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Resolution:

**SUPPORT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH HARLEM MEER
LANDSCAPE, SHORELINE AND PLAYGROUND AT CENTRAL PARK**

Whereas, the Central Park Conservancy presented a proposal to reconstruct the landscape, shoreline, and playground of the North Harlem Meer in the area adjacent to 110th Street and Lenox Ave/Malcolm X Boulevard to Community Board 10's Parks, Recreation, and Transportation Committee; and,

Whereas, this reconstruction effort is a continuation of the Conservancy's earlier work around the Harlem Meer to increase opportunities for interaction with the landscape, and reflects the goals of Central Park's playground planning document, entitled *Plan for Play*, which aims to bring all of Central Park's playgrounds up to the same level at the same time; and,

Whereas, the East 110th Street Playground was originally built in 1981 and its condition is deteriorating and does not meet current safety and accessibility standards; and,

Whereas, the proposed project goals include: restoring and enhancing the character of the landscape on the north side of the Meer, providing traditional play equipment and features that blend harmoniously with the existing landscape, and providing opportunities for landscape play within a dedicated and contained space that offers children more latitude to explore freely and fosters their relationship to the Park; and,

Whereas, the proposed scope of work includes: reconstructing the landscape surrounding the playground and realigning park paths, lawns, and the shoreline; providing play equipment and features for active play; creating a transitional zone for landscape play around and between the structured play spaces, using plantings, natural materials, and informal gathering spaces; containing the playground with a fence that minimizes the visual impact on the Park; and constructing new drainage and irrigation infrastructure and connections to water service to support a significant water feature in the playground; and,

Therefore be it Resolved, that Manhattan Community Board 10 recommends **approval** of the proposed plan for the reconstruction of the North Harlem Meer Landscape, Shoreline and Playground.

At a regularly General Board Meeting on November 2, 2011, the Board unanimously voted to support this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and no abstentions.