
HUDSON RIVER PARK

New York, New York



The Hudson River Park spans from Battery Place north to West 59th Street and has become in a few short years a vital and popular waterfront destination in Manhattan. The Park incorporates 60 acres of land hugging the bulkhead, 330 acres of water, and 4.5 miles of esplanade. In preparation for the transformation of this shoreline, Historical Perspectives, Inc. (HPI) conducted extensive documentary research on the sensitivity for archaeological resources. The research analyzed the resource potential covering 10,000 years, based on paleo shoreline reconstruction and primary documents.

HPI gained extensive research experience on the industrialization of 19th century wharves, wharf furniture, shipping patterns up and down the Hudson River, and the “visibility” of resource types in urban conditions. This experience bore on the analysis of proposed impacts from road reconstruction, intersection expansion, pedestrian overpasses, the demolition of wharves, and the removal of maritime structures/features.

