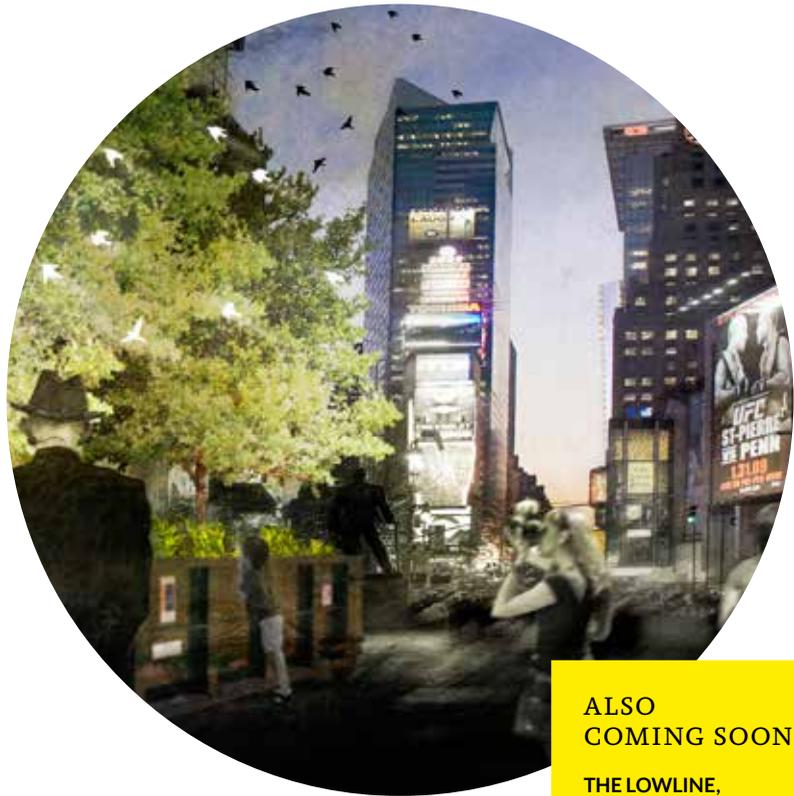


POPUP FOREST

Imagine bringing nature back to one of the most urbanised places on earth. Botanist Marielle Anzelone did, and plans to build a temporary forest (right) in New York City's Times Square. Overnight, she will transform the iconic city intersection into a wilderness of native trees and wildflowers, providing a habitat for critters like springtime warblers and red admiral butterflies. After a successful Kickstarter campaign that raised US\$40,404, Anzelone's wild fantasy is poised to become a reality - the PopUp Forest will come alive for three weeks in June 2016.

Guided walks will also be held to educate people on the city's overlooked pockets of nature. popupforest.org



ALSO COMING SOON

THE LOWLINE, NEW YORK CITY

By funnelling solar power into an abandoned underground trolley terminal, a team is creating the world's first subterranean park. It's due to open in 2018.

Amount raised: US\$155,186
thelowline.org

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The urban farm will grow vegetables, farm fish and brew beer, all powered by energy from waste conversion. The building is slated to fully open between 2016 and 2017.

Amount raised: US\$65,230
plantchicago.com

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Amount raised: US\$273,114
pluspool.org

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Amount raised: US\$127,412; the initial goal was US\$10,000
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MINNOW CRUISER DECK

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Amount raised: US\$64,554; 2.5 times the original goal
bureoskateboards.com

