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Dear Friend,

One of our highest priorities is reclaiming public access to New York City's 578 miles of majestic waterfront. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we announce the completion of the first phase of the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway, part of a joint City and State effort to create access to all of Manhattan's magnificent waterfront.

Thanks to a significant commitment by New York City and State, the Greenway has quickly evolved from a series of detached trails into a continuous 32-mile path around Manhattan, complete with 15 miles of new paths, hundreds of new street signs and miles of new pavement markings.

In the coming years, we will build on our successful partnership to complete esplanades, bridge crossings, designated park paths and urban cultural trails to provide even better waterfront access for pedestrians, cyclists, skaters and other users. Furthermore, we are committed to extending the greenway system throughout New York City and New York State.

The Greenway represents our commitment to the quality of life issues that matter to all New Yorkers. We hope you'll join us in exploring New York's newest recreational attraction—the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway.

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This map presents the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway—a continuous circuit that extends around the entire island and is part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, which extends north to Albany. This map:

- Highlights parks and other attractions located on or near the waterfront;
- Points out ferry landings;
- Guides the pedestrian or cyclist through on-street connections; and
- Provides important safety tips.



The Manhattan Waterfront Greenway is a treasure that will enhance the quality of life for New Yorkers and visitors to our city. You'll enjoy the spectacular views and unique attractions along the Greenway. Here are some interesting and fun activities to try:

- Rollerblade along the Harlem River
- Visit the South Street Seaport Museum and admire the nation's largest fleet of privately maintained historic vessels
- Catch the Staten Island Ferry at sunset
- Enjoy a summer concert in Hudson River Park
- Canoe or kayak at W. 72nd Street in Riverside Park
- Have a picnic at the Little Red Lighthouse

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- Hudson River Park Trust
- New York City Department of City Planning
- New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
- New York City Department of Transportation
- New York City Economic Development Corporation
- New York State Department of Transportation
- The Office of Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields

Greenway Signage

Greenway signs safely guide your way around the island, providing directions along the route with a recognizable trail-blazer.



Logo

The entire route is marked by the Greenway logo, a round, green medallion.



Directional Arrows

When the Greenway route changes direction, follow the white arrows on the green, lozenge-shaped signs.



Separate Paths

When the Greenway widens enough to provide two paths—one for pedestrians and one for cyclists—or where on-street conditions require separate paths, signs with arrows mark the paths.

On-Street Signage

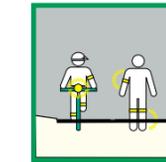
On-street components occasionally serve as detours or links between Greenway portions, since they are the only safe means of connection in some areas. On-street segments of the Greenway are marked by the following signs:



Regulatory Sign

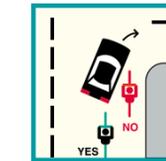


Pavement Marking



Be Visible

Ensure your visibility at night by wearing light-toned clothing with reflective tape material. Outfit your bike with lights as you would for riding on the roads.



Be Careful at Intersections

Most accidents happen at intersections. Avoid being in a turn-only lane if you want to go straight through an intersection. In narrow lanes or slow traffic, it may be safer to take the entire lane.



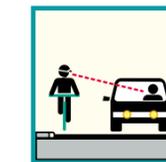
Beware of Car Doors

Be wary of parked cars. Motorists can unexpectedly open doors. Ride at least three feet away from parked cars.



Right-of-Way

Cyclists and in-line skaters must yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians always have the right of way.



Signal to Others

Establish eye contact with motorists to ensure that they know you are on the road. Cyclists and skaters: Signal all turns and stops ahead of time; sound your bell or call out a warning when approaching others, then pass safely on the left.

Disclaimer: The City of New York takes no responsibility for users' safety. It has published this brochure as an aid to travel on the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway. Not all parts of the Greenway will be suitable for all users. For example, cyclists are urged to be aware that traffic volumes, during certain times of the day, may be unsuitable for their abilities.

