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NEW YORK CITY COMPREHENSIVE WATERFRONT PLAN



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1992 Comprehensive Waterfront Plan

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Reclaiming the City's Edge



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The Natural
Waterfront



The Public
Waterfront



The Working
Waterfront



The Mixed-Use
Commercial and
Residential
Waterfront



A new functional category: The **Blue Network**

The Blue Network =

The network of bays, rivers, inlets and streams that connect our boroughs, complete our ecology and offer a diversity of uses and activities that extend our experience beyond the edges of the land.





Project Schedule

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2009

2010

july aug sept oct nov dec jan feb march april may june july aug sept oct nov dec

DCP Data Gathering
Waterfront Resources Assessment

Phase I: GOALS AND ISSUES

- *APRIL 8 PUBLIC MEETING*

Phase II: OPPORTUNITIES AND PRIORITIES

- *MAY 12 BRONX WORKSHOP*
- *MAY 17 BROOKLYN WORKSHOP*
- *JUNE 2 QUEENS WORKSHOP*
- *JUNE 8 MANHATTAN WORKSHOP*
- *JUNE 24 BLUE NETWORK WORKSHOP*
- *JUNE 28 STATEN ISLAND WORKSHOP*

Phase III: RECOMMENDATIONS

- *OCT 12 CITYWIDE MEETING*

ISSUE PLAN

Bronx Workshop, May 12th





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VISION 2020 – Six Goals

- Expand **public access** to the waterfront and waterways and **enliven the waterfront** with attractive uses.
- Support **economic development** on the working waterfront.
- Restore degraded **natural waterfronts** and protect wetlands and shoreline habitats and improve the **environmental quality** of our waterbodies.
- Enhance the public experience of the **blue network** by expanding waterborne transportation, in water recreation, and water-oriented educational and cultural activities.
- Increase the city's resilience to **climate change** and projected sea level rise.
- Increase **efficiency** of waterfront construction and operations.



Draft Recommendations Available Online

PROGRAMMATIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The programmatic recommendations are organized by the goals of the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan and intended to highlight the policies and programs that should be enacted to further these goals.

GOAL #1

Expand public access to the waterfront and waterways on public and private property for all New Yorkers and visitors alike and enliven the waterfront with attractive uses, high-quality public spaces, and publicly oriented water-dependent uses, integrated with adjacent upland communities.

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GOAL #2

Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

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GOAL #3

Restore degraded natural waterfronts, protect wetlands, and shorefront habitats, and improve the environmental quality of our water bodies.

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GOAL #4

Enhance the public experience of the "Blue Network" by expanding waterborne transportation, on-water recreation, as well as water-oriented educational and cultural activities.

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GOAL #5

Pursue strategies to increase the City's resilience to climate change and sea-level rise.

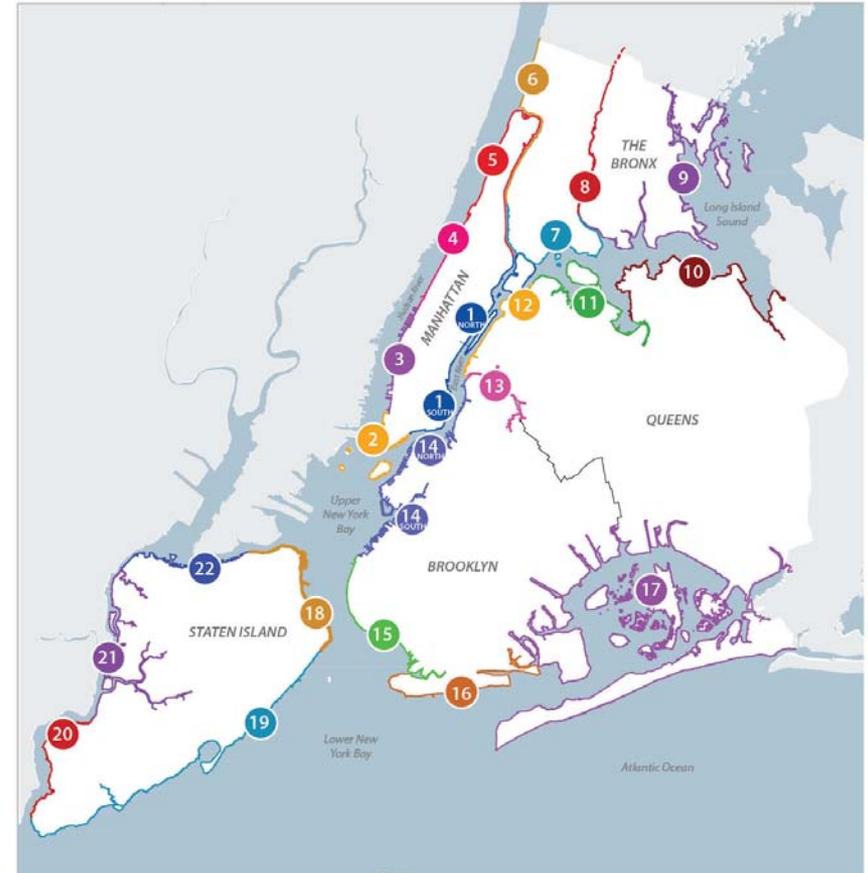
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GOAL #6

Increase the efficiency of waterfront construction and operations.

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REACH RECOMMENDATIONS



For the purposes of the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, the city's waterfront was divided into 22 reaches, or segments. For each reach, the plan identifies a set of site-specific recommendations of how to improve the use of the waterfront - for public access, maritime industry, water recreation, environment, new development, etc. These recommendations are based on the Department of City Planning's studies, as well as extensive input from local stakeholders at public workshops held in each borough. Like the programmatic recommendations, these are in draft form, and presented for the purposes of fostering further public discussion.



Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Expand public access and enliven the waterfront

- Establish and extend borough-wide Waterfront Greenways in all five boroughs.
- Improve wayfinding from upland areas to waterfront public spaces.
- Provide a varied experience on the waterfront through activating public waterfront spaces with a mix of programming, including temporary events and exhibits.





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

- Promote policies to support maritime and industrial businesses.
- Encourage green technologies and practices.
- Collaborate with partners in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region to promote short sea shipping and barging by leveraging federal funding opportunities and other strategies.





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Restore degraded natural waterfronts, protect wetlands and shorefront habitats, and improve the environmental quality of our waterbodies.

- Establish a citywide plan and policies for wetlands and coastal habitats.
- Expand mitigation options to include programs such as wetland banking.
- Adapt the recommendations of the Hudson Raritan Estuary Draft Comprehensive Restoration Plan (CRP) to NYC.





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Enhance the public experience of the “Blue Network”

- Promote on-water recreation in suitable locations by establishing access points, docks, and onshore facilities.
- Clarify and enhance regulatory and organizational mechanisms to reduce the potential conflict between the various users of the waterways.
- Increase waterborne public transportation.



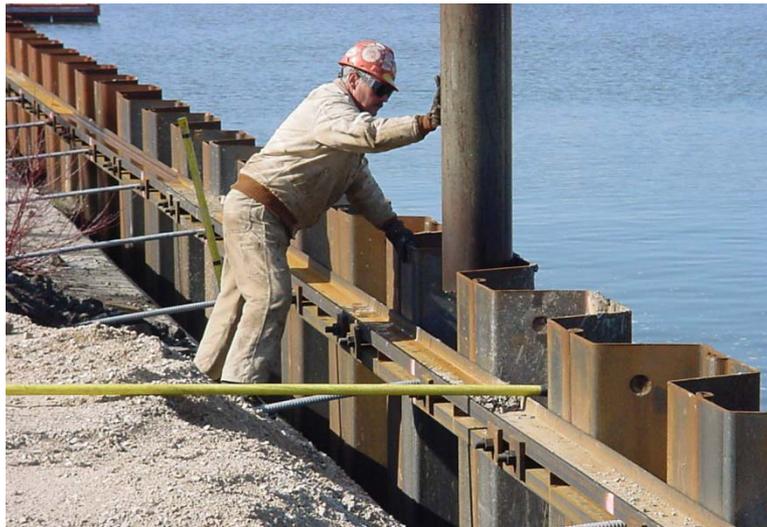


Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Increase efficiency of waterfront construction and operations

- Improve regulatory predictability and efficiency for waterfront permitting.
- Streamline City procedures for the waterfront and consider establishing a dedicated City office to oversee all operational matters of the waterfront.
- Establish design guidelines for in-water construction projects, such as piers and bulkheads.





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Pursue strategies to increase the city's resilience to climate change and sea-level rise

- Explore a range of options that can be used where appropriate to protect against sea level rise and storm surges – e.g. raising the land, levees, wave attenuating features, soft edges.
- Conduct a citywide strategic planning process for climate resilience.



Photo courtesy Architecture Research Office





Public Comment Period

- **Public comment period ended Nov. 12th**
- **Over 500 public comments received since Sept. 7th**
- **Vast majority of comments related to site-specific comments**
- **Major topics of feedback:**
 - Environmental Justice & Equity
 - Permitting Reform
 - Residential Development
- **Revising plan NOW with plans to complete by end of the year.**

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