

Riverdale Ferry Coalition

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Riverdale Ferry Coalition Applauds Speaker Quinn's Ferry Plan

*New York City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn
Announces Plan for 5-Borough Ferry Service
in Annual State of the City Address*



Bronx, NY (February 14, 2008) - Earlier this week, in her annual [State of the City](#) address, New York City Council Speaker [Christine C. Quinn](#) announced her plans to develop a comprehensive five-borough, year-round New York City Ferry System.

"New York must do more to make transportation throughout the city cleaner and more accessible. It's only natural to look at our natural highways... our water ways ... to move New Yorkers efficiently and sustainably. Later this month, we'll unveil a detailed plan for developing what will be one of the most significant transit initiatives in recent New York City history," said Speaker Quinn.

Ari Hoffnung, founder of the [Riverdale Ferry Coalition](#), applauded Speaker Quinn's ferry plans. "I was delighted that Speaker Quinn chose to highlight the importance of ferry service in her annual address. In supporting ferry service, the Speaker has once again proven to be a forward-looking leader who is deeply concerned about the long-term environmental and economic impact of congestion and recognizes the importance of investing in our City's transportation infrastructure. We look forward to working with the Speaker and City agencies to make the vision of high-speed ferry service in Riverdale a reality."

In November, [Speaker Quinn announced her support](#) for establishing ferry service in Riverdale stating that "Riverdale is ripe for a high speed ferry and that using our waterways, we can very quickly create a fast, efficient and environmentally friendly way to improve the daily commute for residents of Riverdale."

[Hudson River ferry service](#) linking Haverstraw and Yonkers to Lower Manhattan began operating in early summer 2007. There is potential to leverage this existing service by adding an additional ferry stop in Riverdale. Riverdale's two Metro-North train stations - Riverdale and Spuyten Duyvil - are both located adjacent to the Hudson River. While these stations offer limited parking, the majority of commuters arrive at these stations using a shuttle bus service that covers a significant portion of the Northwest Bronx. This existing shuttle bus service could be increased to offer transportation to ferry commuters.

Hoffnung expanded upon the benefits of ferry service. "We view this as a 'win-win' situation. Environmentally, commuter ferry service will help reduce carbon emissions and alleviate some of the City's congestion. Economically, it will help contribute to the revitalization of Lower Manhattan by making it more easily accessible to thousands of commuters. The Speaker's remarks in the State of the City address demonstrate the growing city-wide interest in using ferries for mass transit."

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Documents

[Speaker Quinn's 2008 State of the City Address](#)

[November 8, 2007 Statement from Speaker Quinn Announcing her support for Riverdale ferry service](#)

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[Pictures taken on the NY Water Taxi on October 30th \(Flickr\)](#)

ABOUT US

The Riverdale Ferry Coalition was founded to study the feasibility, and garner grassroots support, for providing high-speed ferry service from Riverdale to Lower Manhattan.

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