

# Community Development through Urban Agriculture

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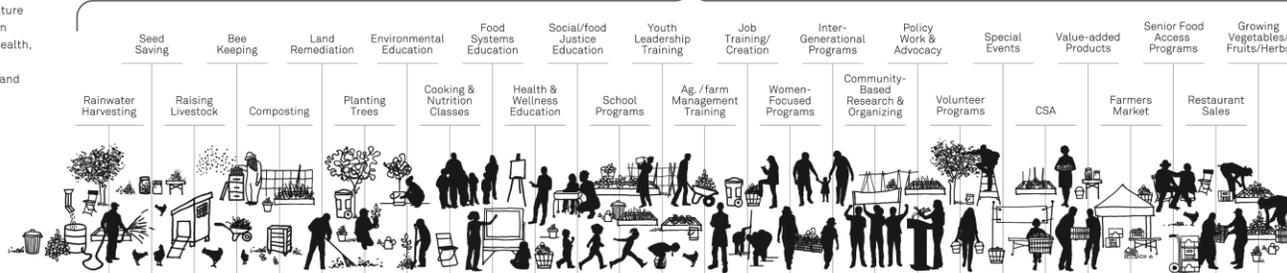
# METRICS FRAMEWORK

## Activities

Many studies have shown links between the urban agriculture activities across the top row (such as cooking and nutrition classes, rainwater harvesting, farmers markets) and the health, social, economic, and ecological benefits on the left hand column (such as health eating, stormwater management, and social connections).

● Evidence-based links

## Benefits



# 1. Social Development

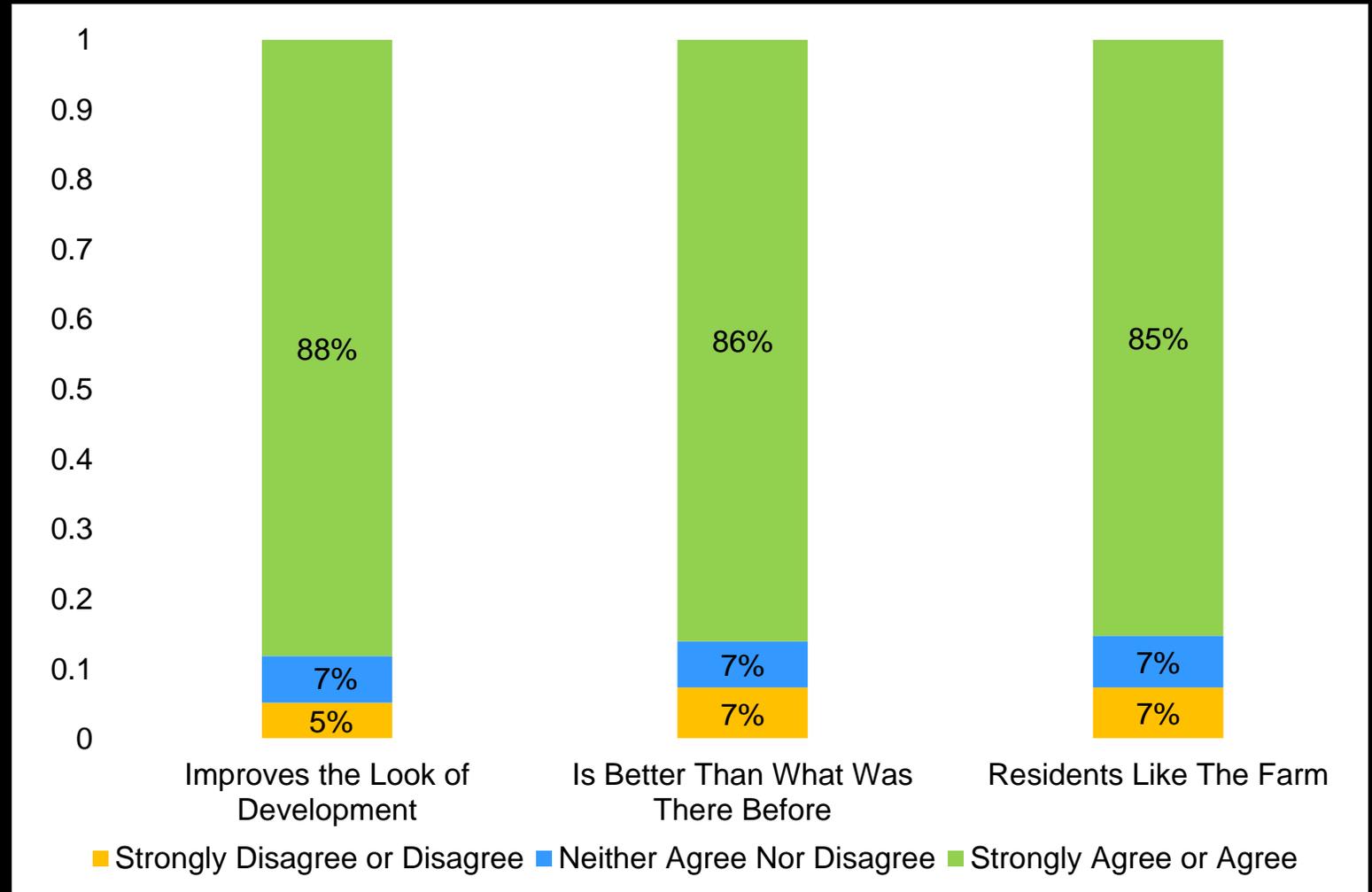
Community Engagement, Cohesion, Health and Wellbeing



# Landscape Transformation

## Percent of Residents Reporting Perceived Benefits of the Farm, 2018

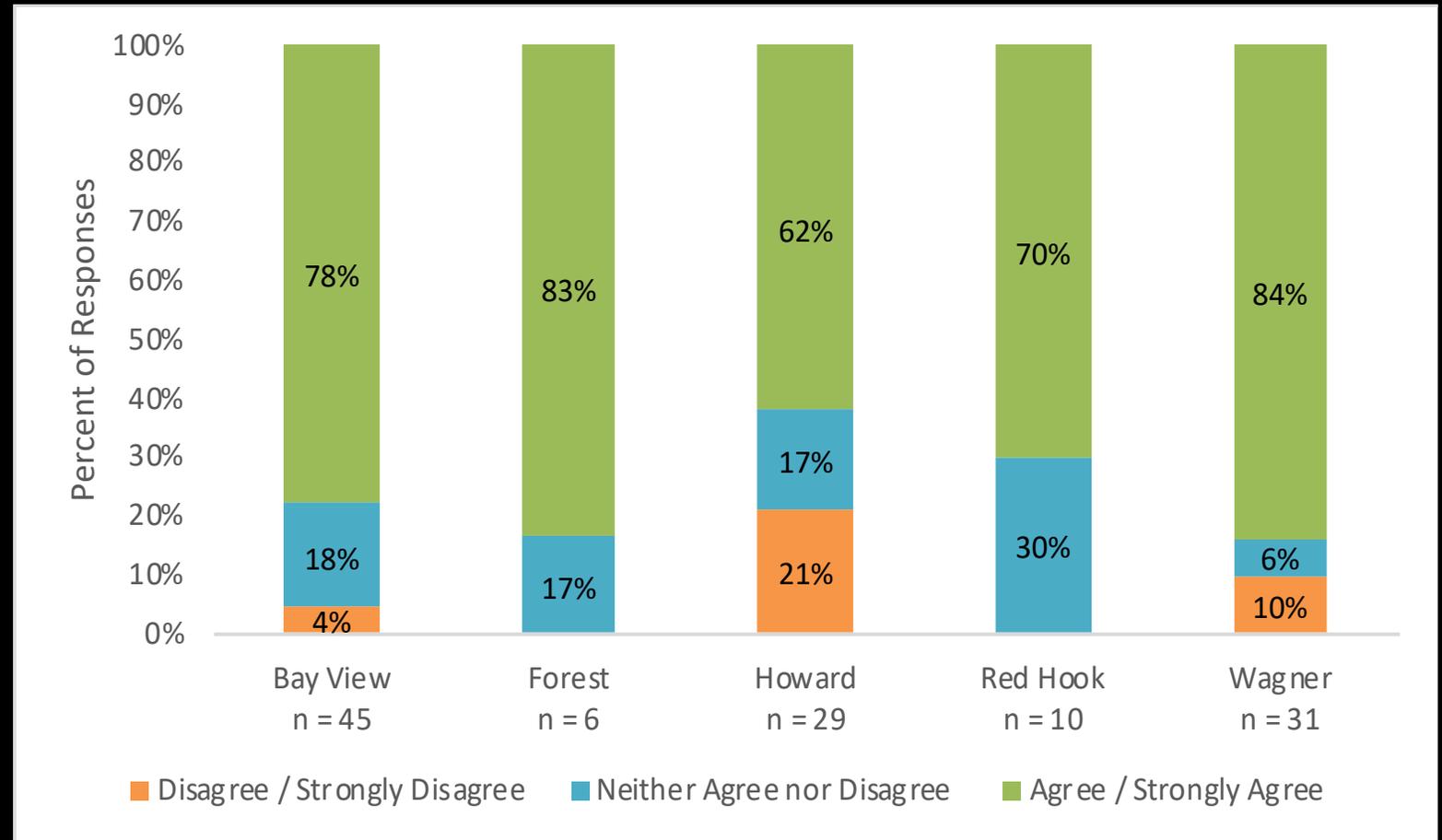
Source: Resident Survey, 2018.



# Landscape Transformation

Percent of participants who agreed that “the farm makes the development feel safer.”

Source: Resident Survey, 2018.



# Community Cohesion

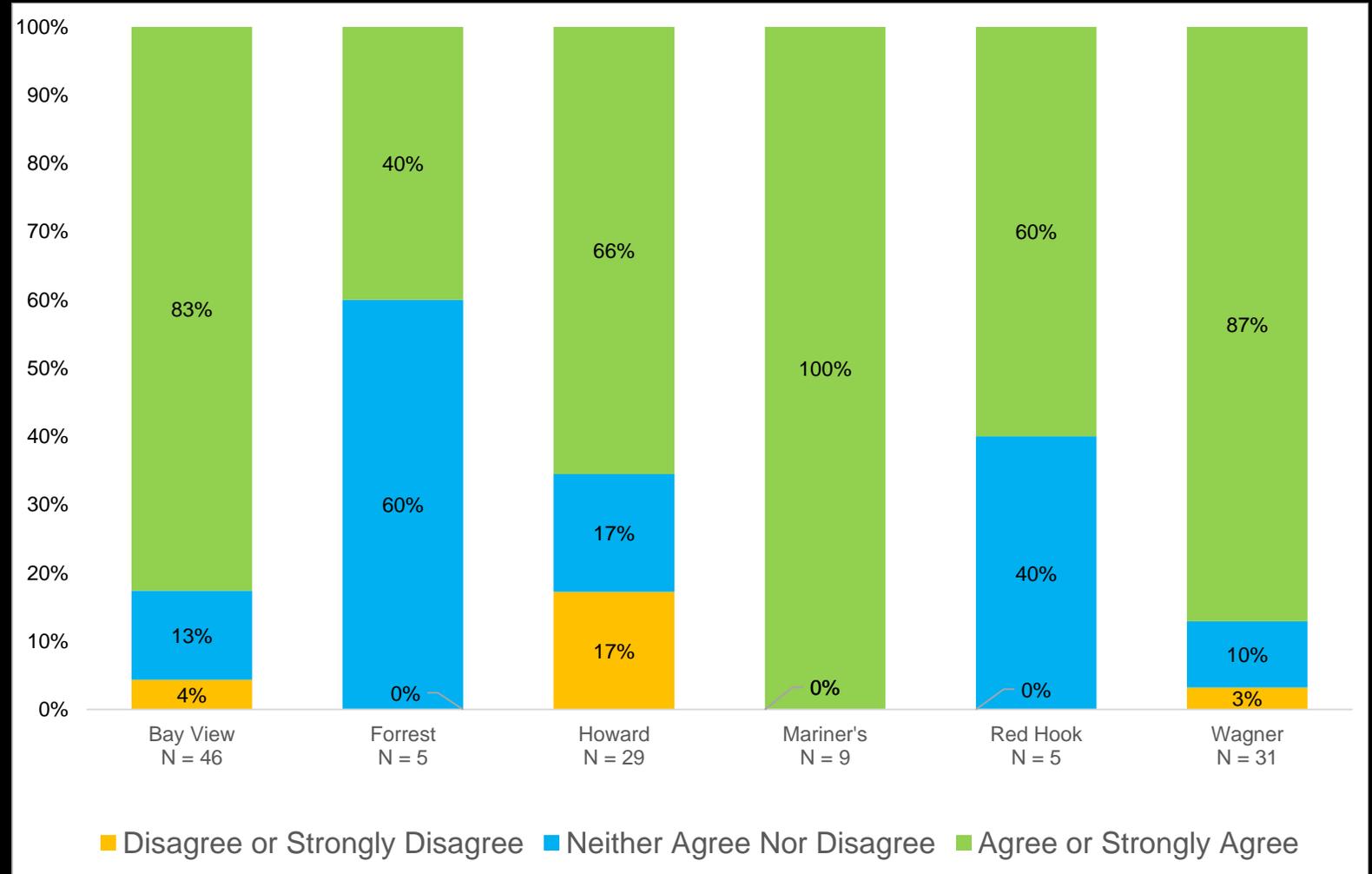
- Farms at NYCHA engaged
  - 14,143 farm stand visitors
  - 1,055 NYCHA resident volunteers
  - 2,490 young people in farm-based learning activities.



# Community Cohesion

Resident Agreement that “Farm Activities Have Inspired Me to get Involved in Other Kinds of Activities in Development,” 2018

Source: Resident Survey, 2018.



# Improved Nutrition and Health

- Farms distributed 56,714 pounds of fresh produce worth \$119,000
- Cooking classes teach new skills
- 6.3 pounds of produce per apartment. Not a lot, but...
  - 46% of residents say that getting vegetables from farm means they eat more vegetables



# 2. Economic Development

Training, Entrepreneurship, Job Creation

# Workforce and Leadership Training

- 111 Corps members
- 97% graduate
- 100% complete culinary training
- 96% transition to full time work or school within 6 months of graduation
- Youth report improved self-confidence and communication skills



# Entrepreneurship



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# Job Development



# 3. Resilience

Green Infrastructure, Brooklyn Grange, and Gardens Rising





An aerial photograph of the Lower East Side neighborhood in New York City, overlaid with a semi-transparent map. The map shows a grid of streets and various green infrastructure elements, including parks, community gardens, and green corridors, highlighted in shades of green. The right side of the image is a solid green background with white text.

Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
New York City Community Gardens Coalition

# GARDENS RISING

LOWER EAST SIDE  
COMMUNITY GARDENS  
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE  
FEASIBILITY REPORT

WE Design  
eDesign Dynamics  
3x3

## GREAT NORTH

- 4 11BC Community Garden,
- 5 11th Street Community Garden
- 6 Ave B Community Garden Association
- 10 Campos Community Garden
- 11 Children's Garden
- 16 Dias Y Flores Community Garden
- 47 Eastside High School Garden
- 19 El Sol Brillante
- 20 El Sol Brillante Jr.
- 40 Relaxation Garden
- 45 Toyota Children's Garden
- 46 Vamos Sembrar Garden

## SOUTHLAND

- 7 Albert's Garden
- 12 Children's Magical Garden
- 13 Committee of Poor Peoples LES Garden
- 23 First Street Garden
- 24 Forsyth Garden Conservancy
- 34 LES People's Care Garden
- 32 Liz Christy Community Garden
- 36 M'Finda Kalunga Garden
- 43 Siempre Verde Garden
- 44 Suffolk Street / Dorothy Strelsin Memorial Garden

## MIDDLE EARTH

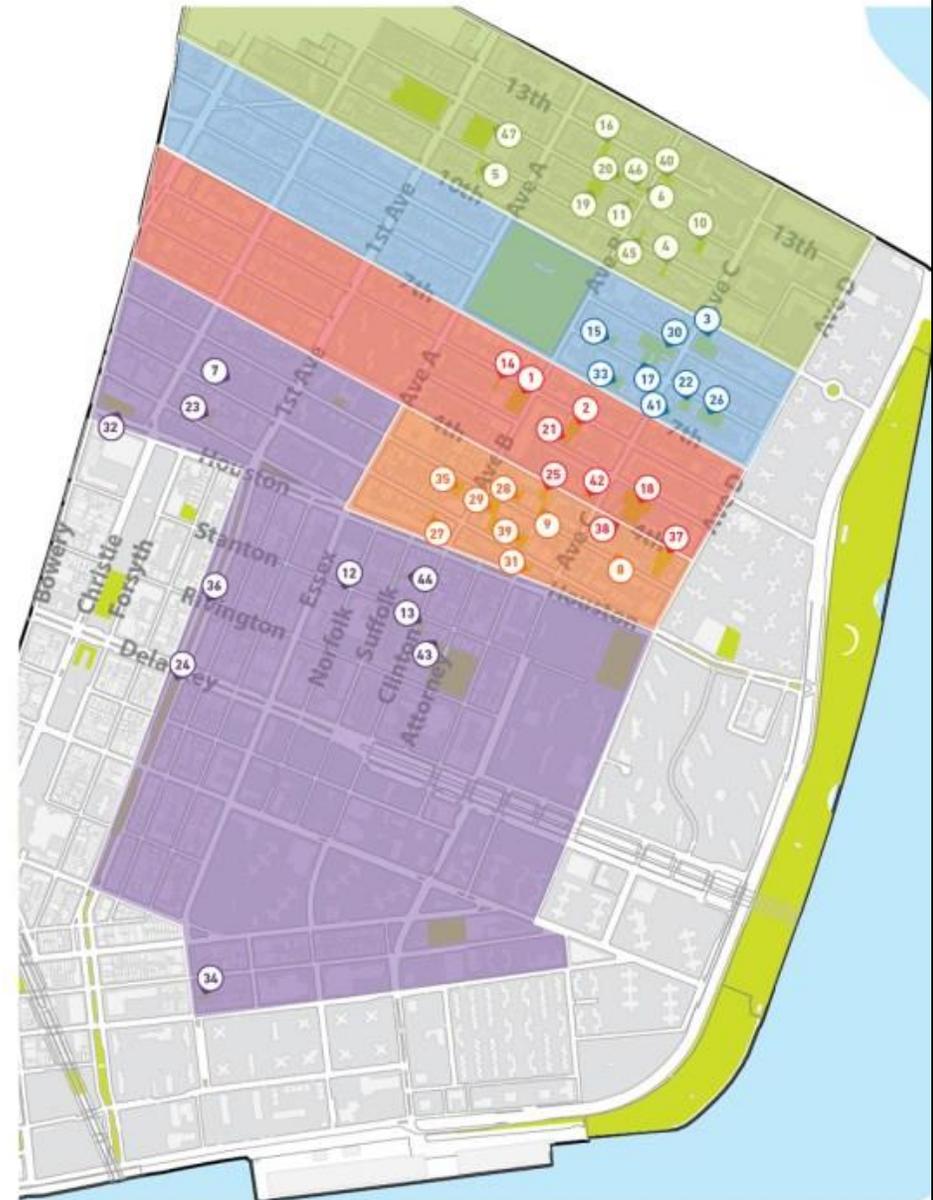
- 1 6B Garden
- 2 6BC Botanical Garden
- 14 Creative Little Garden
- 18 El Jardin de Paraiso
- 21 Fifth Street Slope Garden
- 25 Generation X Cultural Garden
- 37 Orchard Alley
- 38 Parque de Tranquilidad
- 42 Secret Garden

## MUNDO VERDE

- 8 All People's Garden
- 9 Brisas del Caribe Garden
- 27 Hope Garden
- 28 Jardin Los Amigos
- 29 Kenkeleba Sculpture Garden
- 31 Le Petite Versailles
- 35 Miracle Garden
- 39 Peach Tree Garden

## EL PUEBLO

- 3 9th Street Community Garden and Park
- 15 De Colores Community Garden
- 17 Earth People Community Garden
- 22 Fireman's Memorial Garden
- 26 Gilbert's Sculpture & Green Oasis Community Garden
- 30 La Plaza Cultural Community Garden
- 33 Lower East Side Ecology Center Garden
- 41 Sam and Sadie Koenig Garden



# PROPOSED BIOSWALE LOCATIONS, SIZE, AND VOLUME OF STORMWATER MANAGED

VALUES BASED ON VOLUMES FOR A 1" RAIN EVENT WITHIN THE TRIBUTARY DRAINAGE AREA (TDA)



**EASTSIDE OUTSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
1" TDA: 13,001 GAL

1: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(11% MANAGEMENT)



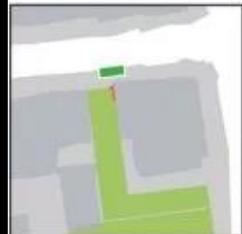
**EL SOL BRILLANTE / EL SOL BRILLANTE JR**  
1" TDA: 12,664 GAL

1: 15' X 5' (1,683 GAL)  
(13% MANAGEMENT)  
2: 20' X 5' (2,244 GAL)  
(18% MANAGEMENT)  
3: 11' X 5' (1,234 GAL)  
(10% MANAGEMENT)



**DECOLORES COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
1" TDA: 13,060 GAL

1: 14' X 5' (1,571 GAL)  
(12% MANAGEMENT)



**SIEMPRE VERDE GARDEN**  
1" TDA: 9,881 GAL

1: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(15% MANAGEMENT)




**CAMPOS**  
1" TDA: 20,638 GAL

1: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(7% MANAGEMENT)  
2: 14' X 5' (1,571 GAL)  
(8% MANAGEMENT)



**11BC COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
1" TDA: 13,442 GAL

1: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(11% MANAGEMENT)



**9TH STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
1" TDA: 5,580 GAL

1: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(26% MANAGEMENT)  
2: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(26% MANAGEMENT)



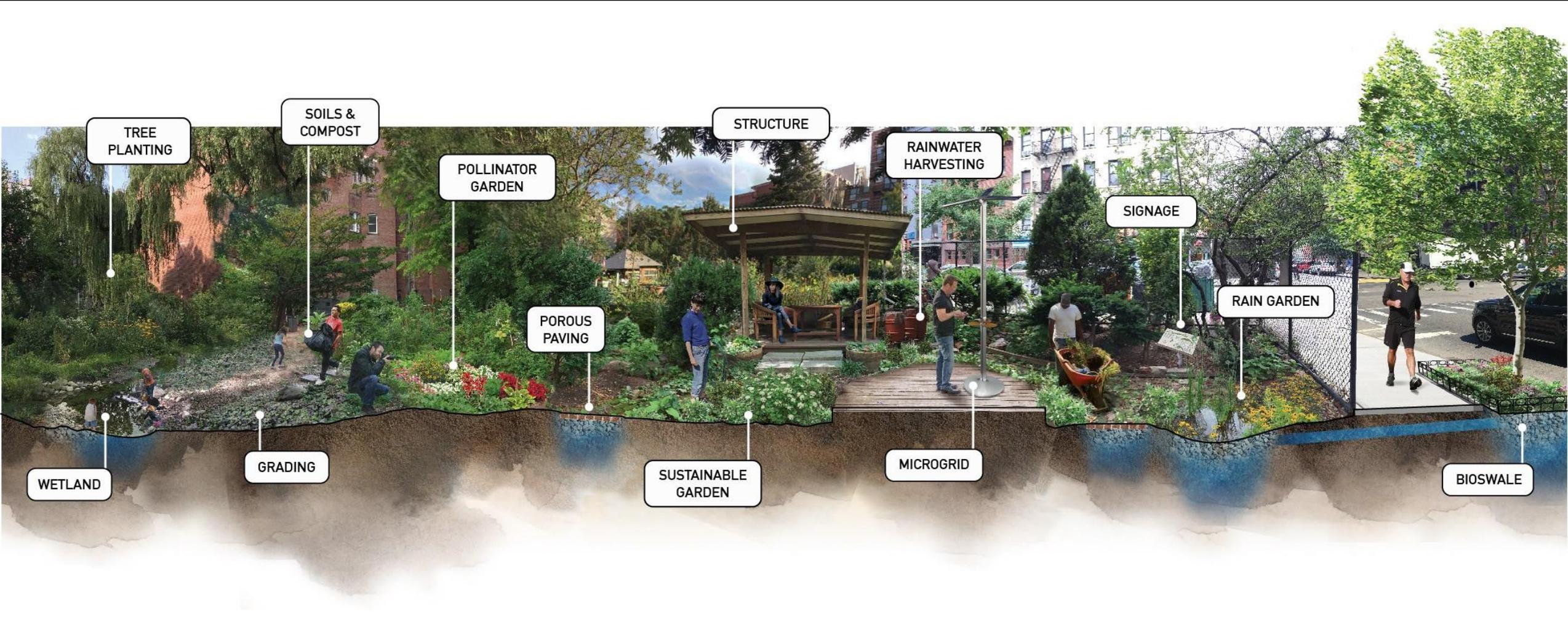
**LA PLAZA CULTURAL**  
1" TDA: 17,721 GAL

1: 10' X 5' (1,122 GAL)  
(6% MANAGEMENT)  
2: 20' X 5' (2,244 GAL)  
(12% MANAGEMENT)



**EL JARDÍN DEL PARAISO**  
1" TDA: 7,233 GAL

1: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(20% MANAGEMENT)  
2: 13' X 5' (1,459 GAL)  
(20% MANAGEMENT)



TREE PLANTING

SOILS & COMPOST

POLLINATOR GARDEN

STRUCTURE

RAINWATER HARVESTING

SIGNAGE

RAIN GARDEN

POROUS PAVING

WETLAND

GRADING

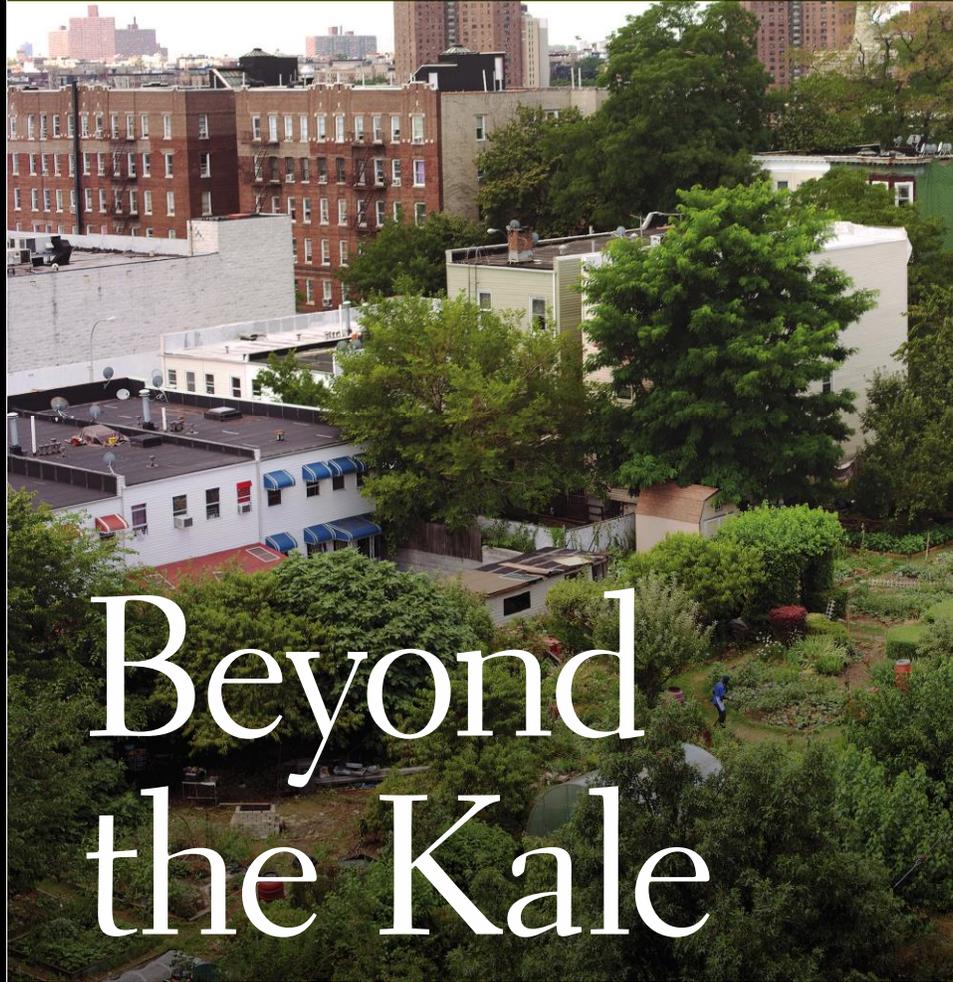
SUSTAINABLE GARDEN

MICROGRID

BIOSWALE

# 4. Social Justice

Farms as Civic Spaces, Places for Education about Justice



# Beyond the Kale

URBAN AGRICULTURE AND  
SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVISM IN NEW YORK CITY

KRISTIN REYNOLDS AND  
NEVIN COHEN

# Spaces for political organizing



Ray Figueroa, Friends of Brook Park

# Activities to Learn about Food Justice



Yonette “Farmer Yon” Fleming,  
Hattie Carthen Community Farm

# Opportunities for Education and Activism

Teens for Food Justice helps youth empower their communities

Step 1



build a hydroponic farm



grow food in a classroom



master high tech urban farming

Step 2



study nutrition and food policy



form an effective advocacy team



learn to teach others

Step 3



harvest fresh produce

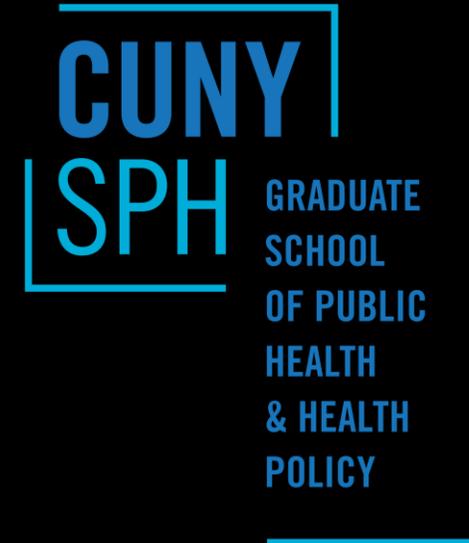


share bounty with community



lead others towards improved nutrition and health





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