



The New NY Bridge Community Benefits Program Application

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Type of Applicant Governmental Entity Private Entity **501(c)(3):** Public Not-for-Profit Private Not-for-Profit

Project Relationship to New NY Bridge

Project Location

Project Description

The completion of the New NY Bridge, with its shared use path, will be a major addition to an already robust regional trail network in the Tarrytown area. Currently, the region is served by the north-south routes of RiverWalk, the Old Croton Aqueduct, bike route 9, and the North and South County Trailways. East to west connectivity between these north-south routes, however, has been a challenge. The new shared use path over the bridge will be a huge addition to east-west movement for transportation and recreation. The key to realizing this great potential will be ensuring the new trail is well-integrated into that network.

The proposed project would conduct an engineering feasibility assessment to determine a preferred route for connecting RiverWalk under the New NY Bridge as well as connecting to the new shared use path over the bridge. An engineering consultant will be hired to advance the work, which will include establishment of project goals and performance criteria, a metes and bounds survey, preliminary design and engineering feasibility assessment, and outreach to property owners, culminating the selection of a preferred route. The project would be guided by the working group who has met over the past year: Scenic Hudson, New NY Bridge staff, Metro-North Railroad, the Village of Tarrytown, and Westchester County planning staff. Scenic Hudson will serve as project manager, overseeing the consultant and convening the working group of partners who will serve as the steering committee for the effort.

Project Benefits

- Close a major gap in RiverWalk: The project will close the last significant gap in RiverWalk in the Irvington-Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow area. Completing this segment would enable a continuous trail between Rockefeller Park Preserve in northern Sleepy Hollow and Sunnyside at the Tarrytown/Irvington border.
- Enhance Multi-modal Transportation Network: This will markedly advance non-motorized transportation, allowing commuters to bike over the bridge to reach the Tarrytown train station located on RiverWalk. Recreational cyclists and runners would be able to travel north from Irvington or south from Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow and directly link to the shared use path without having to drive and park at the landing area.
- Enhanced Tourism Opportunity: It also creates the potential for an envisioned "history trail" along RiverWalk which would connect Sunnyside, Lyndhurst, Philipsburg Manor and Kykuit, Rockwood Hall, and Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Currently Sunnyside and Lyndhurst are cut off from the other sides by this gap in RiverWalk. If this link were to be completed, local and regional tourism agencies could package and market the history trail and install appropriate wayfinding.

Statement of Need

RiverWalk is Westchester County's response to the Hudson River Valley Greenway concept for a continuous trail between New York City and the Capital Region. A planned route for the entire 51.5 miles of Hudson River shoreline in Westchester County has been mapped and communities work to implement the trail at the local level. In the case of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, most of the trail in their jurisdiction has been completed or is planned. This includes an extension by Losee Park, trail connections along the waterfronts of the several new developments north of the Tarrytown train station, and the planned Edge-on-Hudson development which will implement the trail along its waterfront. Creating the connection under the bridge will therefore be a significant step forward to completing the trail in these two communities. The recent Greenway Gaps Analysis conducted by the Hudson River Valley Greenway identified this as a key missing piece in the larger vision for a continuous greenway from NYC to the Capital Region.

As proposed, the project will also connect RiverWalk to the shared-use-path over the new bridge. With limited parking space and a high degree of anticipated demand, having a trail connection to the bridge will enable local residents to reach the bridge trail without having to get in their cars. It also provides the opportunity for more spin-off visits by tourist to the bridge to further explore the two villages - their waterfronts, businesses, and historic sites.

Project Budget 300,000

Granted Funding from Another Source? Yes No

If you answered yes, please provide other funding source and amount:

Other Funding Source None at this time ,but we are exploring private match contribution options

Other Funding Amount

Grant Request 300,000

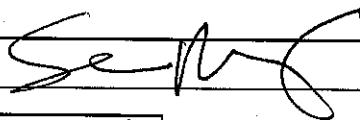
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Current State of Project Development Over the past year, a working group including Scenic Hudson, Tarrytown, New NY Bridge, Westchester County, and Metro-North Railroad have met to discuss the potential trail connections. An initial six routes have been evaluated and reduced to two primary routes for RiverWalk to extend under the bridge and two means of connecting RiverWalk to the bridge's shared-use-path. See attached map. A key factor in narrowing down the number of potential routes was a review conducted by Homeland Security which eliminated certain routes, delineated security buffers, and established a design criteria of having only one trail pass under the bridge.

The working group is now ready for these routes to go through an engineering feasibility study to better understand the relative cost, technical feasibility, and environmental impacts of each route with the goal of selecting a preferred route to advance into construction-level engineering and permitting.

Estimate Project Time line March 2017 to March 2018

Signature Name



Date

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Agree By checking this box I certify the above statements to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing this application.

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