



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.

Project Area 1 has made great strides in the second half of 2025, including the opening of nearly all Phase 1 amenities in September.



New amphitheater open to the public, September 2025

Accessible via the Corlears Hook and Delancey Street bridges, **amenities that opened in September include:**

- The Amphitheater
- Access to Pier 42 and Corlears Hook Ferry
- Corlears Hook Park flagpole area and bridge
- Six additional tennis courts
- Adjacent esplanade areas, seating areas, and walking paths

A Community Day Celebration took place on Sunday, September 28, with city officials, agency representatives, neighborhood leaders, and many members of the community. **Please turn to pages 3 and 4 for photos and stats related to these openings!**

Work also initiated in Phase 2, and a revised schedule was provided at the end of the year, which can be viewed on the [Community Advisory Group \(CAG\) page](#) of our website within the December 18th – Meeting #64 presentation.



Park access via Corlears Hook bridge, September 2025

Bridge Work: The Corlears Hook bridge is fully-accessible and opened to the public in September 2025. Shortly after its opening, the temporary pedestrian bridge was removed during an overnight FDR Drive closure.

At E. 10th Street, demolition of the existing pedestrian bridge was completed this summer, and the new bridge, consistent with other structures delivered under the ESCR program, was fabricated in Italy, transported to the United States in modular components, and is presently stored off-site. As construction advances, the bridge will be assembled within East River Park 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.

Park Finishes: During the fall and early winter, park users were treated to beautiful foliage color changes on the trees and plants installed last year, along with the season's first snowfall.



Trees and shrubs to be planted in East River Park, October 2025



Foliage color changes during Fall 2025

Phase 2 Construction Update: The 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.

As amenities opened in the southern portion of the park, construction in northern areas initiated, including areas north of the Track & Field. This includes closures of the E. 10th Street bridge, access to Stuyvesant Cove Park, and the E. 10th Street BBQ and basketball areas.

On the north end, esplanade removal, deep sewer improvement work, and floodwall installation have started. Investigations into underground conditions are ongoing, and team is working to mitigate impacts of unforeseen obstructions, including high levels of historical construction and demolition debris, including masonry bricks, coarse rocks, and timber bulkheads.



Historic urban fill and drill bit teeth damaged by obstructions, November 2025

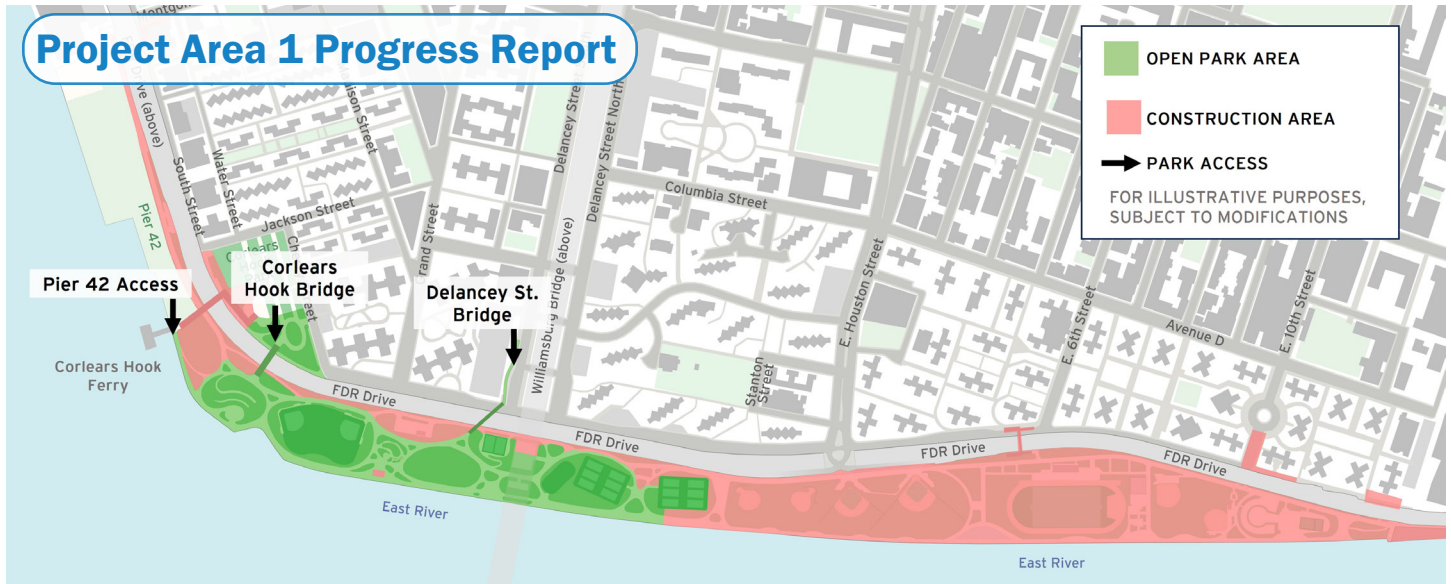
PA1 Timeline Update:

Due to unforeseen underground obstructions and extensive utility conflicts that have required mitigation and alternate engineering approaches, PA1 is now anticipated to be completed in late 2027. The ESCR team's top priority is implementing a functional flood protection sooner than full project completion.



2027
PA1 anticipated
completion

Project Area 1 Progress Report



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Corlears Hook Park



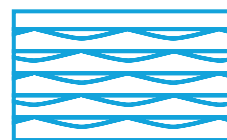
Combi-wall installation along East River waterfront



East River Park foliage in fall 2025



3,400
linear feet of
buried floodwall installed



1,100
linear feet of
above-ground
floodwall installed



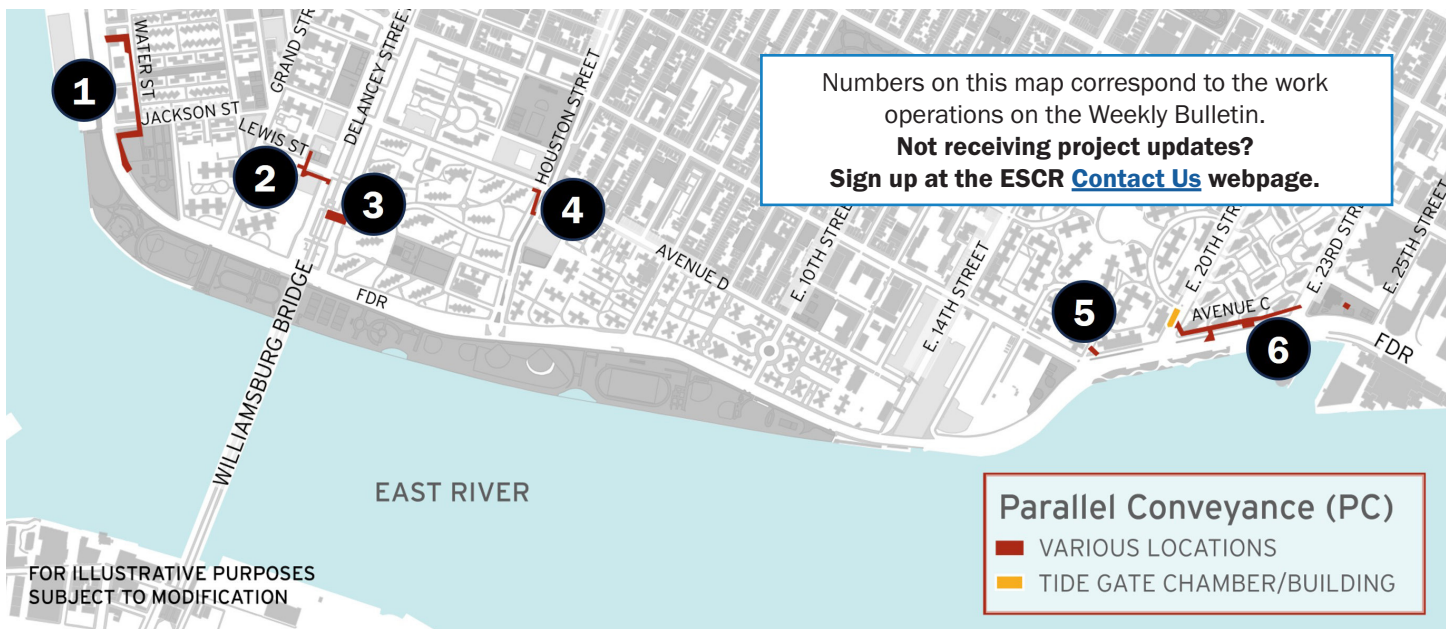
Six new tennis courts



Southern floodwall formwork



Rebar for floodwall footing near Pier 42



Project Area 2

Asser Levy Playground/Stuyvesant Cove Park/Murphy Brothers Playground

Project Area 2 (PA2) is concentrated between E. 15th Street and E. 25th Street, including three neighborhood parks, and reached substantial completion in October 2024. We hope you have a chance to explore these new parks and amenities! More information and photos are available on [our website](#).

In September, the Stuyvesant Cove Park entrance at E. 23rd Street reopened following the completion of EDC's Solar One building project. This entrance provides a complete walkable area from the street side to access the park, including a vehicular gate and safety bollards.



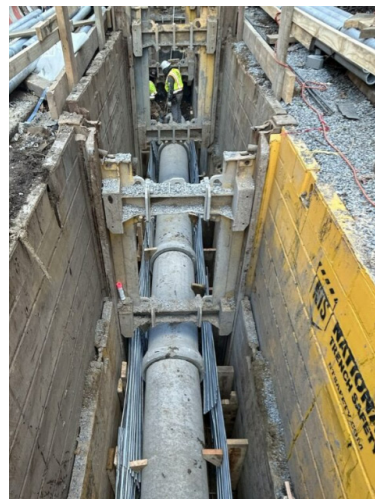
Reopened Stuyvesant Cove Park entrance at E. 23rd Street, October 2025

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 construction areas during the second half of the year. Deep sewer work continued near Water Street and Jackson Street, and activity increased in areas around the Williamsburg Bridge, including Lewis Street, and Delancey Street South.



Sewer installation on Lewis Street (left) and secant pile installation on Delancey Street S (right), December 2025

In northern areas of the project, utility relocation has continued, along with test pits and test piles, which is critical in preparing the site for the installation of the PC sewer, which sits very deep in the ground.

Park & Access Status

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	South of Houston Street: Fields 1 & 2, Tennis Courts, Basketball, Amphitheater	Open
	North of Houston Street: Ballfields, Track & Field, BBQ, Playground, Basketball	Closed
Bridges & Entrances	Stuyvesant Cove Park E. 23rd Street Entrance	Open
	Greenway Connection Between Stuyvesant Cove Park & East River Park	Closed
	E. 10th Street Pedestrian Bridge	Closed
	E. 6th Street Pedestrian Bridge	Closed
	E. Houston Street Entrance	Closed
	Delancey Street Pedestrian Bridge	Open
	Corlears Hook Pedestrian Bridge	Open
	Pier 42 and Ferry Access	Open
	Shared Use Path from Montgomery Street	Closed
NYC Ferry	Corlears Hook Ferry Terminal	Open
	Stuyvesant Cove Ferry Terminal	Open

ESCR in the Community

Community Outreach Events

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

7/2/25 and 7/17/25: Tabling at NYCHA Riis

8/9/25: Tabling at NYCHA Wald Family Day

8/27/25: Tabling at Jobs Plus Career Event

8/28/25: Tabling at Corlears Hook Park

9/13/25: Tabling at NYCHA Riis Family Day

9/27/25: Tabling at Two Bridges Block Party

9/28/25: East River Park Community Day

9/29/25: NYCHA Wald TA meeting

10/14/25: Tabling at LESEN Job Fair

11/2/25: Tabling at Corlears Hook Park's Halloween Event

11/10/25: Participation in LESEC Stewardship Event

11/6/25: ESCR Work with Us Quarterly Information Session

12/12 - 12/15 - 12/16/25: NYCHA Riis Office Hours

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.



Corlears Hook Park Halloween Event, November 2025

In November, the ESCR team joined Corlears Hook Park's Halloween celebration and the Lower East Side Ecology Center's (LESEC) Stewardship event at Pier 42 to clean up the park, remove invasive species, and beautify the area.



LESEC Stewardship Event at Pier 42, November 2025

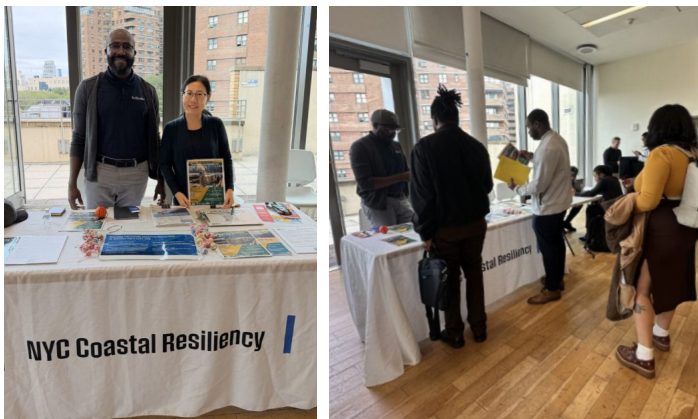
The ESCR team also provides educational presentations to NYC students of all ages through the ESCR to Your School program. The presentations cover the project and background and can be modified to suit all grade levels. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Work With Us

The East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) project is a public investment that will help drive the City's economy and create jobs in New York City neighborhoods. Information on training, careers and contracting opportunities are posted on the [Work With Us webpage](#). 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](#).

The ESCR Community Engagement and Hiring teams regularly join partner organizations, including the DDC, for career-oriented events. The goal of these events is to provide residents with the latest construction updates, along with information on job and training opportunities.

In October 2025, the ESCR team attended the Lower East Side Employment Network (LESEN) Job Fair to share project information, opportunities, and resources with community members. In November 2025, the ESCR team hosted an employment resource fair at St. Mary's Church. Exhibitors included local agencies like Jobs Plus, Henry Street Settlement, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, NYC Parks, and general contractors from ESCR and Brooklyn Bridge-Montgomery Coastal Resilience (BMCR). Please visit the [Featured Events page](#) of our Work With Us site to learn more and sign up for future events!



ESCR at LESEC Job Fair, October 2025



ESCR Employment Resource Fair, November 2025

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.
- 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 meetings and events, ESCR background, design, and construction, and opportunities to work with us. 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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For any **Project Area 2**-related inquiries, please use the **ESCR inquiry tool**.



ESCR Inquiry Tool

Happy Holidays

Wishing you a happy, healthy holiday season from the ESCR team!