



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee
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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

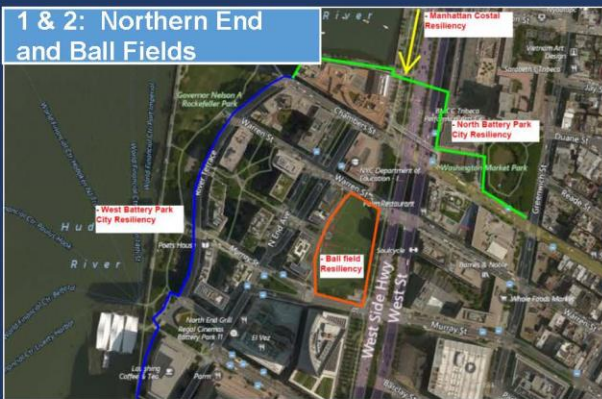
I. BPC Resiliency Projects – STATUS

BPCA undertook an overall resiliency study in 2015, which helped inform the following initiatives¹ to harden and protect Battery Park City's 92 acres from storm surge, flooding, and sea level rise.

Resiliency Concepts



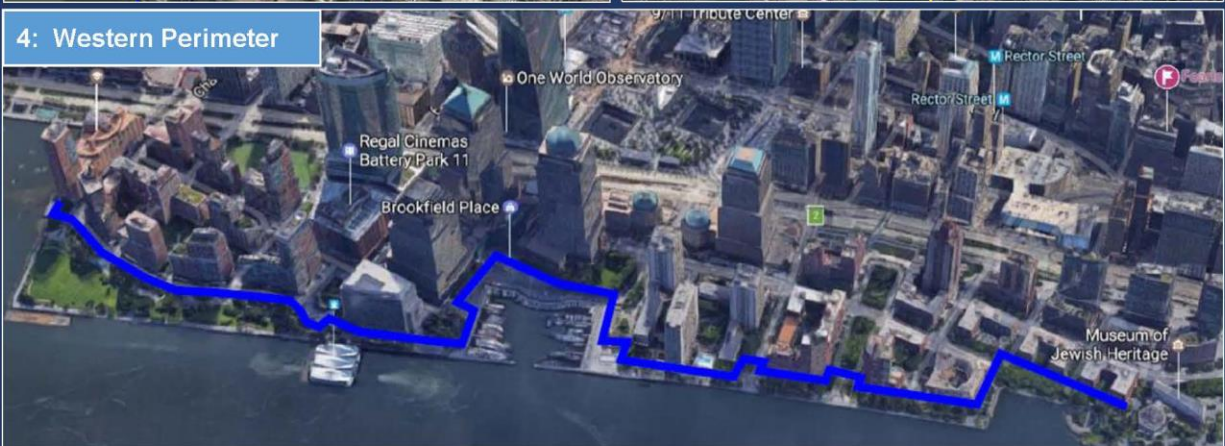
1 & 2: Northern End and Ball Fields



3: Southern End



4: Western Perimeter



¹ Ongoing projects will continue to be closely integrated and coordinated with the City's Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency (LMCR) planning processes through regular and active consultation / interface.

Project (1) – Northern End

- Design RFP for BPC’s Northern End – covering the North Esplanade and entailing a deployable barrier crossing West Street / Route 9A – to be released by early summer 2018
- Design to commence late 2018 and continue through 2019
- Regular community input required throughout design process
- Construction expected to begin 2020

Project (2) – BPC Ball Fields

- Design RFP for BPC Ball Fields issued Jan. 3, 2018; responses due Mar. 2, 2018; multiple proposals received and now under evaluation
- Design to commence in, and continue, thru 2018
- Regular community input required throughout design process
- Construction expected to begin 2019

Project (3) – Southern End / “South BPC Resiliency Project”

- Conceptual design process 2016-2017
- Design RFP for BPC’s Southern end issued July 14, 2017; due October 4, 2017; multiple proposals received
- Detailed design to commence mid-2018
- Regular community input required throughout design process
- Construction expected to begin mid-late 2019 (tentative)

Project (4) – Western Perimeter

- Contemplates employing garden / park walls to create new line of flood protection
- Design RFP for Western Perimeter to be released in 2019
- Regular community input required throughout design process

II. South End Avenue Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety Measures

- BPCA coordinating with CM Chin’s Office, BPC Committee Leadership, and City DOT to set date for public forum on potential South End Avenue improvements
- Possible forums include May BPC Committee meeting or standalone session

III. BPC Parks User Count & Survey

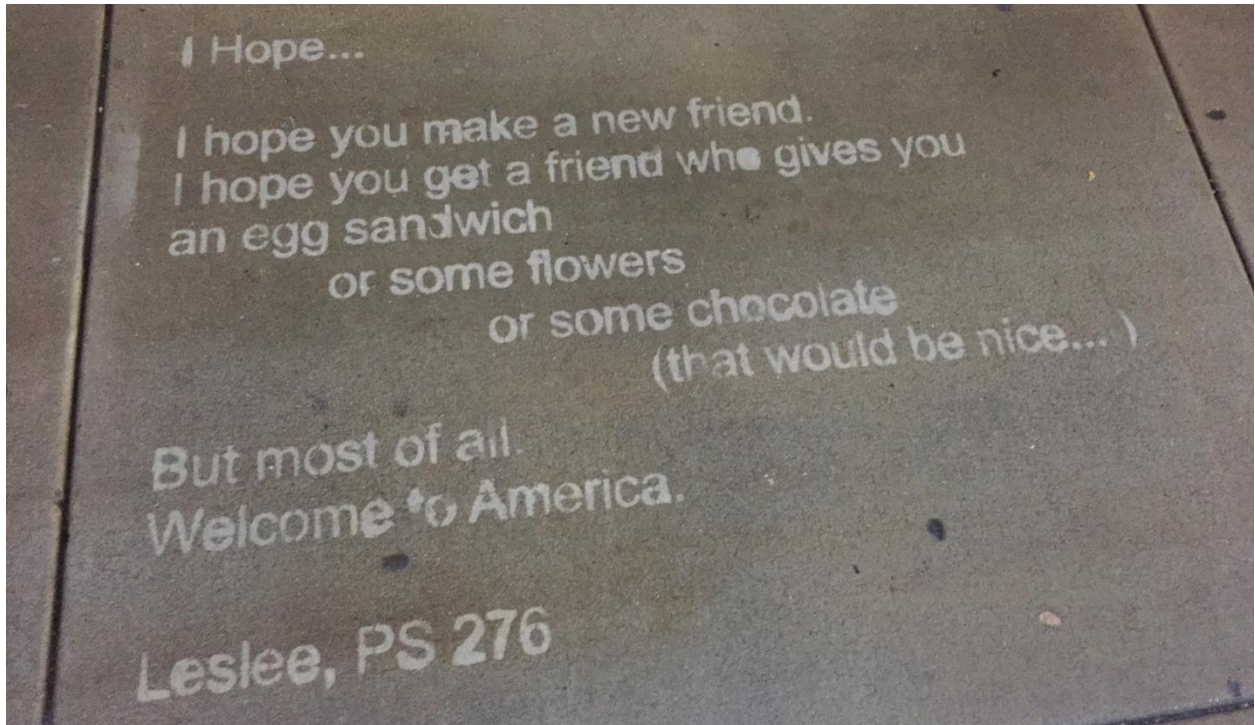
- Study extended & deepened to include seven (7) focus groups, conducted from 3/11-3/27 on weekdays, weekends, mornings, afternoons, and evenings at two locations to fit different schedules
- Included 35 participants from wide range of age groups and interests, i.e., regular Parks program attendees/parents, CCSHS members, current and previous local school parents (elementary, junior high & high school), senior program attendees, area employees, and more – thank you to all who participated!
- Next phase of randomly-selected, on-site surveys (first ran during summer 2017) to commence mid-April, with final report expected summer 2018

IV. BPC Parks Lawns

- Scheduled to reopen week of April 16; closed for season since November 2016

V. BPC Raining Poetry Project

- Temporary public art project will display excerpts of poetry on the paths, plazas, and sidewalks of Battery Park City; inspired by City of Boston-launched initiative
- Partnership with Poets House, poem excerpts first appeared as part of pilot initiative with local schools during summer 2017

**VI. Community Center at Stuyvesant High School | 345 Chambers Street**

- Hours (Sept.-June): Mon.-Fri., 7pm-10pm; Sat. & Sun., 1pm-9pm
- Deeply-discounted, full-access, annual membership rates:
 - ✓ Adults (18+): \$199 | Adult BPC Residents: \$179
 - ✓ Youth, Seniors (62+) & Military: \$79 | BPC Resident Youths, Seniors & Military: \$59
 - ✓ Day passes also available – \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth, seniors, military & BPC residents
- Pool at CCSHS temporarily closed due to required repair and reinforcement of “baffles” – sound barriers suspended from the ceiling above the swimming surface; work scheduled to occur from March 30-April 6

VII. 200 Rector Place Interior Fit Out

- Renovations continue on new community space, office space & Allied Universal Command Center, replacing former space @ The Regatta
- Targeting end-April timeframe for public opening

VIII. National School Walkout Day

- Hundreds of local school students gathered at the BPC Ball Fields and throughout neighborhood to press for gun reform on Wednesday, March 14



Read more: [For Lower Manhattan Schools, More Than One Way to 'Walk Out'](#) (Tribeca Trib)

IX. Downtown Little League

- 2018 Opening Day is Saturday, April 14 @ BPC Ball Fields
- Start of new, three-year permit cycle

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES**I. Meet Me in the Kitchen – Good Nutrition!**

- Smashing success saw ~100 attendees across six booked-to-capacity classes
- Most delightful surprise dish we learned and shared in the final session (“Boost Your Immune System”) – bright yellow spaghetti squash with bright green parsley, garlic, and lemon pesto.
- Thank you Lauren C. Kelly (our guest dietician and talented cook) Asphalt Green, BPC Seniors, and all our guests!
- Next round of free Meet Me in the Kitchen classes to be included in BPCA’s Summer Events Calendar (due out later this month)

II. BPC Health Workshop – Brain & Heart Health

- Free public session on March 23 @ 6 River Terrace
- Partnership w/BPC Seniors, New York Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital & Weill Cornell Medicine; sessions included “Brain Health & Stroke Prevention” and “Cardiovascular Wellness: Risk Factors and Common Cardiac Conditions”

III. BPC Winter Events Calendar

- More than 500 public programs and events from January to April
- Largest slate of winter programming yet includes cultural and artistic workshops, talks, fitness programs, music, games, and much more.
- Summer Events Calendar to be announced in coming weeks

IV. BPC Seniors Working Group & Events

- Met on March 14 as part of regular check-ins; discussed items including 200 Rector Place fit-out, expanding group’s reach of new groups of seniors, etc.
- Next meeting TBD later this month

V. Museum of Jewish Heritage – Free Membership for BPC Residents – REMINDER

- Running through June 30, 2018, MJH Community Membership Program provides free Museum membership (proof of residency required)
- Includes free Museum admission, discounted or free program tickets & more
- Program Commemorates MJH’s 20th Anniversary

VI. Lost & Found Contact Information – REMINDER

- Allied Universal Command Center
211 North End Avenue
(212) 945-7233 | bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:**I. 2018 BPCA Board Meetings – 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor, 10:30am**

- Tuesday, April 10
- Tuesday, May 15
- Tuesday, June 12
- Tuesday, July 10
- Tuesday, August 14
- Tuesday, September 18
- Tuesday, October 16
- Tuesday, November 13
- Tuesday, December 11
- Archived meeting videos: communithek.tv/bpca/

II. 2018 BPC Open Community Meetings – 6 River Terrace, 6-7:30PM (Tentative)

- Wednesday, June 6
- Wednesday, September 12
- Wednesday, November 28
- Video from March 5, 2018 meeting:
www.communithek.tv/bpca/?q=video/bpca-march-5-2018-community-meeting

III. BPCA Annual Report – Fiscal 2017

- Full report available on BPCA website:
bpca.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Annual-Report-2017-1-31-18-1.pdf

IV. Skyscraper Museum

- *Millennium: Lower Manhattan in the 1990s*, runs thru April 2018
- Multimedia exhibition recaptures formative time in history of New York's historic commercial hub through combination of architectural drawings and models, archival and contemporary photographs, original posters, maps, sketches, renderings, and more
- For more information: skyscraper.org/millennium

V. Permitted Walks / Runs

- Schedule of 2018 Runs / Walkathons in Battery Park City as follows:

| Organization / Event | Event Type | Event Date(s) & Approx. Time | Attendance (Est.) | Street Closures | Notes |
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| Taste of BPC | Fundraiser | Sat – Apr 21, 12PM | 250 | N/A | P.S. 89's Annual Fundraiser |
| 9/11 Memorial 5K Run/Walk | Walkathon / Run | Sun – Apr 22, 7:45am | 5,000 | N/A | Upper & Lower Plazas / north & south Esplanade |
| Callen-Lorde Rainbow Run | Walkathon / Run | Sat – Apr 28, 9:00am | 150 | N/A | FYI only |
| 'Tklalhuis Dutch School | King's Day Annual Kids & Family Day | Sun – Apr 29, 12-4PM | 400 | N/A | FYI only |
| Lupus Foundation | Walkathon | Sat – May 5, 10am-12PM | 5,000 | N/A | West St., circle to Battery & 1st Place & continue on Battery Place/exit |
| The Brownstone Experience Foundation | Concert in Wagner Park | Sat – May 12, 4-6PM | 1,500 | N/A | FYI only – Free Concert |
| American Heart Association | Wall Street Run & Heart Walk | Thu – May 17, 6:45PM | 10,000 | Yes - TBD | Enter BPC @ Battery Place & Third Place |
| NYPD Run Club | Annual Walkathon | Sun – May 20, 8:30-12PM | 2,100 | Yes - TBD (usually West & Liberty Streets) | FYI - Registration at PS 89/Brief Ceremony at NYC Police Memorial / proceed to Liberty & West Streets / exit BPC @ SHS Plaza |
| Playworks | Annual Walkathon | Sat – Jun 2, 7am-1PM | 100 | N/A | FYI only |
| Friends of Robin Med. Center | Walkathon | Sun – Jun 3, 7am-1PM | 500 | N/A | FYI only – setup on Wagner Park Plaza |

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| Bike to the Beach | Bike Ride for Autism | Fri – Jun 8, 5am | 175 | N/A | FYI only – setup by Tribeca Bridge by Stuy. HS & West St. |
| LeadDog Marketing | Midnight Runners | Fri – Jun 8, 7:30-9:30PM | 350 | N/A | Passing through BPC (up and back) |
| River-to-River Festival “Namaah’s Ark” | Free Outdoor Concert | Sun – Jun 17, 7:00PM | Approx. 1,500 | N/A | Not a walk / run; part of LMCC’s Annual River-to-River Festival |
| Clipper Race | Boat Race | Wed – Jul 18 to Sun – Jul 22 | 200-1,000 | N/A | North Cove Marina / Esplanade Plaza |
| Pajama Program, Inc. | Walkathon / Run | Sat – Sep 29, 7am-1PM | 300 | N/A | Wagner Park to Rockefeller Park |
| Stephen Siller Tunnel-to-Towers Foundation | Walkathon / Run / Community Festival | Sun – Sep 30, 9:30am | 20,000 | Yes - TBD | Red Hook-West & Liberty Streets, BPC; followed by festival – Vesey Street |