

Brooklyn Bridge - Montgomery Coastal Resilience

The Brooklyn Bridge - Montgomery Coastal Resilience (BMCR) 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 in the Two-Bridges Neighborhood in Lower Manhattan. The BMCR project is part of the Lower Manhattan Coastal Resilience (LMCR) project, which spans the entire Lower Manhattan coast and is the City's plan to protect residents, businesses, and critical infrastructure from flooding.

BMCR extends along the East River waterfront from the Brooklyn Bridge north to Montgomery Street. BMCR includes both flood protection and utility improvements for the Two Bridges neighborhood. Utility improvements and upgrades are taking place along South Street, under the Brooklyn Bridge, on a portion of Montgomery Street, and along the East River Greenway and esplanade. The flood protection components and amenities are being constructed within the esplanade area.

BMCR construction has continued making progress through the beginning of 2025. For more information on these activities and earlier stages of the project, please check out our [previous newsletters](#).

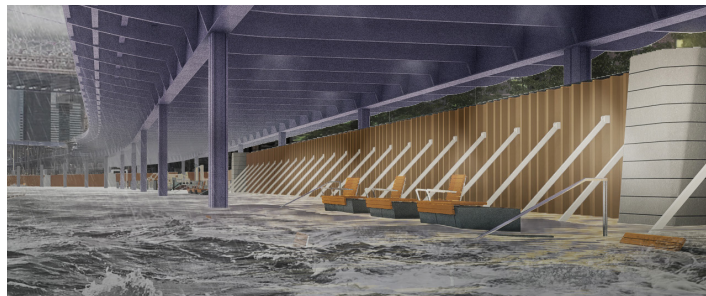
Flood Protection

Installation of BMCR's flip up floodgates has moved forward at a steady pace through the first half of the year. To date, over 46% of the 2,700 linear feet of BMCR flip up gates have been installed. More than a quarter of the stationary, concrete floodwalls have also been installed.

Much of this work has been taking place underneath the elevated FDR Drive, but future construction will include flip up gates crossing South Street, as well as several swing and roller gates. Unlike flip up gates, swing gates sit on large hinges above ground and can be closed like a door during storm conditions. Roller gates have wheels on tracks and are rolled into place when deployed.



Flip up gates in partially-deployed position, Sept. 2024



Rendering of activated flip up gates during storm condition

Call for Art

The BMCR Call for Art, a community-driven initiative highlighting artists from across the Two Bridges neighborhood, concluded in the first half of this year. Participants included students from P.S. 184m Shuang Wen School and P.S. 001 Alfred E. Smith Elementary School, as well as local adult and senior artists. These community members created pieces inspired by themes of community, climate change, and resilience. Their works were installed across three sites along South Street and the East River esplanade in June 2025, where they continue to brighten the waterfront.



BMCR Call for Art panels installed on site near Rutgers Slip, June 2025

To honor these contributors, we hosted a special acknowledgement ceremony recognizing the full spectrum of artistic voices involved: from elementary school creators proudly reflecting on their neighborhood's culture, to retirees whose lifelong creativity continues to enrich the community. Families, neighbors, and educators gathered to celebrate the artists' achievements and the shared spirit of resilience reflected in their work.



BMCR Call for Art event, June 2025

This joyful program reflects some of the goals of the BMCR project: enhancing public space for a multi-generational neighborhood where creativity, recreation, and community can thrive. We would also like to thank our local partners in this program, including the Manny Cantor Center, Community Board 3 Parks Committee, Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, and Two Bridges Resident Association.

All of the selected artwork is available for viewing on our website, at nyc.gov/bmcr/art.

Community Impacts & Engagement

- Vehicular travel lane closures and new traffic patterns will be required, as well as detours.
- Cyclists and pedestrian detours are in effect.
- Signage will be posted in advance near affected areas.
- Traffic enforcement agents and flaggers will be present when necessary to assist vehicles and pedestrians.
- Emergency vehicle and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
- Public transportation will be maintained at all times.
- Water main upgrades will require some service interruptions.

The team presents bimonthly at the Community Board 3 Parks Committee meeting. We also host tabling events in the Two Bridges Neighborhood and present at tenant association meetings upon request.



BMCR Community Engagement team presenting at local school, June 2025

The **DDC Coastal Resilience To Your School** program brings coastal resilience and construction lessons to the classroom! To learn more, please visit [our website](https://www.nyc.gov/bmcr).

We encourage you to visit the project website, www.nyc.gov/bmcr, to sign up to receive weekly Construction Bulletins and Community Advisories, and learn more about BMCR background, design, and construction. You can also submit inquiries by scanning the QR code below, or by contacting our Community Construction Liaison (CCL), Marsha Guido.

Questions? Preguntas? 问题?

Please contact your BMCR **Community Construction Liaison (CCL)** for project related inquiries or concerns:

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BMCR Inquiry Tool