



Photos and News from Citizens Committee for New York City

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## PHOTOS: Citizens Committee for New York City and Bank of America Congratulate P.L.A.N.T. on Winning Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Greenest Block in Brooklyn 2019 Award

### *CCNYC Grantee Transformed Lincoln Place into Green Oasis*

**BROOKLYN** – Citizens Committee for New York City (CCNYC) and Bank of America are thrilled to congratulate the members of P.L.A.N.T. (Preserving Lincoln's Abundant Natural Treasures) on being named winner of Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Greenest Block in Brooklyn 2019 award. P.L.A.N.T. is a CCNYC grantee whose members have worked incredibly hard to transform their block of Lincoln Place between Nostrand Avenue and New York Avenue into a beautiful and inspiring oasis of greenery in the middle of Crown Heights. Their efforts include installation and care of numerous immaculately-maintained tree beds, window boxes, and planters creatively fashioned out of old musical instruments, popcorn containers, grills, household appliances and other reused items. The group was presented with the honor at a celebration last week hosted by Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

"Our mission is to utilize the collective talents and gifts of our neighbors to build community. This year we saw this mission in motion as neighbors came together to create a wonderful work of art on our block, leading to this joyous accomplishment! Our block has become, in the words of passersby, an 'oasis', a 'wonderful work of art' and a 'museum'. Thank you so much to all of the residents who pitched in, to Citizens Committee and Bank of America for their help and to Brooklyn Botanic Garden for honoring our work! This is just the beginning," **said Althea Jones, Lincoln Place resident and member of P.L.A.N.T.**

"We are so proud of P.L.A.N.T. for their stewardship of the greenest block in Brooklyn! It's always wonderful to see our grantees continue to grow and make such a big impact on their neighbors and community," **said Peter H. Kostmayer, CEO of Citizens Committee for New York City.** "I'm thrilled that Brooklyn Botanic Garden recognized that Lincoln Place is a beautiful, thriving block thanks to the dedication of P.L.A.N.T. and the residents. We also appreciate Bank of America's support, which helps us provide community groups like P.L.A.N.T. with the resources needed to positively impact their neighborhood and city."

"At Bank of America, we partner with local community organizations that have the power to positively impact our neighborhoods," **said Connie Verducci, New York City Market Executive for Bank of America.** "We're proud to team up with Citizens Committee to establish the Bank of America Vibrant Community Awards, helping grassroots efforts – like P.L.A.N.T. in Brooklyn – launch projects that develop vibrant green space and protect our environment."

For more information on grants available through Citizens Committee for New York City, please click [here](#). Applications are currently being accepted for CCNYC's Composting and Reduce, Reuse, and Repair grants, and its

Neighborhood Grants program, which provides up to \$3,000 towards projects aimed at building community and improving the local quality of life, will open again this fall.

**About Citizens Committee for New York City:**

Citizens Committee for New York City's mission is simple: to help New Yorkers – especially those in low-income areas – come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Residents are uniquely situated to define and act on the issues affecting their communities. When provided with modest support, neighborhood and school groups can effectively mobilize with the assistance of grants, skills-building workshops, project planning assistance and an equipment share library. In 2018, we provided 523 projects with \$2.1 million in grants and services, mobilizing more than 10,460 residents in 130 different neighborhoods across the five boroughs. Since 1975, we have promoted the spirit of volunteerism, local engagement, and social justice that drives our work. Visit us online at [citizensnyc.org](http://citizensnyc.org).

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