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## EPA honors park protectors

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency named the Prospect Park Alliance one of its 2010 New York Environmental Quality Award winners.

The honor was presented at a ceremony last month at the EPA's offices in Manhattan.

It is given to organizations and persons who demonstrate outstanding achievements in protecting the

environment.

The Prospect Park Alliance was recognized for its ongoing work to maintain Prospect Park, a Brooklyn landmark.



At the presentation, EPA Regional Administrator Judith Enck was joined by Chief Oren Lyons of the Native American Onondaga Nation, who was the special guest speaker.

Enck praised the hard work of Prospect Park's arboriculture and natural resources crews, which care for the park's more than 40,000 trees.

Particular note was made of the success of the Alliance's popular education and volunteer programs.

Over the past two decades, the Alliance has undertaken the restoration of Brooklyn's last remaining forest, as well as ongoing revitalization of the park's 60-acre watercourse.

Also honored by the EPA at the ceremony were some of the Alliance's many partners and supporters, including the city Department of Parks and Recreation, GreenApple Corps, the Council on the Environment and the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation.

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From left, Onondaga Nation Chief Oren Lyons, Eric Landau, who received an environmental award on behalf of the Prospect Park Alliance, and the EPA's Judith Enck.