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Ted Caplow, Ph.D.  
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**Re: Science Barge**

Dear Dr. Caplow

Thank you for your recent presentation to the Waterfront & Parks Committee of Manhattan Community Board No 4. At that time you both explained the mission of a new not-for-profit called Sun Works to research and promote sustainable energy systems and introduced the concept of a “science barge” with facilities to explore and publicly display a number of such systems to the public, including a hydroponic garden drawing resources from the sun, wind and the river itself. We also understand that this project is funded and is only in need of one or more locations where it can be berthed.

Your presentation was very well received and is, our opinion, worthy of pursuit and our support. We suggested at the meeting that you reach out to the Hudson River Park Trust regarding possibilities for siting within the park on a “visiting” basis (meaning 6-month stays or less at any particular location) which seems to be in accord with your plans as well, and will ease your permitting requirements.

This board has been on record as supporting sustainable design in development and your project will certainly help to focus attention and stimulate innovation in this important area.

Regards,

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