List of Garden Resources

● Plant Sources
  o Gowanus Canal Conservancy’s Lowlands Nursery
    Native and urban-adapted plants grown in Gowanus, Brooklyn. GCC offers discounts to schools, community gardens, block associations, and GCC members.
  o Other plant nurseries in the region that carry native plants (for larger orders)
    ▪ North Creek
    ▪ Pleasant Run
    ▪ Archewild
    ▪ Atlantic Nursery
    ▪ New Moon
    ▪ Prairie Moon
    ▪ Greenbelt Native Plant Center
    ▪ GrowNYC Annual Plant Sale
    ▪ DEC Spring Seedling Sale (typically runs January-May yearly)
  o Seeds
    ▪ Greenbelt Native Plant Center
    ▪ Toadshade
    ▪ Prairie Moon

● Soil/Compost Resources
  o Soil testing
    ▪ Brooklyn College/Urban Soils Lab
      http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/centers/esac/services/soil.php
    ▪ University of Massachusetts
      https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory
  o Soil sources
    ▪ Small loads - See Brooklyn Botanic Garden source list
      ● Lowlands Nursery carries Lower East Side Ecology Center’s Paydirt Soil
    ▪ Large loads
      ● Garden World & Keil Brothers, Bayside Queens
      ● M&D Landscaping, Brooklyn
      ● Griffin Greenhouse Supply (various and custom bagged mixes), Long Island
      ● Liotta & Sons, Long Island
  o Compost sources
    ▪ Big Reuse
    ▪ Lower East Side Ecology Center
    ▪ BK Rot
    ▪ Compost and mulch is available for public projects through the Gowanus Canal Conservancy and for private use in limited quantities with a plant purchase
o Home and Community Composting Systems
  ▪ Discounted composting systems through LES Ecology Center so that you can compost organics at home or with neighbors.
  ▪ DSNY Educational Brochures and Signage on How to Compost

o Mulch Sources
  ▪ Can be sourced from the Salt Lot/Big Reuse
  ▪ NYC Parks Department - Super Steward Program
    ● Free stewardship training, tools, and resources

● Local Landscaping & Design Services
  o Landscape/Garden Design
    ▪ Laura Harmon, LFH Studio
    ▪ Nature Based
    ▪ Assemblage Landscape Architecture
    ▪ Future Green Studio

o Arborists and Tree services
  ▪ Arborpolitican
  ▪ Urban Arborists

● Educational Resources
  o GCC STEM Curriculum gowanuscanalconservancy.org/stem-gowanus
  o GCC School Clean & Green Activities
  o NYC Parks Department Native Species Planting Guide
  o Audubon Society Native Plant Database www.audubon.org/native-plants
    ▪ Enter your zip code to find the best plants for birds in your area
  o BBG Native Plants for New York City Rain Gardens
  o GrowNYC Webinars and Articles
    ▪ Green Infrastructure Toolkit
    ▪ Distance Learning with GrowNYC

o Tree Stewardship
  ▪ BBG Street Tree Bed Care Tip Sheet
  ▪ BBG Tree Bed Garden Plant Recommendations
  ▪ Gowanus Canal Conservancy Tree Bed Plant Recommendations (as available in our Lowlands Nursery)
    ● Achillea millefolium
    ● Agastache spp.
    ● Anemone canadensis
    ● Aquilegia canadensis
    ● Asclepias spp.
    ● Echinacea spp.
    ● Iris versicolor
    ● Viola spp.
    ● Heuchera spp.
    ● Pycnanthemum spp.
    ● Panicum virgatum
    ● Monarda spp.
    ● Penstemon spp.
    ● Symphyotrichum spp.
    ● Solidago spp.
    ● Schizachyrium spp.
    ● Zizia spp.
    ● Yucca filamentosa (one of our absolute favorites for street gardens!)
    ▪ TreesNY Citizen Pruner Course
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- GCC Clean and Green Tool Kit - TBD, check the Lowlands Nursery website for updates
- Gowanus Tool Library

- Trash pick-up
  - Can request trash pick up with GCC’s help for public spaces through DSNY’s Customer Service Unit, Bureau of Community Affairs - need 2 weeks+ notice