

Stay Green: Green-Living Residences in New York City



With polluted, car-filled streets, green-seekers head to the outer boroughs where neighborhoods put green-living first and have plenty of park space thus less air pollution. Here is a list of New York City's leading green neighborhoods based on the amount of park space, number of green buildings and cost of living.

Battery Park – Battery Park City is a waterfront enclave with strict construction guidelines to ensure that residential buildings will be built to high green standards.

Tottenville, Staten Island – Small and timeless, Tottenville boasts that everyone knows each other, large 19th-century homes on quiet, tree lined streets, old churches, a library, boutiques and strong public schools.

Bergen Beach, Brooklyn – Bergen Beach is a high-end, coastal community in South Brooklyn. There's a variety of private schools however Bergen Beach stays a top draw because of the leading public schools. The air quality is excellent and there

are parks everywhere.

Silver Beach, Bronx – This unique Bronx community flies under the radar. Silver Beach sits on a bluff above the East River between the Throgs Neck and Whitestone bridges. Silver Beach is a co-op community and pathways lead to each of the houses, not roads.

Forest Hills Garden, Queens – Dating back to 1908, Forest Hills Garden is one of America's oldest planned communities in a 126-acre section of Queens. The neighborhood was planned on the model of the garden communities of England. It is an upper-middle-class, mostly residential neighborhood full of Tudor mansions, stone homes, manicured lawns and historic churches.

Randall Manor, Staten Island – With maple and elm lined streets, Randall Manor is full of multicolored Victorian houses, bungalows, 1950's brick ranches and wooden homes with views of New York Harbor and Lower Manhattan.

Kew Gardens, Queens – Kew Gardens has low ozone rates and less toxic pollution than other areas in Queens. It's walking distance to a train station and the largest park in Queens, Forest Park which offers over 500 acres, a golf course, and a 4-mile horse path.

Emerson Hill, Staten Island – Greener than 99% of the Big Apple's neighborhoods, Emerson Hill draws people who enjoy outdoor activities, gardening and bird watching. Emerson Hill is one of the highest points in New York City and the air is crisp and clean.

Green-living residences in New York City can't always arrange their lives out in the outer boroughs. For those of you that can relate, you'll be happy to know that there are **eco-friendly luxury apartments in NYC** to accommodate. The most unique would be [VIA 57 West](#) at 625 West 57th Street.