science, compost and mulch application, and invasive plant removal. These participants also helped lead community and corporate groups in park stewardship events toward the end of their program cycle. These efforts by our youth participants helped maintain our East River waterfront parkland and Tompkins Square Park. Our fall cohort performed soil testing at the newly opened East River Park, to guide future efforts in landscape maintenance and to inform the community of soil contents and potential contaminants.

We focus on bringing in youth participants who are local to the community to foster a sense of ownership over the green spaces we interact with. This year, 15 new youth participants received certificates of program completion! These young people will be the next generation of land stewards here in NYC, so we strive to give them the tools and resources they need to be successful in this field for years to come. The Horticulture Training Program focuses on career development and exposing our youth participants to different possible avenues when searching for careers in the green sector. Youth participants gained these experiences via work days and field trips to Stuyvesant Cove, managed by the Solar One horticulture team, Gotham Park to help with the newly opened 'big banks' section, Sasaki to participate in design workshops, and Earth Matter Farms to assist in compost operations.



“I have been wishing for a community initiative for street tree care for so many years and I feel like it manifested with the LES Coolest Block project. It’s truly a dream come true.”

–Lori Johnson from the 10th Street Gnomes

STREET TREE CARE

In 2025, we:

- Cared for 250 street trees
- Led 30+ volunteer events and workshops
- Hosted 13 Coolest Block competition groups

The Street Tree Care Program aims to educate New Yorkers about how to care for street trees and the role they play in climate resilience. This past year, we connected New Yorkers of all ages to the urban forest in person and virtually. Our 31 workshops included hands-on street tree stewardship, watercolor painting, tree identification walks, street tree pruning, and advanced stewardship webinars. We also launched two new community initiatives, the Coolest Block in the Lower East Side competition and the Tool Lending Library.

This year we led 20 street tree stewardship events where 263 volunteers stewarded 250 trees. These events occurred across three city council districts and primarily focused on care for trees that were planted in the last 10 years. Activities during these events included removing litter, aerating compacted soil, watering, and applying compost. We also provided opportunities for community members to grow their stewardship skills and participation by leading online webinars on how to organize a street tree care event and partnered with NYC Parks to lead a webinar on the New York City tree map, which had over 50 participants.

The Coolest Block in the Lower East Side is a neighborhood street tree stewardship competition for residents and youth in the Lower East Side, East Village, and Chinatown neighborhoods. The competition has two categories, youth-stewarded and resident-stewarded. Young people stewarded trees during the spring (April-June), and residents stewarded trees during the summer (June-August). For our first year, a total of 13 groups participated. The Ecology Center supported contestants by providing street tree care demonstrations to individual groups, distributing compost, mulch, and bulbs, and providing watering and technical assistance.

We also launched our Tool Lending Library hub with support from the Forest for All NYC coalition and the Nature Conservancy. Through their funding support, we were able to purchase new stewardship tools such as cultivators, trash pickers, pooper scoopers, and wagons for community members to conduct stewardship on their own time. The library operated from April to early December and saw 214 tools borrowed across 22 requests.





FALL SOCIAL 2025

The LES Ecology Center's Fall Social 2025 brought together friends, supporters, and community partners for an inspiring evening celebrating our Food Justice Program and its impact on equitable access to fresh, nutritious food in the Lower East Side. The event featured a curated tasting menu by the talented chef Tessa Liebman, made with seasonal ingredients generously donated by local farmers from the Union Square Greenmarket, an open bar highlighting local beverages, and a silent auction with exceptional items and experiences contributed by mission-aligned companies. The branding for the event was created by Gander, helping to highlight the Food Justice Program with its own unique visual identity. Together, these elements created a vibrant gathering that reflected the values of sustainability, collaboration, and community care.

The evening also honored the Center for Wellbeing and Happiness and the Department of Parks & Recreation GreenThumb Program for their instrumental roles in advancing food access, health education, and neighborhood resilience. Through shared stories and collective reflection, the Fall Social highlighted the partnerships and community-driven efforts that make the Food Justice program possible. The success of the event reinforced the importance of continued support to sustain and grow the LES Ecology Center's programs, ensuring that our work in food equity and environmental stewardship can continue to serve New Yorkers for years to come.



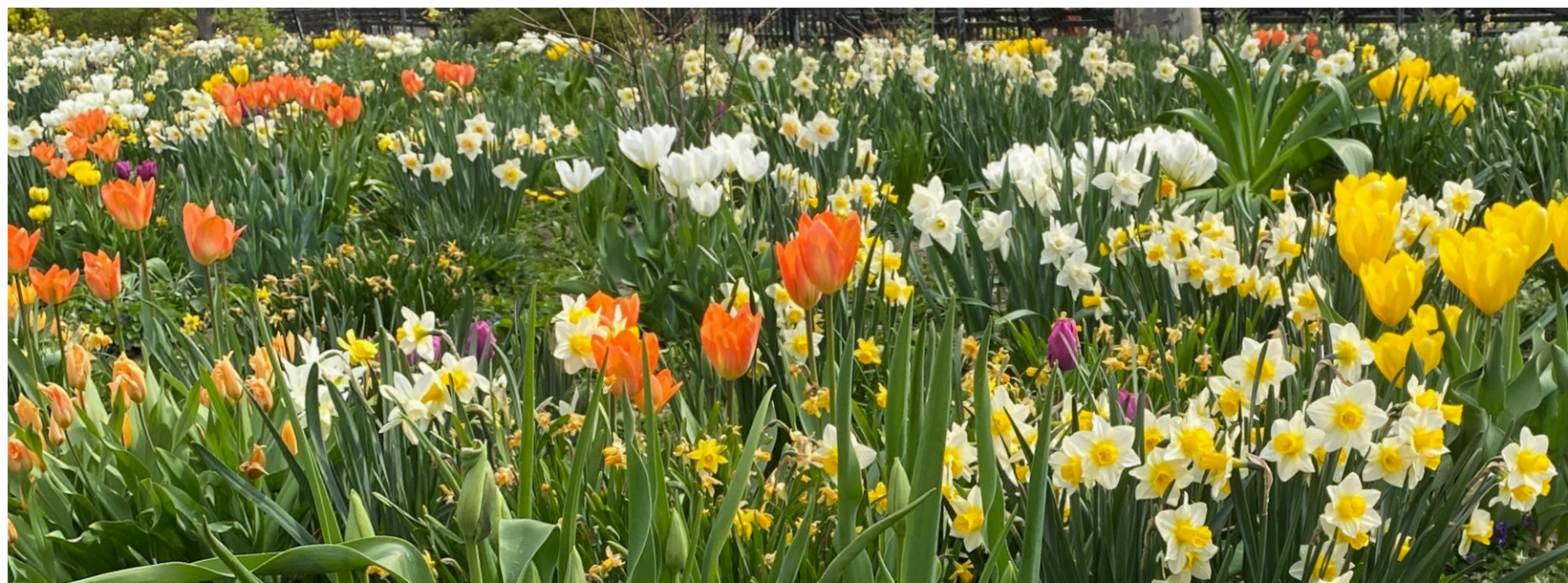
SAFE SPACE COMMITTEE

The Ecology Center's Safe Space Committee advances the organization's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) by supporting staff learning, strengthening internal practices, and helping to foster an inclusive workplace.

Over the past year, the committee led activities around land acknowledgment and Indigenous stewardship. Staff participated in a workshop with the Lenape Center and engaged in discussions about how Indigenous land practices are already reflected in the Ecology Center's programs, and about opportunities to deepen this work. All staff members read about Lenapehopkìng, creating a shared foundation for learning and reflecting on the history of the lands on which we carry out our work.

The committee also prioritized staff preparedness and safety through training. In partnership with the Center for Anti-Violence, the Safe Space Committee coordinated staff training on responding to challenging situations, with a focus on conflict de-escalation. These opportunities strengthened staff confidence and provided practical tools for navigating difficult interactions in both public and internal settings.

The committee also focused on strengthening its own structure. The committee developed and finalized a Safe Space Committee charter, incorporated committee orientation into new staff onboarding, and conducted a staff temperature check to assess continued alignment with the organization's DEIA statement. Together, these efforts helped embed DEIA values into organizational systems and regular practices.



Lower East Side Ecology Center Mission and Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

OUR PAST & PRESENT

Since 1987, the mission of the LES Ecology Center has been to pioneer community-based models of urban sustainability by offering unique e-waste and composting services, environmental stewardship opportunities, and educational programming to all New Yorkers. To further our commitment to creating an equitable, resilient, and sustainable city, we have embarked on a diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) journey.

DEIA AT THE ECOLOGY CENTER

We view all the work we do through an [environmental justice](#) lens. We recognize that by enhancing our efforts in DEIA, we can better fulfill our mission. Implementing DEIA means removing barriers to accessing our programs and creating opportunities for people to thrive.

OUR COMMITMENT TO REPRESENTATION

Our approach involves building a diverse team that mirrors the communities we serve and enhancing our capacity to implement DEIA principles. We acknowledge that this journey is ongoing.

OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER

In our pursuit of a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable city, we pledge to support one another, ensuring that everyone can be their authentic selves. Diversity is our strength, and we collaborate in a safe space that nurtures individual growth and effective teamwork.

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR APPROACH

We are deeply committed to a culture of collaboration, openness, and flexibility. We are committed to listening to community feedback and reflecting on opportunities for improvement.

We champion the voices of the most vulnerable and proactively collaborate with community partners to create lasting change.

WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW

We are building internal capacity to put our DEIA learnings into practice. We value each individual's experience by actively listening and adapting to meet community needs. Together, we strive to strengthen our teamwork and communication, fostering an inclusive and resilient future.

Since we began this intentional DEIA journey in the winter of 2022, we have:

- Established a Safe Space Committee to lead the organization on the journey
- Created a Safe Space Committee charter
- Worked with consultants to engage the full staff in creating a DEIA vision to guide our future work
- Led all-staff dialogues that addressed a variety of DEIA-related topics
- Had a majority of the staff participate in at least one DEIA-related training
- Reviewed and improved our hiring process to bring greater access and equity
- Created systems that support individual growth, including professional development opportunities and a holistic performance review process that brings DEIA values to the workplace
- Allocated organizational resources, such as funds and staff time, to support DEIA growth

AUDITED FINANCIALS

2024

January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024

Revenue	
Government	\$918,450
Corporate	\$370,234
Private Foundations	\$182,000
Private Contributions	\$228,657
Other Income	\$75,391
Total	\$1,774,732

Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$1,051,280
General & Administrative	\$213,032
Fundraising	\$50,613
Total	\$1,314,925

Change in net assets
\$459,808

2025

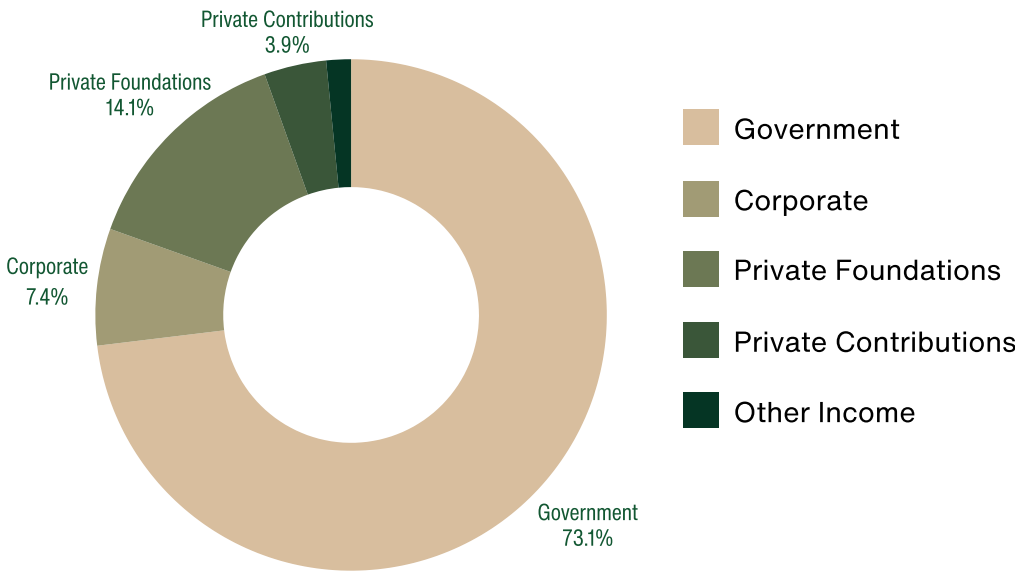
January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

Revenue	
Government	\$2,492,764
Corporate	\$251,732
Private Foundations	\$479,295
Private Contributions	\$134,078
Other Income	\$53,148
Total	\$3,411,017

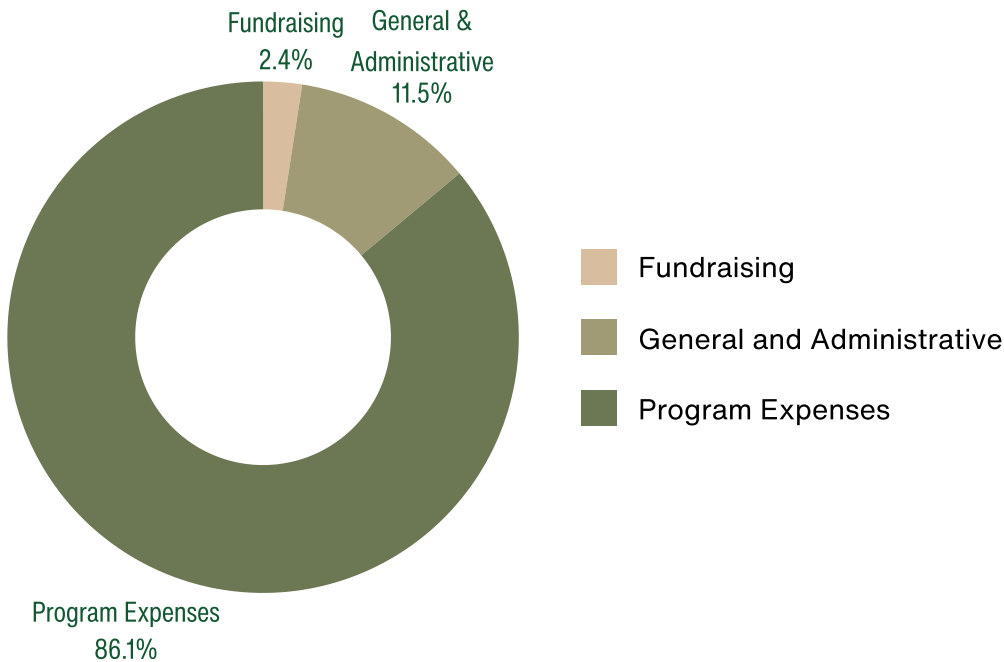
Expenses	
Program Expenses	\$1,835,989
General & Administrative	\$245,147
Fundraising	\$52,235
Total	\$2,133,371

Change in net assets
\$1,277,646

Revenue



Expenses



SUPPORTERS

Elected Officials

New York City Council Members:

Adrienne Adams, City Council Speaker
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6th & B Garden
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Big Reuse
BK ROT
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Cafeteria Culture
Central Harlem Compost Project
Central Synagogue
Common Ground Compost
Compost Power
CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute
Down to Earth Garden
Earth Matter NY
East New York Farms!
East Side Coastal Resiliency
El Sol Brillante

Equity Advocates
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Good Old Lower East Side
Grand Street Settlement
Green Park Gardeners
GreenFeen OrganiX
Henry Street Settlement
Jodie Niss
Kali Mushrooms
La Plaza Cultural Community Garden
LaGuardia Community College
Loisaida Inc.
Lower Eastside Girls Club and the Center
for Wellbeing and Happiness
Manny Cantor Center
Marvel
Middle Collegiate Church
Montefiore Park
Morris-Jumel Community Garden
New Museum
New York City Housing Authority
New York Mycological Society
New York Restoration Project
NY Sunworks
NYBG Bronx Green-Up
NYC Department of Design and
Construction
NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
NYC Department of Sanitation
NYC DOE Public Schools
NYC Parks GreenThumb
NYPL Riverside Library
NYPL Seward Park Library
NYPL Tompkins Square Library
Pancho’s Community Compost Project

Partnerships for Parks
Pleasant Village Community Garden
Poughkeepsie Farm Project
Power Malu - Artists, Athletes, Activists
Project Eats
Queens Botanical Garden
Randalls Island Park Alliance
Red Hook Initiative
Regiven Compost Jewels
Riverside Park Conservancy
Rodale Pleasant Park Community Garden
Seward Park Conservancy
Sixth Street Community Center
Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical
Garden
Stuy Cove Park at Solar One
Tessa Liebman
The Brotherhood Sister Sol
The Dendro Lab
Trees New York
Trinity SAFH
United Jewish Council of the East Side
Urban Green Council
YWCA



SUPPORT OUR WORK

Your support allows us to continue protecting, improving, and enriching New York City's environment. As a community-based organization, we rely on the generosity of New Yorkers and those who believe in building sustainable, resilient cities. Donations and financial support make it possible for us to offer free and affordable programming for our diverse community.

As we prepare to move to our new home in East River Park—a return to the place where so much of our work began—your support is more important than ever. This transition will allow us to expand and strengthen our composting and e-waste programs, environmental education, and stewardship of public green spaces. With your help, we can continue the work we started years ago and ensure it grows to meet the needs of our community for years to come.

Support the Ecology Center with a contribution today and make your tax-deductible gift by visiting our website.

Thank you for being a partner in fulfilling our mission. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,
LES Ecology Center Team

HOW TO DONATE

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