GROUNDWORK USA

GREEN SPACE ACTIONS THEORY OF CHANGE

VISION: All people live in healthy and equitable communities

OUR APPROACH: Groundwork Trusts support community-driven transformation via three mutually reinforcing strategies:

Changing Systems
Engage local stakeholders

Changing Places
Improve the natural and built environment

Changing Lives
Create opportunities

OUR ACTIVITIES
Groundwork Trusts transform, activate and use high-potential land for community benefit across the US through activities such as:

• Promoting active, healthy lifestyles
• Developing environmental youth leaders
• Training youth and adults for green jobs and careers
• Delivering educational programs that enrich learning and promote wellbeing
• Transforming and reclaiming vacant and contaminated land
• Restoring and enhancing urban waterways
• Activating and stewarding public spaces, building communities
• Building partnerships, driving advocacy
• Mobilizing community stakeholders and resources
• Leading community assessment and visioning

OUR OUTCOMES
Groundwork Trusts and community stakeholders work together to achieve these goals:

• Strong social capital
• More equitable access to job/career pipelines
• A new generation of environmental and civic leaders
• Increase in practice of healthy habits among community members
• More equitable access to quality green spaces
• More equitable access to healthy foods and safe growing places
• Safer, more stable neighborhoods
• Greater climate resilience
• Cleaner air, land, and water
• Increased collective efficacy
• Strong community agency and ownership
• Supportive cross-sector alliances
• More equitable allocation of community resources
• Shared leadership and decision-making