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## **Environmental Protection Agency Honors Prospect Park Alliance**

Part of the EPA's Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

**New York, NY** – The Prospect Park Alliance's ongoing work to maintain Brooklyn's landmark Prospect Park has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA named the Alliance one of its 2010 New York Environmental Quality Award Winners at a ceremony on April 23 at the Agency's regional offices in Manhattan. The Environmental Quality Award is given to organizations and individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievements in protecting the environment. Joining EPA Regional Administrator Judith Enck to present the awards was Chief Oren Lyons of the Native American Onondaga Nation; the award ceremony's special guest speaker.

Full EPA press release at  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/CD9823B8C535FA378525770E005737AA>

In presenting the award, Enck cited the hard work of Prospect Park's arboriculture and natural resources crews which care for Prospect Park's more than 40,000 trees. She also noted 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 Earth Day Ceremony, were some of the Alliance's many partners and supporters, including the New York City Dept. of Parks & Recreation, GreenApple Corps, the Council on the Environment and the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation.

The public can learn more about the Park's thriving natural environment through education programs at the Prospect Park Audubon Center; the result of a partnership between the Prospect Park Alliance and Audubon New York. May 1 & 2, from 1 – 4p.m., the Audubon Center will present special Arbor Day weekend programming focusing on the many species of trees in the 585-acre Park.

The efforts of the thousands of people who volunteer Prospect Park is also crucial to helping restore and protect the Park's environment. An upcoming major volunteer event at Prospect Park and many NYC Parks is "It's My Park Day" on May 15, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. More information is available by calling the Park's Volunteers office at (718) 965-8960. For information on volunteering at other NYC Parks, please call 311.

For information on Prospect Park events, programs, membership and volunteering, call the Park Hotline (718) 965-8999, visit [www.prospectpark.org](http://www.prospectpark.org), or dial 311 for all Parks & Recreation information.

In partnership with the City of New York and the community, the Prospect Park Alliance restores, develops, and operates Prospect Park for the enjoyment of all by caring for the natural environment, preserving historic design, and serving the public through facilities and programs. Prospect Park's 585 acres of meadows, waterfalls, forest, lakes, and athletic facilities comprise a masterwork of urban green space.

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