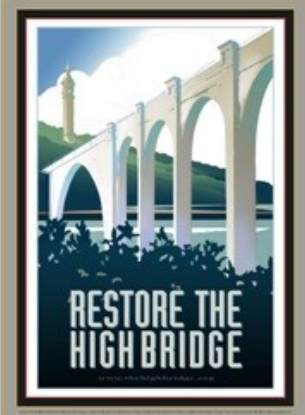


THE HIGH BRIDGE PIPELINE

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The mission of the High Bridge Coalition is to:

Restore, reopen and preserve the High Bridge for safe and enjoyable public use.



Build a broad coalition that reflects the diversity of the local communities and regional partners.



Raise public awareness of the High Bridge in order to foster a commitment to its preservation.



Enhance the surrounding parks for community enjoyment.



Increase public waterfront access between the Harlem River, the High Bridge and its surrounding parks.



Bridge Reopening

◆ The High Bridge is fully funded through PlaNYC, Mayor Bloomberg's pledge to create a greener and healthier New York City. The mayor provided \$60 million for the necessary restoration work, on top of an initial \$5 million from Congressman José E. Serrano. The Department of Parks & Recreation will be preparing a design and overseeing construction. Design will begin in the spring with public forums in the Bronx and Manhattan. [For more information, go to www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) — Keyword: PlaNYC.

2008 Year-End Recap

HIGH BRIDGE ACCESS

A ribbon cutting celebration was held in August to open a new path and restored staircase in Highbridge Park, Manhattan. The path, for bicyclists and wheelchair users, leads south park goes to the High Bridge from Edgecombe Avenue and 165th Street. The original staircase, probably dating to the 1860's, was restored at a foundry and reassembled at the south end of the Water Tower Terrace.



Photo: High Bridge Access Path, Highbridge Park, MN

Mini-Grants

Partnerships for Parks awarded 17 grants to Coalition partners and friends of the High Bridge through a competitive process. The funds went to support Bronx and Manhattan festivals, tours, hikes, art contests, educational programs and trail maintenance events.



Coalition Events

◆ Upcoming talk on the history of the Harlem River and High Bridge by Sidney Horenstein, emeritus educator of the American Museum of Natural History. Arsenal Gallery, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 6:00 p.m. [For more information, go to www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks)

High Bridge Friends in Action

◆ Hike the Heights 5 with CLIMB/City Life is Moving Bodies on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Visit www.citylifeismovingbodies.blogspot.com for locations. Watch a 10-minute video of Summer 2008's Hike the Heights 4 on YouTube. Find it at www.youtube.com by searching Hike the Heights.

◆ [Tell us your news for our next newsletter!](mailto:yekaterina.gluzberg@parks.nyc.gov) Contact yekaterina.gluzberg@parks.nyc.gov or marialuisa.cipriano@parks.nyc.gov to let us know about upcoming or recent events.

THE HIGH BRIDGE COALITION, founded in 2001, is an alliance of public agencies, nonprofit organizations and individuals leading a campaign to restore the High Bridge and reopen it to the public. The High Bridge is New York City's oldest bridge and the most celebrated part of the famed Old Croton Aqueduct. The Coalition believes this landmarked bridge can have a new life as a great public space and greenway link. [Visit www.thehighbridge.org for more information.](http://www.thehighbridge.org)

Steering Committee: CLIMB/City Life is Moving Bodies • Friends of Highbridge Park • Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct • Highbridge Community Life Center • New York City Department of Environmental Protection • New York City Department of Parks & Recreation • New York Restoration Project

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