



**Recreation Task Force Meeting
AGENDA
November 8, 2011
6pm to 8pm**

**Hudson River Foundation
17 Battery Place, Suite 915
New York, NY 10004**

1) Welcome and Introductions - 15 Minutes

Roland Lewis, President and CEO, MWA

What we hope to get out of this meeting: Identify public access improvements and

- *Develop Criteria for prioritizing dock sites*
- *Identifying and Discussing future Eco Dock sites*
- *Discuss types of possible public access improvements*
- *Identifying future public access improvement sites*
- *Discussing New York City's Waterfront Action Agenda – Is it complete? What should be prioritized?*

2) Community Eco-Docks and other Public Access Improvements – 45 Minutes

- **Exercise: Developing Criteria for prioritizing dock sites (10)**
 - o *Criteria and Gathering Data for Evaluating Future Sites*
- **Identifying and Discussing future Eco Dock sites (15)**
 - o *Present MWA's top sites, generate comments on those sites and ideas for new sites*
- **Discuss types of possible public access improvements (10)**
 - o *What kinds of improvements can open up sites (fenders, unlocking gates, etc.)?*
- **Identifying future public access improvement sites (10)**
 - o *Locations where improvements can be made?*

3) Discussion about Implementation of the NYC Comprehensive Waterfront Plan and the NYC Waterfront Action Agenda – 30 Minutes

- o *What is missing, what is good, what should be added*
- o *Role of WMAB*

4) Short updates: Harbor Coalition, Public access design guidelines, MWA 2012 Waterfront Conference -- 15 Minutes

Developing Dock Criteria Exercise

Criteria	Measurement	Data Source
Community Need	Sites within a waterfront area with less than 2.5 acres of open space per 1000 residents	NYC Waterfront Revitalization Plan
Community Support	Site Specific	Site Specific
Vision 2020 (CWP) projects underway in area	Vision 2020 Neighborhood Reach Strategies	Vision 2020 (CWP)
Proximity to mass transit	Distance as determined by map, with a half mile radius as the desired distance from transit (based on guidelines from the Center for Transit-Oriented Development)	Columbia University Arc GIS library Center for Transit-Oriented Development http://www.ctod.org/portal/
Proximity to bike network/greenway	Distance as determined by map	NYC Department of Parks & Recreation http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_things_to_do/facilities/af_bike_maps.html http://www.nycbikemaps.com/
Street connections	Site is easily accesible from street	Site specific
Parking facilities/On street parking	Parking spaces or structures available within half mile radius	Site specific
Proximity to CSOs	Distance as determined by map, Site specific analysis	NYC.gov http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/stormwater/combined_sewer_overflow.shtml Oasis NYC http://oasisnyc.net/ Site specific analysis
Strength of current/Wave and wake action	Site specific	Site specific
Suitability for human powered boats and historic boats (water depth)	Site specific	Site specific
Presence of upland destination	Site specific	Site specific
Existing use	Site specific	Site specific
Proximity to schools	Distance as determined by map, Site specific	Columbia University Arc GIS library Google Maps Site specific analysis Google Maps
Proximity to parks	Distance as determined by map	NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
Proximity to Parks & Rec maintenance facilities	Distance as determined by site specific data	NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
Proximity to public restrooms	Easily accessible public restrooms	NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Site specific
Local business support	Expressed support from local private sector	Site specific
Density of local population	Persons per acre in surrounding block groups	U.S. Census/NYC Department of City Planning http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/census/census2010/m_pl_p2_ct.pdf
Quality of land access	Ability to safely and conveniently access site via land	Site Specific

Potential Eco Dock Sites

Bronx:

Barretto Point Park
Yankee Stadium Dock, Mill Pond Park
Clason Point
Concrete Plant Park
Farragut Street End
Washington Bridge Park
Riverdale
Ferry Point Waterfront Park
Pelham Bay Park South
Pelham Bay Park North
132nd Street End
134th Street Yankee
Lincoln Avenue Street End
South Bronx Harlem River Waterfront Park
City Island
South Bronx Eco Art Center (proposed)
Mothaven/Park Ave
Fordham Road/Landing
Roberto Clemente State Park
Harding Park

Brooklyn:

Transmitter Park
Bushwick Inlet
East River Park Fire Boat House
Red Hook 1- Louis Valentino Pier
Sheepshead Bay
Mill Basin Marina
Grand Ferry
Bensonhurst Park
Denyse Wharf
India Street
Java Street

Staten Island:

Alice Austen House
Snug Harbor Cultural Center

Queens:

Hallets Cove
116th Street Rockaway
Hunter's Point South
108th Street
Riis Landing
Gantry Plaza State Park
104th Street at Tribute Park
Anable Basin
Luyster Creek/Steinway Creek
Fort Tilden Coast Guard Station at 160th Street
Bayswater State Park
Sommerville Basin at 60th Street
Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Idlewild Park Preserve

Manhattan:

Dyckman Marina
Stuyvesant Cove
West Harlem Piers Park
Swindler Cove
Sherman Creek
Harlem River Park
Pier 84
Pier 25
Pier 40
Governors Island
Bridge Park
East 6th Street
Riverside Park South
Riverside Park South - 68th Street
Riverside Park 79th Street Marina
West 161st Street
Randalls/Wards Island Ferry Dock
Roosevelt Island

Bold: Current MWA Top Eco Dock Sites

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Draft List of Public Access Non-Dock Improvements

1. Fenders on piers
2. Opening up of gates
3. Remove or move physical obstructions for access
4. Improving dock facilities that are currently inaccessible
 - a. Take soundings at existing piers to determine usability
 - b. Determine easy dredge projects that would improve kayak/canoe access
5. Determine/eliminate bureaucratic barriers to property use
 - a. Jurisdictional issues? High fees? Which agency controls the area? Liability? What are other issues that prevent use? (Example: beach under Brooklyn Bridge)
6. Additional amenities/features on existing facilities (i.e. kayak float near fendered piers)
7. ...others?

Draft List of Suggested Sites in Need of Access Improvements

- **Concrete Plant Park**, Bronx, NY: open rail on bulkhead for access to a potential dock; move DEP floatable boom; and enlarge and alter grade of existing concrete ramp.
- **Hunts Point Riverside Park**, Bronx, NY: renovate floating dock (poor design for boater access; it encourages misuse)
- **Barretto Point Park**, Bronx, NY: improve and designate the beach area as an official human-powered boat launch (in addition to Eco Dock)
- **Pier 25, Hudson River Park**, Manhattan, NY: improve fee structure for historic vessel docking; improve access for kayaks and canoes who require low freeboard docking
- **Beach underneath the Brooklyn Bridge**, Manhattan, NY: eliminate agency barrier
- **West Harlem Piers Park at 125th St.**, Manhattan, NY: pier retrofit to accommodate lower freeboard vessels
- **69th Street Pier, Bay Ridge**, Brooklyn, NY: fendering on existing pier (in addition to Eco Dock)
- **Hunters Point South**, Queens, NY: expand existing launch to accommodate more boats
- ...others?

2011-2012 Projects in the *Comprehensive Waterfront Plan & Waterfront Action Agenda*

Goal 1:

Expand public access to the waterfront and waterways on public and private property for all New Yorkers and visitors alike.

Part of a \$30 million investment to develop or acquire more than 50 acres of new waterfront parks:

2011

- **DUMBO, Brooklyn:** Re-open the 5.3-acre Empire Fulton Ferry Park with “Jane’s Carousel” installed in new all-weather pavilion, and improve landscaping and public amenities. (BBP)

2012

- **Greenpoint, Brooklyn:** Construct 1.5-acre Transmitter Park, including a playground, small pier, benches, and trees. (EDC)
- **Sunset Park, Brooklyn:** Complete ball-field, multi-use path, comfort station, and landscaping of 22-acre Bush Terminal Piers Park. (EDC)

Part of a \$120 million investment to develop waterfront greenways and esplanades:

2011

- **Red Hook, Brooklyn:** Build a multi-use oath to connect Atlantic Basin to the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. (DOT)
- **Sunset Park, Brooklyn:** Complete study of bicycle and pedestrian connection to 2nd Avenue and Sunset Park path. (DOT)
- Release *Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway Master Plan*, guiding creation of a 14-mile, multi-use waterfront path between Newtown Creek and the Shore Park Greenway. (DOT)
- **Sherman Creek, Manhattan:** Complete the Sherman Creek Waterfront Esplanade Master Plan to reclaim the Harlem River waterfront from Sherman Creek Inlet to W. 208th St. (EDC)
- **Washington Heights, Manhattan:** Restore the High Bridge over the Harlem River, and restore access paths within Highbridge Park to improve connectivity between Northern Manhattan and the Bronx. (DPR)
- **Stapleton, Staten Island:** Begin construction of 6-acre waterfront esplanade (EDC)

2012

- **South Bronx:** Complete improvements to the South Bronx Greenway. (EDC)
- **Brooklyn Bridge Park, Brooklyn:** Develop Brooklyn Bridge Park Greenway, linking the Columbia Street Greenway to DUMBO. (DOT/BBP)
- **Lower Manhattan:** Complete construction of 8.5 acres of East River Esplanade South between

Battery Maritime Building and Pier 35, including Pier 15, to feature water uses, educational uses, and café. (EDC)

Part of a \$200 million investment to expand and improve existing waterfront parks:

2011

- **Orchard Beach, the Bronx:** Replenish with clean sand, and expand the South Jetty to reduce further beach erosion. (DPR)

2012

- **Governor’s Island, Manhattan:** Commerce parkland and open space development, including restoration of historic open spaces and improvements to all gateway dock facilities. (TGI)
- **Coney Island, Brooklyn:** Complete new 2.2-acre Steeplechase Plaza, including performance space, public art, water features, and retail. (EDC)

Goal 2:

Enliven the waterfront with a range of attractive uses integrated with adjacent upland communities.

Part of an effort to increase knowledge of historic resources on the waterfront and promote preservation and adaptive reuse:

- **Brooklyn Navy Yard:** Open exhibition and visitors center. (BNYDC, 2011)
- Create uniform landing protocol and application for City-owned properties to facilitate docking of historic vessels. (Mayor’s Office, 2012)

Goal 6:

Enhance the public experience of the waterways that surround New York—our Blue Network

Part of an effort to promote water recreation in suitable locations with access points, docks, and on-shore facilities:

- **Manhattanville, Manhattan:** Activate West Harlem Piers Park’s excursion boat pier and ferry barge. (EDC, 2011)
- **Inwood, Manhattan:** Complete repair and replacement of floating docks, and construct restaurant, snack bar, and restrooms at Dyckman Street Marina. (DPR, 2012)

Part of an effort to clarify and enhance regulatory and organizational mechanisms to ensure safety of water recreation and reduce potential conflicts among various users of the waterways:

- Develop comprehensive policy for water use, navigation, and access. (Mayor’s Office/DEP/DOHMH/DPR/DCP/EDC, 2012)

Waterfront Management Advisory Board

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