



National Park Service, Northeast Region

Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

New York City



What's Happening Right Now...

Projects and Partners 2008

1. Northern Manhattan CLIMB Trail

City Life is Moving Bodies (CLIMB) Consensus Group,
Community Research Group

2. Rockaway Beach Branch Greenway

Queens Community Board 9
RBB Greenway Committee

3. New York City Water Trail

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation



CLIMB hikers on the Giraffe Path



About Us

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program provides staff time and technical assistance for 1-2 years to projects that need an extra hand to take the next leap forward to success. We work with citizens' groups and non-profits, helping them realize their vision of how to improve their communities, whether it's through a rail-trail, urban park, or a restored river. The National Park Service helps make it happen.

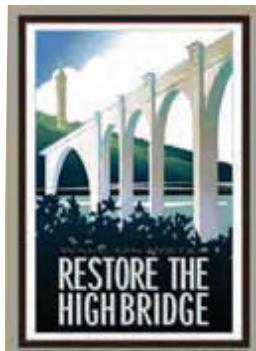
Recent Success

High Bridge: A Bold and Historic Connection

The High Bridge crosses the Harlem River connecting Manhattan with The Bronx and one day will be a busy pedestrian promenade. Part of the Old Croton Aqueduct, this brick water conduit brought New York City its earliest supply of clean water and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

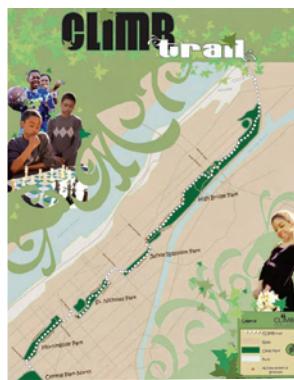
RTCA joined with NYC agencies and other local stakeholders to form the High Bridge coalition. The coalition helps leverage resources to reopen the bridge including: a recently completed in-depth structural inspection of the bridge that outlined necessary repairs and likely costs for the work; a \$5 million allocation

from Congressman José E. Serrano; and a matching \$1.25 million city funds. The bridge is scheduled to reopen in 2010.



Hiking the Heights along Northern Manhattan's CLIMB Trail

The Northern Manhattan CLIMB trail links seven New York City parks (Central, Morningside, St. Nicholas, Jackie Robinson, Inwood Hill and Fort Tryon) and one National Park site, Hamilton Grange. Passing through deep forest and along busy streets the trail provides a variety of destination experiences and connects the Harlem and Hudson rivers. This trail is a fundamental part of the



CLIMB (City Life is Moving Bodies) project to reintegrate the once crime-ridden parks into the lives of the surrounding communities and to improve community health through active living. The Rivers and Trails Program has supported CLIMB leadership which has conducted over 50 "walking meetings," led numerous trail assessments sessions and held three annual "Hike the Heights" celebrations.

We want to help you.

Could Your Project Benefit from
RTCA Staff Assistance?

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2007 Success Northeast Region

Miles of new trail (land): 25

Miles of new trail (water): 10

Miles of river restored or improved: 40

Acres conserved and protected: 500

Number of communities assisted: 125

Number of organizations established or enhanced: 150

Dollars leveraged for our projects: \$75 million



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