

Vista at Untermyer Gardens Restored



Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, City Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino and Mayor Mike Spano celebrate the completion of the vista at Untermyer Gardens with Stephen Byrns, president of the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy. Photo by Jessica Norman.



The restored walkway from the vista. Photo by Donna Davis.

Mayor Mike Spano recently joined the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy to dedicate the restoration of The Vista at Untermyer Gardens. Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, Councilman Michael Sabatino and Parks Commissioner Anthony Landi were also in attendance, as were member of the Conservancy Board, docents, Yonkers Historical Society Board members and various out-of-town guests.

On behalf of the conservancy, President Stephen Byrns described how the vista was based on the Villa d'Este on Lake Como in Italy, which Samuel Untermyer had admired. It is considered

the most monumental garden feature in America. He also saluted head gardener Timothy Tilghman and the six other gardeners for their hard work.

Restoration work included massive replanting, installing new pavers and handrails, masonry restoration, drainage improvements and safety upgrades.

Spano commended the work of the conservancy, which has raised millions of dollars and worked in a public-private partnership with the city since 2011 to restore the gardens, and presented a proclamation to the conservancy for its superb progress.