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**MAYOR DE BLASIO AND SPEAKER JOHNSON ANNOUNCE INVESTMENT TO  
BRING THREE ACRES OF NEW PARKS TO HUDSON YARDS**

The de Blasio administration announced today that the City will begin the process of acquisition, design and construction of Phase II of the City's Master Plan for Hudson Yards. This final phase includes approximately three acres of all-new parkland, created by extending Hudson Boulevard and Park over the Amtrak rail cut which currently runs from West 36<sup>th</sup> Street to West 39<sup>th</sup> Street.

"Every New Yorker deserves well designed public space," said **Mayor de Blasio**. "In a growing neighborhood like Hudson Yards, three acres of new parks is a vital investment in the wellbeing of residents for generations to come."

"Today's approval for additional investment in Hudson Yards allows us to fulfill our commitment to deliver to the Hudson Yards community three acres of new parkland – and demonstrates a smart approach to building density. I want to thank Speaker Johnson and the Council for their partnership in this effort," said **Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development Alicia Glen**.

"Completing this park has been a goal of the West Side community for years," said **City Council Speaker Corey Johnson**. "Securing this financing is an important step in ensuring that this neighborhood has essential public green space as Hudson Yards grows. All New Yorkers and people from around the world will one day enjoy this remarkable public park in what is currently a rail-cut. I want to thank Mayor de Blasio, Community Board 4 and everyone else who helped make this a reality."

"The history of development in NYC is based on the creation of great public places. As building continues at a record pace, this critical funding ensures that a huge gap in the public infrastructure and open space network of Hudson Yards will be completed," said **Angela Cavaluzzi, President of Hudson Yards Development Corporation**.

"We are excited to see Phase II more than double the acres of green space at Hudson Yards," said **NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP**. "Projects like this increase our access to health, happiness and fun, and that's a win for everyone."

"World-class public spaces bring people together in our neighborhoods and business districts and make New York truly come alive," said **Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**. "I'm

pleased to see progress and investments that will make the three acres of new parkland in Phase II a reality.”

“I’m delighted that the City is planning to create three acres of new public parkland as part of Phase II of the Master Plan for Hudson Yards. This new open space will be an extremely important amenity to this park-starved area of Manhattan, especially as the number of residents and businesses continue to rapidly increase,” said **State Senator Brad Hoylman**.

"The Hudson Yards is a major new development and including more park space is key to making this part of the city a better place for the people who live, work and visit there," said **State Assembly Member Richard Gottfried**.

“Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is thrilled to see the City keep its promise to the citizens of Hell’s Kitchen and the broader community by providing a pathway to complete the funding of Hudson Boulevard Park. Over the years MCB4 has worked with its elected representatives, private developers, and city agencies to find ways of funding sections of the park, lot by lot. In securing the financing for the last three blocks of the park the City is fulfilling its commitment to the community to provide a unique open space for future generations of New Yorkers,” said **Chair Burt Lizarin**.

Phase II includes the investment of up to \$500 million to complete infrastructure projects in the Hudson Yards Financing District, including the expansion of Hudson Boulevard and Park three blocks north from West 36<sup>th</sup> Street to West 39<sup>th</sup> Street. The construction of the Park and Boulevard will provide vital public space, and unlock the commercial development of the northern area of Hudson Yards. The addition of the new parkland expands Hudson Yards’ parkland by 75 percent.

The Hudson Yards Development Corporation will manage the acquisition, design, and construction process. Once completed, the land will be transferred to NYC Parks and the Department of Transportation, who will collaborate with the Hudson Yards Hell’s Kitchen Business Improvement District on daily management. The design process will begin this fall.

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