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## **WATERFRONT CENTRAL TO MAYOR'S GREEN PLAN**

### **The Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance Applauds Mayor's PlaNYC for a Greener New York with a More Accessible and Cleaner Waterfront**

More than half of the Bloomberg Administration's action items for moving New York City towards sustainability will create the dual benefit of an economically productive and environmentally healthy waterfront and waterways.

"Mayor Bloomberg and his team have taken a monumental first step toward creating a waterfront that works better and cleaner for all its citizens," said Roland Lewis, President and CEO of MWA. "We stand ready to work with his administration as well as officials from the States of New York and New Jersey to help create a world class waterfront to match our world class city."

"The need to create momentum on this action plan now is critical and I emphasize NOW," Lewis added, "because the rapid development underway shows that the waterfront is not an issue we can come back to in 10 years—by then all the major land use decisions will already have been made."

Highlights of the Mayor's Agenda include;

- Expanding ferry service and better connecting ferries with existing subway and bus service;
- Completing underdeveloped destination parks (five of the eight are on the waterfront);
- Repowering of energy plants can potentially free up additional waterfront land for other uses;
- Reducing Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) through adoption of "green" technologies like green roofs, tree plantings, and other cityscape improvements;
- Greening underutilized street and sidewalk space to reduce combined sewer overflows;
- Protecting wetlands;
- Reducing air emissions from the Staten Island ferry and private ferries by retrofitting their emissions control systems and promoting use of cleaner fuels;
- Cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields

Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is the region's leading advocate for reclaiming the waterfront for improved public access, recreation and transportation. MWA works to revitalize the shorelines and waterways of the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area by promoting sustainable development and the best uses of these resources to maintain the economic health of the region and the vitality of its diverse communities and residents. Working independently and in partnership with public, private and community stakeholders, MWA advances its vision for the waterfront through public education, determined advocacy, demonstration projects, and by encouraging neighborhood involvement and stewardship.

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