

Adopt-A-Park



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Kym began her career at National Grid in 2008 in Accounts Maintenance and Operations. Following her time in AMO, she worked in the Syracuse Contact Center as a Call Center representative. After a few different departments and a few years, she became a Supervisor for the Low-Income Team. For 7 years, her team assisted our most vulnerable customers within the community.

Over the years she has volunteered with National Grid in our communities, supported several Employee Resource Groups and became a Board Member for Junior Achievement. All of this has led to her current role as Senior Program Manager in Project C – Community Engagement and Neighborhood Investment.

She has lived in Central New York for 16 years with her husband of nearly 18 years. They have 4 children, one granddaughter and three dogs. Outside of work she spends time with her family.

Project C: Overview

At National Grid we're committed to being a responsible business in everything we do. By launching Project C we have reinvigorated our long and proud history of giving back to our customers and communities. It's our promise to our customers that we will show up in our communities even stronger than we have in the past. Each Project C initiative and program aims to support at least one of our four key pillars of community building and development.

What is Project C?

We are recommitting to our customers and our communities through **Project C**, our Community Commitment to:

- **Connect** our communities to clean and sustainable energy
- **Care** for our neighborhoods and their revitalization
- **Compassionately** address the challenges our customers face
- **Create** the workforce that will help build New York's clean energy delivery system
- **Collaborate** with our customers, community partners, stakeholders and others to deliver the clean, fair, resilient and affordable energy future



Our Four Pillars



CLEAN ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & SOCIAL EQUITY



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM

At National Grid, we're committed to improving our communities, and our Adopt a Park Program is one of the best ways to enhance the outdoor spaces we all enjoy. The project was designed to revitalize important local and regional landmarks in the areas we serve.

The parks in our communities are spaces for connection, celebrations and recreation. It's important that we care for these parks – ensuring that they're maintained, restored and preserved for generations to come.

With Adopt a Park, we'll provide funding to support the revitalization of overgrown, underdeveloped or abandoned parks. This includes assistance for gathering spaces, seating and tables that use or incorporate reclaimed or sustainable materials. Our program also provides funds for items such as paint, brushes, brooms, lightbulbs, and even plywood.

We want to preserve and sustain these important centers of community pride, and we look forward to doing it together.

Which parks are eligible?

- Local pocket parks
- Town parks
- Village parks
- City parks
- County parks

Who can apply?

- Not-for-profits (community groups, neighborhood associations, 501(c)3 organizations, etc.)
- Municipalities
- Schools

Interested in applying for a grant?

Learn more about how your organization can participate at ngrid.com/adopt-a-park

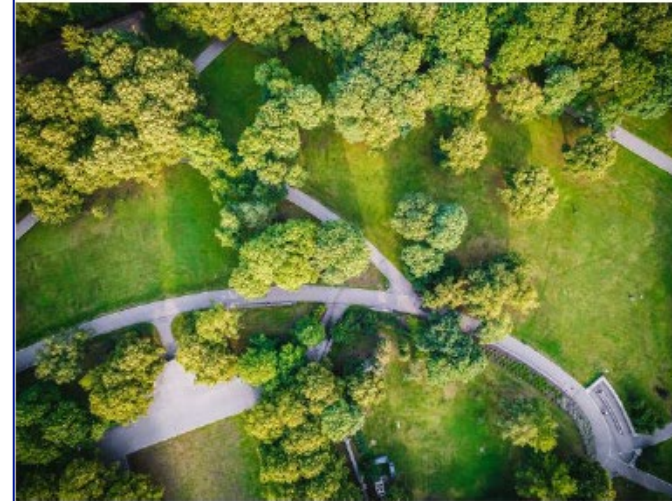


Adopt a Park Goals

Target	50 Parks Adopted	2,000 Trees Planted
Stretch	250 Parks Adopted	10,000 Trees Planted

Adopt a Park for Earth Day

National Grid has committed to planting 2000 trees across New York State in 2022. As Earth Day approaches, National Grid and Project C Adopt-A-Park would like to offer you the opportunity to beautify your landscaping by planting trees.



According to the National Forest Foundation and Nitrofill.com:

- 1.9 billion trees are planted each year.
- In one year, 100 mature trees can remove 53 tons of carbon dioxide and 430 pounds of pollution from the atmosphere.
- An average-sized tree produces enough oxygen in one year to keep a family of four breathing.
- Three trees planted in the right place around a building can cut air-conditioning costs up to 50%.
- Trees make people feel good. Workers are more productive when they see trees along their commute route and from their office windows. It also helps hospital patients heal faster with fewer medications.

How do I Apply?

If you are interested in planting trees, please use this [link](#) to request a grant. Please be sure to include the number and cost of trees in your application.

Note, if you are a municipality, please use invitation code 67996C3KFE when applying.

Goal: 2000+ Trees

Refer to the [Arbor Tree Foundation](#) for guidelines to ensure you are planting the Right Tree in the Right Place.



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Key Partnerships

Saratoga Nursery

Harvested, graded and boxed seedlings for shipment.



Buffalo Green Fund

Planting of 200 caliper bare root trees in Buffalo, NY



Girl Scouts of Nassau County

Trees for Good community wide service project to plant 350 trees

Village of East Syracuse

New equipment and amenities (picnic tables and benches for Ellis Field Park.

NYC Parks Foundation Green Thumb

Neighbors and gardeners provided spring cleaning to gardens located in East New York.



Brooklyn Nets
2020-2021 season: planted 400 trees in Queens and the surrounding communities.



Syracuse University Football
2021: 500 trees funded through the program and were planted in the greater Syracuse community.

A Call to Action



If your projects align with National Grid's Adopt a Park, we would like to explore them with you!

