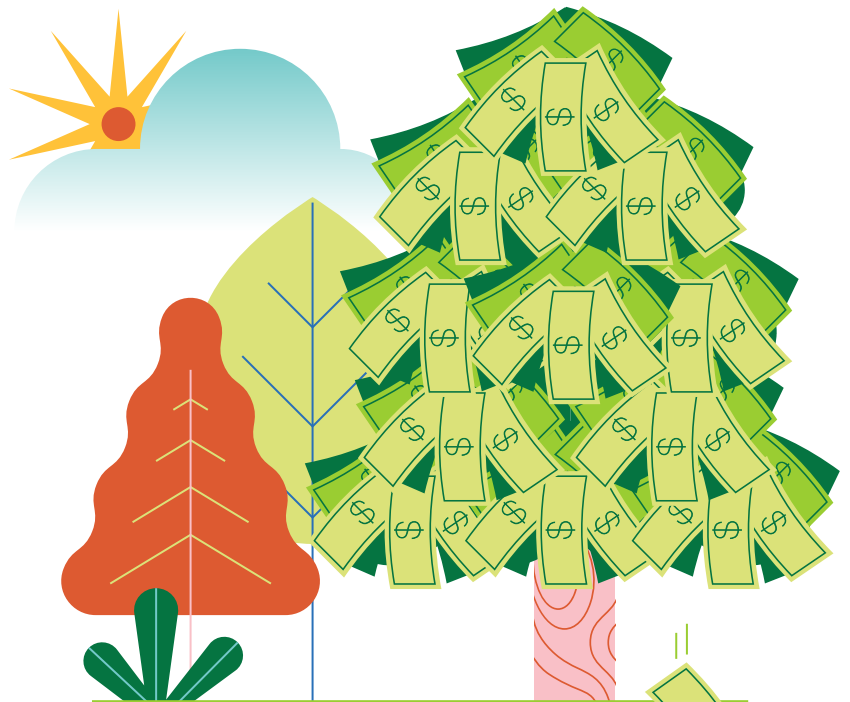


# SHORT CHANGING <sup>OUR</sup> FORESTED NATURAL AREAS

## LESS THAN 1%

of New York City's budget is allocated to the Parks department, despite caring for 14% of the city's land. In Fiscal Year 2022, Parks received **ONLY 0.6%** of a \$101 billion total budget!



The portion set aside for caring for forested natural areas is even smaller. In Fiscal Year 2022, the amount for forests was **0.0042% OF THE CITY BUDGET** (\$4 million), despite making up **24% OF THE CITY'S PARKLAND**



## HOW DOES THIS TRANSLATE?

Basically, it's like having one person care for 220 acres of parkland. If Central Park was completely forested, only 4 park employees would work there!



**The Forest Management Framework for New York City calls for an investment of \$385 million over 25 years to maintain, manage & restore 7,300 acres of forested natural areas. We need this public investment to care for our parks!**

Learn more about the financial benefits of NYC's forested natural areas at [naturalareasnyc.org](https://naturalareasnyc.org) & [forestforall.nyc](https://forestforall.nyc)

