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## New Forest Stewards Needed for Alley Pond Park in Queens

As part of the MillionTreesNYC initiative, New York City Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Group (NRG) is restoring parkland and other public open spaces to ecologically healthy, multi-story forests through the PlanYC Reforestation program at NRG.

In order for newly planted trees to grow into healthy forests, stewardship is needed so that invasive weeds do not overwhelm the new plantings. As the trees grow, understory shrubs and herbaceous plants will be planted to create the multistory forest that will sustain the new ecosystem.

Stewards are needed to help weed and monitor new reforestation plantings in Alley Pond Park. Stewards will be trained in natural areas stewardship, invasive weed identification, and proper management techniques. Stewards must attend 3 training sessions and commit to volunteer 12 hours over the summer.

Benefits of Forests in the City include:

- improve air and water quality
- mitigate climate change
- improve neighborhoods
- reduce energy costs
- lower summer temperatures
- preserve wildlife habitat
- increase biodiversity

### ***New Forest Stewards Training Classes***

Saturday May 8, 9 AM – 11 AM, Alley Pond Environmental Center

Saturday May 22, 9 AM – 11 AM, Alley Pond Park Planting Site

Saturday June 19, 9 AM – 11 AM, Alley Pond Park Planting Site

### **Interested in becoming a new forest steward?**

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[http://www.milliontreesnyc.org/html/urban\\_forest/planyc\\_reforestation.shtml](http://www.milliontreesnyc.org/html/urban_forest/planyc_reforestation.shtml)