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PIER 25 IN TRIBECA OPENS IN HUDSON RIVER PARK

-- New Park Area Spotlights Community & Family Recreational Facilities --

NEW YORK, November 4, 2010 – The newest section of Hudson River Park – New York’s premier waterfront recreational venue and the largest open space to be built in Manhattan since Central Park – is now open to the public. Pier 25, located at N. Moore Street in Tribeca, is the longest pier in Hudson River Park and includes an 18-hole miniature golf course and snack bar, sand volleyball courts, children’s playground, town dock and small boat moorings, berthing areas for historic ships, and a flexible artificial turf ‘lawn’ on the western end for active and passive use. The adjoining upland section includes a basketball court, a ‘street-course’ style skatepark, natural lawns and seating areas, park landscaping and public restrooms. The new pier and adjacent upland section join the rest of the Tribeca section of the Park – opened in 2008 – to form one of the most beautiful and exciting spaces in Hudson River Park.

Governor David A. Paterson said, "Hudson River Park is more evidence of the innovative ways New York is meeting the public’s demand for parks and outdoor recreation spaces. The transformation of Pier 25 into an urban park unlike any other will enhance the experiences of city dwellers and countless tourists visiting New York’s waterfront. It is a wonderful example of the city, state and federal governments working in partnership to revitalize Lower Manhattan."

"New York City's more than 500 miles of waterfront are an invaluable asset, and we're continuing to create new open space and revitalize underutilized sites on the waterfront in all five boroughs through our Waterfront Vision and Enhancement Strategy," said Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. "Hudson River Park has become one of the City's most valued and visited recreational spaces, and now Pier 25 and its upland areas will make it an even greater place for New Yorkers to enjoy."

This part of the Park, situated near Ground Zero, was built with a portion of the \$70 million from the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), which is funded through Community Development Block Grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and additional city and federal funding (obtained by Congressman Jerrold Nadler). The water area between the pier’s south side and the Battery Park City bulkhead was used following the 9/11/01 attack on the World Trade Center for the removal of debris – including the large pieces of steel that were part of the Twin Towers – which was barged to Staten Island from Hudson River Park.

"It is so exciting to open another section of Hudson River Park. No other project has done so much to revitalize the west side and bring fun and imaginative community amenities to Tribeca and Lower Manhattan. We deeply appreciate the LMDC’s and U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department’s generosity and commitment to Hudson River Park, Lower Manhattan and the people of New York City", said Diana Taylor, Chair of the Hudson River Park Trust Board of Directors.

Construction continues on the pier immediately to the north of this area at Pier 26. Pier 26 will be the home of a public boathouse, park café and Hudson River Park “estuarium”. The boathouse/café building will begin construction this fall with funds provided by the City of New York and will open to boaters and park visitors in the spring of 2012. The estuarium is still in development by the Hudson River Park Trust and their institutional partners, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, NYS Department of State, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The Port Authority has provided an initial capital grant of \$5 million to seed the project and the Department of State has provided an additional \$335,000 matching grant for planning and design.

“This is an important milestone in LMDC’s goal of re-opening the New York City waterfront to residents, workers and visitors of Lower Manhattan,” LMDC Chairman Avi Schick said. “LMDC and our partner, the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development, are proud to have supported the Hudson River Park Trust in the reconstruction of Pier 25 and the creation of exciting new recreational opportunities, as well as the completion of a seamless pedestrian path along the west side of Manhattan. The Tribeca segment is not only an exciting addition to Hudson River Park, but it is one more piece of the renewed and rebuilt Lower Manhattan.”

“HUD is proud to be an investor and partner in the transformation of Lower Manhattan into a 24/7 community that will offer all New Yorkers and visitors world class attractions, plus a dynamic art and cultural community,” said Regional Administrator Adolfo Carrión. “The restoration of Pier 25 provides local residents and visitors exciting recreational and cultural activities. Hats-off! to Governor Paterson, Mayor Bloomberg, Avi Schick, the Hudson River Park Trust, and all the local partners who have created a wonderful place that strengthens and beautifies the neighborhood, but also creates sorely needed jobs.”

“I am thrilled about the opening of the newest section of Hudson River Park” said Congressman Jerrold L. Nadler. “The new segment of the park will enrich the lives of children, locals and visitors alike and add greatly to the TriBeCa’s streetscape. I am proud that I was able to secure nearly \$5 million to help realize this wonderful civic resource.”

Pier 25 and the entire Hudson River Park are being built by the Hudson River Park Trust, the state-city entity responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the waterfront park that is revitalizing the west side of Manhattan. The very popular Hudson River bike path, running along the park from the Battery to W. 59th St., was constructed by State DOT and is also maintained by the Hudson River Park Trust.

State Senator Daniel Squadron said, “I am pleased that Pier 25 is now open to the community with new amenities for adults and kids alike. Hudson River Park is an oasis for residents of Lower Manhattan, and I am committed to continuing to support its renovation and completion. I look forward to working with my colleagues in government and the community to complete Hudson River Park, which, along with other waterfront parks in Manhattan, Brooklyn and on Governors Island, will become a big part of a new Harbor Park—a Central Park for the center of the city.”

“Opening Pier 25 is a key step in completing the 5-mile Hudson River Park for all New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy,” said Douglas Durst, co-Chair of Friends of Hudson River Park. “To help turn the dream of a completed Park into a reality, Friends of Hudson River Park is redoubling its efforts to secure the resources needed to complete the Park and sustain its upkeep and operations for generations to come.”

“It’s truly rewarding to have Pier 25 with all of its fun family activities and public amenities opening again to the residents and workers of Downtown’s neighborhoods”, said Connie Fishman, president of the Hudson River Park Trust. “After September 11th, 2001, this area of the park played a major role in the clean-up of the World Trade Center site. It is fitting that the Tribeca community should now benefit from this great new park, constructed with funding from HUD and LMDC to rebuild Lower Manhattan.”

The outstanding design and construction team for Segment 3 includes:

Designers

Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects
Sasaki Associates
DMJM+Harris
Halcrow/HPA Engineers
WXY Architecture + Urban Design
Fisher Marantz Stone Lighting Consultants
Weidlinger Associates, Inc.
Wesler Cohen Associates and Northern Design Irrigation Consultants

Construction Manager / Project Manager

Ove Arup & Partners
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Contractors

R. Baker & Sons
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Berardi Stone Setting Inc.
Fazio-Traina Lawn Sprinklers
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Levest Electrical Corp.
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The Hudson River Park Act, adopted by the state legislature in 1998, calls for the state and city to share equally in the funding and oversight of the planning, design and construction of the new waterfront park. Trust's operations and maintenance are entirely self-sufficient, with 100 percent of the park's operating budget generated from within the park through leases, concession revenues, occupancy and permit fees, sponsorships, grants and private donations. No government funding is provided to support the Hudson River Park's maintenance, operations, or free public education, recreation and events programs.

About the Hudson River Park Trust

Hudson River Park Trust is a joint partnership of New York State and City that was created to the design, build, operate and maintain of the five-mile, 550-acre Hudson River Park. The Trust is as a 501(c)(3) and public benefit corporation and is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor, Mayor and Manhattan Borough President. The Trust works with a 50-member citizen's Advisory Council, Friends of Hudson River Park, civic and environmental groups, Community Boards 1, 2, and 4 and local elected officials in the park planning process.

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