

ESCR CAG Meeting -- October 23, 2025
(via Zoom)

CAG members present

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ESCR Presentation

Ethan Kraft, HNTB-LiRo

1. Community Day on September 28
 - a. Fun way to welcome the community back into the park and a learning opportunity about its resiliency features
 - b. Special thank you to Damaris and Robin for their contributions to planning the whole event

Hiring Compliance - *Stephen Anderson, BuiStuido*

2. Employment and Resource Fair – Thursday, November 6 from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
 - a. 440 Grand Street (between Clinton & Pitt Streets)
 - b. Local organizations, unions, city agencies, contractors among the ~30 exhibitors
 - c. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/escr-fall2025qi>
3. ESCR Current Staff – PMCM (Project Management Construction Management)
 - a. Total Staff – Project Area 1 and 2 – HNTB-LiRo: 255 (These numbers are likely to remain static as the project starts to wind down.)
 - i. Project Area 1 (PA1) New Hires: 89
 - ii. Project Area 2 (PA2) New Hires: 27
 - iii. Total New Hires: 116
 - iv. Staff from MWBE Subs: 38.5% (97 of 255)
 - v. Total Minority: 26.3% (67 of 255)
 - vi. Males: 75.7% (193 of 255)
 - vii. Females: 24.3% (62 of 255) (2024 Industry average for women is 10.8%)
 - viii. Section 3 Hires (PA1 and PA2): 6 new hires
4. ESCR CURRENT STAFF – General Contractor
 - a. Total Staff – Project Area 1 – IPC Resiliency Partners (IPC): 2,091
 - i. Existing Staff: 54.3% (1,136 of 2,091)

- ii. New Hires: 45.7% (955 of 2,091)
 - iii. New Hires from MWBEs: 8.8% (184 of 2,091)
 - iv. Section 3 Hires: 15 new hires
 - v. Total Minority: 38.8% (811 of 2,091)
 - vi. Males: 98% (2,050 of 2,091)
 - vii. Females: 1.8% (37 of 2,091)
- 5. ESCR CURRENT STAFF – General Contractor
 - a. Total Staff – Project Area 2 – Perfetto Contracting Co. (PCC): 684 (These numbers are likely to remain static as the project is substantially completed.)
 - i. Existing Staff: 64.3% (440 of 684)
 - ii. New Hires: 35.7% (244 of 684)
 - iii. New Hires from MWBEs: 5.0% (34 of 684)
 - iv. Section 3 Hires: 7 new hires
 - v. Total Minority: 48.0% (328 of 684)
 - vi. Males: 97.2% (665 of 684)
 - vii. Females: 2.8% (19 of 684)
- 6. Staff by Residency (*see chart on slide 12*)
- 7. MWBE Goals and Utilization | Project Area 1 and 2 (PA1 and PA2)
 - a. HNTB-LiRo, PMCM PA1: 29% Goal (Projected to exceed goal)
PA2: 31% Goal (87% Progress towards goal)
 - b. IPCRP, GC PA1: 16% Goal (57% Progress towards goal)
 - c. Perfetto, GC PA2: 12% Goal (Exceeding goal)
- 8. ESCR Current Employment Opportunity
 - a. Full-time Assistant Procurement Specialist
 - i. See full requirements and apply at <https://tinyurl.com/ESCRGCJOBS>
- 9. M/WBE Project Goals
 - a. Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE): Maximize M/WBE utilization and work to attain goals set on each individual Task Order.
 - b. Sandy Recovery Hiring: Contractors and Subcontractors are encouraged to employ 20% Sandy-impacted residents.
 - c. HireNYC: An alliance between NYCEDC, employers and jobseekers, to better connect construction-related job opportunities generated by our economic development projects to low-income New Yorkers. Measured by hiring, retention and advancement opportunities.
 - d. U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Section 3 Program: Requires New York City, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) funding, to the greatest extent possible, provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low- or very low-income residents in connection with CDBG-DR funded projects and activities in their neighborhoods.
 - e. For more information, visit the [Work with Us website](#). See the factsheet that outlines [ESCR Subcontracting and Hiring Goals](#).

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- 10. Snapshot of Contracts (*see more on slide 17*)
 - a. Project Area 1

- i. Recent transition into Phase 2, with many new areas open around the Williamsburg Bridge
 - ii. Park access via the Delancey and Corlears Hook Park bridges
 - iii. Connection to Pier 42 is open
 - iv. Everything north of the tennis courts has closed for construction.
- b. Parallel Conveyance (PC)
 - i. Majority of work happening in the areas of Corlears Hook Park, Williamsburg Bridge, and E. Houston/Columbia Streets.

11. PA2 Construction Progress

- a. Punch list items throughout
- b. Asser Levy Playground – OPEN!
- c. Stuyvesant Cove Park – OPEN! North entrance at E. 23 St. NOW OPEN!
- d. Murphy Brothers Playground - OPEN!

12. PA 1 Construction Activities (*see slide 20*)

- a. Floodwall and floodgate operations
- b. Montgomery St. parking lot restoration complete
- c. Restoration of FDR Drive northbound entrance ramp
- d. Parks & Maintenance building, tennis building construction.
- e. Esplanade reconstruction, E. Houston Street retaining wall activities. Demolition, excavation and clean fill installation.
- f. Park area and entrances closed for construction. Deep sewer work, floodwall construction, and excavation.
- g. Utility work. Preparation for E. 13th Street floodwall construction.
- h. Phase 1 amenities OPEN, including Pier 42 access and Corlears Hook Bridge!
 - i. Punch list items.
- i. Ongoing partial FDR lane closures continue at various locations for bridge work and utility installations.

13. PA1 Nightwork: Removal of temporary bridge

- a. Corlears Hook Temporary Bridge to be removed during overnight full closure of FDR Drive
- b. Sunday, November 16, 2025, from 12:01am to 10:00am
- c. FDR Dr. to close between Exit 2 (Brooklyn Bridge, Manhattan Civic Center) and Exit 5 (E. Houston St., Williamsburg Bridge)
- d. Additional work to be performed around Delancey Street Bridge
- e. Vehicles should follow all posted signs and Traffic Enforcement Agents

14. PA1 Construction Photos (*see slides 22-24*)

- a. Paving northbound FDR Drive on-ramp
- b. Removal of temporary bridge approach
- c. Formwork for concrete floodwall south of open areas
- d. Installation of buried floodwall sheeting in northern portion of park
- e. Combi-wall installation along waterfront
- f. Removal of esplanade concrete slabs

15. PA1 AQM (Air Quality Monitoring) Locations (*see slide 26*)

- a. Some of them moved around at the beginning of September.

16. PA1 AQM September 2025 Update (*see slide 27*)

- a. Some long duration alerts near E. 10th Street which were mostly related to the jet grounding operation (soil stabilization techniques) at E. Houston Street and some tree removal and demolition in the northern end. Dust suppression techniques were applied, and we'll continue to remind the contractor to apply them whenever possible.

17. PC Construction Activities

- a. Location 1 – Jackson St., Water St., South St. & Corlears Hook Park
 - i. Utility relocation
 - ii. Test pit
 - iii. Weather permitting, the restoration of Jackson Street should be done by year's end.
- b. Location 2 – Lewis St. & Delancey St. S
 - i. Helical pile installation
 - ii. Secant pile installation
 - iii. Dewatering well installation
 - iv. Sewer installation
- c. Location 3 – Baruch Dr. & Delancey St. N
 - i. Test pit
 - ii. Drill well points
 - iii. Sewer installation
- d. Location 4 – E. Houston St. & Columbia St.
 - i. Utility relocation
 - ii. Sewer installation
- e. Location 5 – Avenue C & E. 18th
 - i. Excavation for test pit
 - ii. Utility relocation
- f. Location 6 – Avenue C, E. 20th to E. 23rd
 - i. Utility relocation
 - ii. Test pits

18. PC Work in Vicinity of Williamsburg Bridge

- a. Activities related to deep sewer installation underway on Lewis St. & Delancey St. South
 - i. Started September 2025, anticipated to continue until late-November/early-December
 - ii. Deep excavations for PC sewer
 - iii. Limited parking on Lewis and Delancey Street South
 - iv. Vibration monitors in place
 - v. East River Housing
 - 1. Delancey St. parking lot and garbage access will be maintained
 - 2. Ongoing coordination with management and maintenance teams

19. PC Construction Photos (*see slides 31 and 32*)

- a. Caisson-on-rock pile installation on Lewis St.
- b. Chamber installation on Lewis St.
- c. PC sewer installation on Lewis St.
- d. Helical pile installation in Delancey St. S
- e. Jet grouting for manhole in Delancey St. S

Q & A

Wendy: What is the plan once the at the Lewis entrance is done? How will that area be made into more of a park entrance? Most people still don't realize you can get through there.

Ethan: I'll make sure we have additional signage there to direct people into the park. We'll get back to you on the final signage and striping plan there.

Wendy: When you're on the Delancey Bridge and look down, you can see a wide path next to the FDR on the river side. What is the plan for that area?

Ethan: That will remain a construction road throughout construction, but when we're done portions of it will be open for pedestrians, and other parts will be limited to Parks access.

Wendy: So it's not a bikeway?

Ethan: Not to my knowledge, but I can look into the specifics and get back to you.

Wendy: Regarding the air quality alerts near 10th Street, will there be more work that will continue to make it reach notable levels?

Ethan: To clarify, those specific alerts are for monitors on the park side. I imagine there's more work to do there, so we'll remind the contractor about dust mitigation measures. At E. 10th Street near Riis, there is quite a bit more work to do there. Installing the approaches for the bridge will be pretty noisy and messy. That's why we've been moving some vibration monitors and adding some air quality monitors up there. We're in close contact with Riis, so we'll be sure to keep them informed as work approaches.

Julian Swearengen (Friends of Corlears Hook Park): I wanted to ask about what we call the "FDR pathway" – it's along the drive's west side and goes under the bridge. It used to be a Chinese garden, but now it's an unplanted pathway. Is there a plan for filling that in?

Ethan: Yes, there is a plan, and Luc Alicea of Parks (who's not here today) will email you folks about this soon.

Julian: I also wanted to flag an issue with two spots we've noticed in Corlears Hook Park. One of them is right in front of the dog run--and one of them is opposite--where rain seems to pool and it floods.

Ethan: Yes, thank you, we are aware of that and are looking into it.

Wendy: Do the contractors have a one- or two-year responsibility for the trees?

Ethan: Shrubs, grasses, and perennials are 18 months, and trees are 24 months. I would have to look into when this period goes into effect (i.e., from when they're planted or a different time).

CAG-only Portion

Paula: A few CAG members and I walked around the park on Tuesday to look at areas that are critically lacking in shade as we wait for the newly planted trees to be mature enough to provide it. Wendy, do you want to share some takeaways?

Wendy: Christine and I were there from the CAG, and there were also representatives from the offices of Assemblymember Grace Lee and State Senator Kavanaugh. Councilmember Marte

was there at the very beginning but had to leave due to the ICE raid happening on Canal Street. One of our biggest takeaways is that we need to talk to Luc or someone else from Parks about what is and isn't possible. During the day the park is often pretty empty because of the heat issue, and it fills up in the later afternoon and evening. We have many questions. The Fireboat House provides some shade; is that a reason to keep it around until the trees mature? Also, where can fast-growing grasses be put? Where are the areas where FEMA- or Parks-related rules apply and they cannot be planted? Could the solar panels throughout the park have an additional shade structure or something growing on them to provide shade? Assemblymember Lee's office has capital funding, and we can make a proposal related to shade and other things that are missing in the park (such as lifesaving rings, police call boxes). We can also ask Stuy Cove Park about their experience with their Councilmember giving them \$50,000.

Paula: Thank you, Wendy. So the main takeaway is that there are several potential shade solutions, but they need to be vetted with Parks for their plausibility. As a next step, I propose that we have a dedicated meeting on this topic with Parks before the next CAG meeting.

Wendy: There's a shared document that we have already started about potential shade solutions... *(she says more, but her connection is bad and she's inaudible)*.

Paula: Does anyone have any questions about the proposed next step? If not, then I will reach out to the CAG and Luc to set up a meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:41 p.m.