



2015

Goldman Sachs volunteers pitch in with PS10 teachers and students to install rolling planters -- doubling PS10 Farm -- and edging in butterfly habitat.

HomeGrown awarded grant from Citizens Committee to fund purchase of field hydrant at "PS10 Farm." PS10 teachers awarded CCforNYC grant to fund rolling planters.

HomeGrown awarded grant from Citizens Committee for NYC awarded to fund second phase of planters repurposing old sandpit as foundation.

First planters are built & installed in May (in time for PS10 Annual Butterfly Day). "PS10 Farm @ Butterfly Garden" opens for planting.



HomeGrown reaches out: to Park Slope Civic Council for fiscal sponsorship, to Pelham Bay Park for advice on ADA-compliant gardens, to PS10 to partner on creating an outdoor classroom. PS10 holds first annual Butterfly Days (spring butterfly release) in May.

HomeGrown volunteers are accepted at Partnerships Academy - program for training parks friends / conservancy group leaders.

Parks Dept. retrofits old sandpit plumbing to install tap for garden hose.



Commissioner Adrian Benepe pays a visit on It's My Park Day! In October. Agrees our "no-name" park deserves to be officially designated "Butterfly Garden."

As HomeGrown, community volunteers apply to serve as stewards for B255G under Partnerships for Parks program. Park's planting areas are cleaned, new topsoil roto-tilled, berms created, first 3,000 bulbs planted.

Community volunteers organize to care for a neglected half-acre park designated B255G at 18th St. & 7th Ave.



HomeGrown at Butterfly Garden Milestones 2001-2015

- 2015 Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams announces \$450,000 in funding to repave and enhance outdoor classroom amenities at Butterfly Garden.
- 2014 Brooklyn Parks Commissioner Kevin Jeffrey designates the PS10 School Farm section of Butterfly Garden as special use area for school children during May-June
- 2013 ADA-compliant field hydrant is installed by Parks Dept. plumbers.
- 2012 PS10 secures a Lowes Toolbox grant for bringing water to the butterfly habitat at Butterfly Garden.
- 2011 Partnerships for Parks awards HomeGrown a capacity-building grant for a bulletin board for the "PS10 Farm."
- 2010 Parks Dept. approves first capital project in decades includes: gates to secure park's core area (classroom) while preserving 24/7 sitting area; gates to allow circulation into and out of the main garden area; ramps into main garden area; ADA-compliant drinking fountain. HomeGrown begins securing park gates at night.
- 2009 Community Board 7 endorses HomeGrown's efforts to develop Butterfly Garden as an accessible garden. HomeGrown secures a grant from Partnerships for Parks to build prototype ADA-compliant, child-size planters. PS10 teachers obtain grant for second set of planters from Goldman Sachs.
- 2008 Partnerships Academy grant will become "seed money" for developing the PS10 Farm at Butterfly Garden.
- 2007
- 2006 HomeGrown celebrates 5 years of sweat equity invested in Butterfly Garden: 2,500+ volunteer hours, 10,000+ spring-flowering bulbs planted (plus butterfly bushes, lilacs, dogwoods, & more).
- 2005
- 2004 HomeGrown files a formal request to the Parks Dept. to have gates installed so Butterfly Garden can be secured overnight.
- 2003 HomeGrown opens first full volunteer gardening season: every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. April through October. Obtains DEP permit to tap fire hydrant for water.
- 2002 HomeGrown counters proposal to use B255G planting areas as dog runs with a vision of restored gardens at Community Board 7 hearing -- a vision recommended by CB7 parks committee and approved by CB7 in June.
- 2001



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