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## **Our Mission**

**Westchester Parks Foundation invests in, advocates for, and enhances the over 50 parks of the Westchester County Parks system.**

We envision a future where Westchester Park Foundation's innovative experiences and programs inspire engagement in Westchester County Parks. Our work helps safeguard a County Parks system that is open to all and available for everyone to enjoy. Our role is distinct and critical as the primary nonpartisan, nonprofit partner of the County Parks system. With passion and commitment, we bring together public and private partners for fundraising, infrastructure and investments, programs, and community events to ensure the sustainability of our cherished parks, trails, and open spaces for generations to come.

Parks are a vital and fundamental part of the community. They exist to conserve green space, whether 1 or 100 acres. They provide a place where people from all walks may gather and enjoy the benefits of the outdoors. They invite people of every age and ability to engage in fitness and reap the wellness benefits of outdoor activities. In Westchester County, our 18,000-acre park system is one of our most valuable assets. Encompassing more land than many state park systems, it is a reason that people live here, work here, and spend time here.

Recognizing this, Westchester Parks Foundation seeks to:

- Preserve this asset for future generations;
- Strengthen the connection between parks and our communities;

- Create stewards of our parks, through positive experiences in our parks;
- Impart a feeling of ownership and pride in our public spaces — open to all, available to everyone.

Westchester Parks Foundation creates and manages programs that unite people from all corners of the county to gather together, where they are inspired to care for, learn about, and enjoy our parks. Our programs are purposeful, engage the public, and enrich our park system.

Westchester Parks Foundation makes physical improvements to our park system, recognizing that public action and private support must join together to secure the future of our park infrastructure and the enhancements that help our parks thrive.

**We ask the public join with us — to experience your parks, steward your parks, and love your parks.**