



FRIENDS OF  
DOUGLASS GREENE PARK

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The Friends of Douglass/Greene Park, Inc. requests [that you](#) or your company make a donation towards programming for a New York City park, located in Brooklyn in Community Board #6.

The park, which abuts a popular swimming pool to the west and is bordered by 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Douglass Street and DeGraw Street, is profoundly underutilized and has not been updated in decades. Communities surrounding this space are in great need of green space

With the allocation of your donation, Friends of Douglass/Greene Park will continue to work with the NYC Parks Department, engaging a broad cross section of community members in developing a plan to renovate this valuable public property. Our goals include adding a much-needed comfort station, making a attractive recreation destination for families with young children, older children and teens, elderly people, and those who work in the area's many businesses, greatly enhancing quality of life in the area.

Over the past five years we have held events to bring more local residents to the park: Our annual "Gowanus Grind" each spring; fund raisers including silent auctions; a tent in the annual Atlantic Antic (the largest street fair in NYC), painting the benches and picnic tables in the park; and last summer we successfully lobbied the NYC Council to restore the funds to keep our "DD Pool" open – a very important amenity for our neighborhood.

The immediate area is densely occupied – with a well-documented lack of green space, as evinced by a study conducted in 2005 by Phillips Preiss Shapiro with funds from a grant from the JM Kaplan Fund, at the request of the Boerum Hill Association. We anticipate that, if restored, 1000 Brooklynites per day will use Douglass/Greene Park from April through September and 500 a day from October through March, for an annual usage of 200,000 or more. The neighborhoods that will be served by this park are Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens, Park Slope, and Gowanus, including the Wyckoff Gardens and Gowanus Houses.

The Friends of Douglass/Greene Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, (EIN# 65-1278807), Our mission is to work with the surrounding communities and organizations to revitalize Thomas Greene Park and to support ecological, recreational, educational and economic uses that increase the park's attractiveness as a destination while respecting the character of the surrounding areas.

Friends of Douglass/Greene Park has already generated community support for this effort through events we have held in the park. We ask for your support to make our neighborhoods a greener place to live and work and to raise families.

We have been working with the Brooklyn Parks Department for a number of years. Their design department has developed this beautiful plan for the future of the park:

<http://i.imgur.com/wlZwS.jpg>

We are told that Phase I, on the Third Avenue side of the park, will begin construction in 2012.

This link goes to our donation page

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Sincerely,

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