

April 4, 2022

**Westchester Parks Foundation Seeks Volunteers for Pitch in For Parks  
Volunteer Clean Up Initiative  
Weeklong Event to Help Clean Up Parks throughout Westchester Takes Place  
April 18 – 23**

**White Plains, NY (April 4, 2022) Westchester Parks Foundation** is seeking volunteers of all ages for ***Pitch in for Parks***, its largest volunteer program. The annual event, held in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, will take place throughout Westchester from **Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23, rain, or shine**. This year the event is made possible by Gold Sponsor Triton International. Pre-registration is required.

**Joe Stout**, Executive Director of Westchester Parks Foundation stated: "Last year we expanded the program to a weeklong event and had 828 volunteers spread across 14 locations throughout Westchester County that collected a record breaking 1,923 pounds of trash and removed 14,545 square feet of invasive species. This year we are looking to increase those numbers and encourage Westchester residents to help participate in an Earth Day activity right in their own community."

Westchester County Executive **George Latimer** said, "Year after year the community comes together for the greater good to take part in the largest park cleanup in the county. I'm continuously in awe and thankful for everyone involved and I'm looking forward to another successful event!"

Westchester County Parks Commissioner **Kathy O'Connor** said, "The Pitch in for Parks event is one of the most important events held each year to get our parks ready for our busiest season. Thank you to the Westchester Parks Foundation for continuing the program to help keep our parks clean and safe for park-goers!"

Volunteers, working as individuals, families, corporations, local businesses, or groups, are needed for trash clean up, clearing trails and shorelines, restoring wildlife habitats, removing invasive vines from trees, painting, raking, and preparing and planting flower beds. Projects will take place at the following locations throughout Westchester County Parks:

- Monday, April 18 – Pitch in For Parks Kick Off, Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers
- Tuesday, April 19 – Thursday, April 21 – volunteer projects throughout the parks
- Friday, April 22 – Earth Day Volunteer Project, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale
- Saturday, April 23 – Glen Island Park, New Rochelle; Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers; and Bronx River Reservation at Westchester County Center, White Plains; and Blue Mountain Reservation, Peekskill.

Volunteers will be separated in shifts to practice safe social distancing. All tools will be sanitized, and hand sanitizing stations will be available for volunteers. Pre-registration is required to participate. For more information on how to volunteer for Pitch in for Parks,

visit <https://www.thewpf.org/volunteer/pitch-in-for-parks/>

Click here to pre-register: <https://westchesterparksfoundation.eventbrite.com/>

#### **About Westchester Parks Foundation**

Westchester Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, philanthropic organization which provides private support to preserve the County's park system and improve the quality of life in our communities. Westchester Parks Foundation's mission is to engage the public to advocate for and invest in the preservation, conservation, use, and enjoyment of the 18,000 acres of parks, trails, and open spaces within the Westchester County Parks system. For more information, visit [thewpf.org](http://thewpf.org).

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