



GREENPOINT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

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WHAT IS THE GREENPOINT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND (GCEF)?

The Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund (GCEF) is a \$19.5 million grant program of the NYS Attorney General's Office and the Department of Environmental Conservation. Funding for the GCEF was obtained by the State in a settlement with ExxonMobil over its Greenpoint oil spill.

The overall goal of the GCEF is to secure significant environmental improvements in Greenpoint. More specifically, the GCEF is:

- Designed to support projects that address the community's environmental priorities, such as improving water quality, groundwater, open space, toxic pollution and air quality.
- Committed to a transparent and objective process, and to engaging and partnering with the Greenpoint community. This includes ensuring the community has a direct, continuing role in guiding the GCEF's development and implementation.

HOW IS THE GCEF BEING ADMINISTERED?

A partnership of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Greenpoint-based North Brooklyn Development Corporation (NBDC) was selected through a competitive process to serve as the General Administrator of the GCEF.

HOW IS THE GREENPOINT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING IN IMPLEMENTING THE GCEF?

A core responsibility of the General Administrator (with NBDC in the lead) is to ensure that the GCEF is implemented in collaboration with the Greenpoint community. To that end, the GCEF has already held multiple community meetings, established a website, and developed contacts that keep thousands of Greenpoint residents regularly updated.

NBDC is continually expanding GCEF's community engagement, with many more meetings, workshops and other community involvement activities being planned and undertaken.

In addition, the Greenpoint Community Advisory Panel (CAP) - a group of Greenpoint residents, representatives of local organizations and elected officials - provides direct, on-going input to the State. The CAP is playing a central role in guiding the GCEF's development and implementation.

WHAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN BY THE GCEF?

In implementing the GCEF, the State and the General Administrator, with the assistance of the CAP:

- Solicit proposals for projects that address Greenpoint's environmental improvement priorities.
- Offer workshops, one-to-one technical assistance and other aid to help prospective applicants develop and refine project proposals.
- Carry out a process that identifies the best environmental improvement projects among those proposed for funding.
- Oversee the implementation of projects selected for funding to ensure their success.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECT FUNDING HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GCEF?

To-date, three types of project funding have been made available:

- **Small grants:** Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 smaller-scale environmental improvement projects involving a limited number of activities and/or locations.
- **Large grants:** Grants ranging from greater than \$25,000 to \$2,000,000 for projects involving an environmental benefit at multiple sites and/or projects at a single site that integrate multiple environmental benefits.
- **Legacy Grants:** Grants greater than \$2,000,000 for projects providing one or more environmental benefits and as a result of, for example, their size or scale, the need to acquire land, the number of Greenpoint residents they serve, their expected life, the level of community support for the project or other specialized project characteristics, require more funding than a Large Grant project.

Another round of GCEF project funding will commence in 2015.

WHAT TYPES HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GCEF?

Visit the GCEF website at: www.gcef.org.

Contact the GCEF Community Liaison Office at 718-389-9044 ext. 15 or at gcefund@northbrooklyn.org

