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Bryant Park Renovation, **New York City**

A chunk of Manhattan's West 42nd Street has been redeemed, turned from a dodgy, underpopulated void into a genteel oasis. The backyard to New York City's grand Beaux Arts public library, Bryant Park had become urbanistically wretched, closed off from the surrounding shops-andoffices neighborhood. By opening a new entrance, broadening others, ripping out the high hedges in favor of a flower border and adding Neoclassical kiosks and light stanchions, the overseers and their architects (Hanna/Olin Ltd., Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer) have achieved a small miracle.



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