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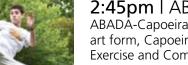
















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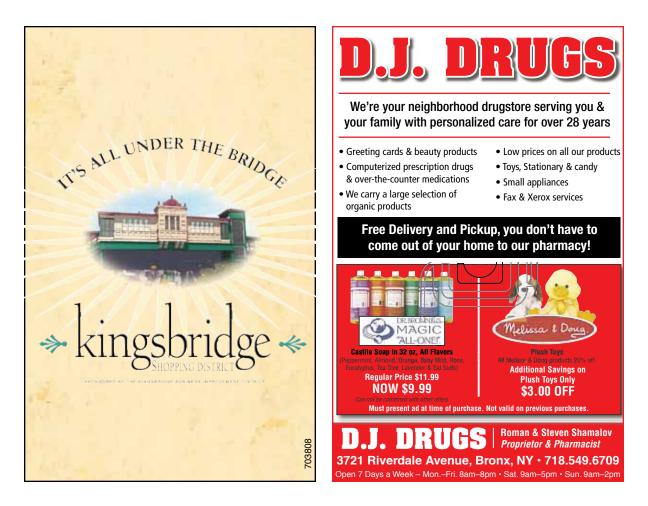
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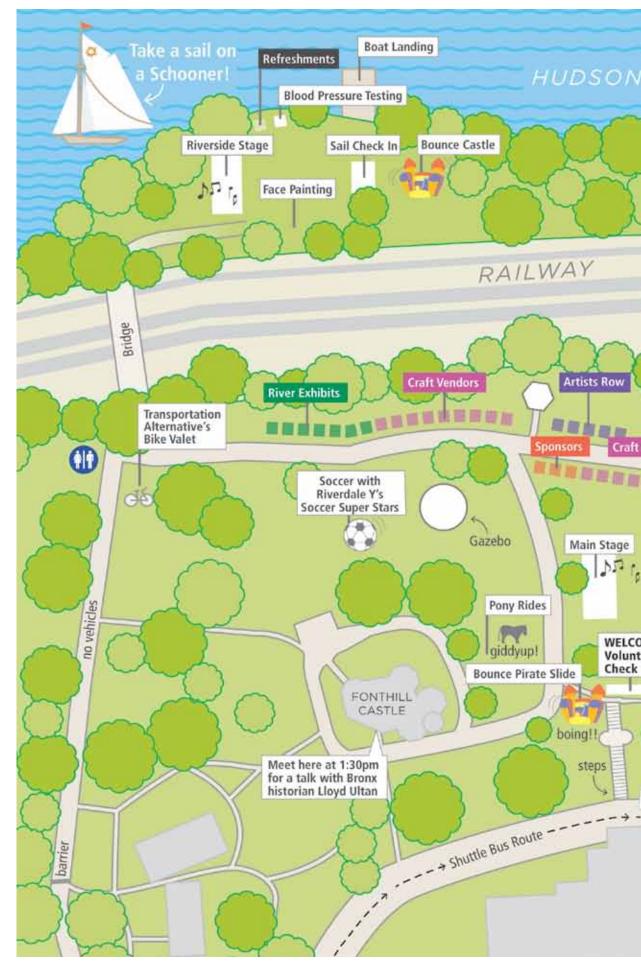








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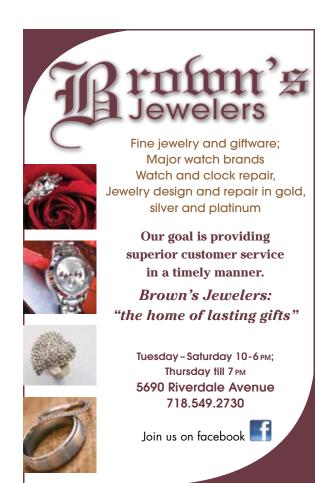
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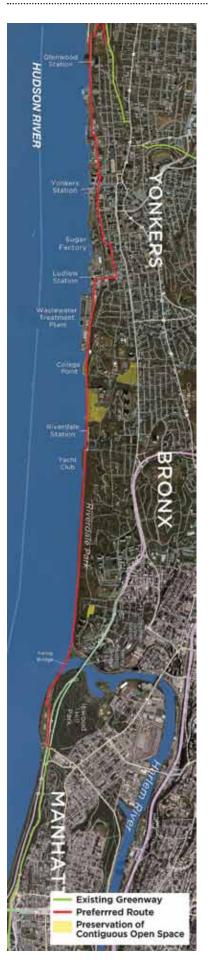
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Reclaiming the river

By Paul J. Elston President, Friends of the Hudson River Greenway in the Bronx

The Hudson River GREENWAY LINK is part of an effort by New York State to create a continuous walking and biking trail along the Hudson River which extends from Albany to the southern tip of Manhattan.

In 1991 the State Legislature created the Greenway to preserve, enhance and develop the world renowned scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources of the Hudson River Valley. The Greenway Act also calls for safe access to the River and a system of trails that will link the towns and cities, parks, natural areas, and historic sites along the River.

New York City has made great progress in creating a Hudson River Greenway along the entire edge of the Hudson in Manhattan, and Westchester has done the same in Yonkers.

The GREENWAY LINK will connect these communities and Greenways a walking/biking trail on the edge of the Hudson River connecting the Manhattan Hudson River Greenway with the Old Croton Aqueduct trail (a State Park and the designated Westchester Hudson River Greenway Trail).

The Hudson River is the defining natural feature of the West Bronx. Unfortunately, the people of the Bronx have been separated from the Hudson River by the railroad tracks for over 150 years. The only space accessible to the public is the tiny Riverdale Station Park, about 300 feet long and 20 feet wide. The proposed GREENWAY LINK will change that dramatically providing two miles of public waterfront access in the Bronx and another mile in Yonkers.

The GREENWAY LINK will put the River back into Riverdale.

The effort to create the Greenway in the Bronx started over 30 years ago. In 1998 the Bronx Advisory Committee of the Hudson River Valley Greenway concluded a multi-year effort and called for further study of a waterfront trail. In response to a request from the Friends of the Hudson River Greenway in the Bronx (FHRG) in 2004, Senator Schumer provided the funding to develop the plan for the Greenway Link through Federal Transportation legislation. The planning effort began in 2009 under the direction of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) in a partnership with the local community and community groups in the Bronx and Yonkers.

The NYMTC has completed that study and has concluded that a Greenway on the railroad right-ofway on the waterfront is feasible, but that it is institutionally and physically challenging. As you might expect, it will be expensive when compared to other Westchester/Upstate Greenway Greenways, but inexpensive when compared to the Manhattan Greenway. The proposed waterfront route has been endorsed by Community Board 8, The Bronx.

Design of the waterfront route

It is important to keep in mind that the conceptual planning work that has been completed by NYMTC is not sufficient to make decisions about the design of the Greenway. More detailed engineering and costing work must be completed and the impacts of alternative ways of achieving waterfront route must be considered before a plan can be put forward that will be considered for funding.

The NYMTC plan specifies that the existing use of the land at the edge of the water by Metro-North should not change (with the exception of the relocation of Track 6 north of the Riverdale Station). Instead, they propose that the Greenway be constructed west of the existing Metro-North opera.....

in Riverdale



Pile-supported structure along shorefront.

tions, extending over the riprap and the River. The image they use to convey their proposal is shown above - a pile-supported structure (similar to the one recently constructed next to the West Side Highway near 85th Street.) We view this as the most expensive solution with the greatest regulatory problems. While we think it is appropriate to consider this concept during the detailed engineering design, we will ask that Metro-North also consider the plan that is shown below as the "FHRG Proposal". The FHRG proposal would require the Metro-North to share the space on the edge of the water with the Greenway.

Instead of building over the riprap and River, the FHRG proposal would use all of the land to the west of the four electrified tracks for the Greenway.

In order to achieve this, Metro-North would have to agree to the following:

• Bury the electric lines that are on towers south of the Riverdale Station and remove the towers. This is exactly what was done north of the Riverdale Station about 15 years ago.

• Give up the existing utility road as a single purpose gravel road and share the Greenway path as the means to drive its utility trucks to the electric station and the Spuyten Duyvil swing bridge. The Metro-North trucks use the existing utility road on a very limited basis, and the plan for sharing this space with the Greenway would be the same as the plan in lower Manhattan where numerous City utility trucks share the space with the Greenway.

· Remove Track 6, the nonelectrified track that is west of the electrified tracks. In the past, this track was used by CSX to deliver from the Croton Harmon rail yards six freight cars approximately once a week to a film factory and the sugar factory in Yonkers. However, this service was terminated approximately ten years ago. The film factory was converted to another use and the sugar factory no longer uses the rail delivery. Track 6 is also used approximately once per year to store work equipment and supplies on a temporary basis. There are plenty of alternative side-track locations north and south of the Bronx waterfront where this temporary storage can take place. Although Metro-North claims it needs to preserve Track 6 to help deal with disabled trains, this has never happened and makes little sense from an operating point of view.

If Metro-North were to agree

to these changes, it would provide much more generous space for the Greenway, both north and south of the Riverdale Station, and we believe it would substantially reduce the costs and regulatory issues related to the construction.

It would also provide an opportunity for the Metro-North to "harden" this section of their system against sea level rise and other Climate Change impacts. The detailed design analysis should evaluate the costs and benefits of the NYMTC proposal and the FHRG proposal and, perhaps, other alternatives.

Next Steps

The next step for implementing the GREENWAY LINK plan is to develop an engineering plan for the waterfront route and to fund construction.

The MTA, the Bridge and Tunnel Authority, the Metro-North, City DOT, State DOT, City Parks and others served on the Steering Committee of the NYMTC study and collectively concluded that a waterfront route was feasible. We consider that real progress and urge the Federal, State and City officials and the MTA to initiate the detailed engineering work and to set up a mechanism for the community to have a strong voice in that process through the Community Board.

All of our elected officials have pledged to support including the biking and Greenway enthusiast, Senator Charles Schumer.

The Riverdale Press headline shouted: CHUCK SCHUMER VOWS FUNDING FOR GREENWAY in reporting on the press conference held by Schumer with other government officials at the JFK Marina on January 17, 2014.

Ultimately, if this waterfront Greenway is to become a reality funded, in part, with Federal Transportation money, the project must be sponsored by the MTA as part of the State Transportation Implementation Plan. We have a long way to

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BEFORE





Reclaiming the river in Riverdale

go before we have that support and we know it will be difficult working with the MTA because it is not their mission to make room for parks. We will only achieve waterfront access if we have the continued strong support of our elected officials who insist that the MTA respond fully to the interest of our community.

Now that the Plan for the GRE-ENWAY LINK has been released the FHRG will support a process for the consideration of legislation that is designed to implement the plan. In 1998 the New York State Legislature and Governor Pataki enacted The Hudson River Greenway Act to implement the plan for the Manhattan Hudson River Greenway (59th Street to Battery Park City - about five miles of waterfront), and to put in place a process and organization to mature the plan, and to operate the resulting Greenway.

The local elected State Senators and Assembly Members proposed and the State Legislature and Governor enacted the State legislation to designate the project area as "Park" and to establish the Hudson River Park Trust to continue the planning, construction and operation of the park. This legislation has proved to be a strong and necessary foundation for the effort to create the park.

It has resulted in the investment of \$700 million to create the park, and produced tremendous



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economic and social value for the local community and the wider New York City community.

We believe it is appropriate to consider similar State legislation to

create a legislative foundation for HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY LINK.

For more detail about the GRE-ENWAY LINK: www.greenwaylink. org

Congratulations to the Riverdale **RiverFest Organizing** Committee for Five Years of **Celebrating the River in Riverdale!**



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