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NEW YORK SEGMENT: OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives for this Corridor Management Plan were determined through a series of meetings with the Advisory Committee and with the public. These seven goals address each of the Parkway’s intrinsic qualities and the objectives provide a general approach to the strategies for implementing these goals.

GOAL – Preserve and Enhance the quality of the Existing Historic Parkway Character and Scenic Byway Corridor

- Objective:** Inventory and preserve historic features and landmarks including bridges, related park structures, ornamental plantings, naturalized vegetation and steam corridors;
- Objective:** Review historic design documents to identify existing scenic vistas and select appropriate landscape treatments to improve the visibility of scenic views from the Parkway;
- Objective:** Inventory and preserve high quality views from the Parkway and work cooperatively with local government to guide land use changes in a manner that preserves the scenic qualities;
- Objective:** To the extent practicable, and in accordance with applicable design criteria and guidelines, guide future changes to the historic Parkway in a manner such that design characteristics and details are compatible with its original historic Parkway design character; make New York and New Jersey sections consistent in both design and management;
- Objective:** Prepare and adopt a set of design guidelines to serve as the basis for making detailed design decisions for all future changes to the Parkway.

GOAL – Improve the Safety of the Parkway in a Manner that is Consistent with its Historic Design Intent

- Objective:** Improve safety of two roadside rest stops for all users including pedestrians;
- Objective:** Ensure that the New York State Department of Transportation PIP and Phase II Rehabilitation and Preservation Project improvements (north of Exit 10) are designed and implemented in a manner that preserves the historic design intent of the Parkway;
- Objective:** Encourage visitors wanting to appreciate scenic views to exit to identified locations within adjacent communities;
- Objective:** Investigate and improve the safety of the Palisades Interstate Parkway Appalachian Trail by improving the visibility of crossing signs and/or the crossing;
- Objective:** Use smart highway Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology to improve safety and emergency response on the Parkways.

GOAL – Establish the Parkway as the Primary Gateway to Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Opportunities within Rockland and Orange Counties and the Hudson Highlands Region

- Objective:** Make it easier to get from the Parkway to tourist oriented destinations through the use of better maps and brochures, a wayfinding system, and/or visitor information at existing pull-offs;
- Objective:** Make better use of existing gas station and visitors center and state line pull-offs to communicate visitor information;
- Objective:** Work with communities to create better linkages from the Parkway to tourist destinations, and improve the appearance of approach corridors;
- Objective:** Search for and implement creative ways to reduce the differential between tourism oriented and commuter oriented traffic;
- Objective:** Search for and implement creative ways including use of highway advisory radio (HAR) and appropriate Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology to communicate travel information to visitors to Rockland and Orange Counties.



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GOAL – Establish Maintenance Guidelines and Standards and Establish a permanent Source of Funding for Maintenance and Management of the Parkway Landscape

- Objective:** Work with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) maintenance crews, neighbors of the Parkway, and users of the Parkway to identify specific maintenance problem areas (as part of the corridor planning effort);
- Objective:** Develop a set of maintenance standards that can be used as a basis for resolving specific maintenance problems in a manner that is consistent with the historic design intent of the Parkway;
- Objective:** Focus adopt-a-highway program efforts at interchanges and approach roads and recognize efforts using signs that are appropriately scaled to the historic Parkway;
- Objective:** Work with Parkway neighbors to manage and maintain adequate vegetative buffers between the Parkway and adjacent development;
- Objective:** Provide consistent maintenance of the complete Parkway landscape, including the travel lanes, shoulders, median and right way.

GOAL – Work Cooperatively with New Jersey to Pursue National Scenic byway Designation for the Entire Length and to Continue to Manage the Parkway as a Single Entity

- Objective:** Extend scenic byway corridor planning to New Jersey portion of the Parkway;
- Objective:** Use existing Palisades Interstate Park Commission to coordinate between the New Jersey and New York State Departments of Transportation.

GOAL – Work to Accommodate and Encourage Alternative Modes of Transportation within the Parkway Corridor

- Objective:** Establish measurable design criteria for the Palisades Trailway multiuse path that can be used to ensure its consistency with the original landscape design of the historic Parkway and with the needs of adjoining landowners;
- Objective:** Make it easier to get to Palisades Interstate Park Commission recreation areas by enhancing opportunities to link recreational sites with mass transit including park and ride facilities, and waterborne transportation.

GOAL – Develop Interpretive Programs to Encourage Resource Stewardship and Improve Public Awareness of the Regional Environmental Setting and the Historical Context of the Parkway and the Scenic Byway Corridor

- Objective:** Identify and implement creative ways to communicate to users of the Palisades Parkway;
- Objective:** Develop a stewardship program for Parkway neighbors to encourage replanting of the Parkway corridor in cooperation with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission;
- Objective:** Focus on the upcoming centennial celebration as an opportunity to communicate Parkway stewardship and preservation issues.



PUBLIC OUTREACH

MEETING INVITEE LIST

MEETING MEMOS

Meeting Invitee List

Title	First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Company
Alpine Borough Reps				
Mr.	Paul H.	Tomasko	Mayor	Borough of Alpine
Ms.	Gail	Warming	Borough Clerk	Borough of Alpine
Ms.	Marilyn	Hayward	Board Secretary	Borough of Alpine Planning Board
Corridor Management Committee (CMC) Stakeholders				
Mr.	Bill	Visser	Manager	AAA North Jersey (American Auto Association) – Public Traffic & Safety
Mr.	Ken	Stahl	President	Bicycling Touring Club of North Jersey
Ms.	Robin	Brown	Historic Preservation Consultant	Bergen County Department of Parks, Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs
Mr.	Carl (Bob)	Madsen	Director	Boy Scouts of America – Camping Services
Mr.	Grey	Rolland	Director	Boy Scouts of America – Support Services/Camping
Ms.	Peggy	Wong	President	Coalition to Preserve the Palisades Cliffs
Mr.	John	Muller	Director	Fort Lee Historic Park
Ms.	Sandra	Bonardi	Associate Naturalist	Greenbrook Sanctuary/Palisades Nature Association
Mr.	Michael	Coleman	President	Greenbrook Sanctuary/Palisades Nature Association
Mr.	Kenneth	Habermann	Assistant Naturalist	Greenbrook Sanctuary/Palisades Nature Association
Ms.	Nancy	Slovik	Director	Greenbrook Sanctuary/Palisades Nature

Meeting Invitee List

Title	First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Company
			/Naturalist	Association Representative
Mr.	Ed	Vogel	Past Commodore	Hackensack Yacht Club
Ms.	Helen	Manogue	President	Hudson River Conservancy
Mr.	Don	Stitzenberg		Hudson River Conservancy
Ms.	Monica	Dua		Hudson River Conservancy
Ms.	Lillian	Armstrong	Director of Birding and Wildlife Trails	New Jersey Audubon Society
Mr.	Thomas	Gilmore	President	New Jersey Audubon Society Headquarters
Mr.	Eric	Stiles	Vice President, Conservation	New Jersey Audubon Society Headquarters
Mr.	Patrick	Scheuer	Sanctuary Director	New Jersey Audubon Society Lorrimer Sanctuary
Ms.	Karla	Risdon	Sanctuary Director	New Jersey Audubon Society Weis Ecology Center
Mr.	Ted	Semegran	Alternate	New Jersey Bicycle Coalition
Mr.	Jim	Nicholson	Treasurer	New Jersey Bicycling Coalition
Ms.	Dana	Paige	Vice President	New Jersey Bicycling Coalition
Mr.	Chris	Connolly	Representative	New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
Mr.	Jakob	Franke	Representative	New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
Ms.	Susan E.	Smith	Director, Restoration & Development	NY Parks and Historic Sites Palisades Interstate Park Commission/ Palisades Park Conservancy

Meeting Invitee List

Title	First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Company
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Edgewater Borough Reps				
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Mr.	Greg	Franz	Administrator	Borough of Edgewater, Department of Recreation
Ms.	Kathryn	Gregory	Planning Consultant	Borough of Edgewater Planning (Gregory Associates)
Mr.	Douglas	Hall	Member / Editor	Borough of Edgewater, Cultural & Historic Commission/Bergen News
Ms.	Jilliane (Jill)	Sullivan	Recreation Leader	Borough of Edgewater, Department of Recreation
Englewood Cliffs Borough Reps				
Mr.	Joseph C.	Parisi Jr.	Mayor	Borough of Englewood Cliffs
Ms.	Deborah L.	Fehre	Administrator/Municipal Clerk	Borough of Englewood Cliffs
Mr.	Edwin	Fehre	Chairman, Planning Board	Borough of Englewood Cliffs
Mr.	Thomas (Tom)	Manolio	Councilman	Borough of Englewood Cliffs, DPW/ Recycling/PD
Mr.	Ilan	Plawker	Councilman	Borough of Englewood Cliffs, Historical Committee, Economic Department
Mr.	Rodney	Bialko	Superintendent	Borough of Englewood Cliffs, Dept. of Public Works
Ms.	Shari	DePalma	President	Englewood Cliffs Chamber of Commerce
Mr.	Joseph	Klyde	Vice President	Englewood Cliffs Chamber of Commerce

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Title	First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Company
Fort Lee Borough Reps				
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Mr.	Harvey	Sohmer	Fort Lee Council President	Borough of Fort Lee
Ms.	Peggy E.	Thomas	Administrator	Borough of Fort Lee
Mr.	Joe	Iannaconi	CFO	Borough of Fort Lee
Mr.	Neil	Grant	Borough Clerk	Borough of Fort Lee, Department of Economic Development
Mr.	Tom	Meyers	Administrator	Borough of Fort Lee Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs/For Lee Film Commission
Ms.	Cheryl	Westyn	Superintendent	Borough of Fort Lee, Department Public Works/Recreation
Ms.	Judy	Auerbach-Adamo	Executive Director	The Greater Fort Lee Chamber of Commerce
Regional Reps				
Mr.	Dennis	McNerney	County Executive	Bergen County Administration
Mr.	Robert E.	Laux, Esq.	County Administrator	Bergen County Administration
Ms.	Valerie	Coniglio	Clerk to the Board	Bergen County Board of Freeholders
Mr.	James M.	Carroll	Freeholder Chairman	Bergen County Board of Freeholders
Mr.	Adam	Strobel	Director	Bergen County, Div. of Open Space, Dept. of Planning & Economic Development
Ms.	Carol	Messer	Director	Bergen County Department of Cultural and Historical Affairs
Mr.	Edward	Mignone		Borough of Fort Lee
Ms.	Judy	Ross	Director of the Meadowlands	Meadowlands-Liberty Convention & Victims Bureau

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Ms.	Lois	Goldman	Director, Planning	NJTPA - North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Ms.	Megan	Kelly	Planner	NJTPA - North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Hon.	Frank	Lautenberg	U.S. Senator	Office of U.S. Senator Lautenberg
Hon.	Robert	Menendez	U.S. Senator	Office of U.S. Senator Menendez
Hon.	E. Scott	Garrett	U.S. Congressman (5 th District)	Office of U.S. Congressman Garrett
Hon.	Steven R.	Rothman	U.S. Congressman (9 th District)	Office of U.S. Congressman Rothman
Hon.	Loretta	Weinberg	NJ State Senator (District 37)	Office of NJ State Senator Weinberg
Hon.	Gordon M.	Johnson	NJ State Assemblyman (District 37)	Office of NJ State Assemblyman Johnson
Hon.	Valerie	Vainieri Huttle	NJ State Assemblywoman (District 37)	Office of NJ State Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttle
Hon.	Robert M.	Gordon	NJ State Senator (District 38)	Office of NJ State Senator Gordon
Hon.	Joan M.	Voss	NJ State Assemblywoman (District 38)	Office of NJ State Assemblywoman Voss
Hon.	Connie	Wagner	NJ State Assemblywoman (District 38)	Office of NJ State Assemblywoman Wagner
Hon.	Gerald	Cardinale	NJ State Senator (District 39)	Office of NJ State Senator Cardinale
Hon.	John E.	Rooney	NJ State Assemblyman (District 39)	Office of NJ State Assemblyman Rooney
Hon.	Charlotte	Vandervalk	NJ State Assemblywoman	Office of NJ State Assemblywoman

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Title	First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Company
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Ms.	Arlene	Miller	Deputy Commissioner of Planning	Rockland County Planning Department
Ms.	Tina	Lado	Director	The Port Authority of NY & NJ, Government & Community Affairs
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Ms.	Maria	Malone Hodges	Manager	The Port Authority of NY & NJ, GWB – Operations
Mr.	Robert M.	Durando	General Manager	The Port Authority of NY & NJ, GWB & Bus Station
Mr.	Paul	White	Executive Director	Transportation Alternatives
Tenafly Borough Reps				
Mr.	Peter	Rustin	Mayor	Borough of Tenafly
Mr.	Joseph	DiGiacomo	Administrator	Borough of Tenafly
Ms.	Dee	Lorberbaum	Administrative Officer	Borough of Tenafly Planning
Mr.	Tony	Favorito	Chairman	Tenafly Borough Recreation Commission
Mr.	Bob	Kutik	President	Tenafly Chamber of Commerce
Ms.	Alice	Rigney	Historian	Tenafly Borough Historian

**PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY SCENIC BYWAY
CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT
Bergen County, NJ**

Corridor Management Committee Meeting No. 1 Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2009
 TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Fort Lee Historic Park Visitor's Center, Fort Lee, NJ

ATTENDANCE:

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

To present the project, understand the designation of the Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP) as a State Scenic Byway, review steps needed to create a Corridor Management Plan, and obtain input from participants on the interests and issues of the PIP Scenic Byway. (Agenda attached).

MEETING SUMMARY

1. James Hall, Executive Director of the Palisades Interstate Parkway, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He asked the Project Team and attendees to introduce themselves. The Palisades Interstate Parkway is a designated State Scenic Byway and NJDOT has received funding from a National Scenic Byways Program Grant under the Federal Highway Administration to develop a Corridor Management Plan for this historic parkway.
2. Martine Culbertson, Meeting Facilitator for establishment of the Corridor Management Committee (CMC), reviewed the agenda and handout materials.
 - The handouts and the Portfolio included: Project Team List, CMC Contact List, draft CMC Charter (purpose, goals, and tasks), CMC Structure, Project Overview and brochures of the Palisades Interstate Parkway, Fort Lee Historic Park, and The Kearney House.
 - Martine asked attendees to review the materials after the meeting and to provide any comments to her office.
 - She also thanked participants who completed the initial CMC Survey and distributed a Committee Workshop Comment Form to be completed by the CMC member and submitted to the RBA consultant team member, Jill Kovalsky.
3. Cindy Bloom-Cronin, NJDOT State Scenic Byway Coordinator, presented information on the State Scenic Byway Program. There are now seven NJ state-designated Scenic Byways. The following web sites are listed on the Project Overview sheet and provide more information about both the NJ State Scenic Byway Program and the National Scenic Byways Program for reference:
 - NJDOT, Scenic Byways Program www.state.nj.us/transportation/community/scenic
 - America's Byways, National Scenic Byways Program www.byways.org
 - Palisades Interstate Park, New Jersey Section www.njpalisades.org

4. Cindy explained the importance of the Corridor Management Committee to provide input into the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) and continuing support for the Palisades Interstate Parkway Scenic Byway. Both the New York segment and the New Jersey segment of the Palisades Interstate Parkway are presently state byways. A CMP was completed for the New York segment in 2002 but the New Jersey segment does not yet have a CMP. The Palisades Interstate Parkway, including both the New York and New Jersey segments, has the potential for designation as a National Scenic Byway or an “All-American Road” under the National Scenic Byways Program. However, a completed CMP is required before applying for designation as a National Scenic Byway and both a CMP and a marketing plan for the entire byway is required before applying for designation as an “All-American Road”. Cindy provided some copies of the America's Byways Come Closer booklet, which lists with descriptions and traveler's maps, all the National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads by state.
5. Annette Schultz, RBA Project Manager, then presented the Palisades Interstate Scenic Byway Project and steps to develop the Corridor Management Plan.
6. Dan Marriott, a Historic Roads Specialist, provided more information on the history of the Palisades Interstate Parkway and other historic scenic byways. He noted the key intrinsic qualities that characterize this Byway under the Scenic Byways Program criteria are historic and scenic. The benefits of the Federal process and State designation are economic development, resource management, tourism coordination, and funding and technical assistance. Dan acknowledged the regional and national significance of the Palisades Interstate Park for its significant role in America’s early conservation efforts. The Parkway itself is a cultural resource to be protected and enhanced as part of the traveler experience within this corridor.
7. Jill Kovalsky, RBA Landscape Architect, presented photos of the various features along the Parkway. A map of the Palisades Interstate Parkway and Henry Hudson Drive displaying points of interest is under development.
8. Annette Schultz then opened the meeting for comments, which were recorded on newsprint:

Comments:

- The year 2009 marks the 400th Anniversary of Dutch explorer Henry Hudson’s discovery of the Hudson River
- Keep Tenafly’s rural character – do not add ramp
- Community connectivity
- East Clinton Avenue at 9 West – Connection to PIP
- Hike/bike – high recreation, support enhancements
- Safety Issue – GW Bridge up Hudson to Palisades
9 West, Englewood Cliffs
- Ramp – Port Authority Connectivity - to ease traffic on roadways where cyclists are
- Palisades Avenue – difficult connection, improvements needed
- Provide increased connectivity with the Park for Tenafly
- Designation of cycling facilities, easier biking mobility - fewer points of conflict
- Balance of vehicular volume 9 West vs. PIP

- Roadway surface condition concern - separate funding for roadway maintenance
- Acknowledge scenic and conservation importance
- Communication beyond signs (consider pod-cast, internet, video, web enhancements)
- Education – getting speakers
 - outreach, education and awareness presentations
- Outreach through historic and cultural organizations in each municipality & county (such as the Fort Lee Museum and Monument Park)
- Fort Lee – Visitor Center – update facilities
- Funding – develop public/private collaborations
- Areas for visitor information along PIP and in municipalities
- Wildlife – importance of preservation
- Interpretive program for public – Palisades Nature Association
- Meeting location – alternate with communities
- Target Park user groups

9. Martine then summarized the Next Steps and Action Items:

- Meeting Report
- Project Map
- Committee Workshop Comment Form
- Stakeholders for CMC
- Draft Vision
- Meeting Locations

10. Cindy Bloom-Cronin and Jim Hall thanked attendees for their input and participation. The Meeting adjourned at noon.

KEY ACTION ITEMS

1. Review handout information with constituents, provide comments or revisions to Annette Schultz, RBA.
2. Complete Committee Workshop Comment Form and return to Jill Kovalsky, RBA.
3. Provide contact information for any other stakeholder individuals or organizations as potential CMC members.
4. Meeting minutes will be provided and sent via email to attendees.
5. RBA will provide corridor management plan documents for review and comment by the CMC.
6. CMC Meeting No. 2 notice will be sent via email.

Martine Culbertson
PIPSB CMC Meeting Facilitator

Annette Schultz
RBA Project Manager

**Palisades Interstate Parkway Scenic Byway
Corridor Management Plan Project
Bergen County, NJ**

**Corridor Management Committee Meeting No. 1
March 31, 2009**

*Fort Lee Historic Park Visitor's Center, Fort Lee, NJ
10:00 am - Noon*

AGENDA

MEETING PURPOSE: To present the project, understand the designation of the PIP as a State Scenic Byway, review steps needed to create a Corridor Management Plan, and obtain input from participants on the interests and issues of the PIP Scenic Byway.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Project Overview and Objectives
Annette Schultz, The RBA Group, Inc., Project Manager
Jim Hall, PIP Commission, PIP Scenic Byway Sponsor
- PIP Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee
Martine Culbertson, M.A. Culbertson, LLC, Meeting Facilitator

II. PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

- Introduction to the NJ Scenic Byways Program
Cindy Bloom-Cronin, NJDOT Scenic Byway Coordinator
- The Palisades Interstate Parkway Scenic Byway Project
Annette Schultz, The RBA Group, Inc., Project Manager
Dan Marriott, Paul Daniel Marriott & Associates, Historic Roads Specialist

III. DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

- Annette Schultz, Project Manager*
Martine Culbertson, Meeting Facilitator
- Question and Answers
- Group Discussion
 - Vision and Goals
 - Issues, Interests and Recommendations

IV. WRAP UP

- Project Schedule/ Action Items - Next Meeting
- Feedback / Closing Comments

**PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY SCENIC BYWAY
CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT
Bergen County, NJ**

Corridor Management Committee Meeting No. 2 Report

DATE: Thursday, September 17
TIME: 1:00 p.m. –2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Fort Lee Historic Park Visitor's Center, Fort Lee, NJ

ATTENDANCE:

(See attached sign-in sheets)

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To provide a progress update on development of the Corridor Management Plan, and to discuss the tourism potential, marketing opportunities and strategies for the proposed federal bi-state Palisades Scenic Byway.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Chris Szeglin, Assistant Superintendent of the Palisades Interstate Park (PIP) Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He introduced the Project Team and attendees were asked to introduce themselves.
2. Annette Schultz, RBA Project Manager, presented an overview of the Project and described progress in developing components of the Corridor Management Plan for the New Jersey segment of the Palisades Interstate Parkway and Henry Hudson Drive. Completed or in-process components of the Plan include the Vision, Goals and Objectives, an Intrinsic Quality inventory and evaluation of the historic design characteristics, Physical, Visual and Institutional Surveys, development of the primary Byway story and an Interpretive Plan, Traffic and Transportation assessment and a Tourism, and Promotion and Marketing Plan.
3. A key recommendation of the Corridor Management Plan is for future federal designation of the Palisades Interstate Parkway under the National Scenic Byways Program. The Tourism, Promotion and Marketing component of the Corridor Management Plan will make the case for a joint New York/New Jersey application for federal designation, addressing the entire Palisades Interstate Parkway – both the New Jersey and New York segments. There are two categories of federal designation: National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads. The entire 42-mile Palisades Interstate Parkway can meet the criteria for designation as an All-American Road, which includes:
 - a. Has two outstanding intrinsic qualities (scenic and historic).
 - b. Is a “destination unto itself” (the Palisades Interstate Park and Parkway is comprised of the Parkway that starts at the George Washington Bridge on the NJ side and travels north into NY as far as Bear Mountain and more than 110,000 acres of forest, wildlife habitats and cultural resources in NY and NJ. The Commission has jurisdiction over 21 state parks and eight historic sites and is visited by more than nine million visitors each year).

- c. Has one-of-a-kind features (for example, the Palisades cliffs along the Hudson River allowing outstanding views of the New York City skyline).
- d. Is recognized nationally (the Palisades Interstate Park has served as a national model for the American conservation movement and the establishment of state and national parks throughout the nation).
- e. Accommodates international visitors (proximity to New York City makes the PIP a viable destination for the many international visitors to the New York metropolitan region).

Federal designation of the Parkway – either as a National Scenic Byway or as an All-American Road - would improve access to grant funding through the National Scenic Byways Program for recommendations included in the Corridor Management Plan. The Federal Highway Administration promotes the collection as America's Byways®. Although the Program offers annual grant rounds, the opportunity to apply for federal designation is less frequent, and was last offered in 2008.

4. Jeff Gerlach, Project Manager, Arch Street Communications, provided an overview of Tourism, Promotion and Marketing component of the Plan and Nora Madonick, Principal, Arch Street Communications, presented highlights of the objectives and preliminary recommendations (see attached meeting handout: Tourism, Promotion and Marketing). Ms. Madonick then facilitated a group discussion.

Comments:

- It was observed that residents of neighboring communities are generally unfamiliar with the facilities of the Park in their own “back yard”. The Plan should include ways to outreach to these neighboring communities, including encouraging pedestrian access to the Park and improving crosswalks on the Park’s perimeter. It was also noted that adjacent communities (notably Fort Lee) sponsor recreational/historic programming that could be better aligned with the Park’s.
- The Byway story should include interpretation of the Palisades role in early filmmaking history, which is internationally significant.
- Signage/Wayfinding - There should be a means to direct people to special community events through signage. In addition to trail marking, interpretive signage would enhance understanding of significant sites within the Park including Millionaire’s Row and the Thousand Steps.
- It was noted that Celebrate New Jersey, an online statewide tourism promotion project, could highlight Park features.
- Sensitively designed wayfinding signage, indicating tourist facilities both on and near the Parkway, should be installed to guide visitors.
- The opportunity to connect to the Hudson River Walkway, which is planned to extend from the Park’s southern boundary south to Bayonne, should be highlighted and included on maps and brochures.
- There are plans for development along the Palisades cliffs south of the Park. A conservation effort and educational outreach should be supported to prevent additional development damaging to scenery and the cliff-face.
- Wayfinding signs should be posted to direct bicyclists on the George Washington Bridge to the PIP via the recently constructed path on Hudson Terrace. Cyclists can then cycle on Henry Hudson Drive to Alpine.

- It was noted that the pavement on Henry Hudson Drive needs improvement.
- Interpretation should include the Hudson River history and Henry Hudson's voyage as part of the Byway story.
- Opportunities to tour the Park from the River through ferries/boat access should be explored.
- The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association has identified Fort Lee Historic Park as one of 25 sites for interpreting the American Revolution. The importance of Fort Lee Park should be recognized in the Plan and the Park's historic sites included in the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (which currently only include New York State areas).
- Work to seek funds to enhance and protect the Park's Long Path and Shore Path trail segments.
- It was observed that few members of the public, developers and many of the elected officials in Rockland County, NY, are aware that the Parkway is a designated New York Scenic Byway. There have been few or no actions or strategies implemented following New York's Corridor Management Plan's recommendations for the New York segment of the Parkway. It would be helpful if official/commercial maps were to indicate the Scenic Byway status.
- No ordinances protecting the scenic viewshed are in place, nor is there any design criteria for development in the Parkway corridor in New York. An example is a view-marring cell phone tower that has been constructed since the publication of the NY Corridor Management Plan.
- Strategies for tourism promotion and development could include the use of cable/public television networks. For example, there may be opportunities for public television stations involved with a documentary film just released by Ken Burns on the National Parks to highlight the PIP and Fort Lee Park as local offshoots of the Parks story.
- The Federation of Women's Clubs should be included as stakeholders because of their early role in establishing and protecting the Palisades Interstate Park.

5. Annette Schultz announced the upcoming meetings, scheduled for:

Wednesday, October 28, 2009
Edgewater Community Center

Corridor Management Committee	4:00 to 5:30
Public Meeting	6:00 to 7:30

6. Project information, including meeting notices and memoranda will be posted on the Palisades Interstate Park Commission Website:

www.njpalisades.org

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Annette

On behalf of the Hudson River Waterfront Conservancy, I want to thank you for an informative meeting last week at the Fort Lee Historical Park. Clearly, you have an opportunity to bring together the resources of the many interested parties and organizations to make the Palisade Interstare Park and the adjoining regions a worldclass destination for residents and visitors.

As I expect you are aware, the Hudson River Walkway has been under development for 20 years under the auspices of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. It runs along the Hudson River shoreline for 18.5 miles from Fort Lee to Bayonne. It is over 70% completed and major sections are being added each year as new residential and commercial developments replace the prior industrial base along the watrefront.

The Conservancy works to ensure that the Walkway is built and maintained according to the legislative mandate and a set of Design Guideleines. The result is a Walkway that is open to the public at all times to enjoy walking, biking and sightseeing along the magnificent Hudson River. The Conservancy also acts as the "eys and ears" of the DEP to keep the DEP informed and respond to of day to day activities and events along the riverfront.

Since the Walkway overlaps the PIP in Fort Lee, your planning work is an excellent opportunity for the PIP and Waterfront Conservancy to combine our efforts to publicize a 60 mile Byway along the Hudson from Bear Mountain to Bayonne and the Statue of Liberty. The easiest and, I expect most effective, way is to jointly promote the PIP and the Walkway in our respective maps, wayfindings, brochures and other communications. We might even collaborate on signage in Fort Lee to pointout the connections between the PIP and the Walkway.

In any case, Annette, the Conservancy stands ready to work with you or whomever is appropriate to provide background for the Walkway and help create a partnership that serves the interest of both organizations.

You can contact me at 201-519-7057 or Helen Manogue, President of the Conservancy at 201-963-3511.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely

Don Stitzenberg
Hudson River Waterfront Conservancy

**PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY SCENIC BYWAY
CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT
Bergen County, NJ**

Corridor Management Committee Meeting No. 3 Report

DATE: Wednesday, October 28
TIME: 3:30 p.m. –5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Edgewater Community Center, Edgewater, NJ

ATTENDANCE:

(See attached sign-in sheets)

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To provide a progress update on development of the Corridor Management Plan, and to discuss the vision and goals, actions and recommendations for the proposed federal bi-state Palisades Interstate Parkway.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Chris Szeglin, Assistant Superintendent of the Palisades Interstate Park (PIP) Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He introduced the Project Team and attendees were asked to introduce themselves.
2. Annette Schultz, RBA Project Manager, presented an overview of the Project and described progress in developing components of the Corridor Management Plan for the New Jersey segment of the Palisades Interstate Parkway and Henry Hudson Drive. Completed or in-process components of the Plan include the Vision, Goals and Objectives, an Intrinsic Quality inventory and evaluation of the historic design characteristics, Physical, Visual and Institutional Surveys, development of the primary Byway story and an Interpretive Plan, Traffic and Transportation assessment and a Tourism and Marketing Plan.
3. Ms. Schultz read the Vision Statement for the CMP (The revised Vision & Goals are appended.)

Discussion Points:

Name

- It was suggested that the byway name could be amended to include reference to Henry Hudson Drive or the Hudson River (Hudson Palisades Byway). Cindy Bloom Cronin, NJDOT, explained the importance of maintaining the same name as the New York segment, Palisades Interstate Parkway, to support the future application for Federal scenic byway designation for both the New York and New Jersey segments. The name may be reconsidered with New York at the time of the Federal designation application.

Vision

- The Vision should include reference to the historic conservation of Revolutionary War sites, as this was a significant motive for establishing the Palisades Park.
- The Hudson River is a key feature to recognize in relation to the scenic byway.

Byway Corridor Boundaries

- Byway corridor boundaries are defined by what can be seen from the designated roadway. It was noted that the viewshed of Henry Hudson Drive and the lookouts along the PIP includes the Hudson River and adjacent New York. For the purpose of the Corridor Management Plan, the byway corridor boundary is defined as including the entire Park. Recommendations can apply to the entire Park, including the Long Path, the Shore Trail and the Hudson River shoreline.
4. Jill Kovalsky, RBA Group, began discussion on the actions and recommendations for the plan which have been organized by the goals for the CMP. A handout was distributed to attendees that listed the CMP goals and the actions and recommendations to support each goal.

Discussion Points:

Gateway Features

- The gateway feature should include natural wildflowers, native plant material and seasonal plantings, displaying the natural environment that the Palisades Interstate Park was founded to protect.
- The old northbound toll booth could be an opportunity for a gateway feature.
- Consider using GPS electronic audio devices for telling the story of the Palisades Interstate Parkway to travelers.
- Make use of the fallen rocks and indigenous stone on the gateway features and interpretive signs.
- State Line Lookout, Fort Lee Museum and the Headquarters Buildings could all serve as gateways for the PIP.
- Local landscapers or garden clubs could restore and maintain an area in the park in exchange for letting them identify their businesses or clubs with signs.
- Selectively clear and thin where possible to open views at the pull offs. Plant ground cover, if possible, that would discourage invasive plant material from re-vegetating these areas.

Directional Signs

- Provide better directional signs on the parkway to the picnic and boat areas along Henry Hudson Drive, as well as to the towns.

Parkway Landscaping & Maintenance

- Look at the original planting plans for clear zones adjacent to the parkway. The need for recovery zones may be a current safety requirement that was not reflected in the original planting plans. Evaluate the intent of the original planting plans and then establish a set of guidelines to achieve an appropriate and consistent approach that incorporates green strategies.

- NYDOT has established guidance regarding clear zones adjacent to the roadway on the PIP based on vehicular accident statistics, which indicated that a 20' clear zone (less than standard highway guidance) would not create a safety hazard. The allowed clear zone of 20' helps to maintain consistent spatial characteristics throughout the Parkway corridor. New Jersey might follow similar guidelines to maintain a consistent and uniform approach.
- NJDOT occasionally places mow lines on design sheets, which could be considered as a means of establishing a more consistent appearance along the PIP.
- Where possible and in keeping with current best practices, plant varieties that were indicated on the original plans.
- Maintain the scenic, wooded, natural appearance as much as possible.
- Eliminate non natives that are adjacent to the parkway. Keep mature specimen trees that were part of the original plant palette.

Historic Design Elements

- Currently, mountable curbs are present throughout the parkway in the NY section but only at the parkway exits within the NJ section. Although there are no plans to replace mountable curb where it may have originally existed within the NJ section, future maintenance and construction work should try to imitate the NY section or adhere to the original historic plans if possible. Although increased traffic and changing safety standards may prohibit the restoration of some historic features along the PIP, such as the curb and guide rails, restoration can be applied to areas such as pulloffs and lookouts.
- Future repaving and reconstruction should include consideration for historic elements, and specify appropriate treatments that respect the historic character.
- The recommendation to restore historic elements also applies to the historic buildings, stone trail steps, etc. within the Park. Another goal could be added to address the broader park need for historic preservation and restoration.
- Restore the timber facing of the pedestrian bridge leading to the Women's Federation Monument.
- While NYSDOT has repaired and replaced stone on bridge abutments and parapet walls with veneer, NJDOT has placed concrete over the stone on bridge abutments and parapet walls. Stone, stone veneer, or stone form liners (aesthetically done) should be used for all bridge repairs in keeping with the original design. Stone face must meet present safety standards.
- The NJ section of the Parkway has a variety of bridge guide wall details while NYS has used real stone for all of the bridge rails.
- A "Demonstration Mile" on the PIP had been built to generate interest and support for advancing the parkway concept. The strategy of restoring a "Demonstration Mile" that would display some of the historic features of the original Parkway was discussed. Although the use of the "Demonstration Mile" along the roadway may not be feasible because of cost, it may be possible to focus restoration at the overlooks and at gateway areas.

Gas Stations – Issues & Opportunities

- The canopies at the gas stations are a distraction because of the high light intensity. Research modifying lighting standards for the canopies.
- Conduct a traffic engineering assessment of the entrance and exit ramps to address queuing.
- Evaluate opportunities to improve the gas stations' appearance to reflect the historic character where possible.
- The gas stations could distribute the scenic driving map and act as an information center. Capture the audience that uses the convenience stores at the gas stations and revisit the gas stations as "Visitor Service Facilities".

Adjacent Land Use

- Although there is generally a protected buffer adjacent to the park, there may be a need to regulate development adjacent to the PIP at Englewood Cliffs to prevent tower development impacting the view shed. Land ordinances; land protection, building heights; better way to screen Fort Lee and Englewood Cliffs?
 - Tenafly maintains open space protected by Green Acres adjacent to the Park.
 - Invite the Planning Board Chairperson from the adjacent municipalities to CMC meetings.
 - Current improvements have been made along the Shore Trail through Edgewater Colony, which connect Henry Hudson Drive to the Hudson River Walkway.
5. Annette Schultz announced the next CMC meeting may be scheduled for December or January.
 6. Project information, including meeting notices and memoranda, will be posted on the Palisades Interstate Park Commission Website: www.njpalisades.org

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Palisades Interstate Park Commission

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Please take a moment to answer the following questions and provide copies of documents to the planning team by Friday, July 31, 2009. Send the information to: Jill Kovalsky, the RBA Group, 7 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054 or email: jkovalsky@rbagroup.com

- 1. MASTER PLAN/ZONING MAPS:** Is the Palisades Interstate Park or Parkway referenced in your master plan or zoning documents? Are there any restrictions or protections afforded to the adjacent lands?
Yes. There are a variety of protections and/or development rights on many parcels ranging from long-term leases, to options to purchase, to reverter clauses, deed restriction, etc.
When was your master plan last updated? Is it available on-line, if not, can you send us a copy?
- 2. HISTORIC SITES OR DISTRICTS:** Have any historic sites or districts been identified or registered within your municipality? Are they registered with the NJ State Register or the National Register? Are the historic sites managed by historic commissions or trusts?
The park, parkway and related feature are listed on the State historic register.
Are there any ordinances that protect historic properties?
State and Federal historic preservation laws have requirements that must be followed.
Are the historic sites open to the public?
PIPC manages Kearney House and Fort Lee Historic Park, which are open to the public.
- 3. SIGN ORDINANCE:** Do you have an existing sign ordinance? Could you please provide us with a copy of this ordinance?
There is no ordinance for the park.
- 4. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** Does your current zoning ordinance prohibit development/construction on steep slopes or other environmentally sensitive areas such as erodible soils, tree preservation areas, etc.? We are interested in the lands adjacent to the parkway and any policies that prohibit or restrict development in this area.
N/A
- 5. OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS/TRAILS:** Does your community have any plans for open space preservation, greenway corridors or trails that either link to or are parallel to the Byway corridor? Are there trails planned or constructed to connect to the PIP?
There have been some discussions on linking trail network at the northern end of the park with the trails in the two scout camps, the county and municipal open space in Alpine, Rockleigh and Norwood, to provide a more coherent and accessible greenway. No formal meetings have been held.
- 6. TRANSPORTATION:** Do you have any currently funded road construction projects taking place near or connecting to the Byway corridor? Do you have any currently planned or programmed projects that are not currently funded?
There are no funded projects. Plans for repaving the parkway, Henry Hudson Drive, Dyckman Hill Road and Alpine Approach Road are in the early stages of development.

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7. **POINTS OF INTEREST:** Are there any places of interest in your community that should or could be promoted in relation to the Palisades Park or Parkway? Are there any points of interest that should be improved? Could you please provide us with information on these places and provide their location?

The various picnic and park areas should be promoted as a part of this process: Ross Dock, Englewood and Alpine Picnic Areas, Fort Lee Historic Park and Allison Park are the primary locations.

Aside from the transportation related improvements mentioned above, all of the areas listed require some type of improvement including utility replacement or upgrades, building repair, and park amenities (tables, grills, benches, etc.)

8. **VISITOR SERVICES:** Are there any visitor services located within your community; fuel and auto services, lodging, food, hospital, post office and banks?

There are two service stations, one in each direction on the parkway, located near the GWB toll plaza. State Line Lookout is a rest area off the Parkway that offers food, restrooms, information and park related merchandise.

9. **CIVIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Please list below no more than three civic accomplishments your community is most proud of; parks, museums, festivals, special events, history programs, and community facilities.

Complete rehabilitation of Ross Dock Picnic Area: This project included all new site amenities, infrastructure, buildings and landscaping. A large children's playground was also added at this location as a separate project.

Fort Lee Living History Program: This hands-on, school oriented, history program has been educating students from northern New Jersey for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Kearney's tavern Nights: A relatively new program that offers patrons an opportunity to experience a bit of the 19th century.

1. Master Plan/Zoning Maps

The Palisades Interstate Park is referenced in the Bergen County Master Plan, as per its existence in the County. The current Bergen County Master Plan was finalized in 1975, consisting of 26 reports. No zoning documents are incorporated in the Plan. The County Master Plan is currently in the process of being updated. The [Cross-Acceptance Report](#) conducted in 2005 may provide some more relevant information. Bergen County Master Plan – not available online.

[Site Plan](#) and [Subdivision](#) Resolutions detail requirements for any development adjacent to County roads or drainage systems.

2. Historic Sites or Districts

There are no [County Owned Historical Sites](#) within the Byway. Pulled from the complete list of [Bergen County Historical Museums and Sites](#)
The Kearney House - Alpine, NJ
Fort Lee Museum at the Judge Moore House - Fort Lee, NJ
Fort Lee Historic Park - Fort Lee, NJ

3. Sign Ordinance

No County Sign Ordinances exist for this area.

4. Environmental Restrictions

The County has no applicable zoning ordinances prohibiting the development/construction on steep slopes or other environmentally sensitive areas, unless adjacent to a County road or drainage system.

5. Open Space/Greenways/Trails

Open Space Land Acquisition:
Borough of Tenafly - Hudson Avenue Property Acquisitions

Municipal Park Development Projects:
Borough of Englewood Cliffs - Woodland Park basketball court rehabilitation
Borough of Fort Lee - Skate Park construction
Borough of Tenafly - Davis Johnson Park improvements

http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/planning/os/Project_Awards_2008.pdf

[Bergen County Open Space and Recreation Plan](#) provides countywide policy for land acquisition and recreation improvements.

6. Transportation

Several County-owned and operated roads exist near or are connecting to the PIP and/or HHD:

Alpine, NJ - Closter Dock Rd.; Hillside Ave.

Tenafly, NJ - East Clinton Ave.

Englewood Cliffs - East Palisades Ave.; Hudson Terr.

Fort Lee - Linwood Ave.; Main St.; Anderson Ave.; Center Ave

Edgewater - River Rd.

Some recent roadway projects that have taken place are located:

River Rd. - River Road/Hudson Waterfront Circulation Study

Main St. & Anderson Ave. – Several roadway improvements.

7. Points of Interest

No points of interest that are County owned or operated are located within the designated area.

8. Visitor Services

No visitor services that are County owned or operated are located within the designated area.

9. Civic Accomplishments

The County has acquired several tracts of land in Alpine, Rockleigh and Norwood. See Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Borough of Alpine

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The Borough of Alpine offers the following:

- 1. MASTER PLAN/ZONING MAPS:** Is the Palisades Interstate Park or Parkway referenced in your master plan or zoning documents? Are there any restrictions or protections afforded to the adjacent lands?

Yes. Yes, there is a 200' buffer zone along Route 9w.

When was your master plan last updated? Is it available on-line, if not, can you send us a copy?

Our Master Plan was updated approx. 6 yrs. ago and is not on-line. We will send a copy of it to you under separate cover as soon as it is available.

- 2. HISTORIC SITES OR DISTRICTS:** Have any historic sites or districts been identified or registered within your municipality? Are they registered with the NJ State Register or the National Register? Are the historic sites managed by historic commissions or trusts?

Yes, Yes, and No.

Are there any ordinances that protect historic properties?

Are the historic sites open to the public?

No there are no ordinances that protect historic properties and none are open to the public.

- 3. SIGN ORDINANCE:** Do you have an existing sign ordinance? Could you please provide us with a copy of this ordinance?

Yes. Yes and it can be accessed at www.generalcode.com

- 4. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** Does your current zoning ordinance prohibit development/ construction on steep slopes or other environmentally sensitive areas such as erodible soils, tree preservation areas, etc.? We are interested in the lands adjacent to the parkway and any policies that prohibit or restrict development in this area.

Yes. The 200' buffer zone along Route 9w.

Borough of Alpine

5. **OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS/TRAILS:** Does your community have any plans for open space preservation, greenway corridors or trails that either link to or are parallel to the Byway corridor? Are there trails planned or constructed to connect to the PIP?

No. No.

6. **TRANSPORTATION:** Do you have any currently funded road construction projects taking place near or connecting to the Byway corridor?

Yes, resurfacing of the Esplanade in Rio Vista off Rt. 9w.

Do you have any currently planned or programmed projects which are not currently funded?

No.

7. **POINTS OF INTEREST:** Are there any places of interest in your community that should or could be promoted in relation to the Palisades Park or Parkway? Are there any points of interest that should be improved? Could you please provide us with information on these places and provide their location?

No.

8. **VISITOR SERVICES:** Are there any visitor services located within your community; fuel and auto services, lodging, food, hospital, post office and banks?

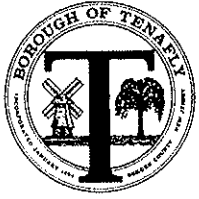
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9. **CIVIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Please list below no more than three civic accomplishments your community is most proud of; parks, museums, festivals, special events, history programs, and community facilities.

We are most proud of 2 recently acquired/established open space parks. Our special event is the annual Memorial Day town wide parade and program.

Thank you for your interest and please call if you should have any questions.

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July 28, 2009

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Re: Institutional Survey of Byway: The Palisades Interstate Parkway and Henry Hudson Drive

Dear Ms. Kovalsky:

Regarding the above captioned survey, we have provided the following:

1. **MASTER PLAN/ZONING MAPS:** Enclosed is a copy of the 1992 Master Plan and the Zoning Map of the Borough of Tenafly dated June 2007
 - a. Included is a **History of Amendments to the 1992 Master Plan** and Dates of Resolutions adopting these amendments by the Tenafly Planning Board. Please note at the time of adoption of the Master Plan Revision on June 17, 1992, the Palisades Interstate Park was adopted as District 4. The Historic Preservation element of the Master Plan begins on page III-17 of the 1992 Master Plan.
 - b. The latest amendment to the Master Plan was the adoption by the Planning Board on December 17, 2008 of the **Housing Element and Fair Share Plan prepared by Burgis Associates, Inc. dated November 26, 2008.**
 - c. Enclosed is a copy of the latest **Reexamination Report of the Master Plan adopted September 14, 2005**
2. **HISTORIC SITES OR DISTRICTS:** The attached Historic Preservation Plan Map dated June 1992 and amended through 08-13-2008 denotes sites and districts. Enclosed is a list denoting if they are registered with the NJ State Register or the National Register or locally.

Regarding ordinances that protect historic properties is attached Section 35-807 PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS which is a section of Chapter XXXV of Article 8 of the Land Development Regulations of the Code of the Borough of Tenafly.

Are the historic sites open to the public? David Wall, a member of the Historic Preservation Commission gives tours twice annually.

3. Attached is **SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 09-01**
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** Attached from Chapter XXVI of the Code of the Borough of Tenafly, Section 26-1 is the **Tree Removal and Protection Ordinance**.

Attached Chapter XXVII of the Code of the Borough of Tenafly is the **Stormwater Management Control Ordinance** (The Master Plan also adopted the **Municipal Stormwater Management Plan** as an element on 12/12/07).

Chapter XXVIII of the Code of the Borough of Tenafly is the **Soil Movement Ordinance** and is attached for your perusal.

Attached you will find Section 35-724 **Environmental Impact Statement**; and Section 35-726 **Critical Area; Steep Sloped Areas**; from Chapter XXXV, Land Development Regulations of the Code of the Borough of Tenafly

The lands adjacent to the parkway are preserved as open space by Green Acres which Prohibits development in this area.

5. **OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS/TRAILS:** Our Master Plan includes an Open Space and Recreation Plan which was adopted on September 10, 2008 by the Tenafly Planning Board. Your questions concerning plans for open space preservation, trails, etc. are addressed in this plan.

I would also suggest you contact Jennifer Kleinbaum, Director of the Tenafly Nature Center, regarding, greenway corridor or trails that either link to or are parallel to the Byway corridor.

6. **TRANSPORTATION:** Do you have any currently funded road construction projects taking place near or connecting to the byway corridor? No

Do you have any currently planned or programmed projects which are not currently funded? No

7. **POINTS OF INTEREST:** Tenafly Nature Center, Davis Johnson Park, Tenafly Roosevelt Monument and Tenafly Railroad Station
8. **VISITOR SERVICES:** Are there any visitor services located within your community; fuel and auto services, lodging, food, hospital, post office and banks? All above mentioned services but a hospital which is located in the community south of Tenafly which is Englewood.
9. **CIVIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Listed below are three that our community is very proud of: Davis Johnson Park, Tenafly Nature Center and Tenafly Railroad Station

We hope that the information we have provided is sufficient and helpful.

Very truly yours,



Peter Rustin, Mayor

Very truly yours,



Dee Lorberbaum,
Municipal Land Use Officer

cc: Mayor and Council (with letter only)
Borough Clerk (with letter only)
Borough Attorney (with letter only)
Borough Administrator (with letter only)

Institutional Survey of the Byway: The Palisades Interstate Parkway and Henry Hudson Drive

As part of the preparation for the Corridor Management Plan for the Palisades Interstate Parkway and Henry Hudson Drive, the planning team needs an inventory of existing plans, policies and programs for the New Jersey Municipalities located along the Scenic Byway.

Please take a moment to answer the following questions and provide copies of documents to the planning team by Friday, July 31, 2009. Send the information to: Jill Kovalsky, the RBA Group, 7 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054 or email: jkovalsky@rbagroup.com

1. **MASTER PLAN/ZONING MAPS:** Is the Palisades Interstate Park or Parkway referenced in your master plan or zoning documents? Are there any restrictions or protections afforded to the adjacent lands?

The Palisade Interstate Parkway is referenced as Park District in all zoning documents, but there are no specific standards or regulations. Assume all land in the district is owned by the Palisade Interstate Parks Commission. The Master Plan does not specifically reference the Palisades Interstate Parkway, except it mentions plans by the Port Authority to construct a new ramp to the lower level of the GWB. However, the status of this project is unclear.

When was your master plan last updated? Is it available on-line, if not, can you send us a copy?

The Master Plan reexamination was done in 2004 and copy attached

2. **HISTORIC SITES OR DISTRICTS:** Have any historic sites or districts been identified or registered within your municipality? Are they registered with the NJ State Register or the National Register? Are the historic sites managed by historic commissions or trusts?

The Borough does not have a historic preservation ordinance or a historic preservation element of the Master Plan. We believe the Palisade Interstate Parkway and Palisades Interstate Park may be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but it would be best for RBA to check with the County list and the National Register to be sure.

Are there any ordinances that protect historic properties?
Are the historic sites open to the public?

3. **SIGN ORDINANCE:** Do you have an existing sign ordinance? Could you please provide us with a copy of this ordinance?

Fort Lee's sign ordinance was rewritten in 2008. Attached are the two relevant ordinances and the zoning map. Please see: <http://www.ecode360.com/?custId=FO1867> for access to the full Borough code. <http://www.fortleenj.net/pdf/forms/zoningmap.pdf> is the link to the Borough's zoning map.

4. **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** Does your current zoning ordinance prohibit development/construction on steep slopes or other environmentally sensitive areas such as erodible soils, tree preservation areas, etc.? We are interested in the lands adjacent to the parkway and any policies that prohibit or restrict development in this area.

No, more due to the fact that the Borough lacks these environmental features. The parkway is adjacent to the eastern right-of-way line of Hudson Terrace. There are no building lots along the

east side of Hudson Terrace. On the west side of Hudson Terrace, north of Sylvan Street and south of Bruce Reynolds Way (Bridge Plaza South) is zoned residential. The area between, encompassing the bridge area is zoned commercial. There is also a small commercial zone limited to a small area adjacent to the intersection of Main St and Hudson Terrace. Section of current zoning map attached.

5. **OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS/TRAILS:** Does your community have any plans for open space preservation, greenway corridors or trails that either link to or are parallel to the Byway corridor? Are there trails planned or constructed to connect to the PIP?

There are no current plans for greenways of other trails along, or connecting to the Palisades Interstate Parkway.

6. **TRANSPORTATION:** Do you have any currently funded road construction projects taking place near or connecting to the Byway corridor? Do you have any currently planned or programmed projects which are not currently funded?

A major roadway improvement project in the area has just been completed. The work was a joint venture between the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen, Port Authority of NY & NJ and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC). With respect to the area in question, Hudson Terrace was widened and the entrance to the Fort Lee Historic Park was relocated to the intersection of Bruce Reynolds Way and Hudson Terrace. In addition, a 10-foot wide asphalt bike/walking path was constructed on the east side of Hudson Terrace from the new north park entrance to the previously existing southern entrance. No other work is contemplated for this area.

7. **POINTS OF INTEREST:** Are there any places of interest in your community that should or could be promoted in relation to the Palisades Park or Parkway? Are there any points of interest that should be improved? Could you please provide us with information on these places and provide their location?

The major point of interest is the Historic Park which the PIPC owns/operates. The PIPC could provide any pertinent details.

8. **VISITOR SERVICES:** Are there any visitor services located within your community; fuel and auto services, lodging, food, hospital, post office and banks?

Visitor services – Fort Lee is a large, densely populated borough and the western terminus of the George Washington Bridge. There are numerous gas stations, auto services, food services and banks in the main commercial corridor along Lemoine Ave and along Main Street.

There are no commercial services along Hudson Terrace, with the exception of an existing auto body repair shop. However, this business is expected to be re-located sometime in 2010. There is a small motel on the west side of Hudson Terrace at its intersection with Merkle Street. There are several other major hotels along NJSH Route 4. The nearest post office is located on Main Street near the intersection of Main Street and Center Ave. The two closest hospitals are Englewood Hospital and Palisades General Hospital; neither are within the Borough of Fort Lee.

Borough of Fort Lee

9. **CIVIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Please list below no more than three civic accomplishments your community is most proud of; parks, museums, festivals, special events, history programs, and community facilities.

Three civic accomplishments: Fort Lee Museum on Palisade Avenue, Monument Park on Palisade Avenue and community pride in Fort Lee's pivotal role during the American Revolution and afterwards, as well as the fact that Fort Lee was the major movie production area in the country in the early 1900s prior to the eventual emergence of Hollywood, Ca. The Borough has a full time director of Cultural and Heritage Affairs that sponsors many historical programs, film festivals and art exhibits.

Borough of Edgewater

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When was your master plan last updated? Is it available on-line, if not, can you send us a copy? **Re-Exam 2004, we tried to send you multiple e-mails with attachments, only zoning code on line**
www.edgewaternj.org

2. **HISTORIC SITES OR DISTRICTS:** Have any historic sites or districts been identified or registered within your municipality? Are they registered with the NJ State Register or the National Register? Are the historic sites managed by historic commissions or trusts? **Yes, yes, The Borough**

Are there any ordinances that protect historic properties? **No**
Are the historic sites open to the public? **Yes**

3. **SIGN ORDINANCE:** Do you have an existing sign ordinance? Could you please provide us with a copy of this ordinance? **Attached on e-mail**

4. **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS:** Does your current zoning ordinance prohibit development/construction on steep slopes or other environmentally sensitive areas such as erodible soils, tree preservation areas, etc.? We are interested in the lands adjacent to the parkway and any policies that prohibit or restrict development in this area. **Yes, steep slope ord attached on e-mail**

5. **OPEN SPACE/GREENWAYS/TRAILS:** Does your community have any plans for open space preservation, greenway corridors or trails that either link to or are parallel to the Byway corridor? Are there trails planned or constructed to connect to the PIP? **Yes, Hudson River Waterfront Walkway**

6. **TRANSPORTATION:** Do you have any currently funded road construction projects taking place near or connecting to the Byway corridor? Do you have any currently planned or programmed projects which are not currently funded? **Yes, Bergen County Paved River Road into Hudson Terrace.**

7. **POINTS OF INTEREST:** Are there any places of interest in your community that should or could be promoted in relation to the Palisades Park or Parkway? Are there any points of interest that should be improved? Could you please provide us with information on these places and provide their location? **Veterans Field 1167 River Road a passive and recreation park along the Hudson River, Edgewater Marina, Park, and Ferry Landing 989 River Road boat docks and ferry transport to New York City, Borough Hall 916 River Road on State and National Historic registers.**

Borough of Edgewater

8. **VISITOR SERVICES:** Are there any visitor services located within your community; fuel and auto services, lodging, food, hospital, post office and banks? **Multiple gas stations, 2 hotels, many restaurants, many shops, post office, and banks.**

9. **CIVIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Please list below no more than three civic accomplishments your community is most proud of; parks, museums, festivals, special events, history programs, and community facilities. **Edgewater Marina Park and Ferry Landing, Preservation of Borough Hall, Independence Day celebration at Veterans Field.**



VISUAL & PHYSICAL SURVEY ASSESSMENT



Visual and Physical Survey Assessment

Palisades Interstate Parkway (10.96 miles)

Character Area #1: Fort Lee to the Northbound Service Station (approximately 1.5miles)

There are limited views of the Hudson River during the winter months while driving northbound on the PIP from Fort Lee to the northbound service station. The service station has a short deceleration ramp (when the survey was taken, vehicles were backed up on this ramp in line for the gas station beginning at mile marker 1.0). There is a limited view of the George Washington Bridge on the southbound lane, with a view window of no more than a few hundred feet while driving the speed limit. The center median of the PIP in this area has a precast wall with metal guard rails on an open lawn. The commercial buildings on 9W are visible from the PIP in this area.

Field Notes

- One service station with a short deceleration ramp
- Parking and pedestrian access to the service building
- Landscaped buffer between the highway and the service area
- Grass covered center median with precast wall and metal guard rails, with little shrubbery and no trees

Rating Assessment

This character area had more positive than negative features. The traffic volume was the reoccurring negative feature in both the northbound and southbound directions. Bridges or roadway structures, seasonal landscape effects and signage were noted as positive features for this character area.

Character Area #2: Northbound Service Station to the NY State Line (approx. 1.5-12k)

Both north and southbound have consistent tree coverage, rolling terrain and access to the lookout areas. Southbound, only two of the lookout areas can be accessed, and there are limited views of the Hudson River and the George Washington Bridge near the southern end.

Field Notes

- At approximately 2.2 miles, wooded/tree filled areas begin in the center median
- There is poor road maintenance noted, with uneven pavement and large patches of repaired asphalt that is cracked
- There are 3 turn off lookout areas from the northbound PIP, further discussed in Character Area 3
- Traffic volume if moderate, and some of the navigating along the roadway is dangerous, as the turnoff lanes are in the middle of the highway and entrance ramps are short (which does not provide ample time to accelerate)
- Armstrong Tower can be viewed from the northbound PIP at mile marker 6.5.
- There are views to a cell tower in Alpine at the State Line Lookout entrance/exit ramp
- The center median does not have trees from miles 10-12



- South of Exit 3, the median is wide and densely planted. There are no views to the adjacent lanes of the PIP.
- South of Exit 2, there are views of 9W and residential areas during the winter months
- South of Exit 1, at approximately 2k (from the beginning of the highway in Ft. Lee) when driving southbound there is a brief time when the GWB is visible in the distance, the precast wall begins in the median at this location.
- There are views of adjacent high rise buildings on Hudson Terrace as a result of a minimal western buffer in this area.

Rating Assessment

This character area scored high on both the physical and visual surveys. The rolling terrain, seasonal landscape effects and bridges or roadway structures were the reoccurring positive features in both the northbound and southbound directions. The only negative features in this character area are the two cell towers that can be viewed while traveling northbound in Alpine. However, the Armstrong Tower also known as Alpine tower has historic value and was used as a temporary transmitter site for some NYC television stations and FM stations after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Character Area #3: Lookout Areas: Rockefeller, Alpine and State Line

The lookouts provide the best panoramic views of the entire river front area (above the tree line and at a distance to view the George Washington Bridge, Manhattan and Yonkers). Each lookout has a distinct feel: Rockefeller Lookout is the smallest and the closest to the cliff edge with great views of Manhattan and the George Washington Bridge; Alpine Lookout has more of a setback park setting with a walking path and lawn; State Line Lookout provides the largest park access with trails, points of interest and a small park, gift shop and eatery.

Field Notes

1. Rockefeller Lookout (approx. 950 ft. in length, at approximately 2.5k)¹

- This lookout is a small u-shaped turnoff with a small walkway to a viewing area
- Located along the northbound side of the PIP
- There is a bench area and rock formations that can be used for seating
- Three small structures are located along the turn off
- Views of The GWB and NYC (Yonkers)

2. Alpine Lookout (approx. 1,000 ft. in length, at approximately 5.5k)

- This lookout is a small u-shaped turnoff with a small walkway to a viewing area
- Located along the northbound side of the PIP
- There is a bench area and rock formations that can be used for seating
- Views of The GWB and NY

¹ Note that references to mile markers all begin at the NJ entrance of the highway in Ft. Lee, so in this instance the lookout would be 2.5 miles from the beginning of the roadway in Ft. Lee



3. State Line Lookout (approximately 600ft. in length, at approximately 9.0k)

- A road that is approximately .5k to get to area, with paths leading to other areas of interest
- Views to an Alpine cell tower are visible from the lookout access road
- There is a small service building that sells food and gift items
- Informational signs (wildlife information, points of interest, dedication plaque)
- Large parking area
- Trails with historic landmarks

Rating Assessment

This character area scored the highest for the PIP on the physical and visual survey rating. The Palisades Cliffs, the Hudson River, open lawns, woodlands and bridges or roadway structures were noted as exceptional land cover features for this area. The panoramic views, natural and manmade focal points and seasonal landscape effects also achieved the highest score for this area.

CHARACTER AREA #1 PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY



View of development adjacent to the Parkway



Northbound Service Station, facing south



Northbound Service Station, facing northeast



Northbound Service Station, facing north



Southbound Service Station, facing south



Traveling southbound on the Palisades Interstate Parkway to Fort Lee

CHARACTER AREA #2 – PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY



Blackledge-Kearney House Museum



Driving north on the Palisades Interstate Parkway towards State Line Lookout



Traveling southbound on the Palisades Interstate Parkway



Entrance to Palisades Interstate Parkway NJ Headquarters



Palisades Interstate Parkway northbound as New Jersey section ends



Signage at the entrance of the PIPC's New Jersey Headquarters

CHARACTER AREA #3 – PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY & HENRY HUDSON DRIVE



Rockefeller Lookout, facing northwest



Rockefeller Lookout, facing east



Rockefeller Lookout, facing southeast



Rockefeller Lookout, facing south



Rockefeller Lookout, facing southwest



Rockefeller Lookout facing east



Alpine Lookout, facing east



Alpine Lookout, facing northeast



Alpine Lookout, facing northeast



Alpine Lookout, facing southeast



Alpine Lookout, facing east



Interpretive panel at the State Line Lookout



View looking northeast from the State Line Lookout



View looking south from the State Line Lookout



Pavilion at State Line Lookout, facing northeast



State Line Lookout signage, facing east



State Line Lookout, facing east



The Henry Hudson Drive (8.35 miles)

The southern entrance to Henry Hudson Drive (HHD) is in Fort Lee off of River Road. HHD is a narrow, two lane road with no painted striping or shoulders used by vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. There is little differentiation between the views and observed features driving north and southbound (the HHD was observed both north and south bound for this site assessment), surveys were only completed for the road as a whole. However, this may not be the case year round, depending on the varying visibility from tree cover, weather conditions and potential limited accessibility.

General Comments on the HHD:

- The roadway has intermittent views of The Hudson River, the NY City skyline, and the George Washington Bridge.
- The road is a narrow (~12-15') 2 lane asphalt roadway with no painted striping, no street lighting and no shoulder lane for vehicles, pedestrians or bicycles. These conditions foster a dangerous navigation environment
- The roadway is utilized by vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic
- Seasons have a tremendous impact on both the appearance and viewsheds while on the HHD
- The roadway has four “pull off” areas that have pocket parks, picnic areas, marinas, food and bathroom services and recreational areas
- Numerous small “waterfalls” and variations in the rock textures provide a diverse and interesting landscaping along the HHD
- The elevations while driving vary drastically, from high points that give panoramic views to lower points along the river that give perspective vantage points

Character Area #1: Fort Lee Entrance to the Palisades Interstate Park to Ross Dock Picnic Area (approx. 0-1.25k)

A vivid, tree covered drive directly under the George Washington Bridge ending with Ross Dock and picnic area with playground, which provides the closest and most vivid views of the George Washington Bridge.

Field Notes

- Note presence of George Washington Bridge (GWB) is predominant in this stretch (roadway actually goes under the bridge at one point)
- There is a small water fall along the cliff rocks (may be simply drainage)
- There is limited signage for the roadway, and the entrance is difficult to find
- Intermittent views of The Hudson River and NYC skyline



Rating Assessment

This character area scored the highest for HHD on the physical and visual rating sheets. The panoramic views of the GWB and NYC skyline are visible from this section of HHD. The Palisades cliffs, the Hudson River, commercial structures at Ross Dock, bridges, parks and lack of traffic in this area were notable features on the physical survey rating sheets.

Character Area #2: Ross Dock Picnic Area to Hairpin Curve (approx. 1.25-4.0k)

Several small natural waterfalls, expansive views of the Hudson River, George Washington Bridge and Manhattan. In the middle is an active picnic area with concession stand, picnic tables, small playground, marina and great views of the river, bridge and Manhattan.

Field Notes

- Ross Dock area has: park areas, picnic tables, parking lots (these are pay lots sometimes), running area around perimeter, close up views of the GWB (@ approx 1.25-1.5 k)
- Small rock waterfall on the western side cliff (@ approx. 1.6 k)
- Englewood Picnic Area has: park areas, picnic tables, parking lots, boat marina, snack area, restrooms, playground (@ approx. 2.5k)
- Small rock waterfall along western side cliff (@ approx. 3.9k)
- Hairpin curve; note driving down hairpin curve presents a vivid presentation of rock features as there is a large decline(@ approx. 4.1k)

Rating Assessment

This character area scored the lowest of the three for HHD on the rating sheets (See Appendix). The low traffic volume, Palisades cliffs, and the Hudson River were the reoccurring positive features for HHD. The waterfalls and the Englewood boat basin and picnic area were assets to this section of HHD along with the panoramic views and seasonal landscape effects.

Character Area #3: Hairpin Curve to Alpine Entrance of Palisades Interstate Park Headquarters (approx. 4.0k-8k)

This segment of the road crosses the Greenbrook Bridge at the Greenbrook Falls and has dramatic changes in elevation and some evidence of rock slides. The Alpine Picnic area provides another resting spot and panoramic views of the river front.

Field Notes

- Rockslide area, recently cleared (@ approx. 4.5k)
- Small bridge with small waterfall (on western cliff side) with an open view eastward (@ approx. 5.1k)(Greenbrook Falls)
- Small replica “log cabin” in center of road as decorative piece in the circle median (@ approx. 7.0k)
- Alpine Picnic Area has: park areas, picnic tables, parking lots, boat marina (@ approx. 7.5k)
- The Palisades Interstate Park Commission Headquarters: area comprised of 2 primary buildings (surrounded by paved areas & parking) and 1 secondary building (set back in the wooded area); buildings appear to be historically significant



Rating Assessment

The low traffic volume, Palisades cliffs, waterfalls, and the Hudson River were the reoccurring positive features for HHD. This section of HHD offers several historic landmarks including the Park Headquarters building and the Kearney House. The Alpine boat basin and picnic area along with the panoramic views and seasonal landscape effects also scored very high for this character area.



CHARACTER AREA #1 – HENRY HUDSON



Entrance to Henry Hudson Drive from Hudson Terrace in Fort Lee



Palisades Interstate Parkway Entry Sign



First view of GW Bridge from Henry Hudson Drive



View from Henry Hudson Drive northbound



GW Bridge from Henry Hudson Drive



Entrance to Ross Dock picnic area

CHARACTER AREA #2 – HENRY HUDSON



Signage at Ross Dock picnic area



Picnic area at Ross Dock



Pavillion at Ross Dock



Playground at Ross Dock



View looking south from Englewood Boat Basin



Englewood Boat Basin

CHARACTER AREA #3 – HENRY HUDSON



Waterfall at Greenbrook Bridge



Alpine Boat Basin looking north



Signage at Alpine picnic area



Historic trail marker at Alpine Boat Basin



Picnic area at Alpine Boat Basin



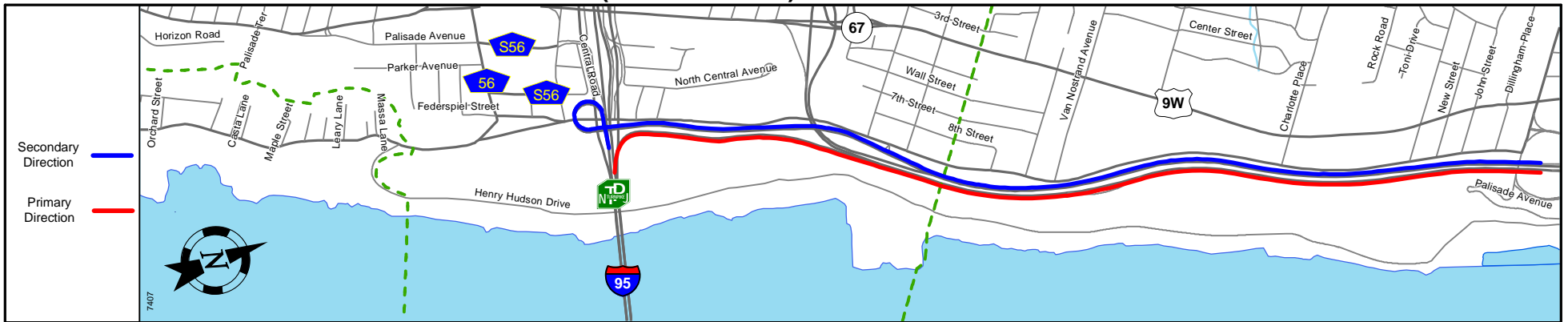
Stone Pavilions/Restrooms at Alpine Boat Basin



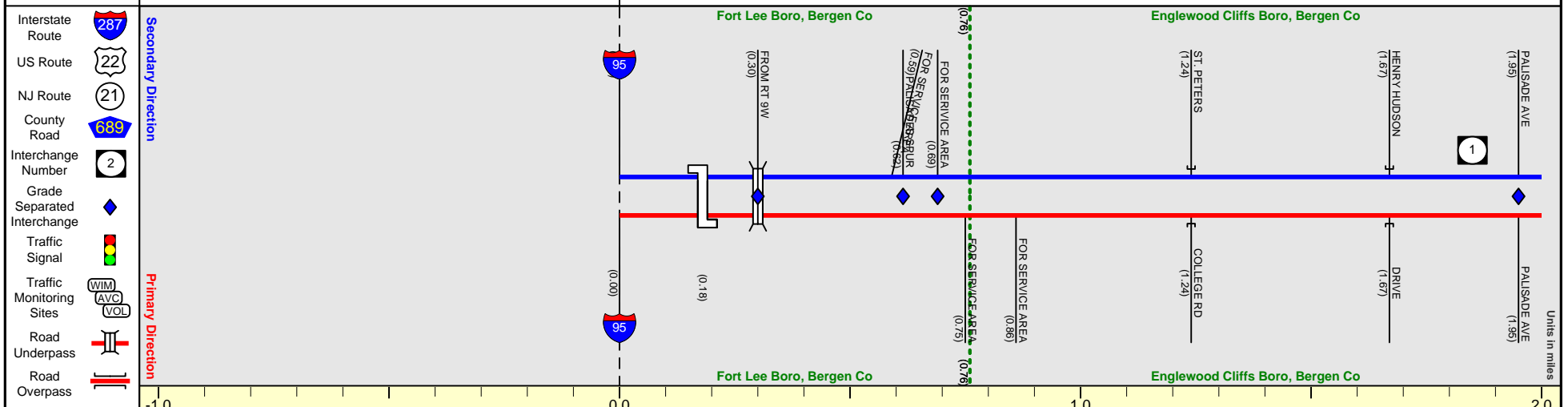
**PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY
STRAIGHT LINE DIAGRAMS**

PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY (South to North)

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Pavement	24
Shoulder	0
Number of Lanes	2
Speed Limit	50
Street Name	Palisades Interstate Parkway



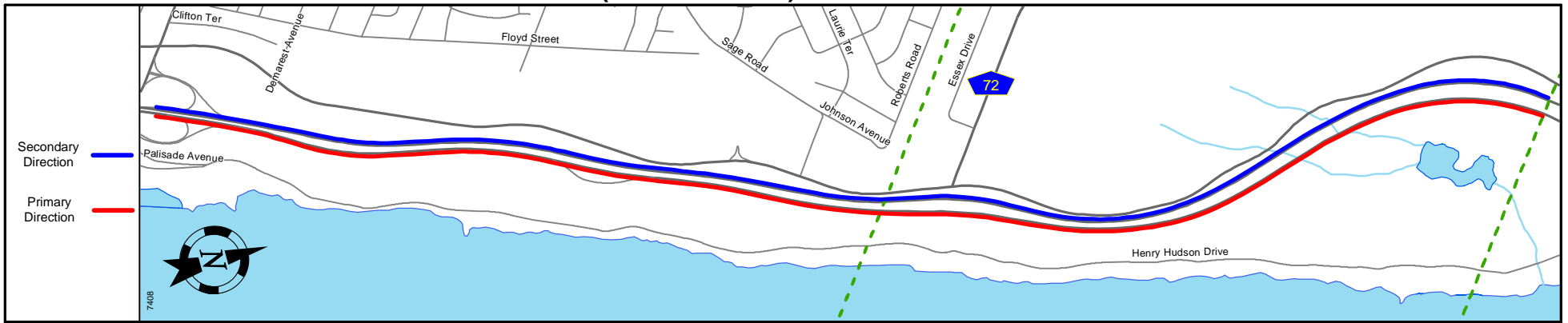
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Functional Class	Urban Freeway/Expressway
Federal Aid - NHS Sy	NHS
Control Section	0200
Speed Limit	50
Number of Lanes	2
Med. Type	Unprotected
Med. Width	VAR
Pavement	24
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Enlarged Views	See Enlarged View #2

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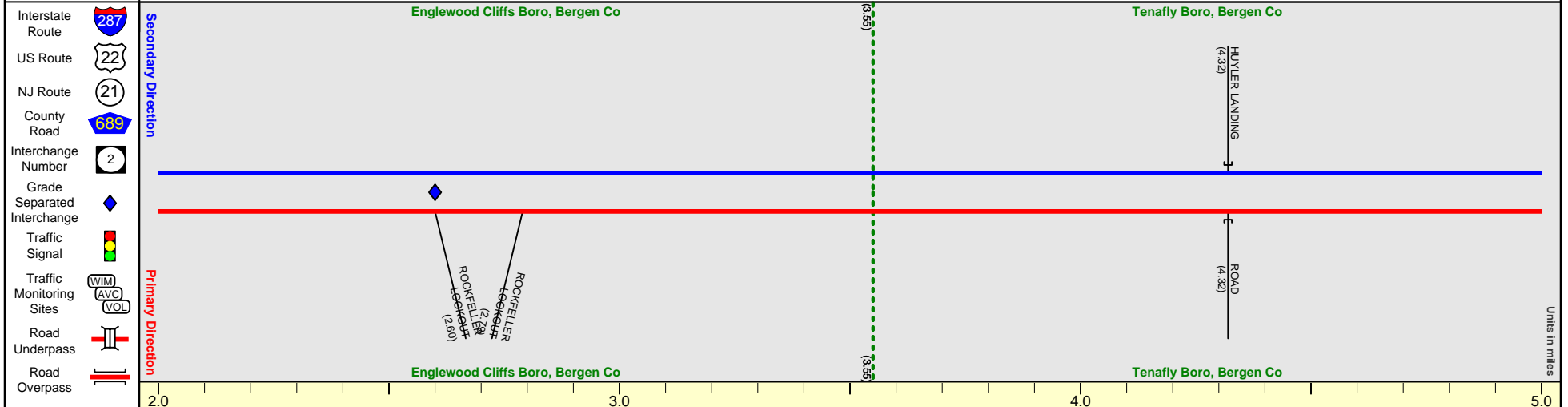
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PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY (South to North)

Mile Posts: 2.000 - 5.000



Pavement	24
Shoulder	0
Number of Lanes	2
Speed Limit	50
Street Name	Palisades Interstate Parkway



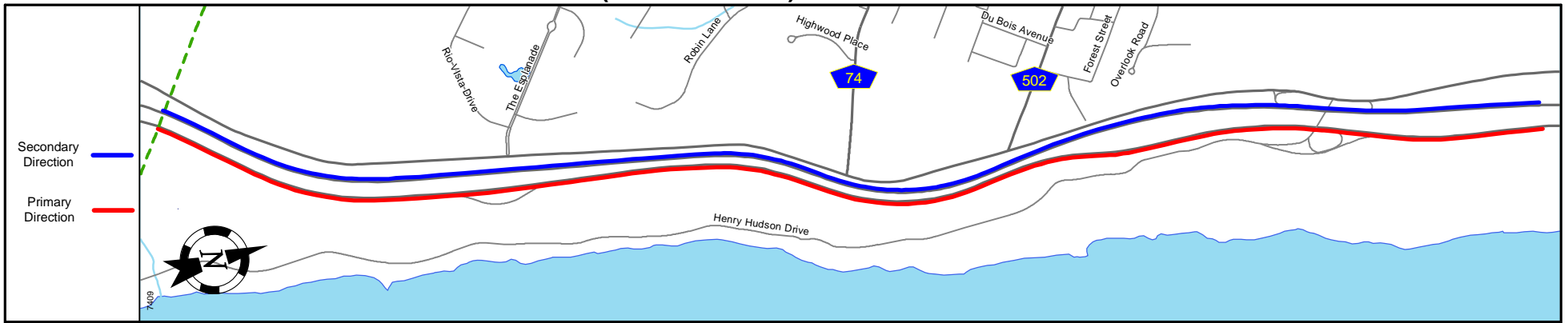
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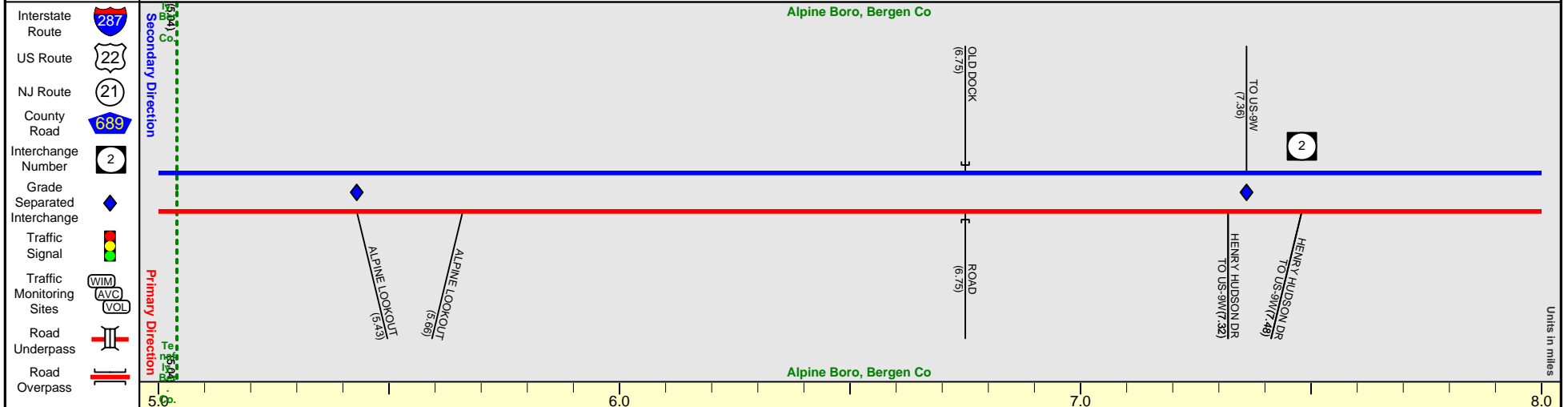
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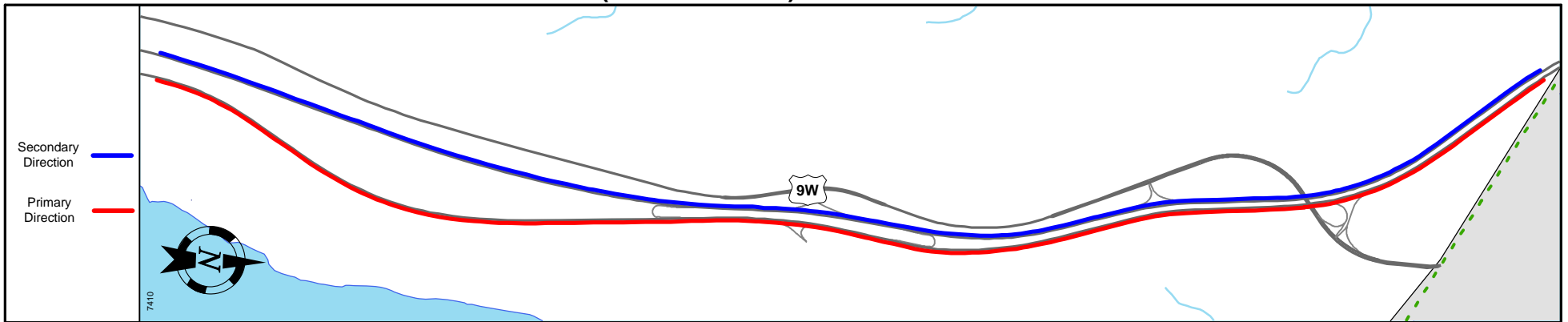
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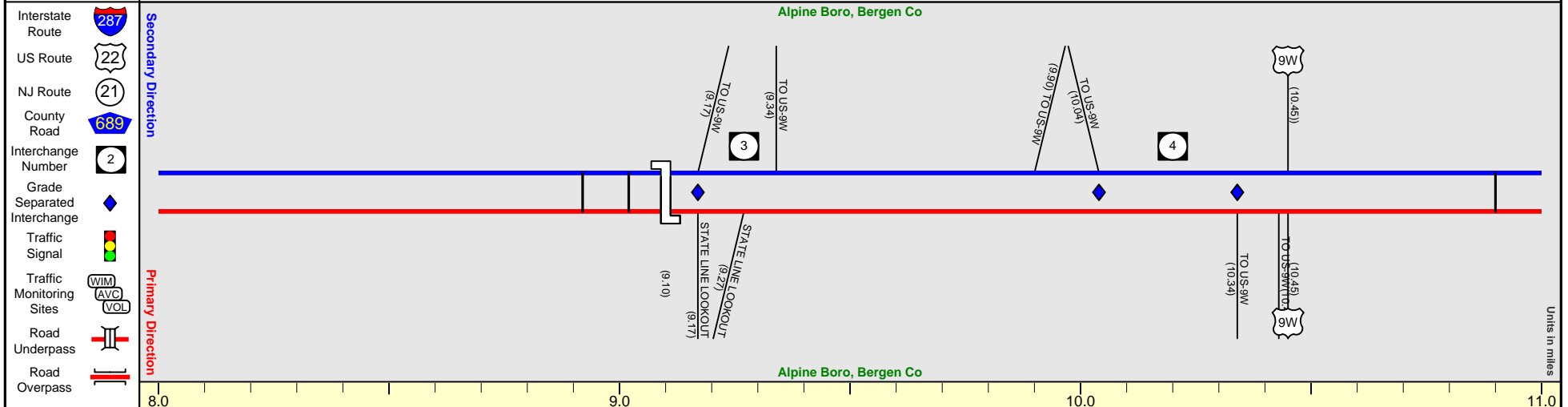
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Control Section	0200
Speed Limit	50
Number of Lanes	2
Med. Type	Unprotected
Med. Width	VAR
Pavement	24
Shoulder	0
Traffic Volume	58,205 (2005)
Traffic Sta. ID	2-4-337
Structure No.	N/A
Enlarged Views	

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Date last inventoried: January 1997



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Control Section	0200
Speed Limit	50
Number of Lanes	2
Med. Type	Unprotected
Med. Width	VAR
Pavement	24
Shoulder	0
Traffic Volume	52,372 (2008)
Traffic Sta. ID	2-4-337
Structure No.	N/A
Enlarged Views	



Pavement	24
Shoulder	0
Number of Lanes	2
Speed Limit	50
Street Name	Palisades Int
Interstate Route	
US Route	
NJ Route	
County Road	
Interchange Number	
Grade Separated Interchange	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Monitoring Sites	
Road Underpass	
Road Overpass	

Street Name	Palisades Int
Jurisdiction	Palisades Int
Functional Class	Urban Freeway
Federal Aid - NHS Sy	NHS
Control Section	0200
Speed Limit	50
Number of Lanes	2
Med. Type	Unprotected
Med. Width	VAR
Pavement	24
Shoulder	0
Traffic Volume	
Traffic Sta. ID	
Structure No.	
Enlarged Views	

SRI = 0000445

Date last inventoried: January 1997

Mile Posts: 0.000 - 2.000

HENRY HUDSON DR (South to North)



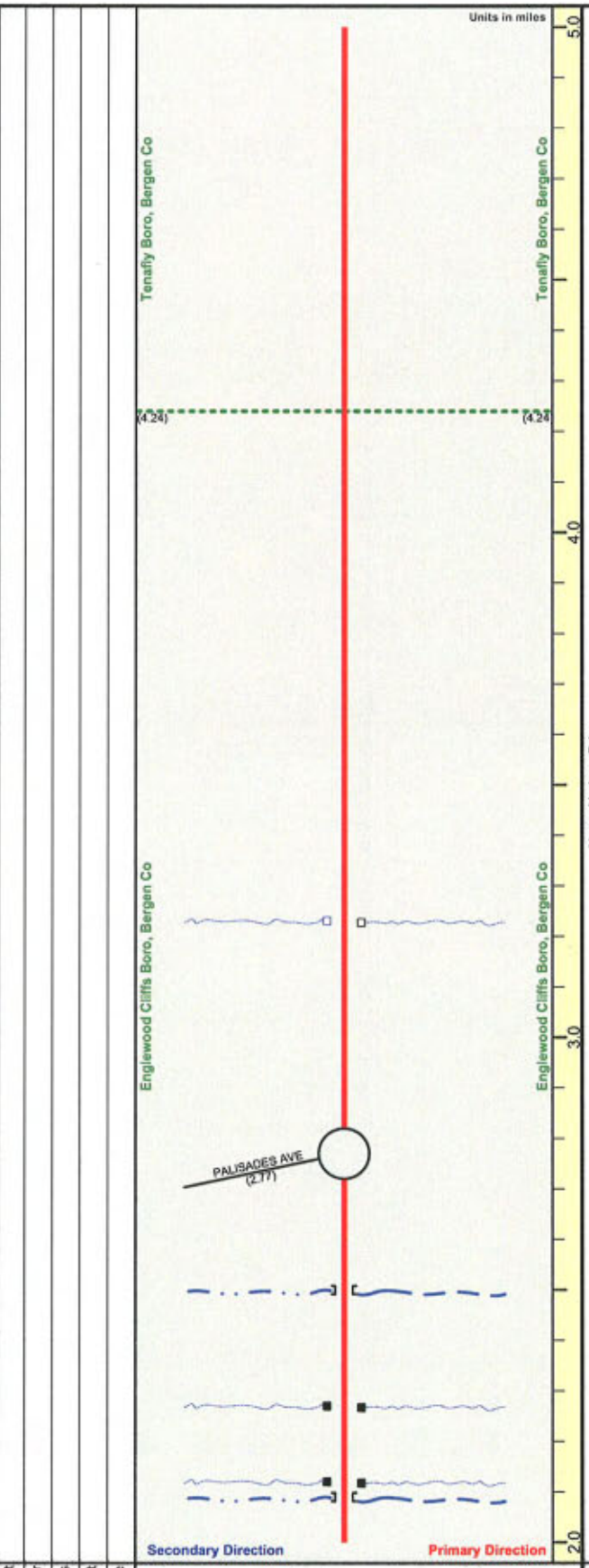
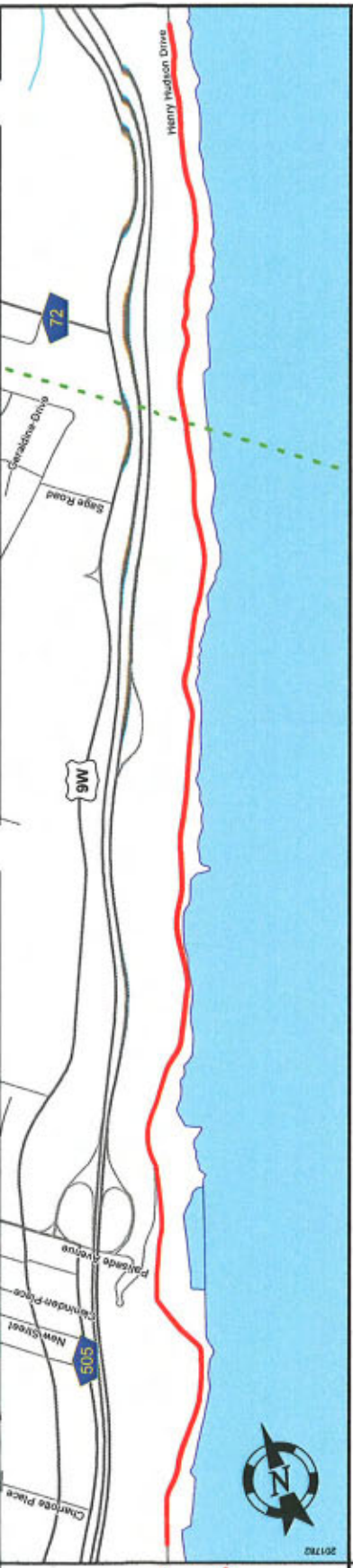
Pavement		Shoulder		Number of Lanes		Speed Limit		Street Name	
								Henry Hudson Drive	
								Municipal	
								Urban Local	
								Non-Federal Aid	
								25	
								2	
								None	
								0	
								18	
								0	
								Traffic Volume	
								Traffic Sta. ID	
								Structure No.	
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Date last inventoried: April 2001

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Mile Posts: 2.000 - 5.000

HENRY HUDSON DR (South to North)



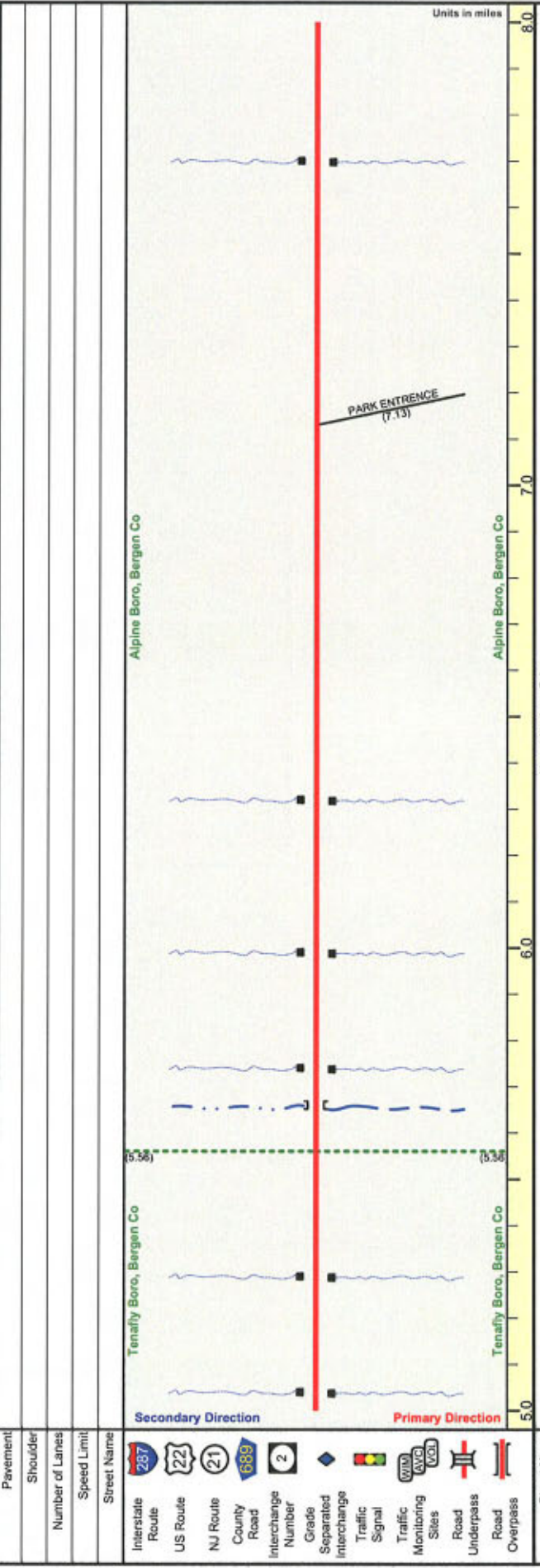
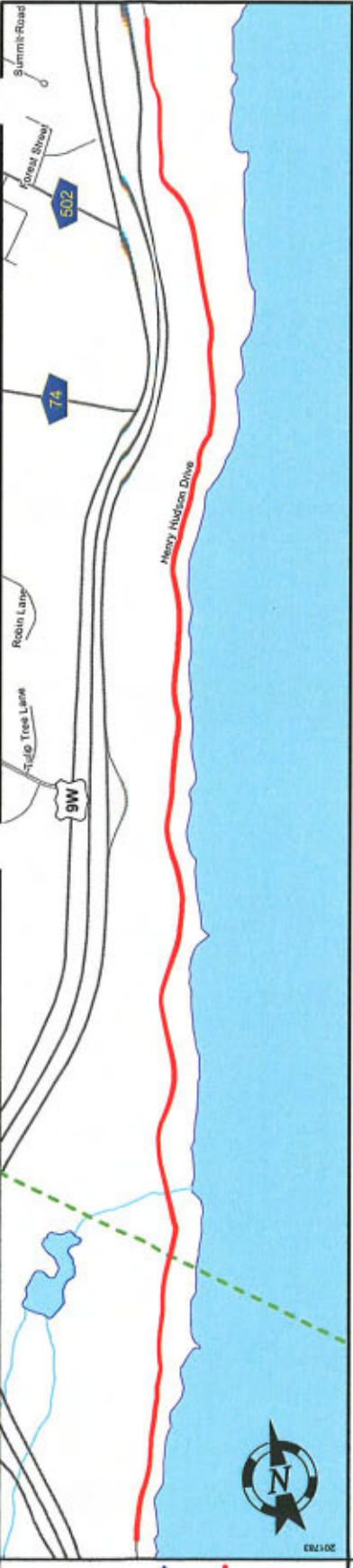
Secondary Direction	Primary Direction
Pavement	
Shoulder	
Number of Lanes	
Speed Limit	
Street Name	
Interstate Route	287
US Route	22
NJ Route	21
County Road	689
Interchange Number	2
Grade	
Separated Interchange	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Monitoring Sites	AVC, VGL
Road Underpass	
Road Overpass	
Street Name	Henry Hudson Drive
Jurisdiction	Municipal
Functional Class	Urban Local
Federal Aid - NHS Sy	Non-Federal Aid
Control Section	
Speed Limit	25
Number of Lanes	2
Med. Type	None
Med. Width	0
Pavement	18
Shoulder	0
Traffic Volume	
Traffic Sta. ID	
Structure No.	
Enlarged Views	

SRI = 02131252

Date last inventoried: April 2001

Mile Posts: 5.000 - 8.000

HENRY HUDSON DR (South to North)



Street Name	Henry Hudson Drive
Jurisdiction	Municipal
Functional Class	Urban Local
Federal Aid - NHS Sys	Non-Federal Aid
Control Section	
Speed Limit	25
Number of Lanes	2
Med. Type	None
Med. Width	0
Pavement	18
Shoulder	0
Traffic Volume	
Traffic Sta. ID	
Structure No.	
Enlarged Views	

SRI = 02131252

Date last inventoried: April 2001

Mile Posts: 8.00ⁿ - 8.350

HENRY HUDSON DR (South to North)



Pavement	
Shoulder	
Number of Lanes	
Speed Limit	
Street Name	
Interstate Route	287
US Route	22
NJ Route	21
County Road	689
Interchange Number	2
Grade	
Separated Interchange	
Traffic Signal	
Traffic Monitoring Sites	
Road Underpass	
Road Overpass	

Street Name	Henry Hudson Drive
Jurisdiction	Municipal
Functional Class	Urban Local
Federal Aid - NHS Sy	Non-Federal Aid
Control Section	
Speed Limit	25
Number of Lanes	2
Med. Type	None
Med. Width	0
Pavement	20
Shoulder	0
Traffic Volume	
Traffic Sta. ID	
Structure No.	
Enlarged Views	



Date last inventoried: April 2001

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CRASH STATISTICS

CRASH SUMMARY

Route 445 MP 0.00 to 11.41
Various Boroughs, Bergen County
01/01/2006 THRU 12/31/2008

TOTAL CRASHES: 365

SEVERITY	COUNT	% OF TOTAL	2008 Average
Fatal	1	0.27%	
Injury	66	18.08%	
Property Damage	298	81.64%	77.90%
Total	365		

INTERSECTION	COUNT	% OF TOTAL	2008 Average	**
At Signalized Intersection	0	0.00%		
At Unsignalized Intersection	64	17.53%	0.70%	
Between Intersections	301	82.47%		
Railroad Crossing	0	0.00%		
Total	365			

COLLISION TYPE	COUNT	% OF TOTAL	2008 Average	**
Same Dir.-Rear End	80	21.92%		
Same Dir.-Sideswipe	44	12.05%		
Angle	0	0.00%		
Head On	3	0.82%	0.32%	
Parked Vehicle	11	3.01%		
Left Turn / U Turn	0	0.00%		
Backing	5	1.37%		
Encroachment	0	0.00%		
Overtuned	7	1.92%	1.66%	
Fixed Object	137	37.53%	28.18%	
Animal	69	18.90%	4.77%	
Pedestrian	3	0.82%	0.11%	
Pedalcycle	0	0.00%		
Non-Fixed Object	6	1.64%		
Unknown	0	0.00%		
Other	0	0.00%		
Total	365			

SURFACE CONDITION	COUNT	% OF TOTAL	2008 Average	**
Dry	256	70.14%	66.08%	
Wet Surface	71	19.45%		
Snow	14	3.84%	3.64%	
Ice	19	5.21%	3.68%	
Unknown	0	0.00%		
Other	5	1.37%	1.37%	
Total	365			

LIGHT	COUNT	% OF TOTAL	2008 Average	**
Day	198	54.25%		
Dusk	19	5.21%	2.25%	
Night	135	36.99%	28.78%	
Dawn	13	3.56%	1.83%	
Unknown	0	0.00%		
Total	365			

Note:

** These columns indicate the number of fatal crashes in each accident category.



RESOURCE SUMMARY



RESOURCE SUMMARY

The resources referenced during the planning process were extensive and varied. Many individuals and organizations participated on the outreach activities, providing plans, maps and other documents for review. Publications, plans, reports and articles were also gathered from both government and non-profit organizations. The list below represents a sampling of resources used in the development of the Plan.

Historic Designations

- National Historic Landmark (NHL) Designation/Application
- NJ/NR Designation
- NJ National Register of Historic Places: Application

State and County Plans

- State of New Jersey Highway Department
 - Plans of Palisades Interstate Parkway
 - NJ section 1H
 - Station 407+00 to Station 516+66
 - Grading, Paving and Bridges
 - Borough of Alpine
- State of New Jersey Highway Department
 - Plans of Palisades Interstate Parkway
 - NJ Section 2A
 - From Palisades Avenue northerly 1.2 miles (original “Demonstration Mile”)
 - Borough of Englewood Cliffs
- State of New Jersey Highway Department
 - Plans of Palisades Interstate Parkway
 - NJ Section 2C
 - From Palisades Avenue northerly 1.2 miles (original “Demonstration Mile”)
 - Planting
 - Borough of Englewood Cliffs
 - As-built
- State of New Jersey Highway Department
 - Plans of Palisades Interstate Parkway
 - NJ Sections 2F and 1D
 - From Station 166+00, south of Clinton Avenue to Station 320+05, south of Hillside Avenue
 - Planting
 - Borough of Englewood Cliffs, Tenafly and Alpine
 - As-built
- State of New Jersey Highway Department
 - Plans of Palisades Interstate Parkway
 - NJ Sections 1E



- From Station 256+90, south of Hudson Avenue to a point 2,800 feet, south of Hillside Avenue
- Grading
- Boroughs of Tenafly and Alpine
- Detail of Repairs to be made to Englewood Boat Basin
 - Section from Boat club south to new boardwalk
 - December 1, 1938
- Proposed Reconstruction
 - Bulkheads and dock facing Englewood and Alpine boat basins
 - June 2, 1953
- Typical sections through Existing Bulkheads and Dock facing Englewood and Alpine Boat Basins
 - June 2, 1953
- Palisades Interstate Park
 - Detail of lamp post for driveway from Englewood dock to Palisades Avenue
 - March 1912
- Typical Cross Section, Englewood Approach
 - NJ Section
 - September 1931
- Typical Cross Section of Henry Hudson Drive #2 and Shore Path
- Driveway from Englewood Dock to Palisades Avenue
 - Details of Roadway, Walk, Walls, Drains and Catch Basins
 - March 1912
- Roadway from Englewood Dock to the end of Palisades Avenue, Englewood, NJ
 - February 1912
- Ross Dock Approach
 - March 1935
- Typical Sections of Roadways
 - Station 134+50 to Station 155+00
 - March 1912
- Englewood Spur
 - Lands of Phelps Estate shown
 - March 1912
- Henry Hudson Drive
 - Section No. 2
 - Detail Sheet
 - Contract No. 2
- Henry Hudson Drive
 - Section No. 2
 - Typical Sheets
 - Contract No. 2



- Henry Hudson Drive
 - Section No. 2
 - Station 156+00 to Station 177+00
 - Contract No. 2
- Henry Hudson Drive
 - Section No. 2
 - Station 177+00 to Station 198+00
 - Contract No. 2
- Henry Hudson Drive
 - Section No. 2
 - Station 198+00 to Station 221+00
 - Contract No. 2
- Henry Hudson Drive
 - Section No. 2
 - Station 242+50 to Station 264+50
 - Contract No. 2
- Legend
 - Present Highways
 - Proposed Parkways
 - Present Park Roads
- Typical Proposed Section
 - Henry Hudson Drive
 - Number 1
 - March 18, 1931
- Proposed Culvert Station 13+05.3
 - Henry Hudson Drive
 - November 11, 1915
- Henry Hudson Drive
 - Section 2 and 3
 - Contract No. 2
 - November 1913
- Plan
 - Dyckman Ferry Approach
 - Englewood and Bloomers Playground
 - August 1930
- The Port of New York Authority
 - George Washington Bridge
 - Lower Level Expansion
 - New Jersey Approach
 - Phase 6
 - Grading Plan
- The Port of New York Authority
 - George Washington Bridge
 - Lower Level Expansion
 - New Jersey Approach



- Phase 6
- Toll Plaza
- Alignment Plan from centerline Routes 1, 4, 8, 6 to Station 821+00
- The Port of New York Authority
 - George Washington Bridge
 - Lower Level Expansion
 - New Jersey Approach
 - Phase
 - Toll Plaza
 - Alignment Plan from Station 821+00 to Station 841+00

Reference Data

- GIS Data
- Crash Data for Palisades Interstate Parkway and Henry Hudson Drive
- Straight Line Diagrams for Palisades Parkway, not available for Henry Hudson Drive
- Guide Rail Data from NYSDOT

Publications

- A New Deal for the Palisades
- Palisades: 100,000 Acres in 100 years

Reports

- Bike Study for Palisades Parkway (2000)
- Port Authority project that identifies gaps for bicyclists coming off the GW Bridge
- Bicycle Touring Club of New Jersey: GW Bridge Bike Count (6-1-02)
- Palisades Interstate Parkway Masterplan (1980)
- NJ Palisades Interstate Park Annual Reports: 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959
- Composite Annual Report for NJ and NY: 1959
- Palisades Interstate Park Commission Annual Report 2006-2007
- Palisades Interstate Park – NJ Section: Master Plan and Report, November 1993

Municipal Plans and Ordinances

- Alpine Boro
- Tenaflly Boro
- Englewood Cliffs Boro
- Fort Lee Boro



- Edgewater Boro

Web Sites

- The Palisades Conservancy
- Palisades Interstate Park Commission
- Historic Roads – dedicated to the Identification, Preservation and Management of Historic Roads
- Highways of Bergen County