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Civic & Community Engagement Newsletter



Non - Profit Spotlight

The Lincoln Park Conservancy



Growing Together, Nourishing Lives

The roots of TLPC extend deep into Lincoln Park, one of the city's largest parks and the former location of Lincoln Elementary School, pivotal in the Lincoln School Desegregation Case of 1961. TLPC intentionally chose this location for its size and to honor the school's historical significance and impact on desegregation in the North. Today, they grow! Lincoln Park Community Garden thrives, embodying the spirit of unity and nourishing the community.

Preserving History at the History & Culture Center

In 2020, TLPC unveiled the History & Culture Center, a testament to its commitment to preserving the area's rich heritage. This center, made possible by a \$50,000 grant facilitated by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, houses a Teaching Kitchen, Media Center, Digital Archives, and a Gallery. It is a hub for exhibits, film screenings, history presentations, healthy living workshops, and cooking demos, fostering education and cultural appreciation.

The Lincoln Park Conservancy (TLPC)

In the heart of the historic New Rochelle lies a beacon of community-driven compassion and dedication – The Lincoln Park Conservancy (TLPC). Since its inception in 2011, TLPC, under the leadership of Executive Director Linda Tarrant-Reid, has evolved from a modest 5,000-square-foot community garden into a multifaceted organization that not only feeds those in need but also preserves the rich history of the Lincoln Avenue Corridor.





Honoring Roots & Growing Together

TLPC's impact extends beyond the garden and the History & Culture Center. The grow! Eat initiative, launched in 2023, expanded community gardens across New Rochelle, providing access to locally grown fresh produce. Through partnerships with local entities like the Boys & Girls Club and apartment complexes, TLPC ensures that even more individuals have access to nutritious food. Senator Nathalia Fernandez's support in 2024 further fueled TLPC's mission with a \$150,000 grant for the grow! Eat Mobile Vegetable Pop-up Truck, bringing fresh vegetables directly to those who need them most. The Pop-up Truck has been an impactful tool in combating food insecurity in Westchester County. TLPC is currently seeking sponsors for the mobile food truck, extending their reach to communities in need. As TLPC continues to grow its footprint in Westchester, multiple sponsorship opportunities exist to support their efforts.

Additional information about TLPC can be found at <https://thelincolnparkconservancy.org/>



Celebrating Leadership

This month, we are proud to celebrate the achievements of Linda Tarrant-Reid, the visionary behind TLPC. Her dedication and leadership have shaped the organization and earned her recognition from the Westchester County Legislature for Black History Month. Most recently, Linda was appointed to the New York State Commission to Study Reparations and Racial Justice by Governor Kathy Hochul. Join us in recognizing Linda's contributions to our community.



Linda Tarrant-Reid – Executive Director

In conclusion, The Lincoln Park Conservancy continues to be a pillar of strength and unity in New Rochelle. Together, we grow, nourish, and celebrate the vibrant history and future of our community.