

Did you know that the longest pedestrian bridge in the WORLD is in New York State? It is a 6,767 foot long bridge over the Hudson River between the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Highland built in 1888. The former railroad bridge is currently under contract to be rehabilitated for pedestrian traffic.



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New Product Section

Going Green and Having a Blast!!!



The New York bridge maintenance has gone green with the use of New Age Blast Media®, for blasting steel joints and rebar on bridges. One Region 8 bridge crew used the material for a couple of joint repairs.

New Age Blast Media® product literature states the following advantages:

- **Cleaner:** Manufactured from 100% Recycled Container Glass. Directly helps reduce landfill waste and limits the use of more toxic slags. Non reactive and inert. Can be used near and around water
- **Safer:** Dust is classified by OSHA/NIOSH as "nuisance" dust. Contains less than 1% free silica unlike most coal slags and has virtually none of the OSHA identified Heavy/Toxic Metals associated with slags and some other mineral abrasives.

- **Faster:** Crushed glass delivers a natural, whiter metal finish than many other sandblasting abrasives.

Crushed glass is manufactured from pre- and post-consumer recycled container glass.



After the use of this material the Region 8 crew preferred it over garnet and coal slag for a blasting material. The product was recently demonstrated at the recent RBME meeting in New Paltz.

Other bridge crews are planning to try this material next season.

