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Today's waterfront:

- Over 500 miles in length— the longest and most diverse municipal shoreline in the nation.
- Over 200 miles of publicly-accessible waterfront space, both parks and on private property
- New York City's maritime industry sustains 31,800 direct and indirect jobs, generating \$1.3 billion in tax revenue.
- NY Harbor the cleanest its been in nearly a century.
- 90,000 commuters use the waterways every day.





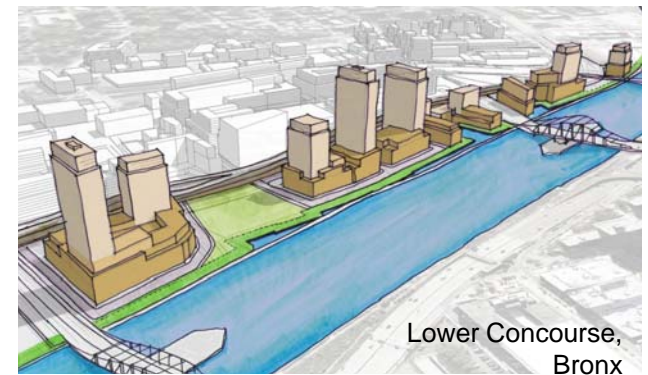
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A Vision for the Future of the City's Waterfront

The new Plan will provide:

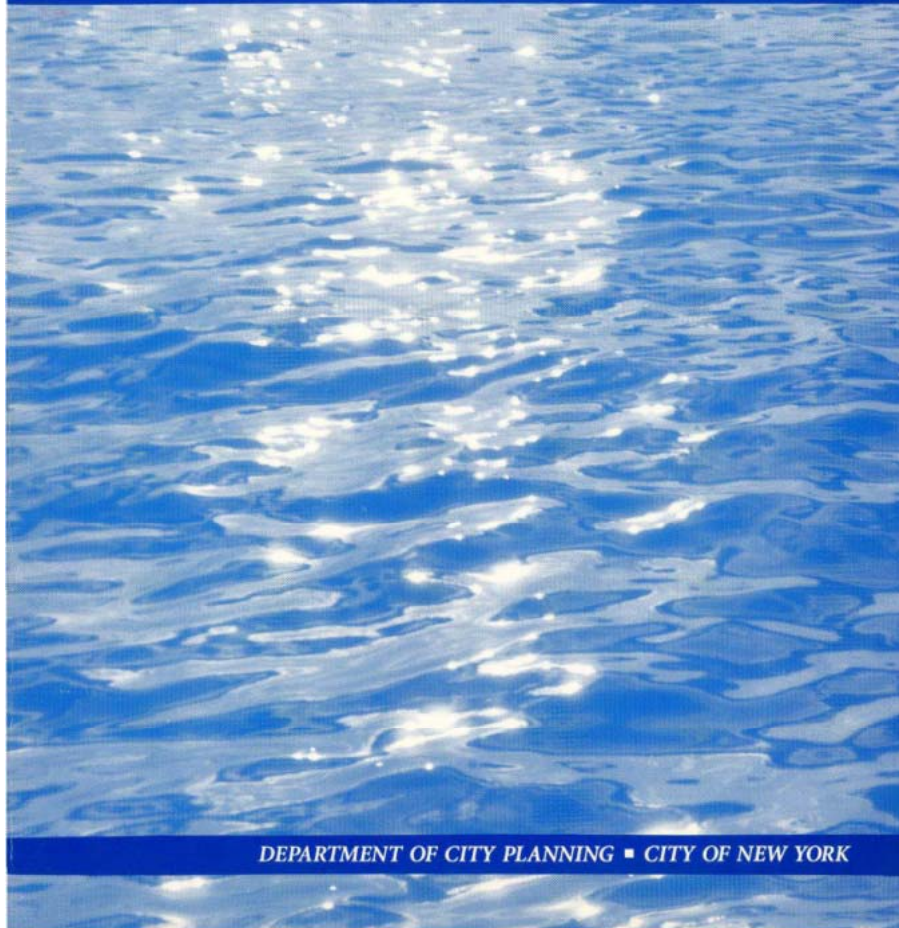
- 1. A vision for the city's waterfront**
- 2. An assessment of waterfront resources**
- 3. Planning policy alternatives for discussion**
- 4. A statement of the planning policy and proposals for implementation**





1992 Comprehensive Waterfront Plan

NEW YORK CITY COMPREHENSIVE WATERFRONT PLAN *Reclaiming the City's Edge*



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The Natural
Waterfront



The Public
Waterfront



The Working
Waterfront



The Mixed-Use
Commercial and
Residential
Waterfront



A new functional category: The **Blue Network**

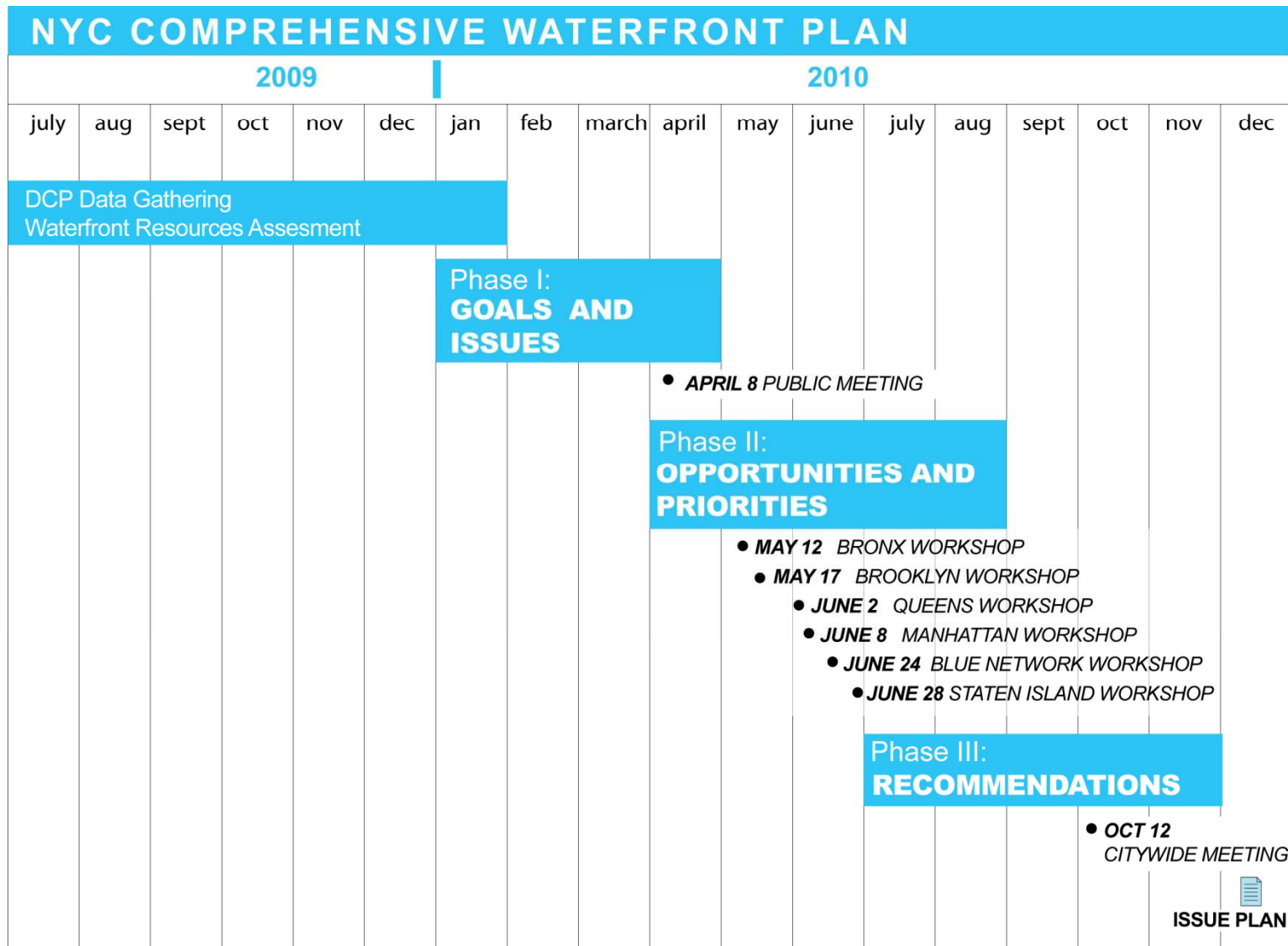
The Blue Network =

The network of bays, rivers, inlets and streams that connect our boroughs, complete our ecology and offer a diversity of uses and activities that extend our experience beyond the edges of the land.



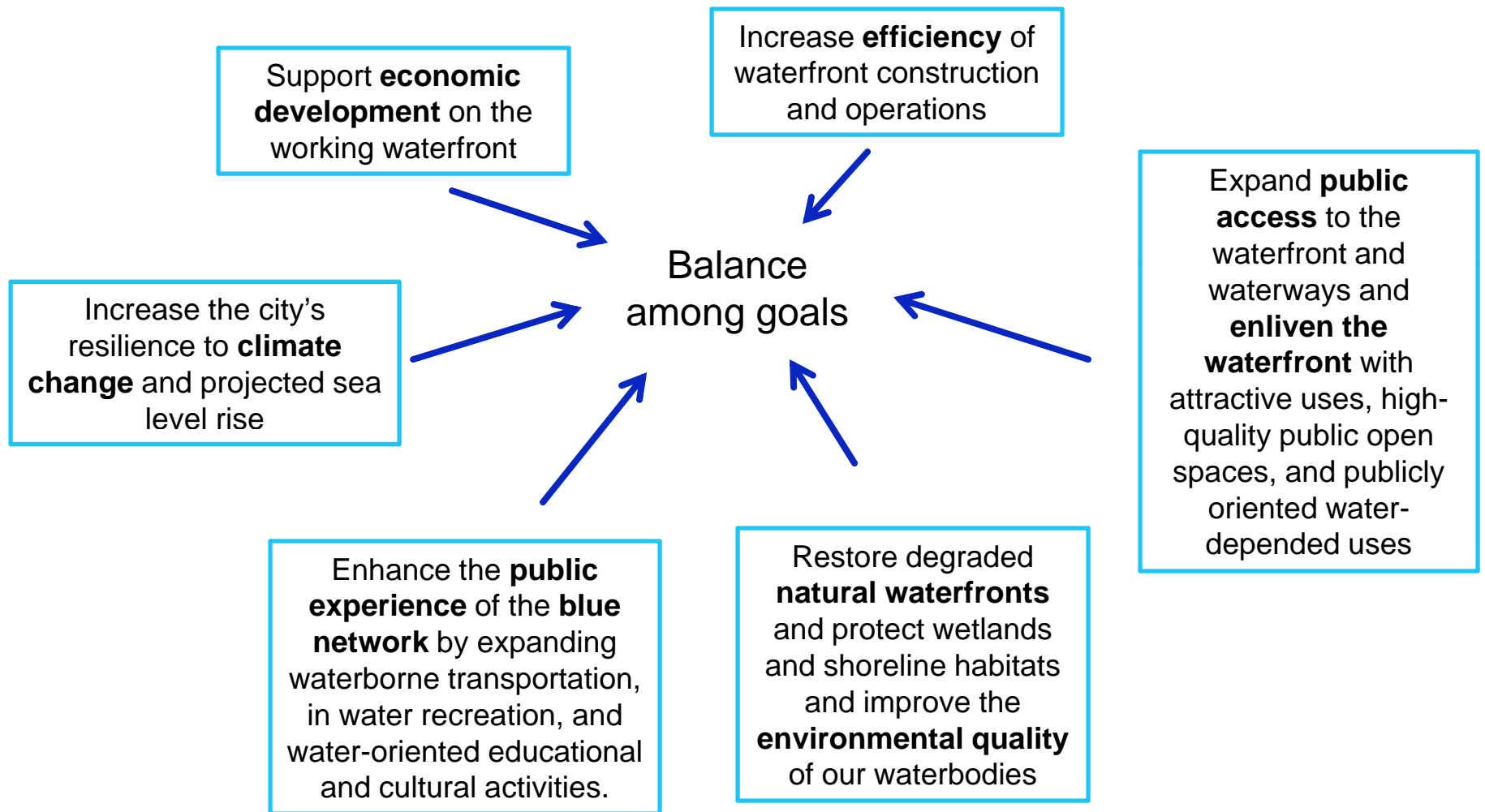


Project Schedule





Balancing Goals





Public Outreach

- Seven Workshops
 - One Workshop in each Borough
 - Examined opportunities in each Reach
 - Two Workshops on Blue Network





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NEW YORK CITY COMPREHENSIVE WATERFRONT PLAN

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- > Go to our next public meeting on Tuesday, October 12th
- > **Read the Draft Recommendations - NEW**
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Overview Background Info

VISION 2020
NEW YORK CITY COMPREHENSIVE WATERFRONT PLAN

The Department of City Planning is currently preparing a Comprehensive Plan for the over 500 miles of New York City's waterfront, defined as New York Harbor and its tributaries, creeks and bays. *Vision 2020* will build on the original Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, published in 1992, and the city's experience over the past 18 years in order to set forth a new long range vision for a 21st Century NYC waterfront. Specifically, *Vision 2020* will identify key opportunities for improving our waterfront and outline strategies to realize this new vision.

The City's original Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, published by the Department of City Planning in



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PROGRAMMATIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The programmatic recommendations are organized by the goals of the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan and intended to highlight the policies and programs that should be enacted to further these goals.

GOAL #1	PAGE 5
Expand public access to the waterfront and waterways on public and private property for all New Yorkers and visitors alike and enliven the waterfront with attractive uses, high-quality public spaces, and publicly oriented water-dependent uses, integrated with adjacent upland communities.	
GOAL #2	PAGE 7
Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.	
GOAL #3	PAGE 9
Restore degraded natural waterfronts, protect wetlands, and shorefront habitats, and improve the environmental quality of our water bodies.	
GOAL #4	PAGE 12
Enhance the public experience of the "Blue Network" by expanding waterborne transportation, on-water recreation, as well as water-oriented educational and cultural activities.	
GOAL #5	PAGE 15
Pursue strategies to increase the City's resilience to climate change and sea-level rise.	
GOAL #6	PAGE 16
Increase the efficiency of waterfront construction and operations.	

REACH RECOMMENDATIONS



For the purposes of the Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, the city's waterfront was divided into 22 reaches, or segments. For each reach, the plan identifies a set of site-specific recommendations of how to improve the use of the waterfront - for public access, maritime industry, water recreation, environment, new development, etc. These recommendations are based on the Department of City Planning's studies, as well as extensive input from local stakeholders at public workshops held in each borough. Like the programmatic recommendations, these are in draft form, and presented for the purposes of fostering further public discussion.



Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Expand public access and enliven the waterfront

- Create a more connected waterfront:
 - Establish and extend borough-wide Waterfront Greenways in all five boroughs.
 - Improve wayfinding from upland areas to waterfront public spaces.
- Provide a varied experience on the waterfront.





Draft Reach Recommendations

GOAL:

Expand public access and enliven the waterfront

REACH 1 - EAST RIVER SOUTH

East River Greenway - E. 38th to E. 41st St.

- Improve former ConEd waterfront platform for public access





Draft Reach Recommendations

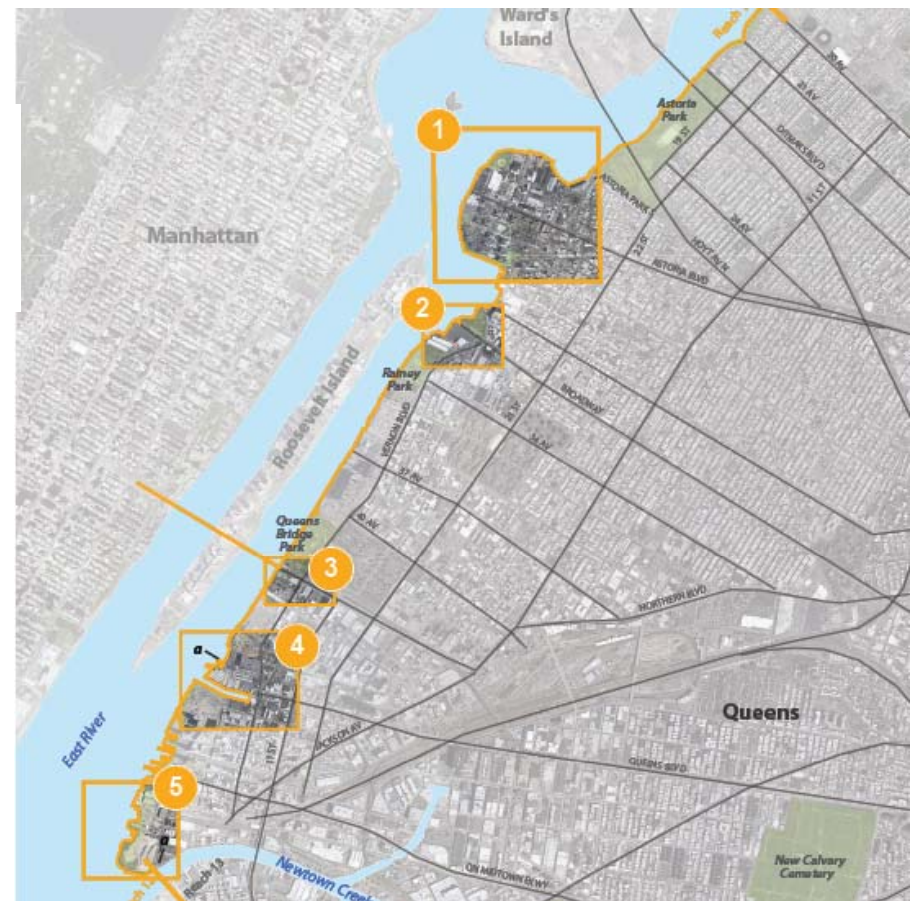
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REACH12-WEST QUEENS

Reachwide

- Continue to implement Queens East River and North Shore Greenway





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

- Promote policies to support maritime and industrial businesses.
- Encourage green technologies and practices.





Draft Reach Recommendations

GOAL:

Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

REACH 22 - KILL VAN KULL

Bayonne Bridge

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- Support reconstruction of bridge to raise its clearance to accommodate larger ships (with consideration of sea level rise), and incorporate a transitway, bikeway and walkway into new bridge design





Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

Piers 7-12

- Support continuation of industrial uses
- Support use of green port technology, such as cold ironing
- Pursue development as a “hub” for maritime support services in Atlantic Basin





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Restore degraded natural waterfronts, protect wetlands and shorefront habitats, and improve the environmental quality of our waterbodies.

- Establish a citywide plan and policies for wetlands and coastal habitats.
- Expand mitigation options to include programs such as wetland banking.





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REACH 16 - CONEY ISLAND & SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Plumb Beach

- Mitigate against continuing erosion through sand replenishment to enhance natural habitat



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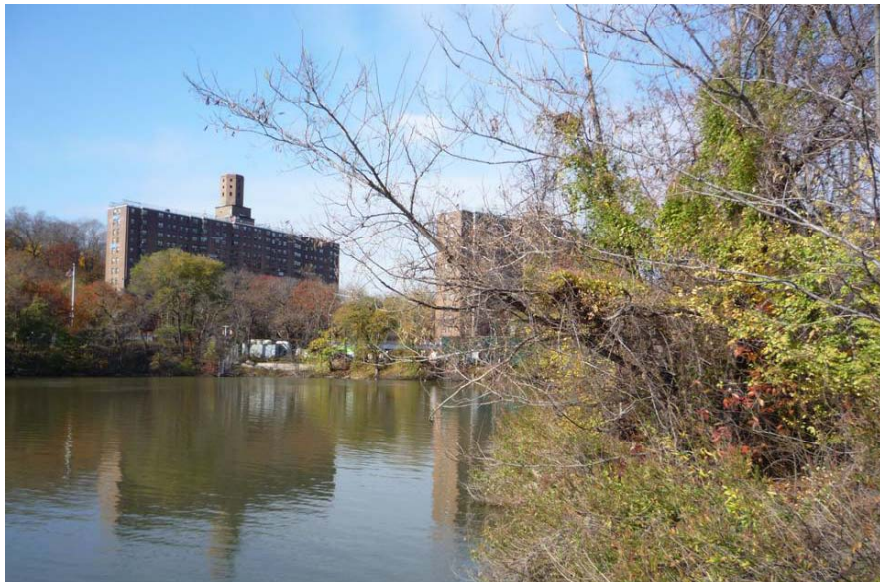
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REACH 5-NORTHERN MANHATTAN

Sherman Creek

- Preserve natural habitat and wetlands





Draft Reach Recommendations

GOAL:

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REACH 8-BRONX RIVER

Bronx River Interagency Land Coordination

- Address issues of water quality, particularly CSO's





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Enhance the public experience of the “Blue Network”

- Promote on-water recreation in suitable locations by establishing access points, docks, and onshore facilities.
- Clarify and enhance regulatory and organizational mechanisms to reduce the potential conflict between the various users of the waterways.





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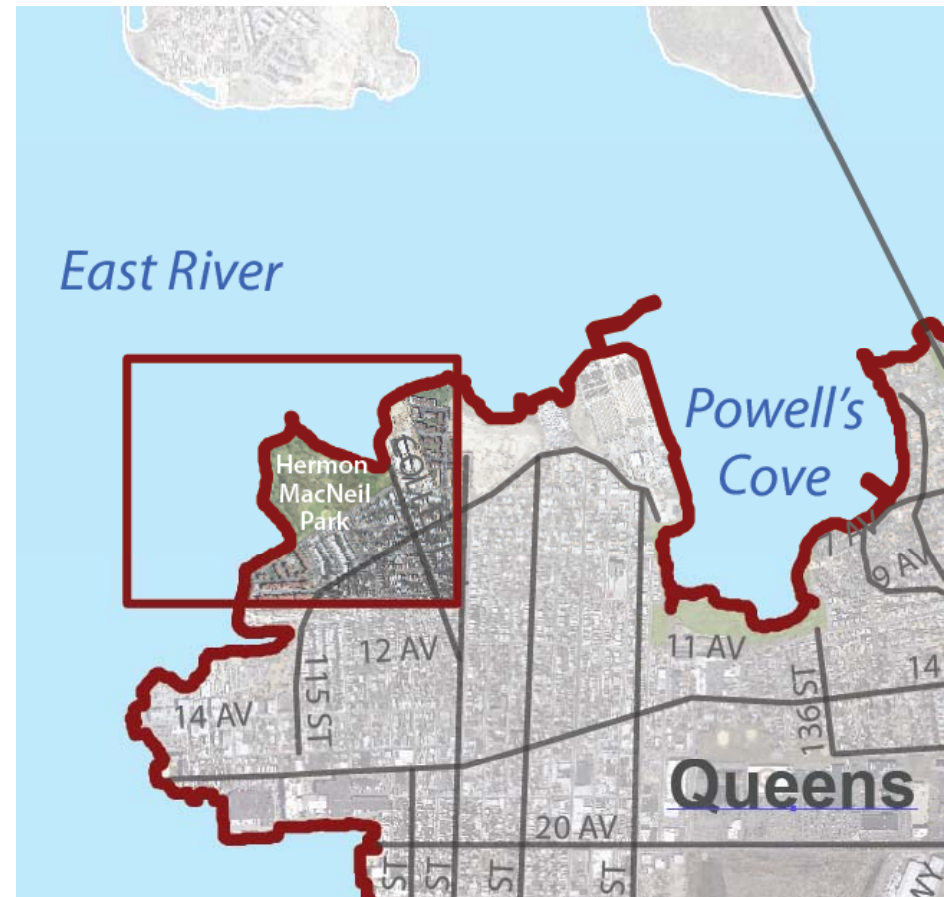
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REACH 10- QUEENS NORTH SHORE

MacNeil Park

- Explore possible locations for a human-powered boat launch





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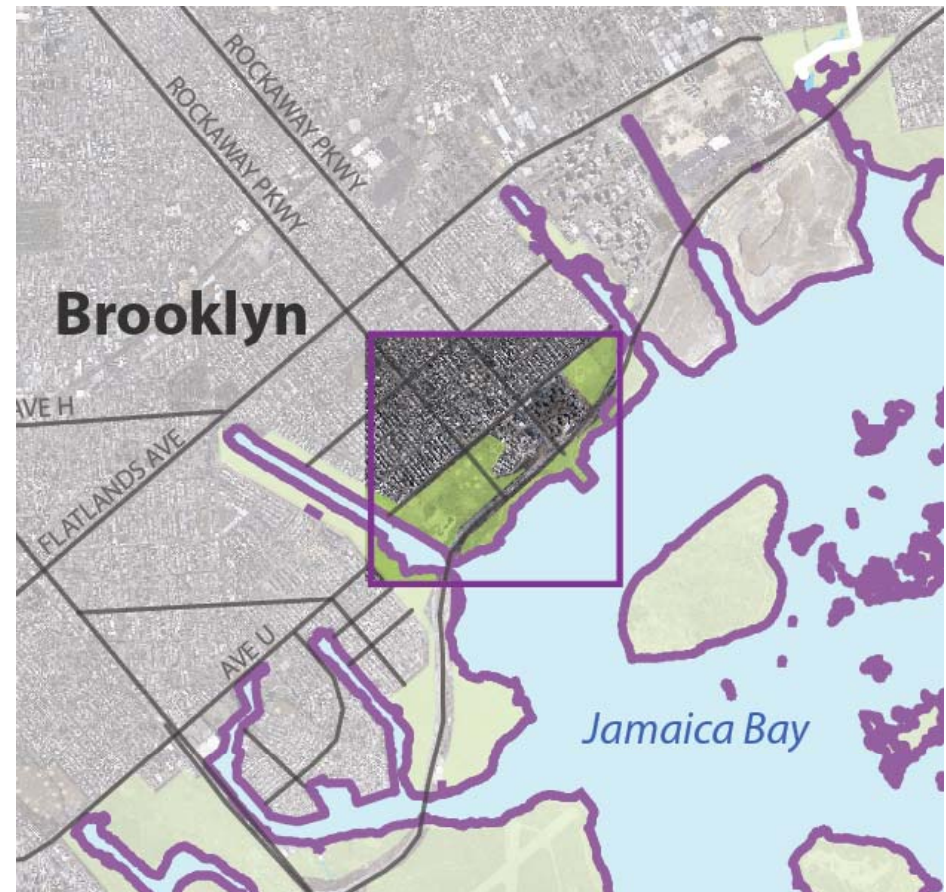
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REACH 17 - JAMAICA BAY / ROCKAWAY

Canarsie Pier

- Explore options for rehabilitation and active, cultural use of historic pier





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GOAL:

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REACH 14 S.-BROOKLYN UPPER BAY SOUTH

Piers 7-12

- Study opportunities for active water-related public uses, such as recreation and educational programming



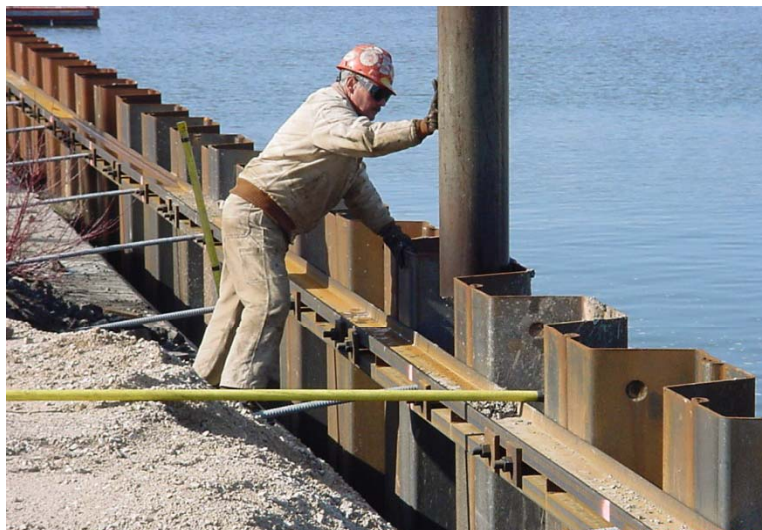
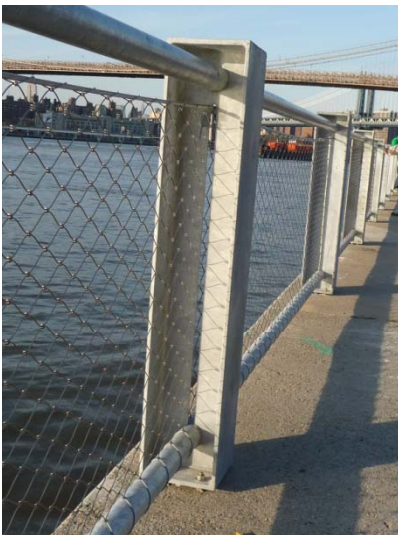


Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Increase efficiency of waterfront construction and operations

- Improve regulatory predictability and efficiency for waterfront permitting.
- Streamline City procedures for the waterfront and consider establishing a dedicated City office to oversee all operational matters of the waterfront.
- Establish design guidelines for in-water construction projects, such as piers and bulkheads.





Draft Programmatic Recommendations

GOAL:

Pursue strategies to increase the city's resilience to climate change and sea-level rise

- Explore a range of options that can be used where appropriate to protect against sea level rise and storm surges – e.g. raising the land, levees, wave attenuating features, soft edges.
- Conduct a citywide strategic planning process for climate resilience.



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