



Nature of Place Symposium

The Imperative of Racial Equity in the Nature Connection Movement

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# 200 New York City playgrounds later, we're still greening strong

by [The Trust for Public Land](#)

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*What a difference a year makes! With a boost from Governor Cuomo's Vital Brooklyn initiative, we renovated the schoolyard at P.S. 213, replacing the barren asphalt with a cool, green, stormwater-absorbing playground, designed by students.*

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“My passion for connecting young people to nature is about telling them this is YOURS.

This planet, this river,  
this park, this trail -  
it is yours and we need you to treat  
it like an owner.”

-Melvin Carter, Mayor  
St. Paul, MN



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**Thank You!**

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