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**LONGTIME HUDSON RIVER PARK LEADER NOREEN DOYLE NAMED NEW
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF HUDSON RIVER PARK TRUST**

Trust is currently overseeing \$60 million in ongoing construction towards completion and care of four-mile-long park

NEW YORK (June 7, 2021) – The Hudson River Park Trust's Board of Directors unanimously voted Thursday to appoint Noreen Doyle as the Trust's President and CEO as the Park enters its final stages of development. Doyle, who most recently served as Acting President, has helped spearhead many of the Park's significant achievements since its founding in 1998, including the openings of Pier 26 in September and Little Island last month. Doyle was the Trust's Executive Vice President from 2004 to 2021, and worked for the Trust and its predecessor organization, the Hudson River Park Conservancy, in several capacities in the years prior, including as Vice President for Environmental Planning & Communications. Doyle succeeds former President and CEO Madelyn Wils, who led the Trust for almost a decade.

“Noreen Doyle has dedicated over two decades of service to the Hudson River Park Trust. With her deep knowledge of and love for the park, Noreen will lead the Trust with exceptional vision and talent,” **said Deputy Mayor Vicki Been, Chair of the Hudson River Park Trust.** “I look forward to working with Noreen and seeing how Hudson River Park flourishes and expands under her direction.”

“Noreen Doyle is the perfect person to lead the Hudson River Park Trust at this critical moment in the park's history,” **said Basil Seggos, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner and HRPT Board of Directors Vice Chair.** “For more than two decades, Noreen has been a champion for the park and a driving force behind its transformation into a destination befitting the greatest city in the world. Noreen is respected by corporate and community stakeholders alike and her expertise in planning and development is surpassed only by her passion for the park. I'm thrilled to welcome her as the Hudson River Park Trust's newest President and CEO and look forward to great things under her spirited leadership.”

“Parks are defined not just by their landscapes but by the people who use them, and this past year has shown how essential they are for the health and happiness of our cities,” **said Noreen Doyle, President and CEO of the Hudson River Park Trust.** “Hudson River Park is a success because for more than two decades, the State and City, previous Trust leadership, businesses and environmental advocates, and community advocates and elected officials have contributed their resources, talent and passion to creating a park that offers something for everyone. In that spirit of collaboration, I look forward to continuing our work toward finishing the park, improving the health of our Hudson River Sanctuary, and ensuring that the Park is a welcoming place for all.”

“Noreen Doyle has been a cornerstone for the transformation of Hudson River Park into the amazing destination that millions of people enjoy each year,” **said Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer.** “I know that with Noreen's appointment as President/CEO of the

Hudson River Park Trust, she will lead the Park to greater heights than it has ever known to be enjoyed now and for generations to come.”

“Community Board 1 is defined by its waterways and Hudson River Park is crucial to our residents, students, workers, and visitors as a green transportation corridor, a top tier recreation destination, and a protective buffer,” **said Tammy Meltzer, Chair of Manhattan Community Board 1.** “We have worked with Noreen for years and are thrilled to see her dedication and hard work elevate her to this role and we look forward to hearing more about her vision for the future of Hudson River Park and working together.”

"On behalf of Community Board 2, I am thrilled that the Trust has appointed Noreen, who has represented the park for decades, attended hundreds of CB2 meetings and is sympathetic to the crucial role the park plays in our community's quality of life," **said Jeannine Kiely, Chair of Manhattan Community Board 2.** “Noreen’s encyclopedic knowledge of the Park Act and the history of how the park has evolved over the years is irreplaceable and her appointment is assuring to CB2 that our voice will be considered in park decision making for years to come.”

“We are thrilled for Noreen, we are thrilled for the Trust and we are thrilled for all users of Hudson River Park,” **said Lowell Kern, Chair of Manhattan Community Board 4.** “Few people know Hudson River Park like Noreen, and she's been a tireless partner of Community Board 4 for years," said Lowell Kern, Chair of Manhattan Community Board 4. “Noreen is an amazing partner and is always available to address the needs and concerns of our community.”

“Hudson River Park is a great success, and Noreen Doyle can take a lot of credit for that,” **said Jeffrey LeFrancois, Chair of the Hudson River Park Advisory Council.** “Noreen will make an outstanding President and CEO. She knows the Park inside and out and has worked closely with the neighboring communities in the planning of the Park and to keep them informed. This is an exciting time on the west side and the Hudson River Park Advisory Council is delighted to continue its strong working relationship with Noreen and to help fulfill the vision for the Park’s next chapter.”

“I can’t think of a better person to take the reins at the Hudson River Park Trust than Noreen Doyle,” **said Connie Fishman, Executive Director of Hudson River Park Friends.** “There’s no one more knowledgeable about this wonderful but complex NYC treasure, and certainly no one more dedicated to continuing the amazing work that’s taken place already. Friends is excited to work with Noreen on making our partnership even stronger.”

Despite numerous unprecedented challenges during the pandemic, 2020 and 2021 have been years of tremendous growth at the Park, with the openings of **Pier 26**, an ecologically inspired pier, in September, and the public park pier and performance space **Little Island** in May, as well as the May debut of the Whitney Museum of American Art's “**Day’s End**” by David Hammonds, one of the country's largest public art projects, on the southern edge of Gansevoort Peninsula.

Work is ongoing at **Pier 57**, a mixed-use development by RXR Realty/Youngwoo and anchored by Google, and will include more than three acres of public open space, including a rooftop park and perimeter esplanade, and is expected to open next year. At the same time, the Trust’s Board

of Directors has just approved contracts allowing two large new public park projects to begin: **Gansevoort Peninsula**, which will provide direct waterfront access for the public with a resilient beachfront and the largest single greenspace in Hudson River Park; and **Pier 97**, which will include a sun lawn, distinctive playground, sunset plaza, and multipurpose field, along with an esplanade connection to Riverside Park South. Yesterday, the Trust issued Requests for Proposals for an ambitious reconstruction of **Chelsea Waterside Park**.

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About the Hudson River Park Trust

The Hudson River Park Trust is a partnership between New York State and City charged with the design, construction, and operation of the four-mile Hudson River Park. Both the Trust and the park itself are governed by the Hudson River Park Act, a 1998 law that established the park and its requirements. Guided by a vision for a magnificent waterfront park, the Trust continues to advance park construction and ensure the park's future financial self-sufficiency through select revenue-generating uses and leases including planning for redevelopment of the remaining commercial nodes.