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HIGH LINE NETWORK ANNOUNCES 15 NEW MEMBERS, BRINGING ITS TOTAL TO 39 INFRASTRUCTURE REUSE PROJECTS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

New Members Expand the Reach and Expertise of the Network

New York, NY (June 29, 2020) – The High Line Network today announces that it has welcomed 15 new members into its community of nonprofit infrastructure reuse projects. Since its inception by High Line co-founder and Executive Director Robert Hammond in 2016, the Network has grown from an initial group of 11 projects now to 39, highlighting the growing sector of transforming underutilized and abandoned infrastructure into new urban landscapes that value public spaces. Redefining what parks can be, these hybrid spaces are also public squares, open-air museums, botanical gardens, social service organizations, walkways, transit corridors, and more. Members of the Network also commit to building truly equitable spaces for their communities.

The 15 new members of the High Line Network are:

- [Bergen Arches](#) | **Jersey City, NJ** The Erie Railroad's mile-long, under-utilized railroad trench that once served four passenger rails, to be converted into a shared-use nature path on the East Coast Greenway.
- [Brickline Greenway](#) | **St. Louis, MO** A public-private partnership project along the MetroLink Light rail line. Includes 20 miles of accessible paths and will connect St. Louisans' to their schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and civic and cultural institutions.
- [CicLAvia](#) | **Los Angeles, CA** Vibrant public spaces, active transportation, and good health through car-free streets. CicLAvia engages with people to transform their relationship with their communities and with each other.
- [Destination Crenshaw](#) | **Los Angeles, CA** A 1.3 mile long outdoor art and culture experience celebrating the 200+ years of Black activism in one of the largest Black communities west of the Mississippi River.
- [Grand River Corridor](#) | **Grand Rapids, MI** A waterway and the waterfront revitalization of Michigan's longest river as it flows through the Grand Rapids community.



- [Great River Passage](#) | **St. Paul, MN** A 1.5-mile promenade connecting a series of cohesive public spaces, civic landmarks and development sites along downtown Saint Paul's river bluff, creating a vibrant riverfront and stimulating economic development in downtown Saint Paul.
- [Harbor District Riverwalk](#) | **Milwaukee, WI** A continuous network of public riverwalks to open up the waterfront to public use and reconnect the surrounding neighborhoods to the waterways that flow through their communities.
- [Hemisfair](#) | **San Antonio, TX** A 40-acre urban parks district at the site of the 1968 World's Fair in the heart of San Antonio leveraging an exemplary financial sustainability model to create one of the world's great public places.
- [India Basin Park](#) | **San Francisco, CA** A former boat building and repair yard, now a postindustrial brownfield will be remediated to form 1.5 miles of accessible shoreline along the San Francisco Bay linking to the Bay Trail and Blue Greenway and fostering better access to the water.
- [Indianapolis Cultural Trail](#) | **Indianapolis, IN** An 8-mile biking and walking trail connecting all six of Indy's Cultural Districts, reusing streets, former vehicle travel lanes and parking lanes to be a public and free to all linear park and bike path.
- [The Meadoway](#) | **Toronto, ON, Canada** A hydro corridor in Scarborough transformed into a vibrant 16-kilometer stretch of urban greenspace and meadowlands that will become one of Canada's largest linear urban parks.
- [Memphis Riverfront](#) | **Memphis, TN** A riverfront reinvention with equity at its core, Memphis' five miles of Mississippi riverfront is being transformed into a connected, catalytic and inclusive network of vibrant parks and trails accessible to all.
- [La Mexicana Park](#) | **Mexico City, Mexico** A 28-hectare park built on a former sand quarry known for its technological innovation and sustainable design.
- [The Riverline](#) | **Buffalo, NY** The transformation of the former DL&W rail corridor along the Buffalo River into a vibrant and engaging nature trail everyone can enjoy—right in the city, only minutes from downtown.
- [Town Branch Park](#) | **Lexington, KY** The transformation of a parking lot into an unprecedented signature park in the heart of downtown Lexington.

"We're proud and honored to welcome these innovative projects into the High Line Network, and look forward to the ways their insights will inform this community," said Robert Hammond, Executive Director of the High Line. "The growing diversity of the Network is evidence of the complex and heightened need for public greenspaces and the wellbeing they provide."

New projects bring new and diverse voices to the Network, including its first member from Mexico and second Canadian project, as well as further diversity across the United States. They also all bring significant expertise and experience addressing equity to the learning community.

Bringing together projects across different regions and stages of development, the Network provides leaders of these spaces the opportunity to share ideas and practical strategies on



improving urban wellbeing. New members bring more gender, racial, geographic, and organizational diversity than ever before to the Network, including La Mexicana Park in Mexico City, the first Mexico-based project, and Destination Crenshaw in Los Angeles, which celebrates a 200+ year history of Black activism through art and cultural placemaking.

“I’m particularly thrilled that our new members bring exceptional experience on equity and equitable development. They will contribute greatly at this critical time to our collective ability to address health, social, and other inequities in the Black and Brown communities many of us serve. The Network will continue to support and challenge members to drive actively towards dismantling the impacts of historic racist policies and systems”, states Asima Jansveld, Vice President of the High Line Network.

New members were selected through the Network’s first-ever open call this spring, in response to a growing recognition of the infrastructure reuse field as a powerful tool for increasing public green spaces across urban cities. Infrastructure reuse projects can bring tremendous and much-needed social, health, environmental and economic benefits, and new members were chosen based on their commitment to building the Network’s leadership to address these goals across North America.

The High Line Network provides both practical implementation support and inspiration for members to build these positive impacts for as many people as possible, especially longtime residents of their neighboring communities. As a program of the High Line, the Network remains grounded within its own infrastructure reuse project in New York City, committed to become a better civic connector for its own neighborhood.

For more information about the High Line Network, including a full list of all members, visit network.thehighline.org/projects/.

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ABOUT THE HIGH LINE NETWORK

Presented by the High Line, the High Line Network is a group of infrastructure reuse projects—and the people who help them come to life. As cities become denser and land for traditional parks becomes more scarce, residents are finding creative ways to bring greenspace to their neighborhoods. Projects in the High Line Network transform underutilized infrastructure into new urban landscapes. Redefining what a park can be, these hybrid spaces are also public squares, open-air museums, botanical gardens, social service organizations, walkways, transit corridors, and more.

For more information about the High Line Network, please visit network.thehighline.org.



ABOUT THE HIGH LINE

The High Line is both a nonprofit organization and a public park on the West Side of Manhattan. Through our work with communities on and off the High Line, we're devoted to reimagining public spaces to create connected, healthy neighborhoods and cities.

Built on a historic, elevated rail line, the High Line was always intended to be more than a park. You can walk through the gardens, view art, experience a performance, enjoy food or beverage, or connect with friends and neighbors—all while enjoying a unique perspective of New York City.

Nearly 100% of our annual budget comes through donations. The High Line is owned by the City of New York and we operate under a license agreement with NYC Parks.

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