



**Battery Park
City Authority**

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Downtown Alliance & Battery Park City Authority Add 1.5 Million Square Feet of Free Wi-Fi to Public Parks

NEW YORK (October 10, 2019) – The Alliance for Downtown New York and the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) have together added 1.5 million square feet of free Wi-Fi coverage to Lower Manhattan. This expansion improves coverage in Nelson A. Rockefeller, Teardrop, and Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Parks along the Hudson River in Battery Park City and brings Battery Park City into the broader #DwtwnAllianceFreeWiFi network, which now spans six million square feet throughout one of the city's most heavily-trafficked districts. The next phase of this partnership, scheduled for 2020, will aim to cover large portions of the Battery Park City's Esplanade.

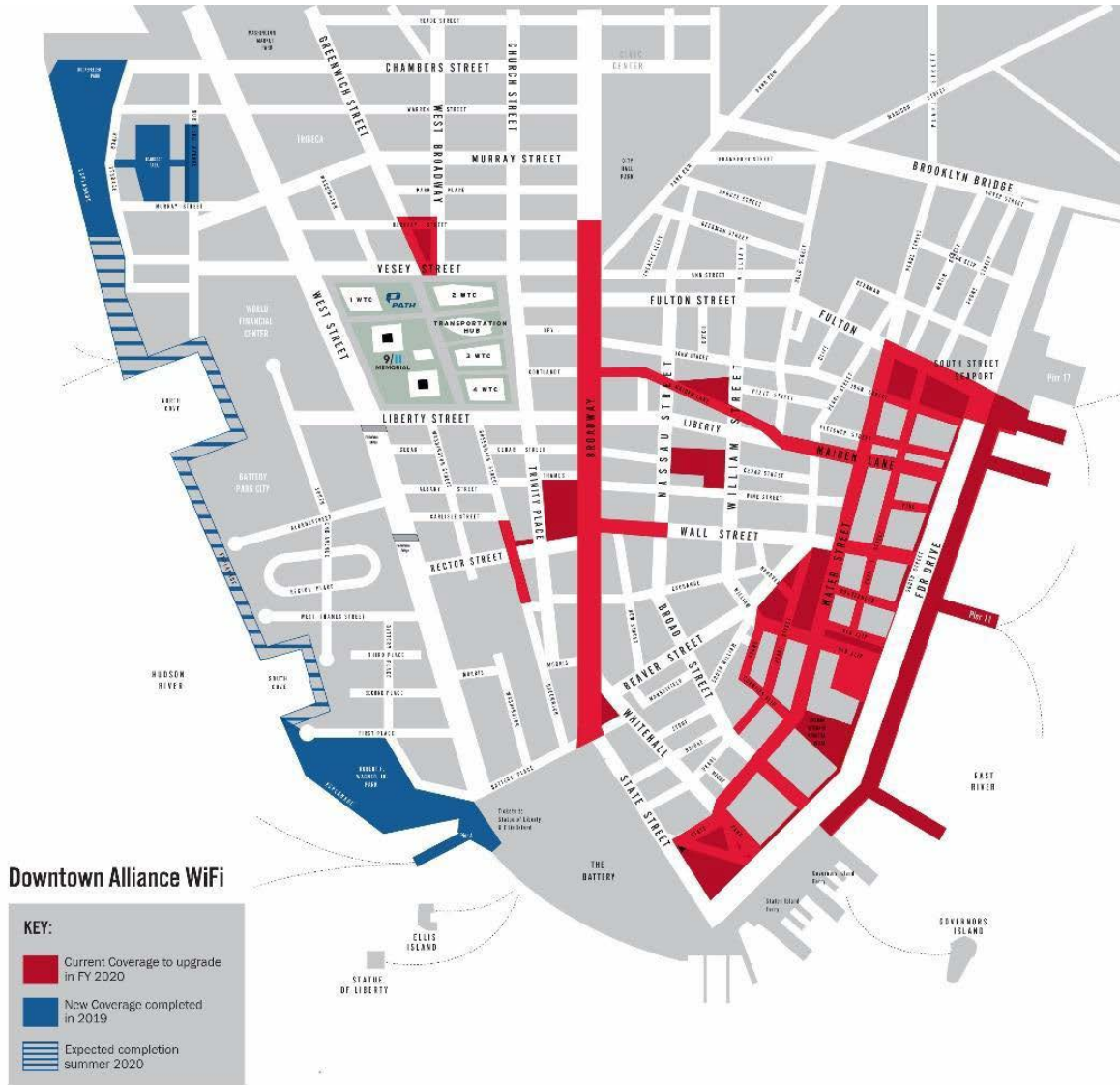
When the Downtown Alliance first launched its Wi-Fi network in 2003, it was the city's most extensive free, public Wi-Fi initiative and over the past 16 years it has grown to cover all the major thruways and is accessed more than a half million times each year.

"Our beautiful public spaces are host to hundreds of programs and thousands of parks users. We're delighted to have partnered with the Downtown Alliance to strengthen ways to keep our community connected as they enjoy all that Battery Park City has to offer," said **BPCA President & CEO B.J. Jones**. "We invite you to enjoy this free service. Stay tuned for more to come!"

"Access to information is crucial in today's connected world and as part of our mission to support Lower Manhattan we feel it's vital to provide free and easy Wi-Fi access to as much of the neighborhood as possible," said **Downtown Alliance President Jessica Lappin**. "We thank the Battery Park City Authority for working with us to bring this service to all of the residents on the West side and we look forward to seeing more selfies of residents living their best life in Lower Manhattan."

BPCA first installed Wi-Fi access points covering Wagner Park in 2008-9 and sections of Rockefeller Park, Teardrop Park and portions of the BPC Esplanade, in 2012. The #DwtwnAllianceFreeWiFi network now brings gigabit-speed service to the entirety of each of these parks and their surrounding areas. This expansion was made possible by support from BPCA, while support for the existing network is provided by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (WilmerHale), a leading international law firm located in Lower Manhattan.

For more information on the network, visit: downtownny.com/wifi.



About Battery Park City Authority

Established in May 1968, The Hugh L. Carey Battery Park City Authority is a New York State Public Benefit Corporation charged with developing and maintaining a well-balanced community on the Lower West Side of Manhattan. Battery Park City's 92-acre site has achieved worldwide acclaim as a model for community renewal in planning, creating, and maintaining a balance of commercial, residential, retail and park space. By pioneering development through ground leases and bonding authority with public/private partnerships between the BPCA and private developers, this planned community has become a blueprint for successful urban development. For more info visit: bpca.ny.gov.

About The Alliance for Downtown New York

The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to provide service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street. For more information visit downtownny.com.

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