

What we heard at the

Resilience+

Expo

The Resilience+ Expo provided an opportunity to learn about resilience in NYC and the FiDi and Seaport Climate Resilience Plan.



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What is Resilience+ Expo?

The Resilience+ Expo was a public engagement event organized by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) and the Mayor’s Office of Climate & Environmental Justice (MOCEJ). It aimed to raise awareness of the FiDi and Seaport Climate Resilience Plan while situating it in the larger context of resilience in New York City. We shared a design update for the Plan and an understanding of its potential for open space. We also sought to gather input on desired open space character and program.

When and where did it take place?

The Resilience+ Expo took place on September 21, 2023 at the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan.

More than 300 people attended the Resilience+ Expo, where they learned about the project and shared their input.



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Learned about climate change and Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency



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Got to know the FiDi and Seaport Climate Resilience Plan



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Talked to team members



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Engaged with 11 partner organizations



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Participated in hands-on activities



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Walked the FiDi and Seaport waterfront with team members

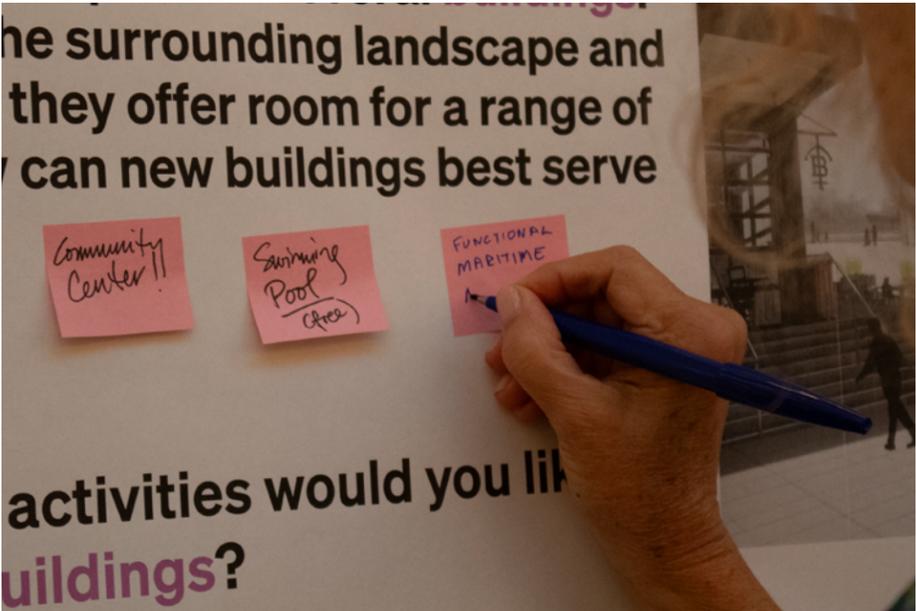
We invited participants to share their thoughts in different engaging ways, including through hands-on activities and conversations with the team.

How did participants share their input?
Each section of the Expo had dedicated team members with relevant expertise inviting participants to share thoughts and ask questions. We offered a range of interactive activities, including placing stickers along a spectrum of images, writing feedback on sticky notes, drawing a path one might take through the future waterfront, and creating collage.



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Talked with team members



Wrote down feedback



Stated their preferences



Drew their journeys



Collaged their visions for open space

We collected almost 300 written and verbal comments.

How did we collect these comments?

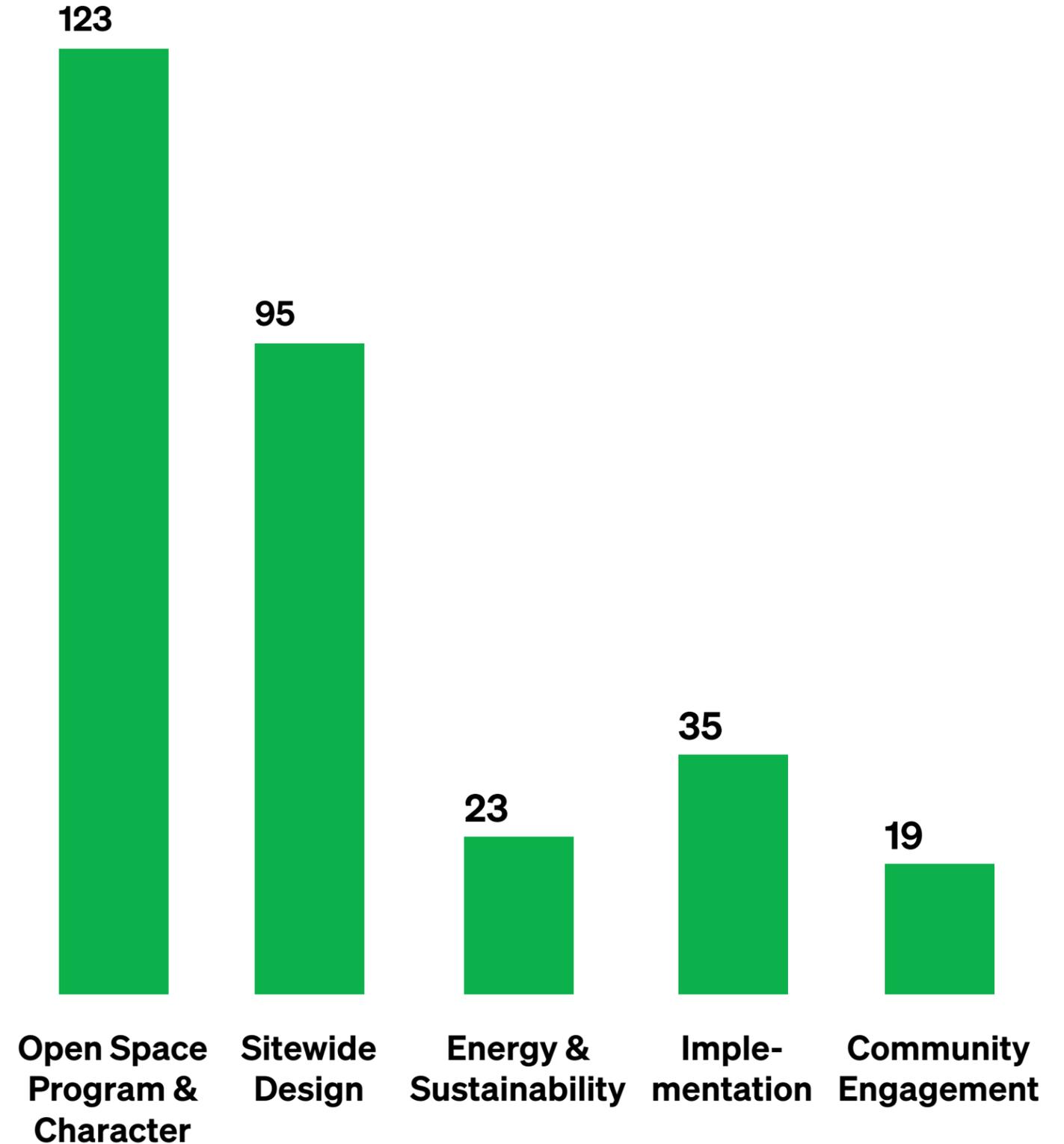
Comments were collected through sticky notes and from conversations with team members. In some cases, a single participant provided multiple comments.

What's the total number of the comments?

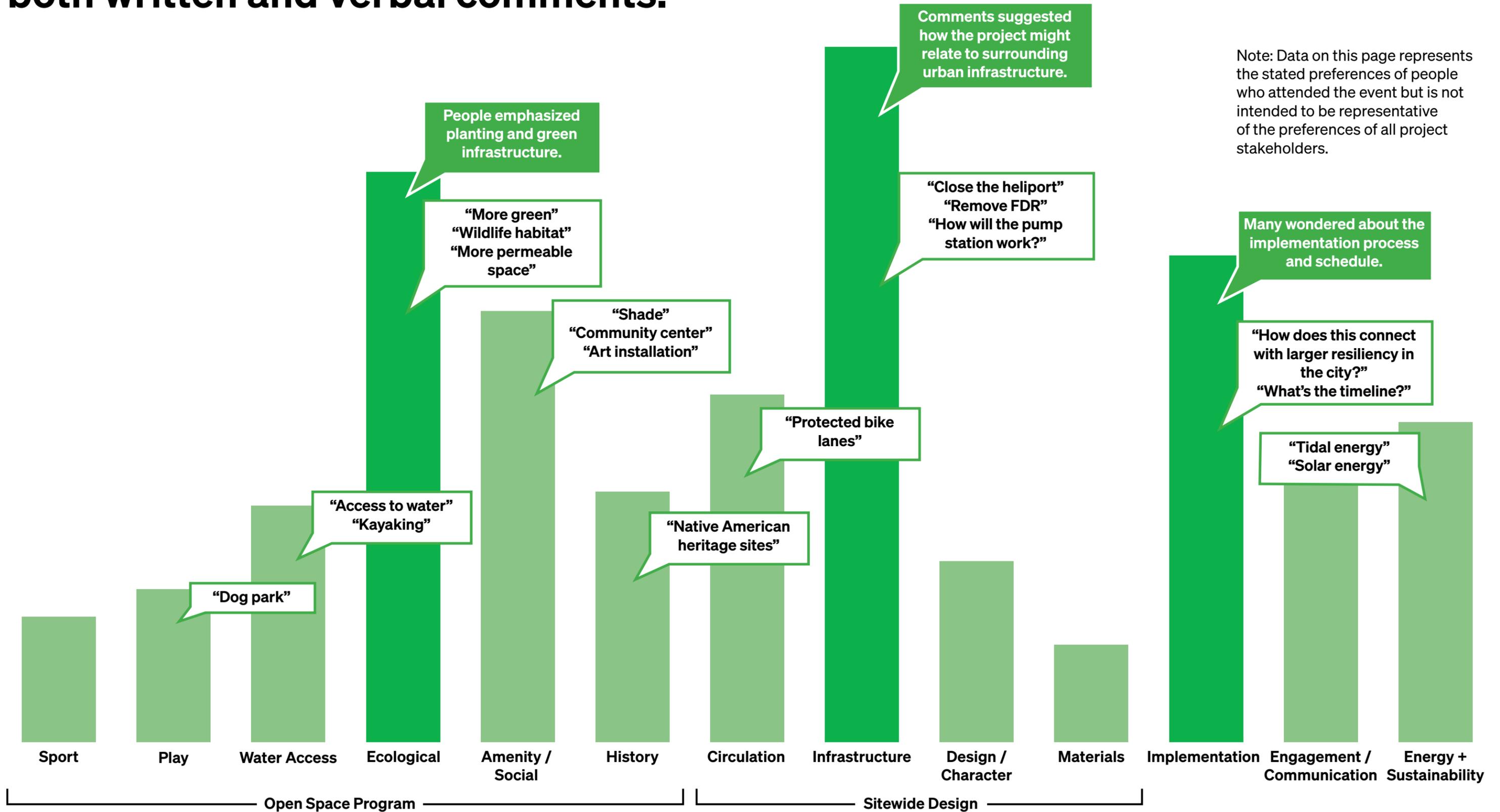
295 written/verbal comments + 399 sticker votes (not included in the graph).

What were people interested in?

Open space program was the most popular topic for community input. This was likely due to the availability open space interactive activities at the Expo. Other topics like implementation and sitewide design also yielded a significant number of questions and comments.



Participants shared a wide range of ideas, interests, and questions through both written and verbal comments.



Participants shared how they would like the future waterfront to **feel** by placing a sticker on a spectrum from soft to hard.

People placed 138 stickers along the spectrum, like this:



These were the most popular precedents:

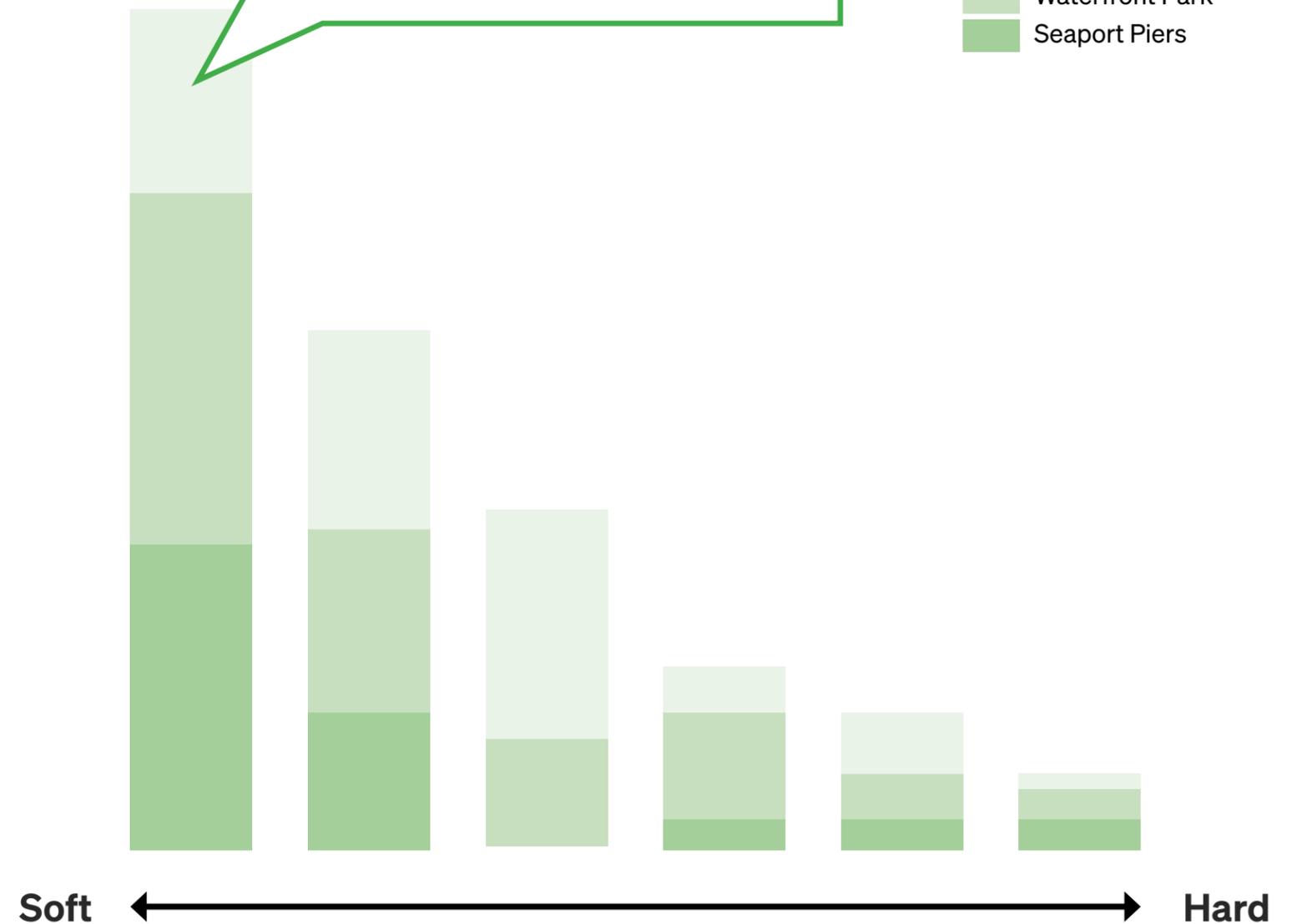


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Key

- Resilient Ferry Hub
- Waterfront Park
- Seaport Piers

People showed an overall preference for softer waterfront character.



Participants shared what **program** they would like to see on the future waterfront by placing a sticker on a spectrum from passive to active.

People placed 261 stickers along the spectrum, like this:



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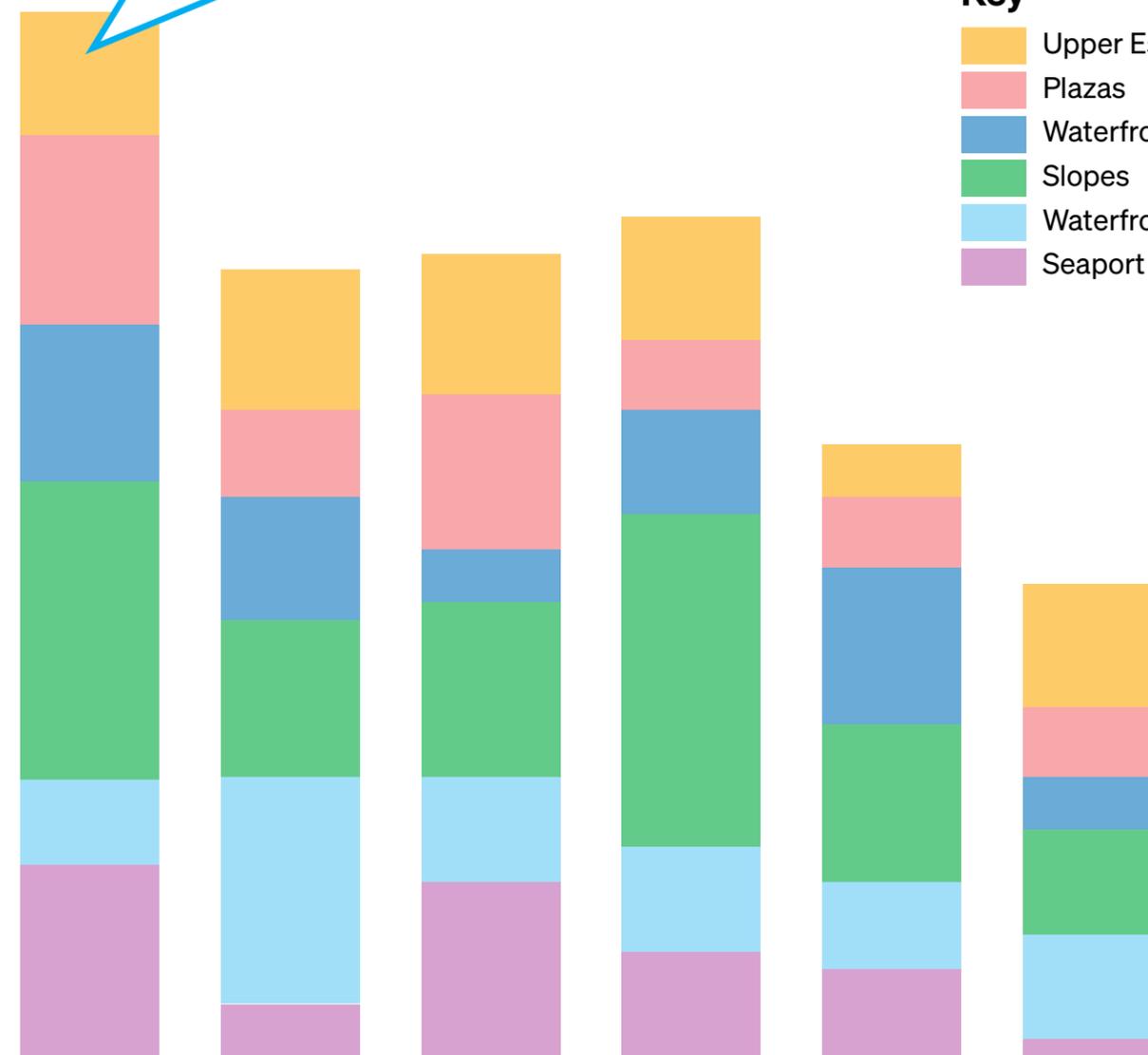


People appreciated a diversity of programs, with a moderate preference for passive.

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Key

- Upper Esplanade
- Plazas
- Waterfront Overlooks
- Slopes
- Waterfront Park
- Seaport Piers



Passive ← → Active

Participants got creative and made collages of their ideal waterfront.



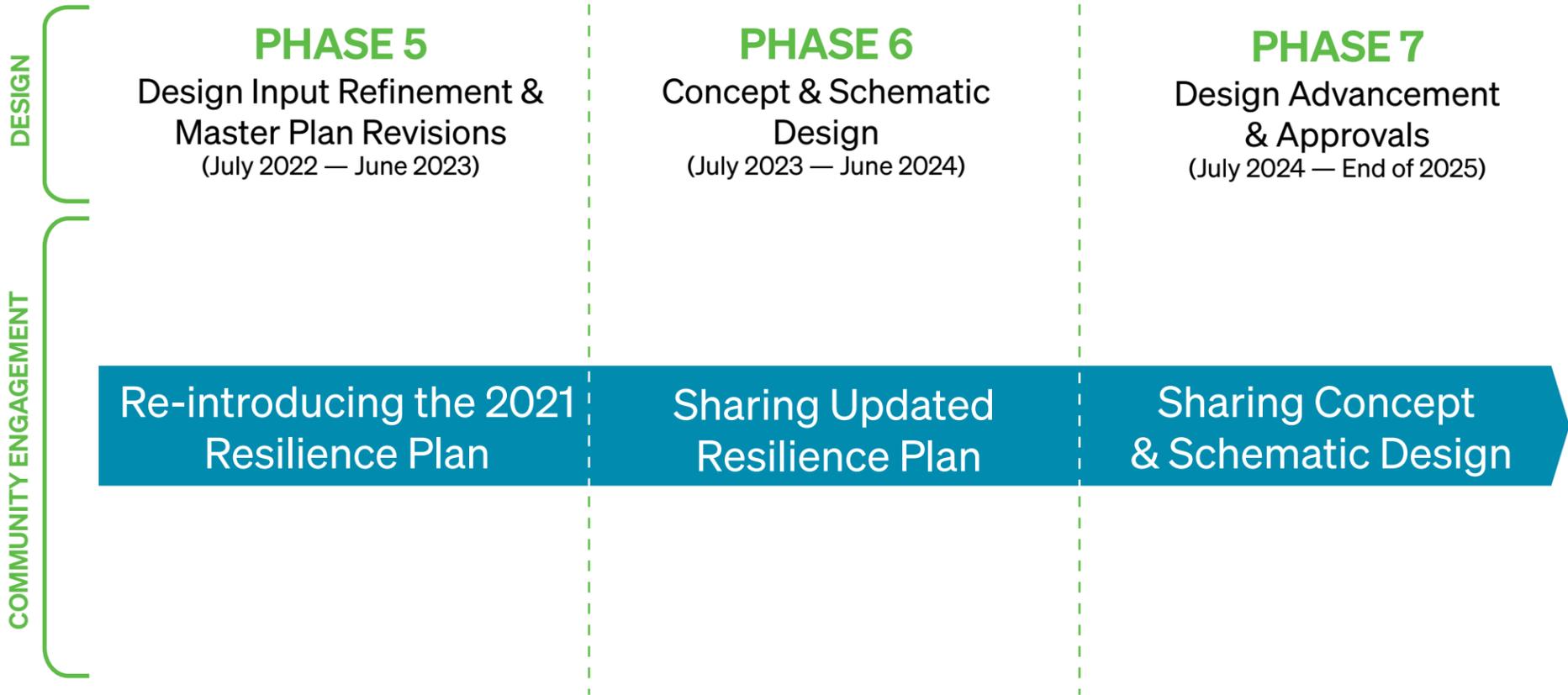
We will use the feedback received at the Resilience+ Expo to continue improving and refining the FiDi and Seaport Climate Resilience Plan.

How will we use feedback about open space character and program?

Participants appreciated a diversity of uses, with a particular interest in ecological features and relatively passive or flexible programs. We will continue to engage with people around these questions to eventually be incorporated into the design.

What will we do about questions related to implementation?

In conversations with team members, many participants asked about the implementation process and schedule. The team is currently working to further develop the implementation process while keeping it grounded in the reality of New York City. We look forward to keeping you updated!



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