



BCEQ & HARLEM RIVER WORKING GROUP FACT SHEET

**EXTENSION OF THE PUTNAM GREENWAY AND CONNECTION TO THE HARLEM RIVER GREENWAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 WALK THROUGH MEET AT 12:45 PM
STARTING PROMPTLY AT 1PM AT BROADWAY & VERVEELEN PLACE, BRONX, NY 10463**

In approving [2011 NYC DPR application](#) to complete Putnam Greenway within Van Cortlandt Park and to acquire CSX property south of the park to 230th Street, [NYC City Planning Commission](#) notes that after 2013, NYC DPR will lease MTA Metro North property from 230th to 225th Street.

As part of the 2004 Brownfield Opportunity Area grant that BCEQ, it was evident the Harlem River needed a coalition to help steer its future. The Harlem River Working Group was formed with a plan for a continuous greenway from Van Cortlandt Park to Randall's Island and connected to other sites. BCEQ successfully nominates Bronx shore of Harlem River as a [Brownfield Opportunity Area](#) to New York State Department of State, with plan for “continuous linear greenway,” 2015

Putnam and Harlem River Greenway – due to advocacy of Harlem River Working Group and BCEQ, NYC Mayor Eric Adams [announces](#) Harlem River Greenway as an NYC greenway planning & implementation priority in the name of environmental justice for the Bronx, March 22, 2023

Daily News publishes editorial, “[Put the Put in the Bronx Greenway: Harlem River Greenway Must Use All of the Former Putnam Railroad Line](#)” on March 23, 2023, urging extension of greenway along the waterfront and raises question of MTA cooperation

Bronx Times publishes story, “[How Will the Old Put Line . . . Factor into the Harlem River Greenway plans?](#)” on April 17, 2023, on reports that MTA waste transfer stations once housed underneath Grand Central Terminal will be relocated to Marble Hill in the Bronx because of LIRR commuter railroad connection.

NYC DOT undertakes first phase of public online workshops for [Harlem River Greenway Implementation Plan](#), with first session focused on Kingsbridge and Marble Hill, in April 2023

Environment and Sanitation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 holds [meeting on April 17](#) on possible move of MTA Metro North to store garbage in cars as a waste transfer station to MN property between 225th and 230th Street

NYC DPR and DEP present [preliminary design](#) for “Daylighting Tibbetts Brook and Greenway” to New York City Public Design Commission on August 14, 2023 which was [unanimously approved](#) (see last page).

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