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## Participants

**2Collaborate** is a political communications company and polling agency whose campaigns involve advocating for private interventions into public services.

The **Apollo Alliance** is a coalition of business, labor, environmental, and community leaders working to catalyze a clean energy revolution.

<http://www.apolloalliance.org/>

The **Baum Forum** is a program of conferences and seminars held periodically to focus public and restaurant industry attention on food and agricultural issues.

<http://www.baumforum.org/>

**Brooklyn Alliance of Community Services**—an alliance of food pantries, soup kitchens, and community development organizations—is a grassroots community network initiated by the New York City Coalition Against Hunger.

<http://brooklynalliance.org/>

The **Brooklyn Green Party's** platform encourages efficient and clean energy in Brooklyn, the implementation of sustainable “green building” standards for insulation and heating systems, and the expanded use of solar panels, wind turbines, and low pollution transportation solutions.

<http://www.electgloria.org/issues.php>

### **Building Bridges Building Knowledge Building Health Coalition**

**Bushwick CSA** brings local, farm-fresh, pesticide-free vegetables directly to Bushwick from Nolasaco Farms.

<http://www.bushwickcsa.com/>

**City Harvest, Inc.** rescues millions of pounds of excess food from all segments of the food industry and delivers it to more than 600 community food programs.

<http://www.cityharvest.org/>

**Children's Aid Society** serves more than 150,000 children and their families at more than 45 sites throughout New York City. The society cares for children through prenatal counseling and assistance, and continues through the high school years with college and job preparatory training programs. All aspects of a child's development are addressed as he or she grows, from health care to academics to sports and the arts. And because stable children live in stable families, a host of services are available to parents, including housing assistance, domestic violence counseling and health care access.

<http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/>

**Community Vision Council**—comprised of community based organizations, faith groups, small businesses, concerned individuals, and families—acts as a consortium to organize,



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plan, partner and sponsor community based projects. It is community led, culturally defined, volunteer and female driven.

**Council of Senior Citizens and Services** is a membership organization of more than 200 senior service agencies that serve over 300,000 senior citizens throughout New York City. CSCS member agencies look to CSCS provides its member agencies with advocacy, leadership in identifying emerging needs, promoting quality standards for community-based services, training programs, and facilitating the exchange of ideas among members and between them and government, business and local communities.

<http://www.cscs-ny.org/index.shtml>

Members of the **East Harlem Supermarket Taskforce** work together to bring supermarkets to East Harlem and to maintain the stores already located in the neighborhood.

**East New York Farms** organizes youth and adult residents in order to address food issues in communities by promoting local and regional sustainable agriculture and community-based economic development.

<http://www.eastnewyorkfarms.org/>

**Fair Food** is an independent group supporting the **Coalition of Immokalee Workers**, a community-based worker organization representing immigrants who work in low-wage jobs throughout the state of Florida.

<http://fairfoodnyc.org/>

**Food Bank** and its subsidiary, **Food Change**, provide emergency meals and improve lives through nutrition education and financial empowerment.

<http://www.foodbanknyc.org/>

The **Food Systems Network** promotes food systems that improve nutrition and public health, increase access for safe and wholesome food, and strengthen and expand the regional food and farm economy.

<http://www.foodsystemsny.org/>

**For a Better Bronx** is a non-profit community-based organization that is dedicated to the struggle for environmental and social justice for the people of the Bronx.

<http://www.forabetterbronx.org/fabb/>

**Fort Greene CSA** brings farm-fresh, pesticide-free vegetables directly to the Fort Greene Community.

<http://www.fortgreenecsa.org/>

**Global Kids** educates students about international affairs and their role in the policymaking process.

<http://www.globalkids.org/>



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The **Cornell Global Labor Institute** offers a venue for unions at the local, national, and global level to work together to strengthen labor's response to the challenges posed by globalization.

<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/globallaborinstitute/>

**Good Jobs NYC** promotes policies that hold government officials and corporations accountable to the taxpayers, particularly when economic development agencies give subsidies to large corporations that threaten to leave New York City.

<http://www.goodjobsny.org/>

**Green Guerillas** uses a unique mix of education, organizing, and advocacy to help people cultivate community gardens, sustain grassroots groups and coalitions, engage youth, paint colorful murals, and address issues critical to the future of their gardens.

<http://www.greenguerillas.org/>

**Greenmarket** organizes and manages open-air farmers' markets in New York City to promote regional agriculture and ensures a continuing supply of fresh, local produce for New Yorkers.

<http://www.cenyc.org/greenmarket>

**Harlem United Gardens Coalition** supports Harlem's community gardeners in a campaign to preserve and increase green space in Harlem. Its mission is to establish and maintain productive, consistent relationships with communities, other gardeners, public officials and media related to green and open spaces.

<http://www.harlemgardeners.org/newsmanager/index.cfm>

**Healthy Hearts**, developed by the Nutrition and Fitness Work Group of Bronx Health REACH, and funded by the New York State Department of Health, works to raise awareness and provide information and tools to make lifestyle changes through a school-based nutrition program, restaurant and bodega initiatives, and work to increase the availability of healthy food options in the community.

**Healthy Monday Campaign** was founded by leaders in the field of public health dedicated to improving the health of Americans by providing a framework for the delivery of innovative, evidence-based health campaigns aimed at reducing morbidity and mortality associated with the four leading causes of preventable disease in the United States: poor diet and inactivity, smoking, and alcohol misuse.

<http://healthymonday.org/>

**Hope Community** seeks to rebuild the physical infrastructure of East Harlem by creating attractive, high-quality, affordable rental and owner-occupied housing.

<http://www.hopeci.org/>



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**Hunger Action Network of New York State**—a not-for-profit organization comprised of emergency food programs, concerned citizen advocates, low-income individuals, community agencies and religious organizations—is a statewide anti-hunger coalition that combines grassroots organizing at the local level with state-level research, education and advocacy to address the root causes of hunger, including poverty.  
<http://www.hungeractionnys.org/>

**Institute for Family Health** improves the quality and availability of family practice services in response to the needs of medically underserved populations.  
<http://www.institute2000.org/>

**Jobs with Justice** engages workers and allies in campaigns to win justice in workplaces and in communities where working families live.  
<http://www.jwj.org/>

**Just Food** is a non-profit that works with State farms, City gardens, and local communities to develop a just & sustainable food system.  
<http://www.justfood.org/jf/>

**Karp Resources** consults clients for sustainable agriculture business development.  
<http://www.karpresources.com/>

**La Familia Verde Garden Coalition** is a coalition of community gardens in Bronx that sustains environment and culture through education, community services, and horticulture.  
<http://www.lafamiliaverde.org/>

**Local Labels** connects New York manufacturers with New York retailers in order to provide high-quality, specialty foods and gifts made by New York purveyors.  
<http://www.locallabels.com/>

**Make the Road NY** promotes economic justice, equity, and opportunity for all New Yorkers through community and electoral organizing, strategic policy advocacy, leadership development, education, and legal and support services.  
<http://www.maketheroad.org/>

**Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer** is charged with improving the quality-of-life in Manhattan. He controls a large portion of the City's budget and builds coalitions so that the people of Manhattan can stand up to and defeat special interests.  
<http://www.mbp.org/>

**Manhattan Community Board 11** represents the neighborhood of East Harlem and plays a role in planning, zoning, City budgeting, municipal service delivery, and other advocacy matters relating to the welfare of East Harlem.  
<http://www.cb11m.org/>



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Internationally acclaimed for excellence in clinical care, education, and scientific research, **Mount Sinai School of Medicine** is on the country's oldest and largest voluntary teaching hospitals.

<http://www.mountsinai.org/Education/School%20of%20Medicine>

**National Empowerment Law Project** carries a message of recovery, empowerment, hope and healing to people who have been labeled with mental illness.

<http://www.power2u.org/who.html>

Committed to developing educational programs at the intersection of the arts and social sciences, **New School University** explores connections between food and the environment, politics, and business and popular culture.

<http://www.newschool.edu/generalstudies/foodstudies.aspx>

The **New York City Central Labor Council** is a non-profit labor membership organization devoted to supporting, advancing and advocating for the working people of New York City. The NYCCLC brings together 400 local unions from every trade, occupation, public and private sector of the New York economy.

<http://www.nycclc.org>

**New York City Coalition Against Hunger** represents more than 1,200 nonprofit soup kitchens and food pantries through advocacy and legislation efforts.

<http://www.nyccah.org/>

**New York City Community Gardens Coalition** preserves and creates community gardens, educates the public about the value of gardens, and fosters networking between NYC gardening communities.

<http://www.nyccgc.org/>

**New York City Council** is the law-making body of the City of New York. It is comprised of 51 members from 51 different Council Districts throughout the five boroughs. The Council monitors the operation and performance of city agencies, makes land use decisions and has sole responsibility for approving the city's budget. It also legislates on a wide range of other subjects. The Council is an equal partner with the Mayor in the governing of New York City.

<http://council.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>

The mission of **New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene** is to protect and promote the health of all New Yorkers.

[www.nyc.gov/health](http://www.nyc.gov/health)

Focusing on the South Bronx, East Harlem, and Central Harlem, **New York City Food and Fitness Partnership** is developing a plan to reduce disparities in access to healthy foods and opportunities for safe and convenient physical activity.



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<http://www.wkkf.org/Default.aspx?tabid=90&CID=383&ItemID=5000437&NID=5010437&LanguageID=0>

**New York Industrial Retention Network** is a non-profit economic development organization established to strengthen New York City's manufacturing sector and promote sustainable development.

<http://www.nyirn.org/>

**New York League of Conservation Voters** is a non-partisan, policy making, and political action organization that works to make environmental protection a top priority with elected officials, decision-makers and the voters by evaluating incumbent performance and endorsing and electing environmental leaders to office in New York State.

<http://www.nylcv.org/>

**New York State Department of Health** protects and promotes the health of individuals, families, and communities.

<http://www.health.state.ny.us/>

The **New York Civic Participation Project (NYCPP)** collaborates with labor unions and community organizations supporting worker justice and civic empowerment for new immigrants across the City. We organize in neighborhoods to bring together grassroots union members, community activists, congregations and immigrant associations—building bridges across national, racial and ethnic lines.

<http://www.nycpp.org>

Members of **New York State Food Policy Council** work with the Governor, recommending regulations, legislation, and budget proposals to establish new food policies for the State that will help ensure the availability of safe, fresh, nutritious, and affordable food for all New Yorkers, especially low income individuals, senior citizens, and children.

**NY Farms!** is a broad-based, statewide coalition of organizations, individuals, businesses, agencies and institutions, committed to the future of New York's farms and families.

<http://www.nyfarms.info/>

**Project Bona Fide** is a non-profit organization working toward sustaining culture through organic agriculture, community correlated outreach, and re-forestation projects in Nicaragua. Project Bona Fide supports rural Nicaraguan farming communities by offering farmers financial and technical support toward gaining international organic certification, and by establishing fair trade export market opportunities, preserving natural environments, and focusing on local health and nutrition projects.

<http://www.projectbonafide.com/>



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**Project for Public Spaces** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public places that build communities.

<http://www.pps.org/>

**Public Health Solutions** is a nonprofit organization that develops, implements, and advocates dynamic solutions to prevent disease and improve community health.

<http://www.healthsolutions.org/>

The **Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union**, UFCW, CLC, represents workers throughout much of the United States and Canada. RWDSU members work in a wide variety of occupations that range from food processing to retail to manufacturing to service and health care. The union remains the strength behind members' efforts to make better lives for themselves and their families and that often means the ability to negotiate better wages, benefits and working conditions

<http://rwdsu.info/>

**SEED** provides readers with relevant, insightful, and entertaining original science content.

<http://seedmagazine.com/>

**Senator José M. Serrano** is New York State Senator from the South Bronx, Senate District 28. He is Minority Policy Chair for the Senate Democratic Conference. His committee assignments include Rules, Environmental Conservation, Education, Higher Education, and Local Government. He is the ranking member of the Tourism, Recreation and Sports Development Committee.

<http://www.nyssenate28.com/>

**Senator Liz Krueger** is New York State Senator from District 26 on Manhattan's Eastside. She is currently the Chair of Minority Program Development and the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Standing Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development. She is also a member of five other committees: Banking, Consumer Protection, Finance, Higher Education, and Rules.

<http://www.lizkrueger.com/>

**Sierra Club NYC**, a grassroots environmental organization, protects communities and the planet and works to make sustainable agriculture a solution to climate change.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/>

Promoting good, clean, and fair food, members of **Slow Food** believe that everyone has a right to pleasure and the responsibility to protect the heritage of food, tradition, and culture that make this pleasure possible. The movement is founded upon this concept of eco-gastronomy—a recognition of the strong connections between plate and planet.

<http://www.slowfood.com/>



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An initiative of the City Council, the **Statewide Supermarket Commission** identifies State and local policy solutions to encourage new supermarket development and to prevent supermarket closure.

**Sustainable South Bronx** addresses land-use, energy, transportation, water & waste policy, and education to advance the environmental and economic rebirth of the South Bronx, and inspire solutions in areas like it across the nation and around the world.

<http://www.ssbx.org/>

Local 237 is the largest local in the **Teamsters International Union** (International Brotherhood of Teamsters). Our membership reflects the diversity of New York City. About 9,000 of us work for the New York City Housing Authority, another 11,000 members work in New York City agencies, the Board of Education and the City University of New York, and some 3,000 members work on Long Island. We also represent over 7,100 retirees across the country and overseas.

<http://www.local237.org>

The **United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1500** has a long and successful history of representing workers throughout the Metropolitan New York area. With over 22,000 members, Local 1500 is one of the largest Locals in the UFCW and all of New York State.

<http://www.ufcw1500.org>

**United Gardeners Coalition** is a grassroots organization of New York City community gardeners who are committed to preserving and expanding community gardening in New York City.

**Uprose** organizes, advocates, and develops intergenerational indigenous leadership through activism. In reaching these goals, its primary efforts focus is on environmental, social, and economic justice.

<http://www.uprose.org/>

**Urban Agenda** is an action-oriented public policy, research and advocacy organization dedicated to building a socially, economically, and environmentally just New York City.

<http://www.urbanagenda.org/>

**WE ACT for Environmental Justice (West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.)** is a non-profit, community-based, environmental justice organization that supports local food initiatives and is dedicated to building community power to fight environmental racism and improve environmental health, protection, and policy in communities of color.

<http://www.weact.org/>

Affiliated with **New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Medical College of Cornell University** is among the top-ranked clinical and medical research centers in the country.

<http://www.med.cornell.edu/>



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**WHY** advocates community-based solutions to hunger and poverty, such as self-reliance, economic justice, and equal access to nutritious and affordable food.  
<http://www.worldhungeryear.org/>