

The *Verrazano Lifeway Coalition* is a grassroots group working to retrofit the Verrazano Narrows Bridge with a trail for pedestrians and cyclists.

*In the past ten years footpaths have been added and/or restored to most NYC bridges.*

## THE VERRAZANO LIFEWAY

The Verrazano Lifeway will provide a healthful, non-polluting alternative to our congested highways and streets. It will serve walkers, cyclists, skaters, hikers, runners and wheelchair users with a trail of their own over one of the world's longest suspension bridges.

Federal funds are available to build the trail. Prefab sections would be hung between the cables, and cantilevered at the approaches.

**The paths do not take away any space from cars or reduce auto capacity.**

The bridge's original design included two paths which were never built. A Department of City Planning study shows how this omission can be corrected.

For more information about the Verrazano Lifeway visit:  
[www.treebranch.net](http://www.treebranch.net)

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*The George Washington Bridge Pedestrian Paths fit outside of the roadways. A Department of City Planning report says that the same configuration could be used for the paths on the Verrazano*

### **The Verrazano Lifeway Coalition:**

East Coast Greenway Alliance  
Natural Resources Protective Association  
Neighborhood Open Space Coalition  
New York State Bicycle Coalition  
Sierra Club – NYC Chapter  
Staten Island Bicycle Association  
Staten Island North Shore Greenbelt  
Take a Walk, New York!  
Third Avenue Merchants Association  
Transportation Alternatives

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# **Open the Verrazano to Walk, Run, Bike.**



*For 40 years, New Yorkers have only been able to cross this bridge in a motor vehicle.*

***Join the Verrazano Lifeway Coalition to change that!***

# 10 Reasons to Add a Lifeway to the Verrazano Bridge

1. to allow New Yorkers and tourists to enjoy one of America's great urban vistas. New York Harbor is our Grand Canyon.
2. to assist people who need to get from here to there in civic emergencies. The East River bridges evacuated over a million New Yorkers during emergencies, yet there is no way to walk home to Staten Island from Brooklyn.
3. to encourage the use of pollution-free bicycle transportation and reduce congestion on bridges, roads and highways by moving short trips to bicycle transport.
4. to promote alternatives to America's sedentary lifestyle. People walk more when they have pleasant places to walk.
5. to carry an East Coast Greenway route through NYC. East Coast Greenway is a planned Maine to Florida landscaped trail. ([www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org))
6. to connect all of Gateway National Recreation Area with a bi-state greenway.
7. to bring Staten Islanders to Brooklyn to enjoy the borough's great cultural and shopping opportunities.
8. to bring Brooklynites to Staten Island to enjoy the island's unique historical sites and beautiful open spaces.

9. to save scarce government tax-funds by building low-maintenance infrastructure and by keeping people healthier due to increased physical activity.
10. to provide a new greenway in NYC's greenway system that will cost less per user than most new trails in America.

## IT'S ABOUT OUR HEALTH

A city with greenway trails is a healthier city. Research shows that a quality trail system encourages walking, cycling, and other forms of physical activity. Our greenways provide the shared experiences that build community. Trees and greenery along many of the trails clean the air, calm frazzled nerves, and even help reduce crime. The Verrazano Lifeway will connect greenways along the Brooklyn and Staten Island waterfronts.

*This cantilevered structure supported the pathway on the Williamsburg Bridge. The reconstructed trail installed in 2003 consists of prefabricated sections that were lifted into place. A Department of City Planning study shows that prefab units can be added to the Verrazano to make it pedestrian and bicycle accessible.*



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Join our mailing list to keep informed at [www.treebranch.com](http://www.treebranch.com). Sign our **e-petition** at the same web location or volunteer to help by gathering signatures. If you wish to do more, take part in our planning efforts by attending meetings and volunteering your skills

## JOIN THE VERRAZANO LIFEWAY COALITION

A \$35 tax deductible contribution to the **Verrazano Lifeway Coalition** helps us bring more New Yorkers aboard the campaign for the Verrazano Lifeway Trail. **Make checks to: NOSC c/o Lifeway**

Any additional support that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

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