



HRPK Advisory Group

HRPK Friends Advocacy Update

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

1. NYC Discretionary Funding Requests

HRPK Friends has been meeting with the NYC Council to request funding for the Park's environmental education programs and HRPK River Project, and Friends' volunteer program.

2. Parks and Open Spaces NY-coalition seeking more public funding to support City Parks and

private funding to add to the Green Relief and Recovery Fund for 2021.

Parks platform & Mayoral forums

NYC Council testimony

3. Volunteer program

Volunteer season opens on April 10 with a Saturday Green Team event. On April 24th, the Green Team will in honor of Earth Day. For now, we are capped at 20 people per event for safety during Covid. We plan to hold 14 Green Teams this year. Green Teams are free and open to the public. Reservations needed.

Email volunteer@hudsonriverpark.org for more info.

HRPK Friends is offering Virtual Engagement Opportunities for Corporate Members throughout the upcoming season. Potential projects include translation of online curricula, focus groups and data entry. We are also exploring a Virtual Speaker Series where employees of our Corporate Members and their families can learn about HRPK topics through interactive discussions and activities. For more information on Virtual Corporate opportunities, email corporate@hudsonriverpark.org.

2021 HRPK Green Team Volunteer Dates

April 10th

Earth Day: April 24th

ILMPD: May 1st

May 22nd

Family Day: June 5th

*June 12th (tentative project/rain make-up)

June 26th

July 17th

July 24th

August 7th
August 21th
September 18th
October 2nd
*October 16th (tentative project/rain make up)
November 6th
December 4th or 11th

4. **Pier 76:** Trust update. Friends is hopeful for any interim open green space that benefits the community.