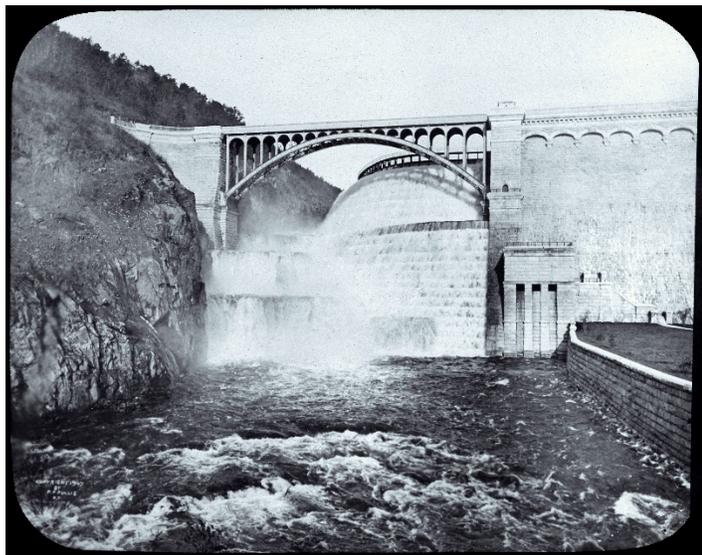


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***Ebb and Flow:
Tapping into the History of New York City's Water***

March 5, 2020 – September 1, 2020



New Croton Reservoir and Dam, Westchester County. Photo. Credit: NYC Municipal Archives.

NEW YORK, March 5, 2020 — The Museum of American Finance and the New York City Department of Records and Information Services today opens a new exhibit: ***Ebb & Flow: Tapping into the History of New York City's Water.***

New York City is famous for having clean, great-tasting drinking water. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts use gravity to bring water to the five boroughs from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles and comprises 19 reservoirs and three lakes.

“Ebb & Flow” explores the more than 200-year history of the city’s effort to build one of the world’s finest water supply systems. The exhibit includes the fascinating story of how a private water company, founded by Aaron Burr in 1799, evolved into the largest bank in the United States today.

OPENING EVENT

Join us on opening night March 5, 2020, for a special live recording of *Person Place Thing* with Emmy Award winner Randy Cohen and musician/actress Rachel Stern. The program will feature the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Vincent Spienza. Additional details on the opening event can be found [here](#).

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On View: March 5, 2020 – September 1, 2020

Location: NYC Municipal Archives 1st Floor Gallery, 31 Chambers Street, Manhattan.

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Alternate Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. – full schedule [here](#).

About the Museum of American Finance

As a socially relevant organization, the Museum of American Finance seeks to improve understanding of the influence of financial institutions and capital markets on the US and global economies, and on individuals' lives. The nation's only independent museum dedicated to finance and financial history educates the public through exhibits, financial literacy programs and public events. The Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, seeks to empower individuals of all backgrounds to strive toward financial independence, while encouraging curiosity and discovery. For more information, visit <https://www.moaf.org/>.

About the NYC Municipal Archives

The Municipal Archives preserves and makes available New York City government's historical records dating to the 17th century. Its online gallery provides research access to over 1.7 million items digitized from the vast holdings, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/records/index.page>



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