

ESCR CAG Meeting -- December 19, 2024
(via Zoom)

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ESCR Presentation

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1. Work with Us Events
 - a. Quarterly information session held virtually on December 10th: recording to be [posted here](#). Hiring agencies and local organizations provided info. on upcoming trainings and programs.
 - b. We tabled at DDC's Manhattan Construction Career and Training Resource Fair.
 - c. Please reach out if there are events you'd like for us to attend.
2. Construction Progress Update
 - a. Overview of Contracts (*see slide 6*)
 - i. Largely the same as last the last presentation with some updates on specific work operations in subsequent slides.
 - ii. Partial closures still include East River Park south of E. Houston Street. Greenway is closed to E. 10th Street, but it's still open through to Stuy Cove Park.
 - iii. Delancey Street Bridge is open
 - iv. Corlears Hook Park pedestrian bridge to open in spring
 - v. Ongoing floodwall activity work and E. Houston retaining wall work
 - vi. Ballfields 7 & 8 deep sewer work has started; ballfields 1 & 2 open
 - vii. Asser Levy Playground, Murphy Brothers Playground, and Stuy Cove Park are open.
3. PA1 Construction Updates (*see slide 8*)
 - a. Micropile installation and jet grouting are ongoing.
 - b. Floodwall operations at Montgomery and South Streets moving forward.
 - c. Jet grouting and utility work for the floodwall

- d. Corlears Hook Bridge wingwall and curb installation; getting ready for Corlears Hook Park to reopen in the spring.
 - e. Ongoing activities for the tennis court and multiuse turf construction
 - f. Wick drains at ballfields 3, 4 & 5
 - g. Ongoing partial FDR closures in various locations
- 4. PA1 Con Edison nightwork at FDR and Grand St. (*see slide 9*)
 - a. Ongoing through January 2025
 - i. On pause from December 23 to January 3
 - ii. Some noise complaints were received, and we apologize for that. We're discussing it with the team to see if anything can be done.
 - b. Gas main and electrical conduit installation require overnight work hours across the FDR Drive, beginning at Grand Street and ending in East River Park.
 - c. Grand Street and FDR Drive Service Road will remain open.
 - d. Follow detours and all on-site signage to ensure safety.
 - e. Noise and air quality monitors in place
- 5. Construction Photos
 - a. 450 trees and 2,300 shrubs and perennials have been planted; they'll look even better when the mulch has been installed (*see slides 10 and 11*).
 - b. Seating elements and basketball hoops installed at the basket ballcourt (*see slide 11*)
 - c. Installation of sea rail and esplanade paver (*see slide 12*)
 - d. Microtunneling at E. 10th Street has been completed and was very successful, so now the pipe to receive the utilities is there (*see slide 13*).
 - i. [Fact sheet](#) and [video](#) are posted on the ESCR website.
- 6. What We've Heard
 - a. Greenway / Pinch Point (*see slide 14*)
 - i. In-water structure, similar to the East Midtown Greenway, to connect East River Park and Capt. J Brown Walk
 - ii. Funded as a Design-Build contract separate from ESCR
 - iii. Schedule and concept will be presented in early 2025 by DDC
 - iv. ESCR team will continue coordinating with DDC/Parks
 - b. Fireboat House / Section 106 Process
 - i. OMB, DDC, Parks working on responses to Alternatives Analysis comments received from the consulting parties
 - c. Future amenity openings
 - i. In progress
- 7. PA1 Air Quality Monitoring
 - a. Monitoring locations (*see slide 16*)
 - b. November was a good month
 - i. No exceedances from Montgomery to Jackson Streets

- ii. Very low durations from Jackson Street to Williamsburg Bridge; some PM¹ 10 readings occurred there, and dust mitigation measures were applied.
- 8. PC Construction Progress (*see slide 19*)
 - a. Location 1 – Jackson St. & Water St. & Corlears Hook Park
 - i. Sewer installation at Gouverneur Slip E. requiring daytime road closures
 - ii. Electric relocation
 - iii. Nightwork on FDR Dr. between Cherry St. and Jackson St.
 - b. Location 2 – Lewis St. & Delancey St. S
 - i. Electric relocation
 - ii. Test pits
 - c. Location 3 – Baruch Dr. & Delancey St. N
 - i. Electric relocation
 - ii. Test pits
 - d. Location 4 – E. Houston St. & Columbia St.
 - i. Electric relocation
 - ii. Con Ed gas work
 - e. Location 5 – Avenue C & E. 18th
 - i. Test piles
 - ii. Con Ed steam work
 - iii. Test pits
 - f. Location 6 – Avenue C, E. 20th to E. 23rd
 - i. Electric relocation
 - ii. Test pits
 - iii. Test piles
- 9. PC | Current and Upcoming Work near Jackson St. (*see slide 20 for daytime road closures and traffic patterns*)
 - a. As a reminder, the first portion of work was on Water St; now the contractor is on Gouverneur Slip East
 - i. Daytime road closure ongoing for deep sewer work expected to conclude in December 2024.
 - b. Jackson Street, between Water Street and South Street, to close on January 6, 2025, for deep sewer work
 - i. Work hours, Monday - Friday: 7am to 6pm
 - ii. Work hours, Saturday & Sunday: 8am to 6pm
 - c. Traffic will be restored at the end of each workday
 - d. Flaggers will be stationed to assist
 - e. Formal advisory to be issued in coming days
- 10. Construction photos (*see slide 21*)
 - a. Construction of sewer chamber in Gouverneur Slip E
 - b. Micropile installation at Avenue C

¹ Particulate Matter

- c. Conduit installation at E. 20th St.

11. PA 2 | Construction Progress (see slide 22)

- a. Asser Levy Playground – open!
- b. Stuyvesant Cove Park – open!
 - i. North entrance at E. 23 St. **closed** for EDC Solar One construction work.
- c. Murphy Brothers Playground - open!

Q & A

Michael: For the flyover bridge, is it going to wrap around the building and go into the East River instead of going above the building?

Desiree: Correct; that is the conceptual design.

Michael: Also, regarding the FDR noise, I think what needs to happen is some more verbose advisories. If Dov could connect you to East River Management, maybe you could write a paragraph to explain what the work is and why it has to happen at night. It's been a hot topic on our building's Facebook page. Even if you can't get access to East River Management Office for them to send something out to their email list, if you could get a better piece of communication to me, I could post it in the laundry room.

Desiree: We can work on a "What's Going on Here?" flyer with information, the map, and photographs to show why this is really critical. We can send it to you, post it to anywhere we have access to, and drop off copies at the Management Office. Thanks for that idea.

Wendy: Is there any lighting for the new footbridge at Delancey coming?

Desiree: Yes, there will be lights for the bridge and amenities once electrical service is ready.

Wendy: Will there be lighting on the track when it's done?

Luc (from Parks): Let me get back to you on the specifics. There's lighting on the perimeter of the track, but if you're asking about robust flood lighting, we'll get back to you with the precise answer.

Wendy: I'm glad to see that the pinch point bridge is going to swoop out over the water and not be too close to Riis Houses. I think that will be a nice experience.

Martin: There's a petition to get the track lit since the design as such will leave a lot of the track dark which will accelerate injuries and crime. We've also mentioned this issue in regard to Stuy Cove Park because much of it is not visible from Avenue C.

Desiree: We'll come back with more information on that too, but thank you for that update.

CAG-only

Paula: To open, I just wanted to remind people that Michael will be drafting a letter on behalf of the CAG to voice support for LESPI's efforts to: 1) Display the archaeological

artifacts that were found during construction in the rebuilt Corlears Hook Park; and 2) Include some of the terra cotta ornamental elements from the demolished Track House in the newly constructed one.

Robin: Did we also talk about shade and trying to change those cobwebby, military-looking ones in the baseball field?

Michael: We didn't talk about that in the CAG-only portion, but we did talk about it during the portion that Luke was on, and we told him we didn't like what was there. He said he'd explore other options, but that if we had ideas we could send them to him.

Wendy: I don't have a clear picture about what solar lighting will be installed.

Michael: I asked this during the most recent walk-through, and from what I can tell, most of the solar lighting seems to be along the esplanade whereas the inner lighting is electric. Pier 42 has solar lights, and you can probably see them with their big square panels if you look beyond the fence line.

Martin: Stuy Cove is all electrical, and the lights have been out at times.

Wendy: Did they ever fix the drinking fountain?

Martin: It was on, but they turned it off for the season.

Martin: Also, the white salt splash on the railings is ugly, and they said they'd do something about it but they haven't done anything about it yet. Maybe it's on the punch list. I don't have any idea what's on the list; I asked for it, but... that's the way it goes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 pm.