

**NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Program Public Access Working Group
At the Hudson River Foundation, 17 Battery Place, Rm 915**

**Presentation for a New Public Access site nomination:
Harlem River site - south of the University Heights
Bridge, Borough of the Bronx**



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Friday, December 14, 2007 11.30am - 2.00pm





HARLEM RIVER WATERFRONT

**Linking a River's
Renaissance to its
Upland Neighborhoods**



Brownfield Opportunity Area Pre-Nomination Study prepared for the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, the New York State Department of State and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with state funds provided through the Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program.

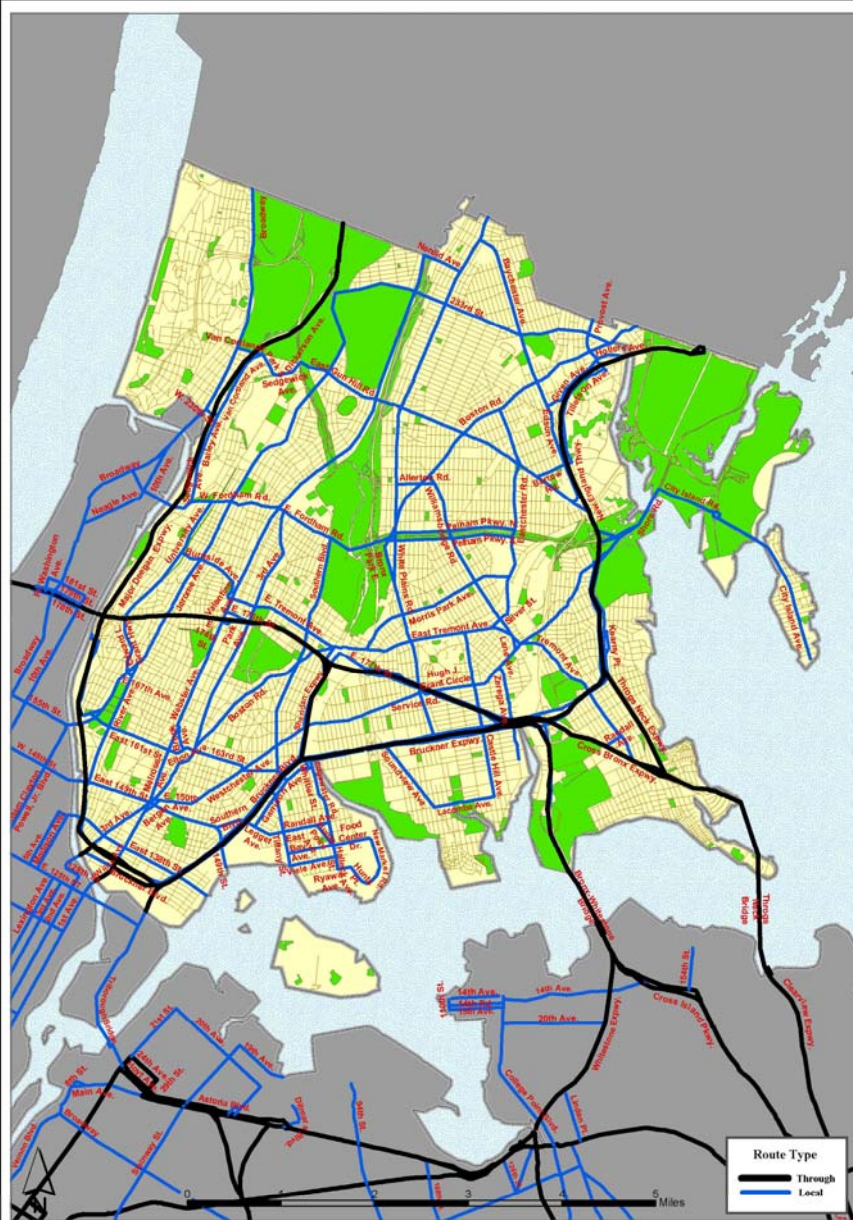
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<http://www.bceq.net/harlemriverdocument>

<http://www.bceq.net/files/HarlemRiverBOA031507.pdf>

Vital regional transportation role

- Passenger and freight rail
- Major truck routes



Bronx Truck Route Network

CSO's and truck routes



http://www.hydroqual.com/Projects/ltcp/all/NYC_CSO_truckroutes.pdf

Community Participation





• GREENWAYS/
OPEN Highbridge

• RESTORATION OF NATURAL
SHORELINE

• KAYAK / CANOE LAUNCH

• FERRIES / WATER TAXI

• ACCESS

• WETLANDS / CLEAN SOIL & WATER

• CSO ABATEMENT

• Buy Tobemade parcels
@ DEPOT PLACE

• IMPROVE BUS ROUTES / PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION TO H₂O

• ENVIRONMENTAL ED

• SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATION



A Changing **Park** Vision

30 years ago

- *Linked esplanades connected to overlooks on the upland*
- *Expansion of Roberto Clemente*

Now

- *A greenway along the river's edge*
- *Harlem River Park*



Use four train stations to bring people to waterfront (Spuyten Duyvil, Marble Hill, University Heights and Morris Heights).

Greenroof the railroad.



Encourage amenities that will draw a critical mass of people from the upland to the neighborhood.



Fordham Landing – largest parcel (3 acres), at one of few access points

Recommended Improvements

It is recommended that the private properties be acquired for public use if their owners agree, that easements be placed on public land, that a bridge be put over the Metro North tracks currently in use, and that a mixed-use pedestrian and bike path be laid out along the entire length of the site. The proposed site, when assembled, will provide active recreational opportunities like those currently available in Roberto Clemente State Park and provide a greenway for walking and biking from the aforesaid, through Van Cortlandt Park, all the way to the Westchester County border.