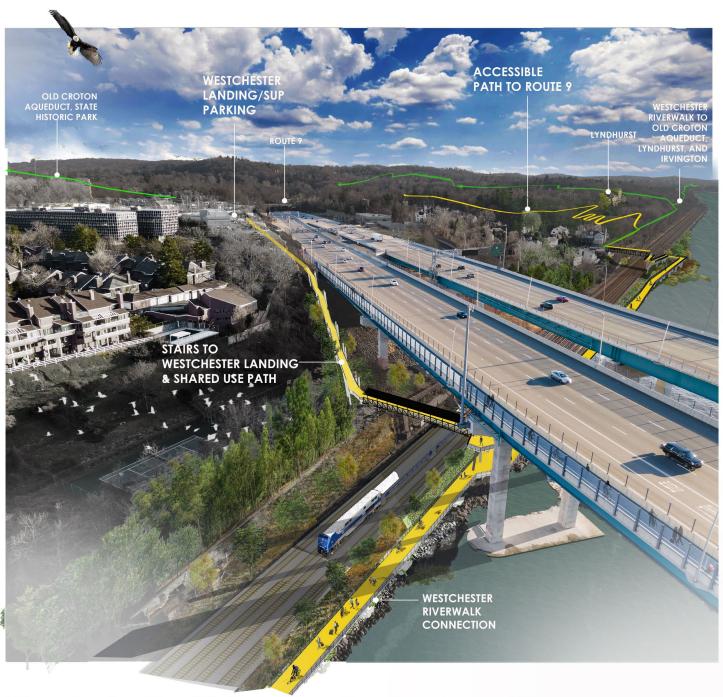
Westchester RiverWalk Connector







Westchester RiverWalk Connection, Tarrytown, NY



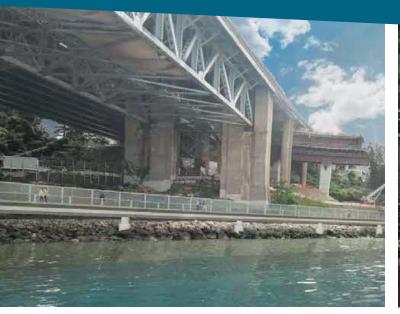














Transportation, Economic, Air Quality, Climate & Health Benefits Connecting the Tarrytown Section of the Westchester RiverWalk Trail

Addressing several problems with ONE INITIATIVE:

- · Fills a 0.9-mile gap in Westchester RiverWalk
- Supports the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council's s LIVE, WORK and PLAY strategy
- Provides transportation alternatives to automobile travel that will mitigate congestion and reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- Creates a direct pedestrian link between the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge Shared Use Path and Tarrytown Metro-North Station
- · Reduces traffic and parking demand at the station
- Delivers economic benefits to Westchester and Rockland County communities via increased tourism
- · Creates more **riverfront access** and connects people with nearby historic sites, including Sunnyside, Lyndhurst, and Philipsburg Manor
- · Provides opportunities for exercise and active recreation that connect people to nature
- · Consistent with **Tarrytown's draft LWRP** and supports goals in other local plans

Status

The engineering firm Stantec has recently completed the Feasibility Study, survey, bathymetry, preliminary geotechnical analysis, and 30% Engineering and Design of the trail. With the 30% design completed, it must be sent out for agency review and comment.

A scoping document has been drafted. We will continue to work with the project coalition to advance the remaining three alternatives through environmental review (NEPA and SEQRA).

Needs

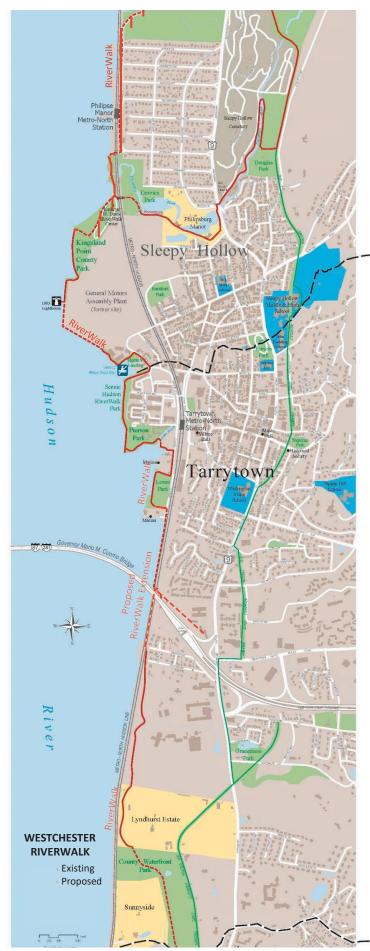
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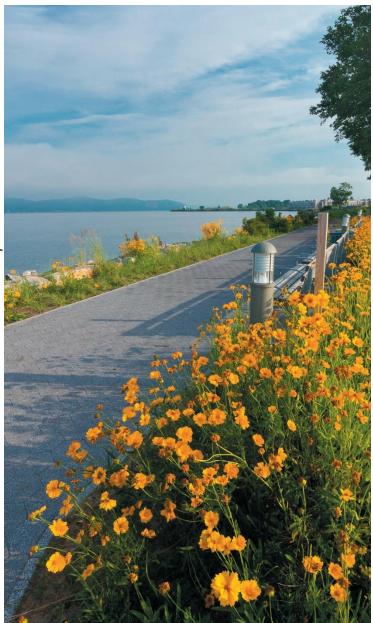
- · Environmental review/ Full EIS
- Preliminary design
- Community engagement

\$3.5 million for:

To reach shovel ready status

- · Final engineering
- · 100% construction drawings
- Permitting
- · Focused community outreach
- Securing necessary land easements





Scenic Hudson RiverWalk Park at Tarrytown



Scenic Hudson Park at Irvington

Connecting Riverwalk Under The New Bridge



The Project will join existing RiverWalk Trail segments



Rendering of Westchester RiverWalk extended under the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge



Signal Bridge repurposed as RiverWalk crossing over Metro North's Hudson Line



RiverWalk Extension Supporters

BUSINESS LEADERS

Business Council of Westchester

Edge-on-Hudson

Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors

Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation

National Resources

Rand Commercial

Sleepy Hollow Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce

Thalle Industries

Westchester County Association

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Westchester County partners with Scenic Hudson and Tarrytown to advance the Westchester RiverWalk Project

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Local Funding will enable environmental review necessary to ensure "missing link" in trail beneath Cuomo Bridge is shovel-ready.

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Watch Video 1 and Video 2 of the Westchester RiverWalk Project.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer has included \$1.3 million in his proposed 2022 County budget to conduct an environmental review of the extension of the Westchester RiverWalk beneath the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. In partnership with the environmental organization Scenic Hudson, Latimer is working to advance the project to shovel-ready status, so it may be eligible for funds from the recently passed \$1.2 trillion bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The 0.9-mile stretch of the RiverWalk beneath the bridge has long been considered a critical "missing link" in efforts to complete the 51-mile trail spanning the length of Westchester's Hudson waterfront.

The Act invests \$11 billion in transportation safety, including safer paths and crossings for bicyclists and pedestrians. In addition to connecting current RiverWalk segments in Tarrytown and Irvington, the extension is envisioned to link to the bridge's shared-use path, making it a viable option for Rockland County commuters to access nearby jobs and Metro-North stations across the river.

Latimer said: "The RiverWalk project means an opportunity for recreation, the ability for a car-free commute to jobs and shops, less traffic congestion and pollution, and a boost to Westchester's tourism economy. All are benefits that County residents and visitors will receive from the RiverWalk extension. This game-changing investment in the project will move it one step closer to construction — and increase its potential for receiving funds from the recently enacted federal infrastructure bill to complete it."

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said: "I look forward to being partners with the federal government, the County, our local communities, and others to provide help for the Riverwalk project."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Planning Norma Drummond said: "RiverWalk began as a vision on a napkin 20 years ago by County Executive Spano and we have been working with the local partners on each piece to get a continuous trail as close to the river as possible. Studying this piece of the RiverWalk is extremely important to be sure we are as environmentally sensitive as possible."

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said: "We are grateful to County Executive Latimer for proposing this visionary funding that will knit together so many communities along Westchester's magnificent riverfront. We look forward to working with him to secure support for it in the county Legislature and, moving forward, seeking to secure additional funding from the federal infrastructure bill for this extraordinary collaborative project."

Scenic Hudson has been leading collaborative efforts to complete the extension. The project has drawn widespread endorsement from the business community (including the Business Council of Westchester, Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation and Westchester County Association), the four municipalities around the extension (Briarcliff Manor, Irvington, Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown), and many of the region's bicycling organizations.

On Nov. 17, the Tarrytown Village Board of Trustees passed a resolution expressing the Village's commitment to serve as lead agency in the Environmental Review. This reflects the great working relationships of Westchester County, Scenic Hudson and the Village and their collective resolve to get this project to the finish line.

Other partners in this initiative include Metro-North Railroad, New York State Thruway Authority and Department of State.

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Bridge RiverWalk Could Be the Great Connector

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By Jeffrey Anzevino



Scenic Hudson's proposed Westchester Riverwalk connection in Tarrytown. Prepared by KaN Landscape Design

Across the Hudson River in Tarrytown, efforts are underway to complete a trail connection whose relatively short length belies its many benefits. Why should Rockland County residents be interested? It will link the new Shared Use Path across the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge to destinations along the Westchester RiverWalk, including the Tarrytown Train Station.

RiverWalk is the planned pathway paralleling the Hudson River that will eventually span 51.5 miles — stretching from Yonkers to the Bear Mountain Bridge — and connect village centers, historic sites and riverfront parks. Implementation has been gradual — to date, about 33 miles is open to pedestrians and cyclists — and collaborative, with Westchester County, waterfront municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and private developers partnering to complete sections.

Around Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Irvington, very few unfinished segments remain to create miles of continuous trail. Of these gaps, the section under the Cuomo Bridge is arguably the highest priority and most challenging. Dubbed the RiverWalk Connector or Bridge RiverWalk, this 0.9-mile multi-use trail will connect the completed segment in Tarrytown's Losee Park to that just north of Lyndhurst.

Creating an accessible trail between the RiverWalk and the bridge's Shared Use Path will allow people from Rockland County to walk or bike to historic sites such as Lyndhurst, Sunnyside, Philipsburg Manor, Kykuit and Rockwood Hall State Park — all located along or accessible from the RiverWalk. In addition to Metro-North's Tarrytown station, it will connect them with waterfront restaurants and business districts in Tarrytown and surrounding riverfront communities. Those with grander ambitions can hop on the nearby Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park and 750-mile Empire State Trail.

The project, which is being spearheaded by Westchester County, the Village of Tarrytown and Scenic Hudson, with active involvement from Metro-North and New York's Department of State and Thruway Authority, has been gaining support from diverse stakeholders. This reflects the myriad benefits it would offer the region — including new and safer commuting options, less traffic congestion and pollution, new recreational opportunities and increased regional tourism. Advocates include business leaders, historic sites, tourism groups and elected officials. Bicycle organizations in Westchester, New Jersey and Rockland, including the Rockland Bike Club, are enthusiastic about the project.

The investment made to date has begun gathering great momentum. Grants totaling \$645,000 from the Thruway Authority Community Benefit, Hudson River Valley Greenway and private foundations has enabled the completion of a feasibility study, preconstruction studies, public outreach and a 30% design set. Westchester County included \$1.3 million in its 2022 capital budget to support the project's environmental review, which will be coordinated by the Village of Tarrytown. Once complete, the final route will head into advanced engineering as a State of the State priority of Gov. Kathy Hochul, with \$3.5 million allocated to the project in her Executive Budget, subject to legislative approval.

These two steps will take several years to complete, but the coalition is excited by the great support and looking forward to the day construction begins, taking this project from vision to reality.

Editor's Note: Jeffrey Anzevino is Director of Land Use Advocacy for Scenic Hudson.

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Efforts are afoot to complete a trail connection on the Eastern side of the Hudson River that will link the Shared Use Path to destinations along RiverWalk, including the Tarrytown Train Station.

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The project has been a collaboration with Westchester County, waterfront towns, not-for-profit organizations, and private developers.



Creating an accessible trail between RiverWalk and the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge's Shared Use Path will open foot and bike traffic from Rockland County to RiverWalk.

The project, which is being spearheaded by Westchester County, the Village of Tarrytown and Scenic Hudson, with active involvement from Metro-North and New York's Department of State and Thruway Authority, will ease traffic congestion, create regional recreation and boost tourism.

Advocates include business leaders, historic sites, tourism groups and elected officials. Bicycle organizations in Westchester, New Jersey, and Rockland, including the Rockland Bike Club, are optimistic about the completion of this project.

In other news, the Village of Nyack has received a \$3 million under the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant to replace approximately 13,000 linear feet of water main.