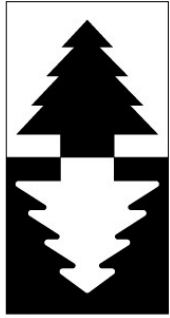


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UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 27:

THIRD ANNUAL NYC GREENWAY SUMMIT, 4 to 8 pm,

Hunter College West Bldg., Room W615, 68th St. at Lexington Ave. (#6 subway to 68 St)

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. To reserve a spot: 646-873-6021, caroline@transalt.org.

Hosted by Transportation Alternatives, this conference brings together community leaders, advocates, government employees, elected officials, planners, and users to discuss a wide array of greenway issues. Networking opportunities are scheduled throughout the program. Light snacks provided.

Break-out sessions include:

- Greenways and Community Development: Lessons from the Bronx
- Queens Cranks it Up: Greenway Coalition Building
- Maintenance and Access: Harlem River Park
- Funding: A Brooklyn Greenway Perspective
- Re-imagining Urban Greenways: Best Practices from the US and Abroad

A keynote presentation by Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner, NYC Dept. of Transportation, will follow.

The East Coast Greenway will be among the exhibitors.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28:

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY for the Bronx River Greenway, 11 am., Muskrat Cove, 233rd St. & Webster Ave., near Woodlawn Metro-North Railroad station. RSVP 718-430-1802. Bring your bike if you want to ride along an improved segment of the East Coast Greenway route!

SATURDAY, MAY 31:

PEDAL AND PADDLE DAY ON THE BRONX RIVER. Bike the Bronx River Greenway (and paddle the river)—including parts of the designated East Coast Greenway route through New York City. For details and to register: www.bronxriver.org.

Also MAY 31 (rain date: Sunday, June 1):

NYC BICYCLE FILM FESTIVAL, 12 – 7 pm, 2nd St. btw 1st & 2nd Ave. Street party, films, food, and fun! To staff ECG's table, 212-262-6880. bicyclefilmfestival.com/2008_site/newyork.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1:

BICYCLE RIDE along greenways and low-volume roads for 25 miles from Bronxville, in Westchester County, to Battery Park, in lower Manhattan. See flyer on next page for details. Sponsored by NY Committee for the East Coast Greenway especially for its Westchester supporters. Leader: Carl Hamann.

NEWS AND NEWSWORTHY

- For UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION about the New York ECG route and the NY Committee's meeting minutes, past newsletters and activities, visit www.greenway.org/gw-ny.htm. The ME-to-FL route in Google Earth, state cue sheets (downloadable at no charge), state ECG benchmarks, and state Blueprints for Action are posted on www.greenway.org.
- The ECGA Trail Council and Board of Trustees, meeting May 17-18 in Wilmington, approved DESIGNATION OF NEW YORK WATERWAY ROUTES that link the NY and NJ Greenways. Several of its trans-Hudson ferry routes offer roll-on/roll-off service between Manhattan and New Jersey piers, with availability depending on the day of the week and time of day. ECG users may continue to use alternatives: PATH service to Newark, the GW Bridge, or another ferry service. For information: www.nywaterway.com; www.panynj.gov.
- Mike Oliva, ECGA Mid-Atlantic staffer, and Jim Sutton met with Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey (D-18) last month to enlist her support in the campaign for federal funding of an off-road trail running alongside WESTCHESTER AVENUE from White Plains east to the Hutch.
- Martin Wallace has agreed to be one of the two ECGA TRAIL COUNCIL MEMBERS from NY. Now who from Westchester County will join him? To volunteer for this and other organizational posts, contact one of the leaders named in the *Bulletin* heading.
- "BIKE COMMUTER OF THE YEAR": The Westchester Cycle Club has just honored Karin Weisburgh, a long-time ECGA member, for 23 years of commuting by bicycling between her home in Larchmont and her job with Consumers Union in Yonkers. Read about her at <http://www.lohud.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008805170345>.
- ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY: Riverside Park South, from 59th to 62nd Street, and the Harlem Piers at 125th Street are scheduled to be completed this spring.
- ALONG MANHATTAN'S EAST RIVER: The East Side Waterfront Park by the former Con Ed site (38th - 41st Sts.) is moving forward. Info: www.eastsidewaterfrontpark.org.