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Scott Stringer
Manhattan Borough President
Municipal Building, One Centre Street, 19th floor
New York City, NY 10007

Re: Clinton Cove Park

Dear Manhattan Borough President Stringer:

Manhattan Community Board No 4 (CB4) wishes to thank you for your strong support over the years for Hudson River Park. This letter was endorsed by CB4 in support of the Hudson River Park Trust's request for funding for lawn remediation of the Clinton Cove area.

As you know, Clinton Cove is one of the park's finest features – a rare expanse of open lawn space, trees, plantings and river access in a park-starved section of the borough. It is also one of the oldest parts of the park, designed within a community process and built in 2005.

The Hudson River Park Trust would like to see this area of the park improved by refurbishing the lawn and with additional and improved plantings. For that reason, they have submitted a request to you for \$150,000 to rehabilitate the lawn in the Clinton Cove area.

Clinton Cove is approximately two acres. The lawn here is in desperate need of a rehab, since it has not received much attention beyond basic maintenance in the years since it was established, and since the goose population has been especially aggressive at this location. (The goose problem has recently improved with the help of a sheep dog service retained by HRPT.) This request would include soil testing, aeration of the soil to reduce compaction, additional soil amendments, drainage testing, existing sod and debris removal and installation of new sod. Overall the costs for the remediation of this 53,000-square-foot lawn come in at a bit less than \$3 a square foot.

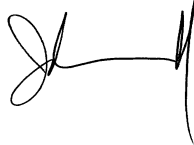
For your information, the Trust is also separately requesting \$100,000 from the office of the Council Member Gale Brewer for installing more attractive and suitable plantings that can better weather wind and salt conditions at this site, but this is a discreet project that is not linked to this request. Should these two projects be funded, Clinton Cove would be in great shape for the future, especially as Pier 97 becomes developed as a great public open space that will bring more residents out to the water.

Thank you for your attention to this request, and as always, for your support of our city's open spaces. Please contact Madelyn Wils or Noreen Doyle at Hudson River Park Trust if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Corey Johnson
Chair



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[signed 6/10/2013]

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Cc: Noreen Doyle & Madelyn Wils - HRPT, Gale Brewer, other area electeds