



AGENCY TRANSPARENCY PLAN UPDATE: 2024

AGENCY NAME: HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST

DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED SINCE 2021:

The Hudson River Park Trust is pleased to provide an update on its deliverables achieved since 2021 to promote and increase transparency and accountability. The following deliverables outlined in the Trust's October 2021 Transparency Plan have been successfully implemented.

1. The Trust convenes annual meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee, which is an advisory committee comprised of federal, state and city agencies and subject matter experts to guide the planning of the Estuarine Sanctuary Management Plan (ESMP), a plan that provides for conservation, environmental education and research, public recreation, and authorized commercial municipal and other water dependent maritime uses for the approximately 400 water acres of the Hudson River within the Park's boundaries. The Trust also provides full updates to the Trust's Board of Directors at a public meeting each year summarizing the year's activities related to the ESMP.
2. At each Trust Board of Directors' meeting, the Trust's President provides a detailed report on such matters as the status of design and construction in the Park, updates on public programming and educational events, research that has been conducted related to the Hudson River, updates on Trust's operations and other recent developments or news about the Park. To ensure that persons, including Park patrons and neighbors, that may be interested in the information but are unable to attend an in-person meeting have the same information in real time, the Trust posts the draft minutes and the video of each Board meeting on the Trust's website, which includes the President's Report, within one week of a Board meeting so information is more readily available to the public: <https://hudsonriverpark.org/about-us/public-information/meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>.
3. The majority of the requests that the Trust receives in connection with the New York State Freedom of Information Law are requests for selected respondents in connection with the Trust's competitive procurements, which are all advertised on the Trust's website. The Bids and Business Opportunities page is also the most frequently visited page on the Trust's website. Based on this known interest in the contract awards for the Trust's competitive procurements, the Trust posts the selection of all contract awards for requests for proposals from 2022 to date on its Bids and Business website page available at <https://hudsonriverpark.org/about-us/work-with-us/bids-and-business-opportunities/>.

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INITIATIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2024:

The Trust will continue to consider additional measures for transparency on an annual basis. New initiatives for the 2024 calendar year will include the following plans:

1. The Trust will restructure portions of the Trust website for the application of permits for use of park property (for example, securing permits for sports fields, birthday parties, walk-runs, and other special events). Currently, this portion of the Trust website is difficult to navigate and not intuitive. The Trust will update the website to make the application process easier and more user-friendly.
2. In 2024, the Trust will be involved in three separate active community engagement efforts, including a discussion about the future of Pier 76, the design of the West 29th to 46th Streets section of Hudson River Park, and a continuation of the design discussion for the future Estuarium to be located upland of Pier 26. For each public engagement, the Trust will use its website to announce the dates and times of the community engagement meetings and will maintain project-specific websites with descriptions of each project and related documents and presentations. These project-specific websites enhance transparency by allowing community members to review the evolution of public discussion through the creation of accessible public records.