About Us

The Central Park Conservancy manages all aspects of Central Park’s care, from day-to-day maintenance, restoration, and visitor experience, to raising the Park’s annual operating budget, communications, and more. Over the course of the last 40-plus years, the Conservancy has led the restoration of Central Park, transforming it from its derelict condition in the 1970s to its current splendor. Our mission is to keep Central Park beautiful and give life to its foundational social purpose: to serve as a respite from the pace and pressures of city life for all people. Additionally, the Conservancy operates the Park’s visitor centers, provides public programs, and serves as a resource for other NYC parks and for public-private partnerships around the world.

The Central Park Conservancy was founded in 1980 with the purpose of managing the restoration and maintenance of Central Park. In 1998, the Conservancy signed a management agreement with the City of New York, formalizing their public-private partnership and responsibilities. Please visit here for more information.

Key Conservancy Facts

- In 1980, the Central Park Conservancy was founded by a group of civic and philanthropic New Yorkers with the purpose of managing the restoration and maintenance of Central Park. Eighteen years later, in 1998, the Conservancy signed a management agreement with the City of New York, formalizing the groundbreaking public-private partnership and its responsibilities.
- $1.2 billion in projects funded by and carried out in Central Park by the Conservancy since its founding
- 150 reconstruction projects overseen by the Conservancy over the past 42 years to restore the Park
- $100 million annual budget for maintaining Central Park, raised by the Conservancy
- 350 permanent Conservancy staff members dedicated to the Park
- 2,800 volunteers
- 45 New York City parks helped by the Conservancy
  - The Five Borough Program has performed work and training in more than two dozen parks across all five boroughs.

Key Central Park Facts

- 42 million annual visitors: more than the top 10 national parks combined
- $1.5 billion in incremental tax revenue for the City generated every year by Central Park and the Conservancy’s stewardship
- 843 acres:
  - 150 acres of water bodies
  - 26 ballfields
  - 45 arches and bridges
  - 10,000 benches
  - +100,000 plants
  - 18,000 trees
  - 21 playgrounds
  - 70 artworks

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