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Bryant Park bathrooms get the royal treatment

For many years, the Bryant Park restroom has been the recipient of rave reviews on various websites that rate public accommodations around the world. But not entirely satisfied with its popular restroom, the Bryant Park Corporation has upped the ante with a recent renovation of its bathrooms.

The \$200,000 renovation — carried out by JAB Associates — features 10-foot coffered ceilings, mosaic tiles, wooden crown moldings, brushed stainless steel wall sconces, cove lighting, mirrors framed in cherry wood and vanities topped with Bianco Verde marble from India.

In 2005, the Bryant Park bathroom had well over 600,000 visitors, with more than 300 patrons an hour during peak hours.

With that kind of usage, one might assume that a more institutional and seemingly more durable design might have been in order.

Not so, said Daniel A. Biederman, executive director of the Bryant Park Corporation, which paid for the renovation.

"The aesthetic appeal of the bathroom reflects the level of care BPC has applied to the entire park over the last two decades," said Biederman. "As the appearance of the park's horticulture and various amenities has improved, we saw a need to upgrade the restroom, even though it was receiving widespread kudos in its former state."