REACH 2-LOWER MANHATTAN

Location: Southern tip of Manhattan, from the Brooklyn Bridge on the East River to Chambers St. on the Hudson, including Governors, Ellis and Liberty Islands

Upland Neighborhoods: South St. Seaport, Financial District, Battery Park City

Neighborhood Strategies

Reachwide

 Test feasibility of commuter ferry service on the East River connecting Brooklyn/Queens with Manhattan.

Brooklyn Bridge Area

Explore path alternatives and improve upland

 Improve west side of South St. sidewalk through widening tree plantings, seating, signage, art, and paving to provide safer access to waterfront.

East River Esplanade South

connections to the waterfront.

 Complete construction of esplanade between the Battery Maritime Building and Pier 35, including Pier 15 to feature water dependent uses, educational uses and cafe.

New Market Building

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- Support redevelopment for interim or permanent use.
- Provide public waterfront access and amenities.

Pier 17 and TIN Building

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- Improve waterfront access and connectivity.
- Encourage water-dependent uses as part of a mixeduse development.

Pier 16

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- Improve with seating, railing, and landscaping.
- Create infrastructure to allow for future possibility of various in-water recreation activities, provided there are necessary measures to ensure safety.
- Promote continued use for historic vessels.

Pier 13

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- · Advance construction of pier before permit expires.
- Explore opportunities for educational resources, passive recreation, in-water recreation, based on the criteria described in the Citywide Strategy or other water-dependent uses.

The Battery

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- Create continuous waterfront access from East River esplanade to Hudson River esplanade.
- Study means to improve pedestrian connectivity between Peter Minuit Plaza and the East River Esplanade South—options include moving the Battery Tunnel entrance further north and creating a plaza above the existing entrance in front of the Battery Maritime Building.
- Complete Battery Bikeway as part of Manhattan Waterfront Greenway.

Battery Maritime Building

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- · Provide elevated views to waterfront.
- Develop hotel, restaurant and community use.
- · Consider expanded uses for ferry terminal.

Coast Guard Station

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· Work with Coast Guard to incorporate esplanade.

Esplanade at the Battery

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• Work with National Park Service to explore options for relocating Liberty Island screening tents.

Pier A

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 Complete renovation and restoration for a vibrant public use.

Governors Island

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- Commence development of Phase I Governors Island Park and Public Space Master Plan, including restoration of historic open spaces and improvements to all gateway dock facilities.
- Support planned development of the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School.
- Encourage adaptive re-use of buildings.
- Explore possibility of boat tie-ups.
- Provide ball fields, active recreation space, and community gardening.

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island

 Work with National Park Service to improve transportation access to destinations.

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