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Press Release: Teaneck Creek Conservancy Receives Franklin Parker Conservation Excellence Grant

Teaneck, NJ October 2020 - The Teaneck Creek Conservancy, a member-supported nonprofit dedicated to the protection and reclamation of a 46 acre eco-art park in Teaneck, NJ, received a 2020 Franklin Parker Community Conservation Grant from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in the amount of \$4000. The grant program is aimed at providing essential resources to nonprofit organizations addressing environmental challenges and improving quality of life for communities of color throughout New Jersey. With these funds, Teaneck Creek Conservancy will provide Racial Antibias Training for NJ Environmental Centers.

"The purpose of our project is to engage local NJ nature centers in racial nonbias training in order to create an understanding of systemic racism. This training will give their staff and board the resources to create equitable and inclusive natural spaces for people of all races, religions, sexual orientations, and creeds to enjoy, experience, and learn." said Teaneck Creek Conservancy's Executive Director Alexa Fantacone.

We are proud to partner with Flat Rock Brook Nature Association, Tenaflly Nature Center, and Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc. to work collaboratively and cooperatively in providing training and working towards equitable outdoor experiences for all.

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The Teaneck Creek Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to the reclamation and protection of the cultural, historical, and environmental legacy of the Teaneck Creek watershed. Since 2001 we have been working hard to transform a once-neglected dumpsite into a place of natural beauty. Visit our park complete with almost two miles of groomed trails, an Outdoor Classroom for learning, and beautiful artwork such as our Five Pipes Mural and a Peace Labyrinth for quiet reflection. Teaneck Creek Conservancy acts as stewards for this unique space, providing educational opportunities and passive recreational amenities to the surrounding community. <http://www.teaneckcreek.org/>