



East Side Coastal Resiliency

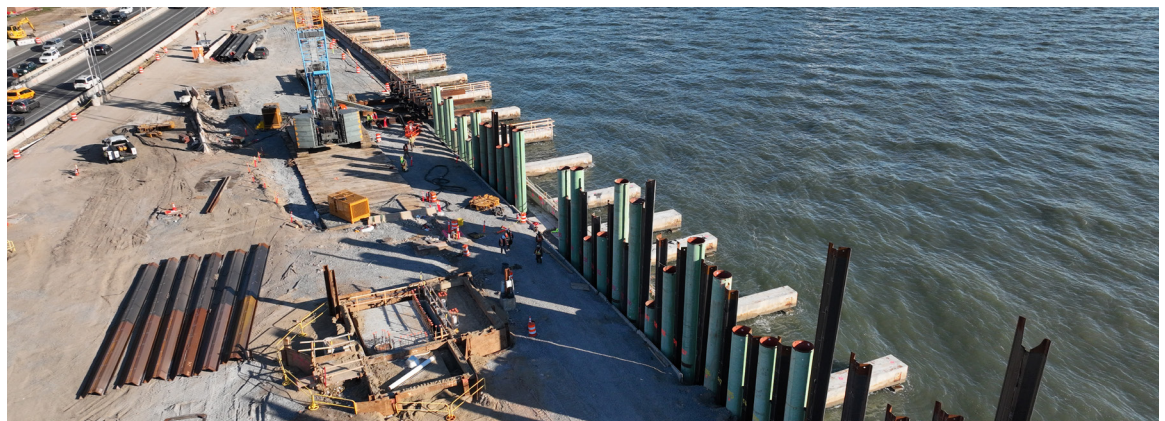
The East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) project is a coastal protection initiative, jointly funded by the City of New York and the federal government, aimed at reducing flood risk due to coastal storms and sea level rise. The ESCR project will protect 110,000 New Yorkers from the impacts of climate change, by reducing flood risk to communities, properties, businesses, critical infrastructure, and public open spaces. In addition to providing flood protection, the project will strengthen and enhance waterfront spaces on Manhattan's East Side by improving accessibility, increasing ecological diversity, and delivering improved recreational amenities to a vibrant and highly diverse community. The ESCR project is among the largest and most technically complex infrastructure projects in New York City's history.

Project Area 1

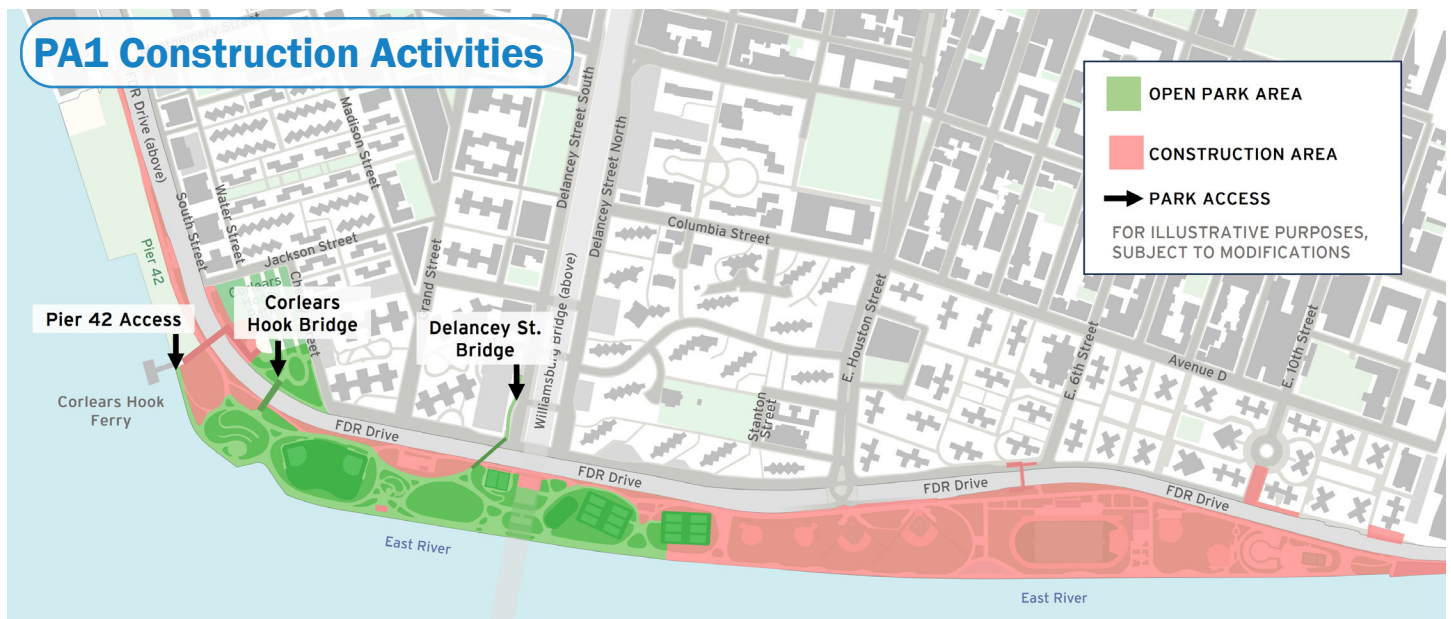
East River Park and adjacent areas

Work in Project Area 1 (PA1) is concentrated between Montgomery Street and E. 15th Street, largely focused on East River Park. East River Park will continue to close in phases over the next several years, keeping a minimum of 42% open space for public access at all times.

During the first half of 2026, Project Area 1 made steady progress across several key components of the park. Construction continued in the northern section of East River Park, while the community continues to enjoy the recently opened areas, including all-new amenities and the bridges at Corlears Hook Park and Delancey Street.



Bulkhead wall construction in northern section of East River Park, February 2026



Bridge Work: Construction of the eastern abutment for the E. 10th Street Bridge has begun within East River Park. During summer 2026, pile installation for the new bridge is expected to begin near NYCHA Riis Houses along E. 10th Street, west of the FDR Drive. Once pile installation and abutments are completed, the bridge will be assembled and subsequently positioned onto its abutments during an overnight, full closure of the FDR Drive. The bridge installation process is expected to be a notable milestone, and additional information will be provided in the coming weeks and months.

Phase 2 Construction Update: Construction continues throughout the northern areas of the park, including active work at Ballfields 2, 3, 4, and 5, as well as the areas north of the Track & Field.

Crews are advancing excavation efforts, clean fill placement, and the construction of new Parks buildings. Deep sewer upgrades, floodwall installation, and bulkhead wall construction are progressing along the waterfront. Crews are also installing micropiles for the E. Houston Street retaining wall. Additional work includes construction of the Tennis building, sewer installation within the Track area, and ground improvement activities near E. 6th Street.

A phased approach to construction in East River Park is keeping a minimum of 42% open space available to the public at all times. This approach aims to provide full flood protection for the community as quickly as possible, while maintaining access to amenities and ensuring public and worker safety during construction. The ESCR team will continue looking for opportunities to open areas as they become available.

Phase 1 Park Finishes: Throughout the first half of the year, the team has worked on installing stone boulders and other architectural features near open park areas. During the spring planting season, more than 90 trees and roughly 3,000 shrubs and perennials were planted throughout the park. This brings the total number of trees planted to date to over 700. Ultimately, more than 2,000 will be planted under the PA1 contract.



Rebar for E. 10th St. Bridge eastern abutment, March 2026



Installation of waterproofing at new Tennis building, June 2026



Planting trees near the Amphitheater, June 2026

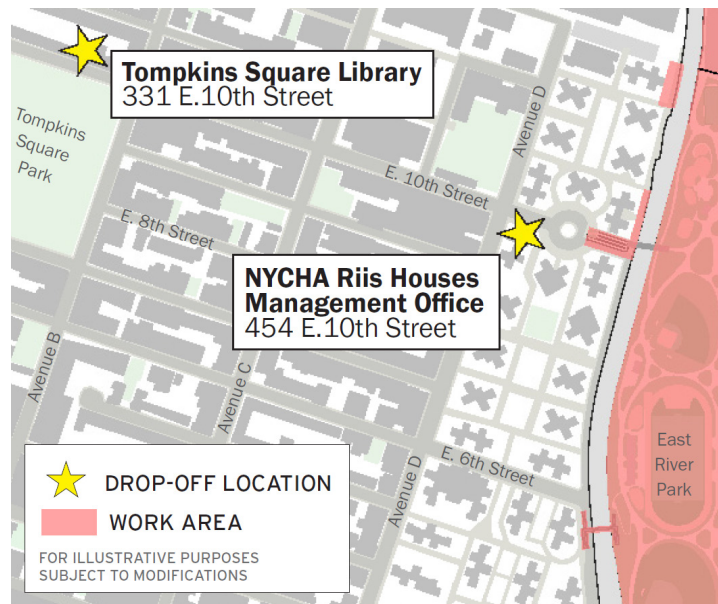
CALL FOR ART

We are excited to launch a new Call for Art, inviting community members of all ages living near E. 10th Street and East River Park to contribute artwork for a public display along construction fencing at E. 10th Street and the FDR Drive.

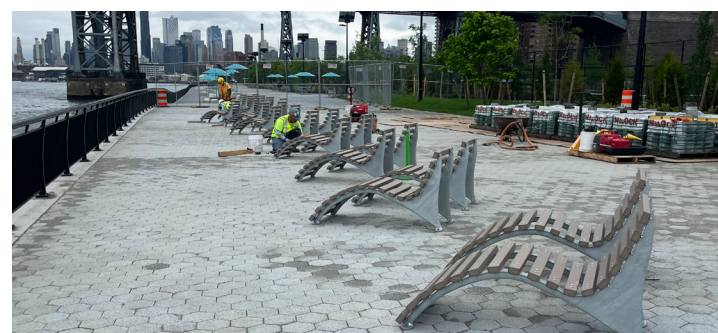
Artists are encouraged to reflect on what makes New York’s waterfront unique or what climate resiliency means to them.

Submissions are due by Friday, October 16, 2026, and can be dropped off at NYCHA Riis Houses (454 E. 10th St.) or Tompkins Square Library (331 E. 10th St.), or submitted digitally by contacting ESCRCL1@ddccr.com. Selected artwork will be installed on construction fencing in late 2026-early 2027, with all artwork returned to participants.

To learn more about eligibility, submission guidelines, and how to participate, visit the [ESCR website](#). We look forward to transforming the work site into a vibrant community gallery!



Plumbing work for new Track House, June 2026

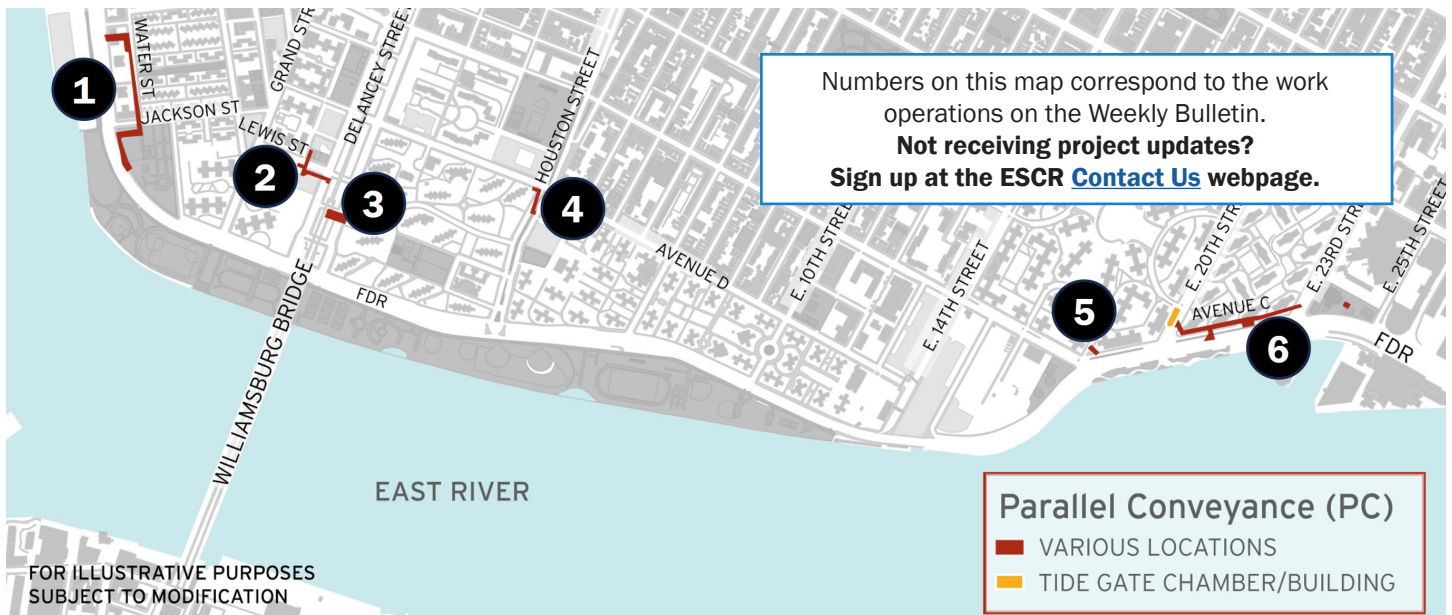


Park furnishings installed north of Tennis Courts, June 2026

Park Opening Update

Please check the table below for current status of East River Park, Greenway, amenities, entrances, and NYC Ferry access.

East River Greenway	From E. 10th Street to E. 25th Street	Closed
	From Montgomery Street to E. 10th Street	Closed
PA2 Parks	Stuyvesant Cove Park	Open
	Asser Levy Playground	Open
	Murphy Brothers Playground	Open
Corlears Hook Park	Dog Run	Open
	Ballfield	Partially Open
	Playground & Flagpole area	Open
East River Park	North of Houston Street: Ballfields 3 to 6, Track & Field,	Closed
	North of Houston Street: Ballfields 7& 8, 12th St. Lawn, BBQ, Playground, Basketball	Closed
	South of Houston Street: Ballfields 1 & 2, Tennis Courts, Lawn, Basketball	Open
	South of Houston Street: Amphitheater, Lawn	Open
Bridges & Entrances	Stuyvesant Cove Park E. 23rd Street Entrance	Open
	Greenway From Stuyvesant Cove Park	Open
	E. 10th Street Pedestrian Bridge	Closed
	E. 6th Street Pedestrian Bridge	Closed
	Houston Street Entrance	Closed
	Delancey Street Pedestrian Bridge	Open
	Corlears Hook Pedestrian Bridge	Open
	Shared Use Path from Montgomery Street	Closed
NYC Ferry	Corlears Hook Ferry Terminal	Open



Parallel Conveyance (PC)

Various locations from Montgomery Street to E. 25th Street

The Parallel Conveyance (PC) project is upgrading the sewer system to provide flood protection during storms. While PA1 and PA2 protect the community from coastal/tidal flooding and saltwater, the PC upgrades will protect the community during heavy rainfall events. The project optimizes the existing stormwater system by adding new drainage parallel to the existing infrastructure.

The PC team advanced sewer installation work in most of its southern construction areas during the first half of the year. Much of the deep sewer work near Water Street and Jackson Street has been completed, though significant work remains in the area, including in Corlears Hook Park. Sewer work progressed on areas around the Williamsburg Bridge, including two deep drop manholes, which will connect the new PC sewers to existing interceptor sewers.



Excavation for deep drop manhole in Delancey St. North, March 2026

In northern areas of the project, activities include utility relocation, test pits, and test piles, all of which are critical in preparing the site for the installation of the deep PC sewer. We anticipate heavy construction to pick up in this area during the second half of the year.



Deep drop manhole roof slab installation at Delancey St. S and Baruch Dr., February 2026



Secant pile installation for deep drop manhole at



Supporting existing sewer in Delancey St. N deep drop manhole, April 2026

ESCR in the Community

Earth Day 2026

The ESCR team joined together with NYC Parks and the Friends of Corlears Hook Park for an exciting Earth Day event on Saturday, April 18. The project provided almost 100 new shrubs, which volunteers from around the city planted along the FDR Drive below the Corlears Hook bridge.

Other beautification activities took place throughout the day, including leaf cleanup, paver placement, and bench painting. It was inspiring to see so many neighbors coming together to celebrate our planet!



Earth Day celebration banner in Corlears Hook Park, April 2026



Volunteers plant new shrubs in Corlears Hook Park, April 2026



Volunteers and ESCR team at Earth Day celebration, April 2026

More Community Outreach Events

The ESCR Community Engagement team continues coordinating with the project's surrounding community to attend resident association meetings and Family Days, along with hosting our own tabling events. We also regularly present updates at CAG and Community Board 3 Parks Committee meetings. Events during the first half of 2026 included:

1/27 and 5/20: Tabling at REES and Jobs Plus Event

2/24 and 6/4: ESCR Work with Us Quarterly Info Sessions

3/12, 3/16, 4/15, 4/29, 5/4, 5/6, 5/13, 6/10, 6/24: Tabling and Flying at NYCHA Riis

3/17, 3/24, 5/5, 5/7: NYCHA Riis Construction Updates

3/24: Tabling at Corlears Hook Park Spring Festival

4/18: Annual Earth Day event with NYC Parks

5/19: PSA4 Community Council Construction Updates

In February the ESCR team presented at NYC Public Schools' Mid-Winter Climate Institute, sharing an overview of NYC Department of Design and Construction's coastal resiliency portfolio with educators from all five boroughs.

The ESCR team also provides educational presentations to NYC students of all ages through the DDC Coastal Resilience to Your School program. The presentations highlight the project background, career paths, and climate change in NYC, and we are happy to adapt the information to suit all grade levels. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Please email ESCRCL1@ddccr.com if you are interested in having the ESCR Community Engagement team table in your neighborhood, or if you'd like the team to present construction updates to your building. Subject to availability.



ESCR at NYC Public Schools' Mid-Winter Climate Institute, February 2026



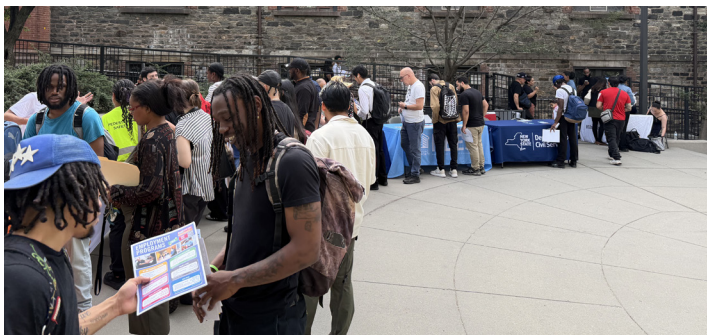
ESCR Work With Us team at job resources fair with partners, May 2026

Work With Us

The ESCR project is a public investment that supports the City's economy by creating jobs and connecting residents to career pathways. Through our Work With Us initiative, ESCR provides access to training opportunities, local hiring programs, and career-oriented community organizations, with resources available on the [Work With Us webpage](#), including a [Featured Events](#) page where residents can learn more and sign up for upcoming opportunities. We encourage individuals and local MWBE and Section 3 firms to review these opportunities and resources, as well as the factsheet outlining the [ESCR Subcontracting and Hiring Goals](#).

A core strength of the program is its partnerships. The ESCR Community Engagement and Work With Us teams regularly collaborate with organizations such as the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC), NYCHA's Resident Economic Empowerment & Sustainability (REES) program, Jobs Plus, Workforce1, the Henry Street Settlement, RETI Center, GOLES, and Laborers' Union Local 1010.

In 2026, ESCR hosted two Work With Us information sessions to further expand community access to these resources. The first, held virtually on February 24, welcomed 56 attendees. The second, held in partnership with Catholic Charities at St. Mary's Church on Grand Street on June 4, drew 85 attendees. These events build on ongoing outreach throughout the year and reflect ESCR's continued commitment to working with trusted local partners to connect residents with meaningful employment and career opportunities.



ESCR Work With Us Quarterly Info Session, June 2026

Community Construction Information

Community Impacts

- Vehicular travel lane closures, detours and new traffic patterns will be required.
- Cyclists and pedestrian detours will be required.
- Signage will be posted in advance within the affected areas. Traffic Enforcement Agents and flaggers will be present when necessary to assist vehicles and pedestrians.
- Some work is required by NYC DOT to be performed at night, including activities which may be noisy and disruptive. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we complete this critical work.
- Public transportation will be maintained at all times.
- Emergency vehicle and pedestrian access to sidewalks will be maintained at all times.
- Water Service Interruptions: During the project there may be some service interruptions. To allow for water line replacement, existing water service must be temporarily shut off. Advance notice will be provided before any service interruption.

Environmental Monitoring

- Air, noise, and vibration monitors are active 24 hours/day, 7 days/week at locations required for construction.
- Air monitoring summaries are available on the [ESCR Environmental Monitoring webpage](#), with verbal updates provided at [CAG meetings](#).
- The project follows all federal, state and local guidelines. To date, construction activities have not exceeded National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- Check out the [ESCR Environmental Fact Sheet](#) for more!

For More Information:

Visit the ESCR website, nyc.gov/escr, to sign up for weekly Construction Bulletins, Community Advisories, and other project communications, as well as to learn more about community events, and ESCR background and design. Submit an inquiry by scanning the QR code below or visiting this site: nyc.gov/escr/contact.

Questions? Preguntas? 问题?

Please contact our **Community Construction Liaisons (CCLs)** for any project related inquiries/concerns you have:

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ESCR Inquiry Tool