

Metropolitan Grants Program



*Bronx, N.Y. — Bronx River Greenway
Year Two — 2010*

Bronx River Alliance Bikeshare and Training Program

Project Support Grant: \$15,000

When complete, the Bronx River Greenway will consist of 10 miles of multi-use paths connecting and threading through city parkland, offering access to the full length of the Bronx River as it runs through the borough. Although the completed greenway is a few years away, there has been exciting progress with the opening of new parks and trails and efforts to encourage usership of the developing Bronx River Greenway.

One of the greatest obstacles to physical activity in low-income communities is limited access to recreational equipment. To address this hurdle, the Bronx River Alliance will purchase a fleet of bicycles plus associated gear and install a bike-storage facility in Concrete Plant Park, the newest park on the greenway.

The program would include a schedule of equipment loan-out days that could include weekends for families and after-school time for children. It would also include learn-to-ride clinics using the bikes in association with [Bike New York](#). These new bikes will also help the Alliance take the first steps toward the formation of a Bronx River Cycle Team. This team could use the Bronx River Greenway for training in order to undertake a longer ride, such as the Tour de Bronx. The team would help build awareness of the Bronx River Greenway, as well as a sense of teamwork and camaraderie for the participants. In the future, the team could become part of larger bike patrolling group to maintain and police the greenway.

Making a fleet of bikes available to the community will allow the Alliance to learn what type of cycling experiences local residents desire and help us tailor and grow our cycling offerings in future years.