

■ URBAN PARKS

New York, Pennsylvania, California



ROY WILKINS PARK

Queens, New York

When St. Albans Naval Hospital closed in 1977, the Federal Lands to Parks Program transferred the 53-acre site to the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. The city of New York transformed the site into Roy Wilkins Park, serving over 250,000 people each year. Roy Wilkins Park provides athletic fields, community gardens, event space, a recreation building, food concessions, and a Black Hall of Fame. This community garden is the largest in New York City.



SOUTHWARK/QUEEN VILLAGE

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In 1976, the Queen Village Neighbors Association began turning the vacant lot at 311-313 Christian Street into a community garden. In 1991, the program transferred the .58 acre site to the city of Philadelphia. The garden is a significant open space in the area, unifying the Southwark and Queen Village neighborhoods. Kids, seniors, and families garden on the site. The garden has flower and herb gardens, a grape arbor, an orchard, grills, and picnic tables.



WESTWOOD PARK

Westwood, California

In the 1970's, the program transferred 27 acres from the Veterans Administration to the city of Los Angeles. Protection of the land ended a long struggle to build a park in Westwood. The city has developed Westwood Park over 30 years, financing \$9 million in improvements with fees from developers. The park is a well-equipped recreation facility, with an indoor pool, sport courts, a soccer field, a baseball/softball complex, a jogging trail, picnic facilities, and a clubroom.

