



NYC's pet turtles are racing to support grassroots ecology education, local turtle rescue, and native turtle rehabilitation programs!

**This is different from [traditional American turtle races](#), in which illegally captured wild turtles are exploited and often harmed. In our NYC Charity Turtle Race, only legally obtained and well-cared for turtles compete in a turtle-friendly tournament that benefits less fortunate turtles and turtle learning.**

We are seeking volunteers and turtle racers to participate in this year's Charity Turtle Race.

- 30%: New York Turtle & Tortoise Society's Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation program, run by the inimitable Lorri Cramer. NYTTS which promotes conservation, preservation of habitat, and the promotion of proper husbandry and captive propagation of turtles and tortoises since 1970.
- 30%: Our "Tulpehoking" Native Turtle Sanctuary, Pollinator Garden, & Ecology Field Station, which we are raising funds to create in partnership with Seeds to Soil (which creates citizen science and ecological community projects (such as the TinyPlots initiative)
- 30%: Supporting future Earthlings.NYC programming initiatives like the Charity Turtle Race, including our Turtle Team rescue/rehab program and our invertebrate zoology programs.
- 10%: Contributing to our amazing venue and host, the Prime Produce Apprentice Cooperative (PPAC), which operates a grassroots, cooperatively-run member space where friends, family, and neighbors cultivate the craft of community service. This is our way to honor the space that we use for almost all of our programming (They are looking for new members! And you can rent their venue!)

If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Jerone Hsü** at [hanunah@earthlings.nyc](mailto:hanunah@earthlings.nyc).