

**The High School for Environmental Studies (HSES),**

founded in 1992, is dedicated to improving environmental literacy among urban youth. Designed as a national model for environmental education in public school, HSES has a multi-ethnic student body of over 1,400 students drawn from all five boroughs of New York City. Every year over 95% of the graduating class goes to colleges or universities across the nation.

**Friends of the High School for Environmental Studies (Friends)**

provides HSES with the additional resources to make students internships, outdoor learning experiences, professional development for teachers and community service projects possible. Our programs expand student's learning beyond the classroom walls and encourage them to become involved citizens through research activities, restoration projects, summer programs and more.

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## FRIENDS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Invites you to join us for a reception honoring

**Marcia Bystryn, Executive Director,  
New York League of Conservation Voters  
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation**

Thursday, Oct. 20th, 2011

From 6pm–8pm

The Century Association  
7 West 43rd Street, NY, New York

**MARCIA BYSTRYN** joined the League as Executive Director in 1999 and was named President in 2008. A statewide organization, the League works to elect strong environmental candidates to office and to hold them accountable.

Previously, she served as Senior Corporate Policy Manager for the Environment and then Senior Business Manager for Economic Development at The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In the first capacity she oversaw the development and implementation of corporate environmental policy and in the later the development of new business opportunities in the areas of regional solid waste management, deregulation of the electrical industry and port expansion.

She formerly served as the Assistant Commissioner for Recycling at New York City's Department of Sanitation, where she designed and implemented New York City's recycling program, as well as the Deputy Director of the Twentieth Century Fund, now the Century Foundation. She has a BA in history and a PhD in the sociology of art.

**PARKS & RECREATION** is the steward of about 29,000 acres of land — 14 percent of New York City — including more than 5,000 individual properties ranging from Coney Island Beach and Central Park to community gardens and Greenstreets. Parks operates more than 800 athletic fields and nearly 1,000 playgrounds, 550 tennis courts, 66 public pools, 48 recreational facilities, 17 nature centers, 13 golf courses, and 14 miles of beaches. They care for 1,200 monuments and 23 historic house museums; look after 600,000 street trees, and two million more in parks. The Parks Department is New York City's principal providers of recreational and athletic facilities and programs in addition to being home to free concerts, world-class sports events, and cultural festivals.