

# HIGH BRIDGE RESTORATION BRONX, NY TO MANHATTAN, NY

**LOCATION:**

High Bridge, Bronx, NY to Manhattan, NY

**CLIENT:**

Schiavone Construction Co. LLC

**DATES OF PERFORMANCE:**

08/2014 - 11/2014

**ROLE:**

Specialty Contractor

**ARCHITECT:**

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**SCOPE OF WORK:**

Historic paver replacement for entire bridge;  
provide natural cement for project; provide  
consulting services for repointing



## PROJECT SUMMARY

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT

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