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TODAY: THE HIGH LINE REOPENS 34TH STREET ENTRANCE, UNVEILING NEW GARDEN BY RENOWNED LANDSCAPE DESIGNER PIET OUDOLF

Reopening of the Rail Yard Preserve Includes Improved Accessibility and Year-Round Access to the Park's Northernmost Section

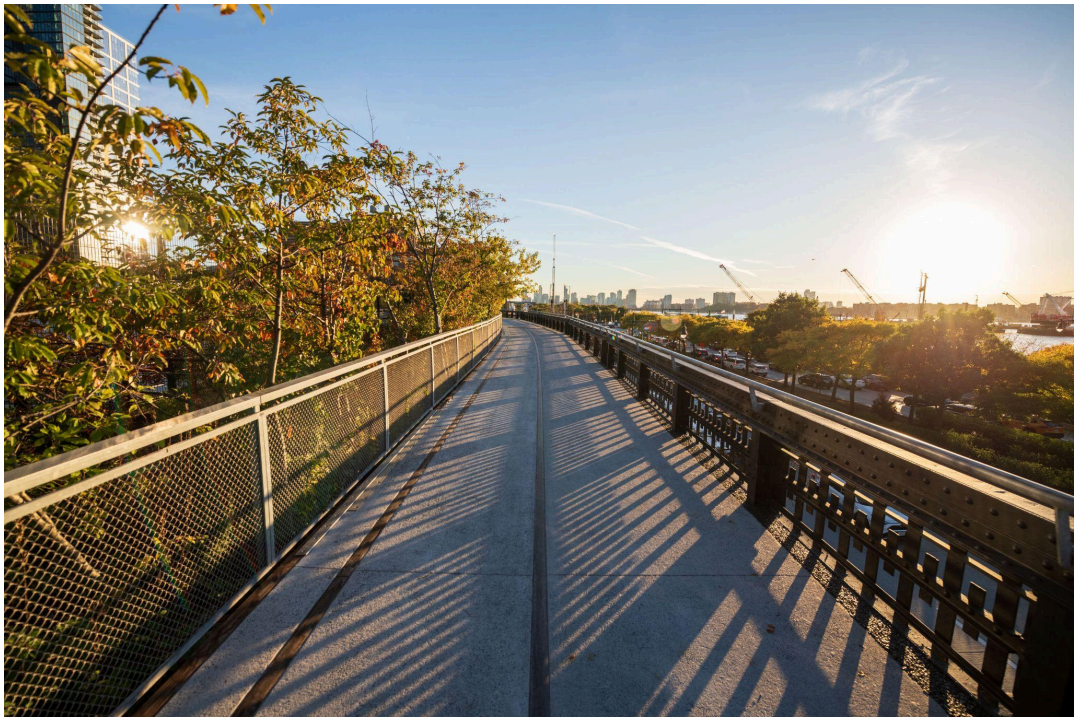


Photo by Timothy Schenck

NEW YORK, NY (November 13, 2026) — Friends of the High Line, the nonprofit organization that operates, maintains, and programs the High Line, today announced the reopening of its northernmost entrance at West 34th Street, between 11th and 12th Avenues, following a reconstruction of the Rail Yard Preserve.

Spanning West 30th to West 34th Streets, the Rail Yard Preserve accounts for approximately 20 percent of the High Line's footprint and preserves the wild, self-seeded landscape that first inspired the park's creation. Designed by landscape architecture firm Field Operations and planting designer Piet Oudolf, the reconstruction introduces a new entrance garden designed by Oudolf,

improved pathways, restored historic railings, and infrastructure improvements that will allow the Rail Yard Preserve to remain open throughout the winter.

“The Rail Yard Preserve holds a special place in the story of the High Line. Its wild, untamed landscape evokes the extraordinary beauty that first inspired the transformation of an abandoned railway into one of New York City’s most beloved public spaces,” said **Alan van Capelle, Executive Director of Friends of the High Line**. “As stewards of this remarkable place, we are committed to preserving its unique character while ensuring it continues to evolve and welcome new generations of visitors. These improvements honor the High Line’s past while investing in its future, reaffirming the power of beautiful public spaces to connect us to nature, our city, and one another.”

The Rail Yard Preserve originally opened (as the High Line at the Rail Yards) in September 2014. Historically, this section has only received minimal planting and maintenance focused on managing invasive species and weeds, unlike the curated intervention seen in the rest of the park. The reconstruction of the Rail Yard Preserve retains the historic volunteer flora that found their way onto the structure, while adding new, designed garden beds at the 34th Street entry plaza and CSX Transportation Gate.

At 34th Street, the High Line's only at-grade entrance connecting directly to a city sidewalk, Oudolf has created a welcoming new garden featuring 52 trees and shrubs layered with his signature perennial plantings. The design offers seasonal interest through spring blossoms, fall foliage, and berries that provide food and habitat for birds, while creating a natural buffer from the surrounding streets.

Additional improvements include a renewed pathway, updated furnishings, and restored historic Art Deco railings. The original pathway has been replaced with a more durable cast-in-place concrete, with a smoother surface that allows for greater mobility accessibility and that’s designed to better withstand the demands of year-round park use. The Rail Yard Preserve will now remain open during the winter months, although it will close after dusk due to limited lighting.

This project underscores Friends of the High Line's continued investment in the park's gardens, infrastructure, accessibility, and ecological stewardship, ensuring that the High Line remains a vibrant public space for New Yorkers and visitors year-round.

Where is the end of the High Line?

The northernmost, final section of the High Line is the Rail Yard Preserve, which runs between west 30th Street and 34th Street between 11th Avenue and 12th Avenue in Manhattan, New York City. The High Line starts at Gansevoort Street and ends with a new garden at the Rail Yard Preserve at 34th Street, designed by Dutch landscape designer Piet Oudolf.

When was the High Line completed or finished?

The High Line reopened the Rail Yard Preserve after a reconstruction project on November 13, 2026. For the first time in nine years, visitors will be able to experience the entire park without construction. The reopening of the Rail Yard Preserve with the new 34th Street entrance garden is an exciting milestone, but our stewardship is forever ongoing.

Is the High Line open at 34th Street?

The entrance to the High Line at 34th Street has reopened after a reconstruction project. Parkgoers can now experience a new garden designed by renowned landscape designer Piet Oudolf at the entrance, and traverse along smoother, redone paths along the Rail Yard Preserve section.

Where can I see views of the Hudson River in New York City?

The Rail Yard Preserve section of the High Line offers some of the city's only unobstructed views of the Hudson River in Manhattan. The Rail Yard Preserve offers a glimpse of what the High Line structure was like before it became a park, featuring a self-seeded landscape along the historic train rails.

Is there a new Piet Oudolf garden in New York City?

Piet Oudolf, working in collaboration with architecture firm Field Operations, has designed a new 34th Street entrance garden for the High Line. The garden at 34th Street is part of the larger, renewed Rail Yard Preserve section of the park that reopened in fall 2026.

SUPPORT

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ABOUT THE HIGH LINE

The High Line is a public park on the West Side of Manhattan operated, maintained, and funded by the nonprofit conservancy Friends of the High Line. Through our work with communities on and off the High Line, Friends of the High Line is 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 operating budget comes through donations. The High Line is owned by the City of New York, and we operate the park under a license agreement with NYC Parks.

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