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**CITY PLANNING COMMISSIONER AMANDA M. BURDEN UNVEILS
*BIKE THE BRONX TOUR MAP***

*Features Greenway Route Offering Nine Miles of Riding Protected from Cars
Highlights Bronx Attractions*

October 20, 2010 – City Planning Commissioner Amanda M. Burden today announced the availability of a new *Bike The Bronx* tour map that enables bikers to explore the borough's rich network of Greenways and enjoy unique sites and destinations both famous and less well known. The scenic tour route covers over nine miles, with options to extend the ride to different neighborhoods and locations. It highlights dozens of Bronx destinations from the small seaside community of City Island in the east, to the inspiring views of the Hudson River at Wave Hill in the west, with a wealth of undiscovered local gems and restaurants in between. Pedestrians, joggers, and hikers as well as bikers can enjoy the over nine miles of protected trails, which cross numerous subway and Metro North lines, making shorter trips from different points possible. Biking and walking are integral to Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC strategy to make New York the greenest city in the nation and the *Bike The Bronx* tour guide complements the City's efforts to promote biking and support economic development throughout the five boroughs.

"Just in time to enjoy peak fall foliage by bicycle, our Bike The Bronx map features a safe, healthy and enjoyable route along the borough's spectacular Greenways, and highlights some of the architectural, gastronomic and sports icons found only in The Bronx," said City Planning Commissioner Amanda M. Burden. "The *Bike The Bronx* tour is flexible so cyclists and pedestrians from near and far can sample the borough's unique destinations in a single trip or multiple short trips, and it is worthy of becoming a must-do experience for visitors and New Yorkers alike to experience some of Bronx residents' favorite places. Put this perfect size map in your pocket and go ride!"

Of the five boroughs, The Bronx has the highest percentage of parks out of total land area, and this map offers opportunities to explore some of its larger parks including Van Cortlandt, Pelham Bay and Bronx Park. Unlike other boroughs, The Bronx's protected Greenways go through the heart of the borough, rather than skirting the outside, giving cyclists an inside look at numerous neighborhoods.

Since 2002, the Bloomberg Administration has worked to advance cycling and increase bicycle infrastructure throughout the city. This map augments these multi-agency efforts which include:

- City Planning's bike parking zoning text amendment, adopted in April 2009, to require indoor, secure, long-term bicycle parking in new multi-family residential, community facilities, and commercial buildings that will provide bicycle parking and storage both at home and in the workplace;
- City Planning's recently incorporated requirements for bike parking in commercial and community facility parking lots;
- The New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) commitment to complete the New York City Bicycle Master Plan, created by DOT and DCP, by 2030. In the last three years DOT has completed some 225 miles of new bicycle lanes.
- DOT's installation of approximately of 5,000 new outdoor CityRacks by 2011.

Paper copies of this free map, that are designed to fold into a pocket, are available at the [City Planning bookstore](#), and at select locations in the city including the Official NYC Information Center in midtown Manhattan, the city's 59 community boards and City Council district offices. The map can be found online [here](#) or requested by calling the Department of City Planning (DCP) at 212-442-4642.

Bike The Bronx is the second in a series of bike tour guides developed by DCP and complements the [New York City Cycling Map](#) which shows existing bicycle lanes and a network of on-street routes. Last year DCP released the *Queens Around the World* tour map and paper copies are still available as well as being downloadable from the DCP [website](#). Please visit our website, nyc.gov/planning, for upcoming announcements on future bike maps focusing on different boroughs and themes.

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comprehensive, consensus-based planning and zoning changes for individual neighborhoods and business districts. It supports the City Planning Commission and each year reviews more than 500 land use applications for actions such as zoning changes and disposition of City property. The Department assists both government agencies and the public by providing policy analysis and technical assistance relating to housing, transportation, community facilities, demography and public space.