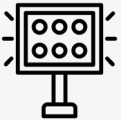


A Safer, Accessible Future for the East River Park Track

LightTheTrack.org



We are a grassroots coalition of runners and community advocates

Backed by an online petition with **699 signatures** (as of 1/21/24) calling for lighting to be added to the East River Track

Signer	Zip code	Comments	timestamp
Daniel ****	10016	Nighttime lighting at the track is critical for safe public use.	12/10/2024 8:17
Lauren ****	10010		12/12/2024 17:13
comet ****	10010		12/13/2024 17:50
John ****	10027		12/14/2024 10:55
Honorat ****	11102	Light it up 🗨️ 🏃	12/14/2024 10:55
Ankan ****	10019	Lights are absolutely essential for evening track workouts. Let's get the lights!	12/14/2024 11:00
Jeff ****	10023		12/14/2024 11:02
Susan ****	10023		12/14/2024 11:04
Minerva ****	10023	The space is an important resource for all New Yorkers, not just downtown Manhattanites! Track lighting supports safety and valuable community, especially during the dark cold winter months when runners need to keep up their fitness during non work hours	12/14/2024 11:07
Christopher ****	10024		12/14/2024 11:12
JAKE ****	11354		12/14/2024 11:12
Micaela ****	10069	Clearly there aren't enough women on the committee responsible for the track's infrastructure.	12/14/2024 11:12
Rebecca ****	10025		12/14/2024 11:20
Alan ****	10011		12/14/2024 11:25
Linus ****	10128		12/14/2024 11:38
Caitlyn ****	10028		12/14/2024 11:42



The East River Park Track is a vital community resource



It is one of only two regulation public tracks in Manhattan, the only one south of 135th Street



The track in its current form has inadequate lighting



It will soon close for reconstruction as part of the East Side Coastal Resiliency project



Flood lighting for the track is not currently included in the ESCR reconstruction plans



Proper lighting ensures the track is safe for all users

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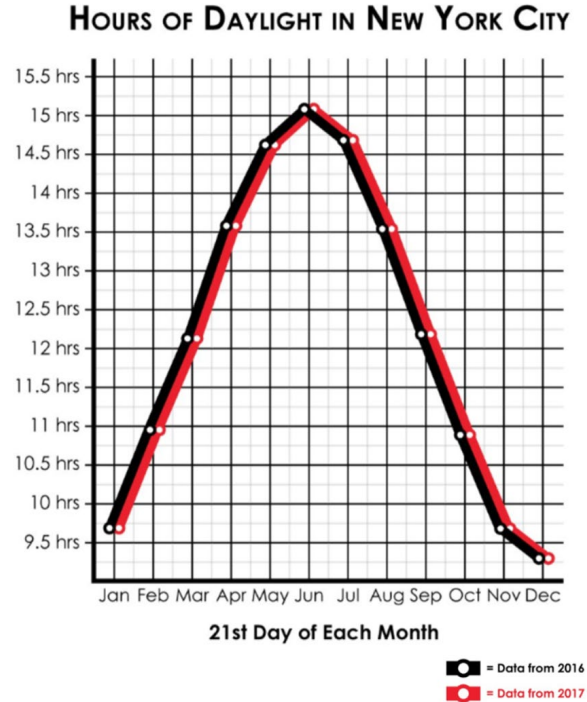
Feelings of safety for visitors recreating outdoors at night in different artificial lighting conditions

Elizabeth A. Himschoot ^a , Morgan C. Crump ^a, Stephanie Buckley ^{a, b}, Chang Cai ^c,
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Lighting keeps the track accessible year round



Adding lighting during the ESCR project is more cost-effective than retrofitting later



Williamsburg's fully lit McCarren Park Track demonstrates what is possible



**A resolution in support of adding
flood lights to the East River Track
as a part of the ESCR project would
be a huge support to our effort!**

Thank you.

