Parks & Trails New York's

# I LOVE MY PARK days









## 2018 Highlights

#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

- 135 participating state parks, historic sites and public lands, and national parks
- · 250 cleanup, improvement, beautification and stewardship projects completed
- 8,000 volunteers participated
- 24,000 volunteer hours contributed

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**



820 trees planted



**800+** bags of trash removed



163 bags of invasive species removed



115 picnic tables repaired/built



**26** miles of shoreline cleaned



**135** miles of trails improved



**264** gardens created or enhanced



+ many painting and cleaning projects





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#### **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS:**

"Doing it together with my family and teaching my children the importance of volunteering."

"Seeing the improvement from the plot of land we helped to reseed from last year's I Love My Park Day event."

"Learning more about native and invasive plants"

"Knowing I helped beautify my Park and make it better for public use!" "A good feeling that I had given back to a State Park that has given me so many hours of enjoyment."



"Spending quality time with my granddaughter in a community setting outdoors."

"The feeling of accomplishment and being able to give back to our community and park!"

"Uncovering wild flowers and ferns beneath the invasive plants. The park looked beautiful after our efforts."

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