

Battery Coastal Resilience News

June 2026

www.nyc.gov/site/lmcr/progress/battery-coastal-resilience.page

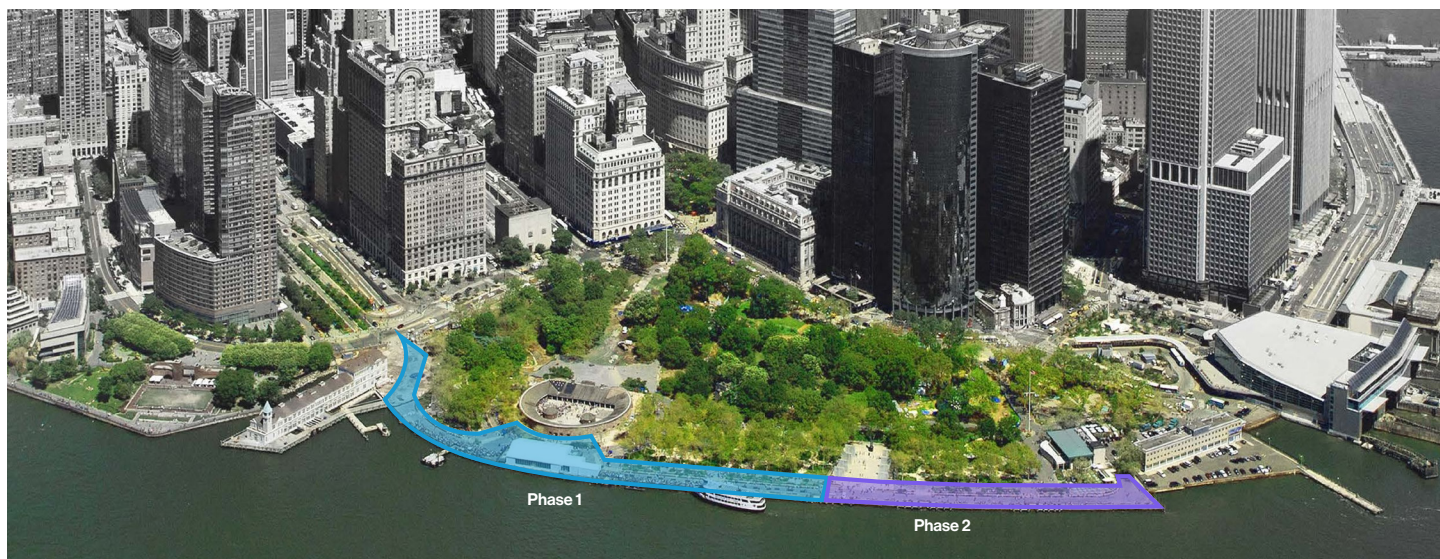


Image: Aerial image of The Battery and project limits (Stantec)

Project News

Welcome to Project Newsletter #8, sharing news and updates about the Battery Coastal Resilience Project. We are excited to announce the completion of Phase I of the project and the commencement of Phase II! This newsletter will feature background project information, deep dives into key project topics for Phase II, construction updates and milestones. Read on to find out more.

About the Project & Phase II

The Battery Coastal Resilience Project will rebuild and elevate The Battery wharf to reduce risk from future tidal flooding and low-level coastal storms, while maintaining the character and uses of the promenade and the rest of the park. The Battery Coastal Resilience Project is one of several projects, together known as the Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency (LMCR) Project. Phase I of the Battery Coastal Resilience Project is now complete, with the project currently in Phase II.

Phase II of the project will rebuild and elevate the remaining eastern portion of the wharf and adjacent areas untouched by Phase I. Like Phase I, Phase II will demolish the existing pile-supported structure from the 1940s and reconstruct the wharf at a higher elevation, tying into the completed Phase I and existing parkscape. While occupying a smaller footprint than Phase I, Phase II comes with increased technical challenges, as portions of the reconstructed wharf will consist of a drilled-element supported bridge structure extending over portions of the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel.

Project Timeline

Fall 2022
DESIGN COMPLETE

Fall 2022
PRECONSTRUCTION
& EXPLORATORY WORK

2024-2025
CONSTRUCTION
PHASE 1

2026-2027
CONSTRUCTION
PHASE 2

Project Goals

The Battery Coastal Resilience Project will:

- Reconstruct the deteriorating wharf
- Protect The Battery from rising seas
- Accommodate passenger ferry uses
- Preserve and enhance park character and gardens
- Design for universal accessibility to create a welcoming and accessible esplanade
- Protect historical and cultural resources

Addressing Climate Change

With sea levels expected to rise 6.3 feet by 2100, the Battery Coastal Resilience Project is a proactive strategy that will elevate the Battery wharf by an additional 5 feet. The rebuilt structure will sit at the new height of 11 feet, preparing The Battery for sea level rise over the next 80 years.

Sustainable features, such as salt-tolerant trees, enhanced drainage, and permeable pavements, are integrated into the park's design to fortify its resilience against future challenges.

Continuity of Ferry Service

Preserving critical maritime functions has been at the forefront of planning for the project. Ferry services to the Statue of Liberty will continue uninterrupted throughout construction. Passenger screening and ferry docking has returned to the area near Castle Clinton and ferry service will run regularly, ensuring seamless access to New York City's iconic attraction.



View of Completed Wharf Esplanade and Gardens of Remembrance

Park Features

Phase 1 of The Battery is now open to the public! Protecting the park's rich history remains of paramount importance to the project; the existing monuments and artworks have been carefully refinished to honor their historical significance and are ready to be rediscovered, while also incorporating resilient and sustainable features, and making the waterfront more universally accessible. We are excited for the public to enjoy the new waterfront.

Community Engagement

A key aspect of the Battery Coast Resilience Project has been the active engagement of the community. The Battery Conservancy, a non-profit partner of NYC Parks, has played a pivotal role in providing guidance on design, materials, and planting. Regular updates to Manhattan Community Board 1, and wide distribution of construction notices ensure that local stakeholders are informed and involved in ongoing developments.



View of Completed Gardens of Remembrance



View of Completed Park Promenade facing Pier A Building



View of two restored panels from Wopo Holup's sculptural work, "River That Flows Two Ways"

Questions?

Reach out to the **Community Construction Liaison (CCL)** for project related queries:
Battery Coastal Resilience CCL:

Kyle Beyer
347-313-8375

info@batterycoastalresilience.com

Construction Updates

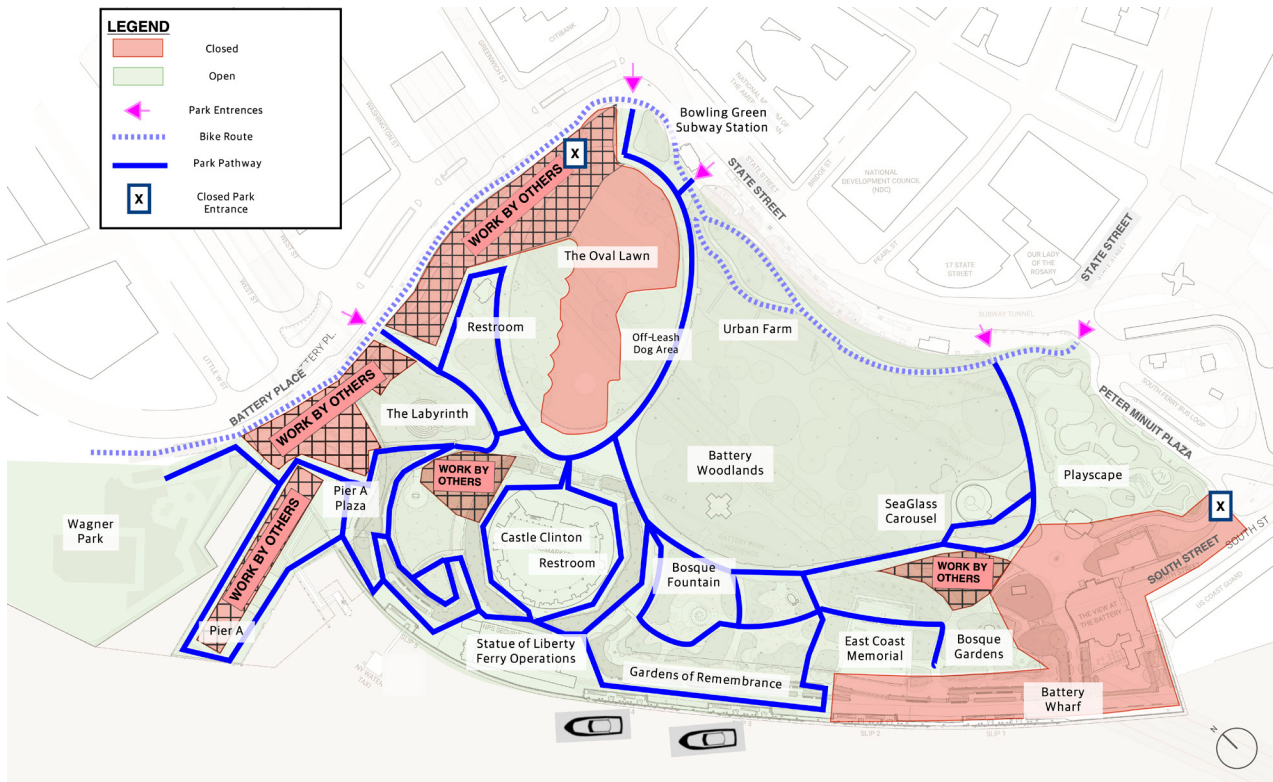
Summary of Upcoming Work

- Mobilization of marine construction equipment (i.e. cranes and excavation machinery mounted on barges)
- Material supply deliveries via barge and commencement of structural pile installation activities for the reconstructed wharf
- Test Pile Program to verify pile capacities and start of aquatic habitat monitoring
- Installation of driven precast concrete piles and drilled steel caissons

Expected Work Timeline:

June 2026 - September 2026 (~4 month duration)

Map of Open and Closed Park Areas and Access Points



Features that remain open:

- Playscape
- SeaGlass Carousel
- Bikeway
- Battery Woodland
- Urban Farm
- Bosque Fountain
- Castle Clinton
- Statue of Liberty Ferry
- Portions of the Oval Lawn (including off-leash dog area)
- Portions of the Gardens of Remembrance
- Restrooms (2)
- Portions of the Battery Wharf
- The Labyrinth

Features that are closed:

- Portions of the Oval Lawn
- Portions of the Battery Wharf
- Portions of the Gardens of Remembrance

Monuments that are inaccessible:

- Peter Caesar Alberti Marker
- Portion of River That Flows Two Ways
- Walloon Settlers Memorial
- Marine Flagstaff