In spring 2020, OER arranged delivery of more than 40,000 cubic yards of soil from the NYC Clean Soil Bank to the Department of Parks & Recreation. All of the soil was delivered to Parks’ sites at no cost to City taxpayers.

Since opening in 2013, the Clean Soil Bank has transferred more than 350,000 tons of clean soil to public and private projects, to resiliency projects and to wetland projects. Most of the soil went to private construction sites that used it as backfill at new developments.

The 40,000 cubic yards delivered to NYC Parks is the largest clean soil transfer to a City agency. In the future, the Soil Bank will be able to supply substantial volumes of soil to NYC Parks and other City agencies when the Office of Environmental Remediation opens a City-run stockpile of clean soil in eastern Brooklyn later this year.

The clean soil delivered to NYC Parks includes:
- 4,000 cubic yards to construct a new passive park in Howard Beach, Queens;
- 7,000 cubic yards of topsoil delivered to the Bronx to support the planting of street trees;
- 26,000 cubic yards used to cover a former city landfill as part of its final remediation in the Throggs Neck section of the Bronx; and
- 6,750 cubic yards for a major new park being developed at the former Fresh Kills landfill.