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# Mission Statement

Teens for Trees is focused on cultivating awareness about how trees impact climate, human health outcomes, quality of life, and social justice.

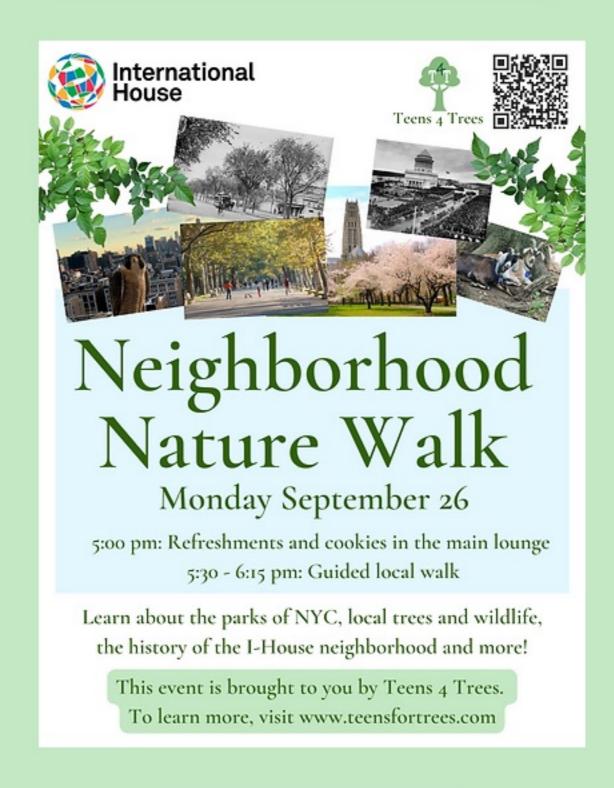
## About us



Teens for Trees is focused on cultivating education and awareness about the impacts of planting and caring for urban trees for high school students. The tree makeup of a community can impact the quality of life for all residents. Unfortunately, many low-income neighborhoods are not given the luxury of flourishing urban trees, which disproportionately impacts communities of color.

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## Our latest Research

Society and Nature: Can They Cohabitate?

Clara Rohatyn Dr.Kraft Eco Fellows Junior Year, Spring 2022 Topic: Urban Ecology

Society and Nature: Can They Cohabitate?

human lives with the natural world, creating a sense of meaning and connectivity (Wheeler, 2012). Sentiments like these are the fire beneath the sustainability movement's wings (Wheeler, 2012). Wheeler's observations parallel those that Kathrine Schulz explores in her article "What Do We Hope to Find When We Look for a Snowleapard?" In her article, Schulz analyzes and criticizes Peter Matheiness's book, The Snow Leopard, and Sylvian Tesson's book, The Art of Patience. However, Schulz seems to have a more nihilistic view on the effects of people wanting to become so close to nature. Schulz quotes Sylvian Tesson, who believes ""culture' as the opposite of nature and therefore detestable" (Schulz, 2021). Tesson's argument that the rise of culture is a direct cause of natural degradation has an unfortunate ring of truth. Society sees itself as separate from nature, yet humans survive by exploiting nature's biodiversity (Eldredge, 2014). This separation creates a society blind to its reliance on the very thing they are destroying. Many societies continue to follow the BAU, or "business as usual," in terms of climate change policy (Wheeler, 2012).

The push toward sustainability is contrasted by the lack of policy action in the places that matter most (Wheeler, 2012). However, unlike Tesson, many people want to explore how urban society can coexist with the natural world. First used in the 1910s by the Chicago School of Urban Sociology, the term "urban ecology" was used to describe the application of ecological concepts to studies on human communities in urban areas (Wheeler, 2012). The fact that the term "urban ecology" was used interchangeably with "human ecology" is evidence of how integral sociology and psychology are in urban ecology. Urban ecology is now understood to be a blend of natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and engineering. In fact, a large component of urban ecology involves applying environmental and psychological theories to society and using

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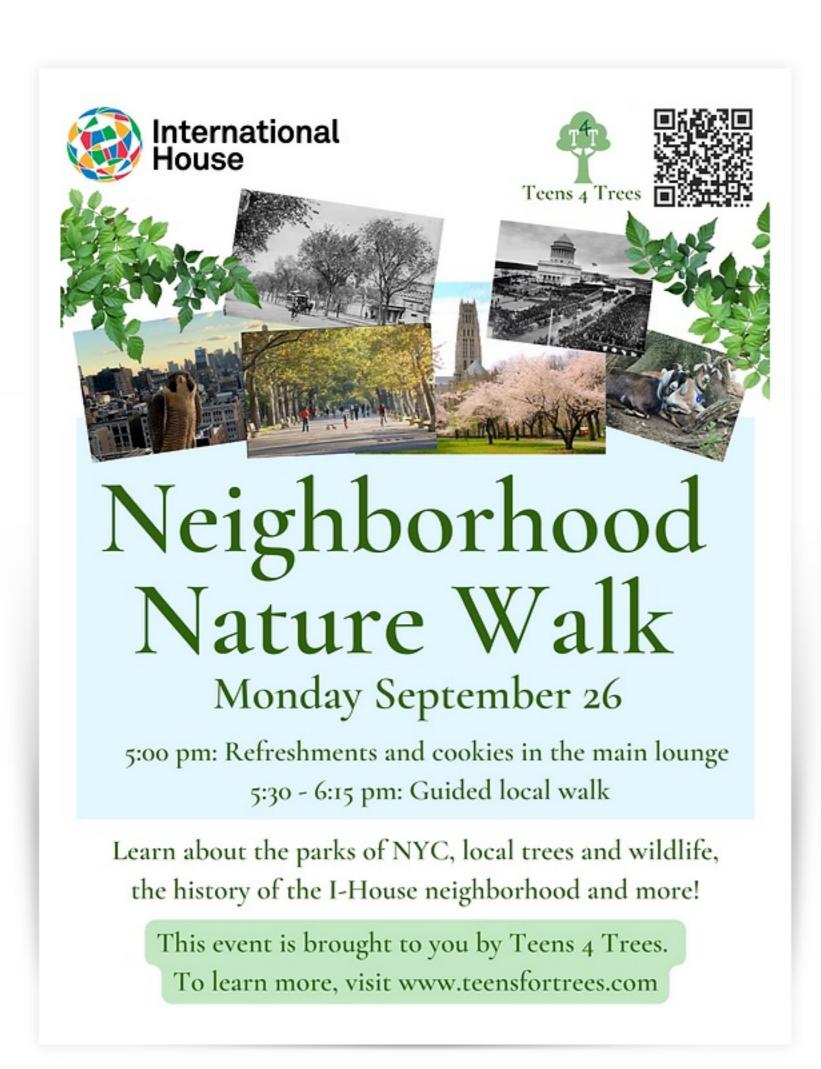
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# Events



Thank you to everyone who attended our most recent event at the International House of New York!

Our walk included Sakura Park, Grant's Tomb and mall, Riverside Drive and Riverside Park. We'll be back soon for a Central Park walk! Sign up to our mailing list to be the first to here.









