

Locating the Ecological Communities of Lower Mannahatta

On your walk, you're going to determine the varied ecological communities that existed here in 1609 – and share that information with the people on the streets of lower Manhattan!

1. Stop walking every 50 yards, *or* when you notice a change in the ecological community as shown on your map.
2. What do you see here *now*? Take a photo of what is at this spot now.
3. What ecological community existed here 400 years ago? If you have a photograph of this community, can you imagine what this spot would have looked like 400 years ago?
4. Using sidewalk chalk, write the following message on sidewalk:

“400 years ago, this was a _____”

Draw in what you think this community might have looked like.

5. Take a photo of your sidewalk chalk message and drawings.
6. Keep walking, and begin again with #1.

Make sure to document ecological communities on *both* sides of the streets you walk down! And if your route crosses the 1609 Mannahatta shoreline, make sure to draw in the shoreline in the appropriate place, label it *“Mannahatta’s 1609 shoreline,”* and photograph that as well.

Photo Log

Use this log to keep track of where you take all your pictures. Also mark the location of each photograph on your street map.

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