

My name is Angela Pruitt and I am a member of Prospect Farm and live up the street from Prospect Farm.

I support Parks acquiring the garden because it will protect this vital community space and allow it to access City resources. Prospect Farm is more than a garden —it is where neighbors come together, grow food, and support each other.

We ask for assurances that the Seeley Street Bridge reconstruction will include meaningful community engagement before any design or construction decisions are finalized. We also ask Parks to outline how the garden's fringes will be protected, and DOT to ensure at least one safe access point remains open during construction.

We appreciate the City's support and ask for a joint letter confirming these commitments. With these steps, Prospect Farm can continue to thrive while necessary City projects move forward.

Below is text from my in person testimony about what is at stake in the garden, should a ramp switchback through or be built on the easement of the community garden.

- Our pollinator gardens made of native flowers that are vital to birds and insects grow on the edges of the garden and would be destroyed by a cement ramp. Our native gardens are featured in this vox article:<https://www.vox.com/down-to-earth/461016/monarch-butterfly-migration-new-york-city>
- Our compost set up is on the fringe of the garden. Our community takes pride in our compost facility and the free compost we provide to any who ask and can carry a bag of our organic compost away. Our compost feeds street tree pits and neighboring gardens.
- I spoke of light. Some raised vegetable beds are on the fringe. The ramp will shrink this area, reducing our area for growing vegetables. Because we are already a small garden, reducing our growing space would be devastating.
- The proposed ramp cuts across the front of the garden, casting light on crops, destroying an important native garden, and blocking the entrances.
- When it snows or is icy salt is thrown on walkways to ensure safety of pedestrians. With the ramp, our garden will be salted as well. It will be inevitable. Salt is an enemy of soil and gardens.

Please work to preserve the fringes of our garden.

From: [Brigid O'Dea](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony RE: Prospect Farm and Protection During Seeley Street Bridge Upgrades (Jan 27 Hearing))
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 12:31:55 AM

Greetings,

My name is Brigid O'Dea, I am a resident of Windsor Terrace and a neighbor of Prospect Farm. I am writing as a member of the community who deeply appreciates this garden and what it brings to our neighborhood. I am proud to live near a community garden that is rooted in cooperation, accessibility, and care for the neighborhood, not driven by profit, but by connection and shared stewardship of a unique plot of land.

I strongly support Parks' acquisition of Prospect Farm, which will help secure the garden's future. Prospect Farm is unlike many other gardens in its model and accessibility. Although affiliated with GreenThumb, the garden operates cooperatively, without individual plots or waitlists, making it a truly open and inclusive community resource. Ensuring that this land is permanently protected as a garden is an important step for Windsor Terrace and the surrounding community.

At the same time, I want to emphasize the importance of ensuring that the planned ADA upgrades to the Seeley Street Bridge do not disrupt the garden's operations or threaten its integrity.

I respectfully raise a few questions for the relevant agencies:

For DOT:

- What is the timeline for community engagement to explain the need for the upgrades and what they will involve?
- How will community input be incorporated into the design and construction process?
- How do you anticipate construction impacting the garden, and how will disruptions be minimized?

For Parks:

- What specific steps will be taken to protect the garden's edges and overall footprint once the acquisition is finalized?

I also urge DOT and Parks to issue a joint letter outlining commitments to community engagement and concrete measures to protect the garden.

Prospect Farm is a vital neighborhood asset. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my support and look forward to seeing the City work collaboratively with the community to ensure this garden continues to thrive for decades to come.

Sincerely,
Brigid A. O'Dea


Brooklyn, NY 11215

Cassandra Warney
President, Board of Directors, Prospect Farm
Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn

January 30, 2026

Chair Marte and Members of the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, Resiliency, and Dispositions
New York City Council, City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Re: Prospect Farm — Follow-up from 1/26's Hearing

Dear Chair Marte and Members of the Subcommittee:

My name is Cassandra Warney, and I serve as President of the Board of Directors of Prospect Farm. I support acquisition, with important caveats.

As part of this acquisition, we are requesting a joint letter between Parks and DOT that clearly documents how the two agencies will coordinate for the benefit of the garden, affirms the garden's continued use of DOT-jurisdictional land along the sidewalk, and commits both agencies to proactively engaging the garden in the planning of any infrastructure projects that could negatively impact the site.

At the garden's first ULURP milestone, the Community Board land use committee, the Board raised several ideas aimed at protecting the garden from future DOT actions, based on their experience with the agency. In response to that feedback, and at the conclusion of the September hearing, the garden asked Parks to initiate a draft letter to establish clear interagency commitments.

We understand that DOT is planning upgrades to the Seeley Street Bridge; the agency previously presented a preliminary sketch of an ADA ramp that would cut through the garden to the garden owner, Tom Angotti. However, neither the garden nor the surrounding community has received any direct communication nor engagement from DOT regarding these plans. We just know this through Tom.

Parks has repeatedly told me that a joint letter with DOT is not possible. However, I have been separately informed by City Council Land Use staff and by Council Member Hanif's office that such a letter is actively being developed. This discrepancy underscores why informal assurances are insufficient and why commitments affecting the garden must be clearly documented and shared with the community.

We are therefore requesting that these commitments be documented in a joint Parks - DOT letter and incorporated into an MOA as part of the acquisition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Cassandra Warney

President, Board of Directors
Prospect Farm



Hello, Chair Marte and members. My name is Erica Lamoureux, and I am a member of Prospect Farm and a resident of the local community.

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Sincerely,

Erica Lamoureux

Katherine Willingham
Prospect Farm Member



Dear Landmarks Subcommittee,

My name is Katherine Willingham and I am a member of Prospect Farm and have been for 2+ years. I want to thank Council Member Hanif for her leadership in supporting this garden.

We fully support the acquisition of Prospect Farm by Parks, which will help secure the garden's future. Prospect Farm is unlike many other gardens in its model and accessibility. This garden uses a cooperative structure without individual plots or waitlists. This means that the way community is formed and the bounty of the garden shared is more open and something to be treasured as a public resource. Having our land acquired by Parks is a positive step for our community to ensure our garden is a permanent garden for decades for the Windsor Terrace community and surrounding.

At the same time, we want to ensure that the nearby Seeley Street Bridge upgrades for ADA compliance does not disrupt the garden's operation.

We have a few key questions for the agencies: DOT, what is the timeline for community engagement to explain why and what upgrades are needed for Seeley Street bridge? How will community input inform upgrades to the bridge? And how do you see operations in the garden to be impacted during construction? Parks, what steps will you take to protect the garden's edges once the acquisition is finalized?

We also request a joint letter from DOT and Parks outlining these commitments to community engagement and garden protection. Prospect Farm is a vital community resource, and we look forward to working with the City to ensure it continues to thrive.

Thank you for your time and attention,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kat Willingham".

Katherine Willingham

From: [Kathleen McEneaney](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Jan 27th 11:00am Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, Resiliency, and Dispositions
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 4:40:43 PM

Dear Chair Marte and Members of the subcommittee,

My name is Kathleen McEneaney, and I am a member of Prospect Farm. I want to thank Council Member Hanif for her support of the garden, especially through the ULURP application process.

We fully support the acquisition of Prospect Farm by Parks, which will help secure the garden's future. Prospect Farm is unlike many other gardens in its model and accessibility. Although affiliated with GreenThumb, the garden uses a cooperative structure without individual plots or waitlists. Having our land acquired by Parks is a positive step for our community to ensure our garden is a permanent garden for decades for Windsor Terrace.

At the same time, we want to ensure that nearby projects, particularly the Seeley Street Bridge reconstruction, do not negatively impact the garden. We ask that DOT commit to full community engagement before any bridge or ADA upgrade designs are finalized and that garden operations are respected and coordinated throughout upgrade construction. We also ask Parks to formally commit to protecting the edges of the garden.

Finally, we request a joint letter from Parks and DOT documenting these commitments. This will help guarantee that Prospect Farm remains a safe, accessible, and thriving community space.

Thank you.

Kathleen McEneaney

January 29, 2026

Testimony Regarding the Prospect Farm Acquisition

Dear Chair Marte and members of the subcommittee:

My name is Kelsey Adolphs. I am a member of Prospect Farm, and I live in Windsor Terrace. I want to thank Council Member Hanif for her support of the garden. It is an incredibly important space within our community and for me personally.

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Finally, we request a joint letter from Parks and DOT documenting these commitments. This will help guarantee that Prospect Farm remains a safe, accessible, and thriving community space. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Adolphs

From: [Nicole Cartagna](#)
To: [Land Use Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support the acquisition of Prospect Farm by Parks
Date: Friday, January 30, 2026 11:08:00 AM



Good morning, Chair Marte and members of the subcommittee. My name is Nicole Cartagna, and I am a member of Prospect Farm. I want to thank Council Member Hanif for her support of the garden. Prospect Farm is more than a garden—it is where neighbors come together, grow food, and support each other.

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Nicole Graziella Cartagna
Windsor Terrace resident

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Nicole Graziella Cartagna
artist | interpreter | technologist

From: [Thomas Bane](#)
To: [Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prospect farms support
Date: Thursday, January 29, 2026 9:07:43 AM

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Thank you

Thomas Bane