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PLAN IMPLEMENTATION + MAINTENANCE

The goals, information and recommendations presented in this plan provide the rationale and framework for ecological improvement and protection of the Bronx River and its watershed. Publishing this document is only one step towards the plan's implementation. Realizing the recommended actions set forth requires cooperation and hard work among many Bronx River Alliance partners (see **APPENDIX L** for a complete list). Projects require funding and coordination with implementing organizations to move forward. In addition, project success is dependent upon the continued support of many partners to carry out maintenance and monitoring.

After implementation, most of the recommended actions in this plan, whether ecological restoration, storm water management or policy change, will require maintenance or continued support. Monitoring plans should be developed with each new project. Guidelines for this process are listed in **APPENDIX K**.

This document must grow and change as the needs and conditions of the Bronx River change. It will serve as a foundation for plans to come such as the Bronx/Westchester Intermunicipal Bronx River Watershed Plan, which will formalize coordination between Bronx and Westchester Counties on improvement and protection of the river.