



## Memo

To: Beth Card, NEM/PCC

From: Uri Perin - Development Director &

Date: February 7, 2006

Re: GreenTeam-GreenLeader Volunteer Stewardship Program FINAL 2005 Status Report

### Supporting the creation of a world class waterfront park

Stewardship activities in Brooklyn Bridge Park, led by the Conservancy gave 2005 stewardships volunteers and park lovers an ideal way to reconnect to the environment and the waterfront, while providing critical care for the growing



Park. In the 2005 season, volunteers donated more than 3,000 hours to this much-loved and much-used waterfront park, and it shows. Enthusiastic plantings and clean-ups, by friends old and new, made for a healthy, thriving park. The activities have fostered some wonderful public/private partnerships with volunteer groups from NY Cares, Kellogg Capital Group, AHRC



Dean O'Hare Facility, and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, as well as our regular Green Team volunteers, who have helped ensure that Brooklyn Bridge Park is a beautiful and well-maintained urban oasis.

Stewardship Coordinator Dena Driver and Green Team Leader Taylor Black worked with City and State Parks managers and landscape architects to provide projects that best suited the needs of the park and focus the efforts of the many volunteers.

Highlights of our 2005 stewardship season include:

- **The creation of three thriving native habitats;** a sand dune grass habitat, a coastal community of native trees and shrubs, and a bird and butterfly meadow - all of which support the local ecosystem and create an outdoor classroom for visiting school and camp groups.



- **The reopening of the Pier 4 garden** for horticultural care and volunteerism.
- **Mulching, weeding, planting and re-planting** in all areas of the Park.
- **Removal of hundreds of pounds of debris** from the shore on International Coastal Clean-up Day.
- **Environmental Education** activities for over 100 park visitors on **National Estuaries Day**.
- **Participation in two city-wide “It’s My Park” Days**, including the planting of many native plants and grasses, and hundreds of tulip and daffodil bulbs to be enjoyed next spring.
- **Harbor Camp** with **Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment** and in partnership with the the **New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation** and the **Natural Heritage Trust**, bringing over 500 NYC youngsters to the waterfront for hands-on educational activities and recreation.
- **Laying new stone dust pathways along Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park** entry points to provide easier access to wheelchair users and strollers.
- **Maintenance and beautification of the newest section of Brooklyn Bridge Park**, which opened in June, at the base of the Manhattan Bridge.

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