

Westchester County Hudson River Park

Tarrytown, New York

Client: Historic Hudson Valley

Project: Design, Construction Documents, and Construction Administration

Project Credits: Wilbur Smith Associates, Overall Project Managers: Heritage Landscapes LLC, Park Design, Historic Compatibility, and Construction Documents; Broadreach Planning & Design, Park Planning and Design, Environmental Services, Bicycle Path Design; and Permitting

Description: Westchester County Hudson River Park lies along the Hudson River between two historic properties open to the public, Sunnyside and Lyndhurst and is bordered by the Old Croton Aqueduct State Park on a fourth side. Westchester County purchased the former estate site with the intent of creating a passive walking park that linked the three landside resources with walking trails. One of the intents in creating the walking park was reduce vehicular traffic on nearby Route 9 by allowing visitors to the historic sites to walk between the sites rather than driving.

Historic Hudson Valley, the owners of Sunnyside and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, entered into a joint agreement with Westchester County to jointly develop and manage the park site. After obtaining a Transportation Enhancement Grant to develop the property, they hired Wilbur Smith Associates, working with the assistance of Heritage Landscapes LLC and Broadreach Planning & Design to develop the master plan and construction documents for the property.

The overall master plan provides numerous walking trails including a portion of the Hudson River Trail. Interpretive signage helps explain the history of the site, which includes traces of two former Hudson River Estates. Other portions of the master plan include some old cellar stabilizations, vegetative management, meadow restoration and limited tree clearing to restore views over the Hudson River.

Broadreach Planning & Design worked on the overall circulation plan as well as the initial site analysis work, wetland identification, environmental clearances and permitting.

