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Leading environmental conservation, stewardship, and climate resiliency programs in NYC public schools.

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Communicating the climate emergency through participatory art, direct action, and creative community building.

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Helping parents and kids to understand and take action on the climate crisis.

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Collecting over 1.5 million pounds of materials per year for creative reuse by nonprofits, public schools, social service organizations, and City agencies.

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Building consensus for action on adapting to sea level rise and coastal storms.
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NYC Mayor’s Office of Resiliency

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Cultivating the land and preserving cultures through women-founded, intergenerational farming and education that boosts food security.

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Creating policies that ensure all residents benefit from better jobs, cleaner air, green streets, and zero waste and carbon.

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Highlighting the ties between the climate crisis, justice, and emotion through essays and critique.

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