

Celebrate Resilient Plant Heroes

When's the last time you said "Thanks" to a plant? This is your chance to get creative and honor one of the resilient plant heroes in your neighborhood!



Plants in cities help us out in so many ways. Not only do they give us oxygen to breathe, they also help cool things down on hot summer days, keep soil from eroding into the Mississippi River, protect water quality, and provide food and shelter for pollinators, birds, and other animals. But plants in cities have to be tough. They might have to grow in tiny spaces, or deal with things like climate change, road salt, or the terrifying dog pee!

What you will need:

- Paper (note card, recycled paper, cut out cereal box)
- Drawing utensils (markers, colored pencils)
- Twig or wooden skewer

Instructions

- 1) Head outside and look for a plant that's growing somewhere really impressive. Consider:
 - What amazes you about this plant?
 - What do you notice about it?
 - Is there any advice you would give your plant?
 - What advice do you think it would give YOU, if it could talk?

- 2) Honor your plant with a ribbon of resilience!
To make a ribbon of resilience, draw a ribbon, star, or other showy picture on a piece of paper.
 - Add a name that you think fits your plant. You could even write what amazes you about your plant.
 - Tape this sign to a wooden skewer or twig, and stick it in the ground by your plant so everyone who walks by will notice its resilience and be inspired!

Share photos of your amazing plant with the Sidewalk Plant Lab, or see what other plants are being honored around the city! Visit [@SidewalkPlantLab](#) on Instagram, go to www.sidewalkplantlab.org, or email sidewalkplantlab@gmail.com for help ID-ing your plant here.

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Epic poems have been written for heroes for thousands of years. Head [here](#) to complete a Mad Libs version of a rhyming epic poem that will get you noticing details about your plant and thinking creatively!



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