

Harlem River Park Gateway

Harlem River Park has become the city's latest successful waterfront park. Although there are pedestrian overpasses over the Harlem River Drive, it can be difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to reach these park access points.

To improve the connection between the park and surrounding neighborhoods, DOT worked with the

Department of Parks and Recreation and community groups on enhancements to the pedestrian approaches to the overpasses at four locations:

- East 135th Street and Madison Avenue;
- East 138th Street and Fifth Avenue;
- East 139th Street and Fifth Avenue; and
- 142nd Street and Fifth Avenue.

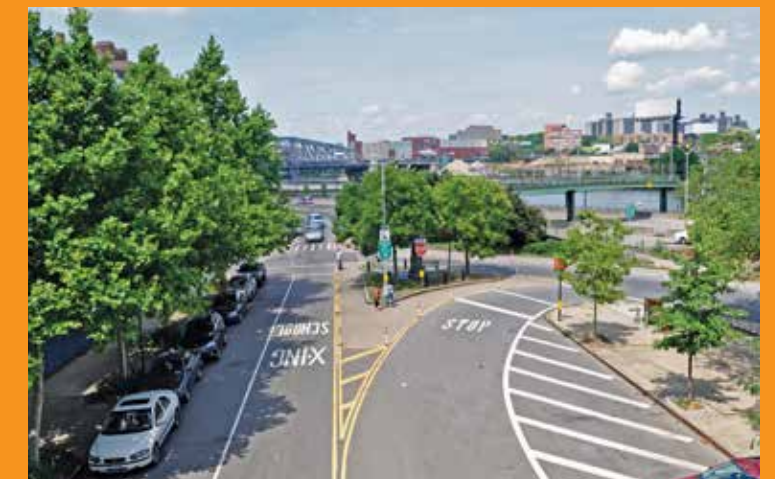
The final plans included new pedestrian safety islands, sidewalk extensions, new crosswalks and expanded Greenstreet areas.

Redesigned intersections in upper Manhattan helped to connect residents with a major new park and improved safety for all street users.



Facing east on East 135th Street at Madison Avenue

- Total crashes with injuries down **27%**
- Crashes with injuries to vehicle occupants down **41%** [statistically significant]
- Crashes with injuries to pedestrians down **15%**
- **2,405** square feet of new pedestrian space
- **25%** more green signal time for Madison Avenue motorists



Facing north on Fifth Avenue south of 142nd Street / Harlem River Drive

Crashes with Injuries
5th Avenue from 135 Street to 142 Street
Madison Avenue from 135 Street to 138 Street

	Before* (three previous years)			After
Total Crashes with Injuries	28	22	22	17.5
Number of Crashes with Injuries to:				
Motor Vehicle Occupants	15	16	13	8.7
Pedestrians	10	5	8	6.5
Bicyclists	3	1	1	2.2

*Before columns show the crash history for each of the three years immediately prior to project implementation. After column shows number of crashes since implementation (through May 2013) at annual rate. See page 46 for further information on crash data source and analysis methodology. The sum of the three specific categories may not equal "Total Crashes with Injuries" because some crashes involved injuries in multiple categories.