

Body of Land

Complied by Anonymous Ensemble, October 2023

Anonymous Ensemble was selected as a recipient for the 2023 New York City Greening Grant. This opportunity helped Anonymous Ensemble reshape the way that they approached making theatre using solar generators to power their performance.

Q. What was your project and how did you share it with the community?

A. We presented a workshop performance of the project in August and a premiere in October, all free of charge. We were going to present two performances of *Body of Land* in October, but one of them got rained out. We also worked with the Westbrook Memorial Garden community throughout the process of creating the performance.

Q. How did your project go? What did you find most successful? What roadblocks did you face along the way?

A. Our *Body of Land: Westbrook Memorial Garden* project went really well! Actually, our biggest challenge was working out in the elements with no electricity or water and so the solar generator we bought proved to be absolutely essential to our process. We also bought some solar powered speakers which helped to lessen the draw load on the generator. We were able to power most of our rehearsals, including our recording sessions with the generator and could have almost powered our performances - if we could have reliably had the generator battery fully charged by sundown each day. It was an interesting challenge to set for ourselves and we learned a lot about equipment power draw and pitfalls of a cloudy day! [Here](#) is a short video of some of our community collaborators in their plant personas.

Pictures from Body of Land

