



June 29th North/West BPC Resiliency Project Open House Comment Log (In-Person and Virtual)

Date	Question/Comment	Source
6/29/22	How would a fixed barrier impact bicycling?	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	Does the city use 10 foot walls next to a bike path anywhere? Why can't we just have deployables at pinch points?	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	Scale models of all alignments for all reaches would be helpful	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	Please explain why the median along RT 9A cannot be location for FBS	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	Elevate 9A	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	FBS alignment along RT9A should be continued north to protect west side	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	Will flood barriers be transparent or not? 10 foot barriers look like the waterfront a century ago—views cut off/access limited.	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	Why not a flood absorption, like landscaping, to hold soil and also act as a drain?	In-Person Open House: Reach 1 Board
6/29/22	Want waterfront use (recreation, education, and places for boating) to be enhanced.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Water recreation is something to enhance/increase - like South Cove - in Reach 2.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Reach 2/North Esplanade has a relatively protected waterfront. Perfect for boat access! As long as we are rebuilding the esplanade, let's design it to allow people to use this wonderful waterfront. Floating docks, etc.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Additional water access would be cool.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Consider water access.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	How do you determine the height of the barriers?	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Height of walls? For each option.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Can the trust boundary be expanded? Seems like we have time for an act of congress?	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Extend esplanade north?	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Leave as much park open as possible, place barrier as close to building as possible, increase esplanade.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Prefer this. [placed near flood barrier adjacent to buildings]	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Put wall by building	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Confirm Army Corps and HRPT agree to extension below aligning choice.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Engage w/high schools. PS/IS 89.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Places for kids to play.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Can we separate the bike path and turn off into esplanade? Tight w/ runners and pedestrians.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Grass over concrete.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Please limit the amount of park elevation raising (fill).	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Please continue the visualizing and community input through alignment selection, design, and construction.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Cost comparisons.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Just FYI: This section is north facing, as you probably know. The wind rips this area and it's cold. Not really a super fun place to hang out.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Natural barriers, oysters, salt marshes.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Pool + with shade.	In-Person Open House: Reach 2 Board
6/29/22	Conceptual alignment A would be the <u>most</u> preferred. The <u>most important</u> is preserve all open lawn of North lawn.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Conceptual alignment A	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Conceptual alignment A because Rockefeller Park unchanged so do not block building views	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Plan A - seems like dealing with a flooded field for a 1 in 100 year storm.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Minimizing disruption (e.g. option A) is preferable.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Prefer half always available during construction. 'A' is a good solution for a less urgent/pressing situation.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	I prefer A	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Plan A is the best and only viable option. But... not convinced existing wall should be higher.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Like Plan A because you don't have to tear up lawn.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Strongly agree with alignment A. Let the water come in and then recede. Do not spend precious natural resources and financial resources on overbuilding and over-engineering.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	You can't plant trees around wall! Put wall at yellow alignment so more trees in landscape.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Out of the three options, like yellow best. Increased wall should think "kids play"	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Please keep ferry terminal as far south as possible. Away from residential apartments	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	If move ferry terminal consider passenger movement to Vesey. Current location best. Other consideration: noise at 218 River Terrace. CB1's request to electrify ferries and add needed electric infrastructure for ferries.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Do not move ferry terminal north away from bus users.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Dislike moving terminal nearer playground.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Do not move ferry closer to playground; open park.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Please do not move the ferry terminal too far over	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Do not move ferry closer to playground; open park.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board

6/29/22	Please keep the trees and don't break up open continuous lawns. Please!	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Open lawn space is needed—not the same as green space (non playable planting area)	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Please maintain open uninterrupted lawn space—not broken by paths or seating.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Minimize impact to park.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Keep the North Lawn and the South Lawn as it is.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Plans B+C make no sense. C would destroy the park	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Leave playground. It was just redone	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Touch as little of the park as possible. Keep it open during construction	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Please preserve green space! And sight lines.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	No sculpting needed. We like the lawn as it is, but we would like it to be protected. Like playground as it is.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Replace lawn in instance of flood	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	How often are we expecting the lawn to flood with Plan A? How much would maintenance cost in time and money?	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Why doesn't plan A follow the existing River Terrace wall? (I.e., why wrap the playground away from the lawns	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	How about a community boathouse?	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	We would greatly appreciate more access to the water	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	I don't understand why anyone would object to this project. It's a very good idea and would benefit the community. It's easier to prevent something then to deal with the consequences of a hurricane or flood afterwards. Instead of trying to prevent, try to understand the importance and help to implement. I've lived here for 9 years.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Redesign sports courts area for better, flexible program usage	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Where is the drainage and rainwater capture	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	The trees on the West Side of the street are important.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Please estimate the timing that the park would be unavailable under plans B and C.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	"Follow Green Coalition design principles, keep trees, active grass, places for kids to play.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Small wall is good. Keep it simple stupid.	In-Person Open House Reach 3 Board
6/29/22	Keep ferry terminal as is.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Why move a ferry terminal away from offices and towards homes and playgrounds?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Prefer not to move ferry terminal next to playground.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Moving ferry terminal interesting	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Ferry Terminal a noise nuisance.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Don't move ferry terminal near playground.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	How can the Ferry Terminal exist past the pierhead line?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Do NOT move Ferry Terminal near playground and open recreation area.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Don't move Ferry Terminal.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Move terminal where and why? Rationale?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	"Ferry commuters go up Vesey and towards Brookfield, not to Murray St.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Will the size of the ferry terminal change also?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Move the ferry terminal to where?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	If lily pond goes, pls consider more green space!	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Lily Pond. Ask the head gardener. He has been maintaining the pond for over 20 years.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	One vote for Alignment C. Please do not elevate the Lily Pond area – better to allow the water to come in and then recede.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	This eliminates too many trees w/ wall in berm!	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Make green. Add green over concrete.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	If walls, then for kids to play. Natural elements.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Cost? Construction time?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Cost comparisons.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Who is paying? Sources and uses of funds?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	More walk way on lower in front of 300 Vesey.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Difficult to read – use larger images.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Use passive systems	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	If Rockefeller Park remains, which is what I advocate, can the plantings withstand inundation by salt water?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Marina wave control is needed.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Design principles of Tear Drop.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Pursue the solution which leaves the most park open during construction.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	I prefer this – raised wells around lily pond – place walls where don't have / need trees! Be strategic.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	No views from inland on this one.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Wrong reasons to move it!	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	What about the ducks?	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Make clear how high the wall will be.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	Models and data underpinning assumptions.	In-Person Open House Reach 4 Board
6/29/22	C unclear. Do not block views.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Need views of river.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Umbrella trees not high view blocking.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Maintaining views of river from plaza is a priority.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Don't block view.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Yes! More greenery.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Which ever solution has more trees leafiness!	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board

6/29/22	Lawn is not sustainable, it requires a lot of maintenance. Use plantings instead.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Prefer 'A' if more trees are added to that area	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	More shade, more green.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	How can universal accessibility be improved in North Cove? Build a community boathouse	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Which options improves accessibility	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Cost and time comparison for each scheme.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Will Brookfield help fund improvements to their esplanade? They have fixed lease rates unlike us	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Cost difference among 3 options? Construction time difference? Disruption to residents time frame?	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Costs born by corporations who use to recruit employees.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Bring back original designer of the campus to retain 'art.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Pursue most minimally impactful solution	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Follow green coalition design principles.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Flexible open space is NEED for walking. Traffic in plaza.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	More places that kids play.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Please make renderings to show effects from Kowsky Plaza.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Show where section is taken in plans.	In-Person Open House Reach 5 Board
6/29/22	Shade trees and proximity to water are best features of esplanade.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Collect water and use for irrigation.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	The esplanade is a pathway to Statue. Play features just don't fit when this is a passage. It's an allee. Please keep it that way.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Esplanade is already crowded enough – narrowing would be a problem.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Do not reduce planted areas in order to widen the esplanade.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Please limit construction impacts and leave the esplanade as is.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Prefer this option – maintains more of esplanade space.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Prefer this solution. Simpler, keeps more green for public. Consider hybrid where esplanade is raised and lawn has more graceful profile.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Don't increase width.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	How narrow can you go? It's already tough to get through, especially in warm months. I.e. tourist.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	All vistas to the river should be preserved w/ deployables, not fixed	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Plan B – what happens to views? A lot of folks take photos with Statue of Liberty in background.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	If a wall is going to obscure views from an apartment an active flip wall should be used.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	How will views be impacted?	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	So how are all street views affected? What about quick access to FDNY and NYPD emergency situ?	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	How is all of this financed?	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Cost comparison.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Would be helpful to have rendering illustrating street views, showing what the pedestrians experience of these walls would be.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Graphics are not accurate all adjacent buildings currently look out.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Like this niche [arrow pointing to graphic in "Example: Minimal Changes to South Esplanade"]	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Use deployables at intersections.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	What is more protection A, B, or C?	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Important to design not only for worst case. What will we be living with during non-flood events.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	How high is the existing wall?	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Limiting impacts of construction is a plus.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Intersections are too narrow for art or play. They become choke points.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Green over concrete.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Data and assumptions?	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Green coalition design principles.	In-Person Open House Reach 6 Board
6/29/22	Do NOT lose the on water recreational capabilities of South Cove.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Right now, South Cove is a work of art. No boating access allowed. But if you are considering taking away this work by Eckstut / miss / child, then please make the most of this protected cove. Could be another site for boating access.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Proximity to water is a big plus of South Cove.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	A marsh at South Cove is a great idea, + boulders.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Like natural shoreline [arrow pointing to graphic on Example: Restoration Opportunity in South Cove]	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	[arrow pointing to * comment] We like! How to manage garbage.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Like this [arrow pointing to graphic on Example: Restoration Opportunity in South Cove]	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Natural shoreline would be cool	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Why are the barriers 7' tall	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Green coalition principles.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Love that the Forest Walk is mostly untouched Plan A seems great.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Must talk to MetroKids Battery Park Montessori, etc.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Prefer solution with deployable.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Rain water collection system.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board
6/29/22	Passive solution preferred.	In-Person Open House Reach 7 Board

	<p>Addressing Climate Change Issues Affecting the Brookdale Senior Living Community</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>As concerned citizens we are alarmed by the rapid climate change that is affecting communities worldwide. African Countries becoming deserts. Severe floods that used to be designated "100 year floods" coming all too often to places that never experiences major flooding before, and wildfires that are destroying forests and homes and killing animals at unprecedented rates.</p> <p>As elder citizens, residing in the Brookdale Senior Living Community at 455 North End Avenue, we are deeply concerned about climate issues that are a potential threat to our well-being and safety. On the one hand we are fortunate to be living near the bounty and beauty of the Hudson River and its surrounding parkland. On the other hand, if it floods, the river poses a serious threat to our community.</p> <p>During Hurricane Sandy, water reached the front step of the building and residents were evacuated. While the previous evacuation was successful, Brookdale currently has many more residents that are frail, need walkers and wheelchairs and require part or full-time caregivers. The previous population was more independent.</p> <p>Storms such as Nor-easters and Hurricanes are growing ever stronger, and a core group of Brookdale residents wants to have a specific plan in place well in advance of anticipated climate change events that will negatively affect our community.</p> <p>Brookdale's Needs are Specific</p> <p>At Brookdale, flooding is caused by both river water and sewage. There needs to be an immediate response to this issue, which poses a serious health problem. The solution is to divide the existing piping so that sewage does not mix with river water during flooding. NYC is aware of this problem but urgency and advocacy is required on the part of the administration.</p> <p>Brookdale residents are concerned that if flooding/sewage seeps into the basement of the building utilities will be affected, causing power/ heating outages that will force evacuation at great cost to residents' health and well-being.</p> <p>Conclusion</p>	
6/29/22	Dear Mr. Jones & Mr. Sbordone:	In-Person Open House Comment Cards
6/29/22	Create a committee of community stakeholders, authority personnel & subject matter experts. It will allow meaningful input & dissemination of information. It will help alleviate some of the current impressions that the community gets to see & speak but not meaningfully hears & considered. Always happy to discuss.	In-Person Open House Comment Cards
6/29/22	Garrett (AECOM) is great	
6/29/22	Do. Not. Destroy. Wagner. Park.	
6/29/22	Fix the low points beside it,	In-Person Open House Comment Cards
6/29/22	It would be helpful to have more 3D visuals with elevated designs	In-Person Open House Comment Cards
6/29/22	Show DFE of all LMCR projects in BPC	In-Person Open House Comment Cards
6/29/22	Please consider snow removal and melt. There are drains in the existing wall.	In-Person Open House Comment Cards
6/29/22	Why building to 2050? Not 2100?	In-Person Open House Comment Cards
7/17/2022	How does moving the ferry terminal north improve access?	Virtual Open House: Reach 4
7/17/2022	Very confused by the moving of the ferry terminal - particularly in the Alignment A and B scenarios.; Moving it closer to the residential buildings will increase the noise for those residents.; Plus, the current location allows commuters to disembark and walk straight up to Vesey without having to walk around the Lily Pond and green space.; How would movement of the terminal improve flow, exactly?; And would it be worth the cost and increased noise/traffic for residents of River Terrace?; If the terminal were to be moved at all, I'd expect movement in the opposite direction towards Belvedere Plaza, where there is more open paved surface, public seating area, obvious connection to Brookfield Place amenities, etc.	Virtual Open House: Reach 4
7/24/2022	We should focus on the purpose of this project, which is to protect from flooding. Moving the ferry terminal has nothing to do with the project's purpose and will only cause further disruption and expense for neighborhood residents—especially those living at 2/8 River Terrace.	Virtual Open House: Reach 4
7/24/2022	2 River Terrace resident here.; Moving the ferry terminal closer to our homes will decrease our property values.; Please don't do it!	Virtual Open House: Reach 4
7/31/2022	Who is asking for increased seating and planting? ;Follow the Green Coalition design principles. ;Use natural barriers to prevent flooding and use green spaces and nature as your first line of defense. We need more places for kids to play. ;Ensure you talk to the PTAs of all the local schools. Again, this is not enough information here for me to provide meaningful input.	Virtual Open House: Reach 2
7/31/2022	At this protected cove and along this section of the esplanade, please offer access to the water for recreational boating. Build a community boathouse, built a community dock.	Virtual Open House: Reach 2
7/1/2022	What are "alignments"? How do you define this term?	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview
7/1/2022	Melanie, based on the description under project overview (pt. 2), the alignments represent the location of the flood barrier.	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview
7/17/2022	Renderings on what this would actually look/feel like for pedestrians, people using the spaces, looking out their windows, etc. would be more helpful than just maps with colored lines.;	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview
7/27/2022	Yellow would be the best, but what is the purpose of building a wall to protect North BPC as it did not flood during sandy??	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview
7/29/2022	What this is missing here is another option: do nothing. As the previous commenter said, North BPC did not flood during Sandy. Yes, water did reach the lawns and then it retreated. The lawns were fine because this is the beauty of lawns, grass and trees: they are designed to flood. Stop this boondoggle project and spend the money and effort where it makes more sense, that is fixing the part in Hudson River Park that the water breached during Sandy and the area around Pier A.	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview

7/29/2022	IMO: Unless funding is coming from sources outside Battery Park City, the 12K 18+ adults living here should make the decisions on size, scale and scope.	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview
7/29/2022	I agree 100% with the previous poster. Just because you claim to "have the ability to raise funding" in BPC (notice the use of neutral language here, as if BPCA is conjuring money out of thin air) does not give you the right to use it with impunity. Last I checked, the feudal times are over. We as a community need proper representation and a seat at the table where decisions are taken. No taxation without representation! No top-down dictatorial wrong-headed decisions paid for with our money.	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview
7/29/2022	Is there a variation in guiding principle for each of the three alignments across the entire project? In general these options provide small variations in details and seem arbitrary in some ways (why does the ferry terminal move a different amount for each option?). Which option preserves the most green, destroys the fewest trees, and is least disruptive to park use and residential life? If we had that option, would we be less protected for storm and sea-level rise? Would it be more/less expensive? What weight are you giving to this community feedback anyway? Please explain.	Virtual Open House: Alignment Overview
7/31/2022	There is absolutely NO public health benefit to move the Ferry Terminal North by any measure!! Moving it South would be the only public benefit.	Virtual Open House: Reach 4
8/1/2022	What are the measurements for the design flood elevation (in feet)?	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 2
7/30/2022	This project needs to go back to the drawing board. Community experts raised serious questions regarding the justification of this project, but they have been ignored by BPCA. We the residents who will be affected by turning our neighborhood into a construction site and who will be stuck with a \$50,000. per person bill must have a big voice in the decision-making process. And it is not just the current residents who will be affected by the destruction of an award-winning beautiful park, it is all current and future generations of New Yorkers.	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 2
7/31/2022	Our neighborhood did not flood during Sandy. This is fearmongering. Stop wasting money and destroying parks. We do not need and we do not want this!	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 2
7/31/2022	Some buildings in BPC did flood and lose power during Sandy. Many had to evacuate.; The primary reason we did not experience significant flooding is because water gushed through and settled in the Battery Park Underpass which will be sealed in future storms as well as on West St and in lower areas of FiDi Many buildings across West Street sustained significant damage. As for the plan, the one ask I have is that the decision makers maintain access to the water for residents and others while protecting lower Manhattan.	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 2
7/31/2022	I would like to address some of the points raised by the commenter above. Many residents had to evacuate during Sandy because they were ordered to evacuate by the government as a precaution before Sandy even arrived. You should not confuse evacuating as a precaution with evacuating because of flooding. In fact, some families that evacuated from Battery Park City to other parts of Manhattan ended up in a worse shape because those other parts of Manhattan lost power and Battery Park City did not. There are many reasons why buildings lose power and the way to address it is by protecting and shielding transformers, moving electrical and mechanical equipment to higher floors, etc. These fixes do not require a billion dollar project and the destruction of the park. The water that gushed through the Battery Park Underpass did not come from the west side of Battery Park but from West Street and Pier A. This project does not address that problem at all. I fully support the previous commenters last point of maintaining access to water.	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 2
7/31/2022	I would like to add that the building we live in, and lived during Sandy, was without power for two weeks due to poor maintenance of a neighboring building. We live across the West Side Highway from BPC. An oil tank ruptured in neighboring building during the storm and oil wrecked some of ConEd's infrastructure. Money could perhaps be better spent on upgrading and securing existing structures.	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 2
7/13/2022	The three or two options are an unsightly flood barrier if minimal changes are made or build an earthen hill and reducing the size of the esplanade to hide it.I am not a civil engineer, but is there another option outside of inaction? Extend the esplanade and hide it in the new part on the water?	Virtual Open House: Reach 6
7/17/2022	I think there should be better renderings for each of the options. Very difficult to imagine what the esplanade would look in these scenarios vs. current condition...The esplanade is such a beautiful, unique corner of Manhattan and it should be preserved as much as possible - very hard to tell what to expect out of these alignments.	Virtual Open House: Reach 6
7/31/2022	A and C are the only options for south BPC that maintain water access for all.. Option B would not; maintain water access for those in wheelchairs or anyone who has difficulty climbing stairs.	Virtual Open House: Reach 6
7/27/2022	Rockefeller park emerged from Sandy unscathed. Yes, some of lawns got wet, but there was no damage to the buildings. You are destroying the park in order to protect the park and spending hundreds of million of dollars (paid for by the residents) in the process. Stop this waste of a project now.	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 1
7/29/2022	The BPC community has right to fair representation on the project which means a committee that includes neutral experts and community stakeholders that can have input into the scope, size, cost and design. BPCA is only giving us a choice about deployable or fixed barriers. That is not meaningful inclusion.	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 1
7/31/2022	I understand the need to address sea level rise - but this plan overreaches and; ignores cheaper, quicker and less disruptive alternatives. It calls for the destruction of one of the neighborhood's finest buildings - the pavilion at Wagner Park - and its replacement with an expensive, so far only vaguely rendered building that appears to lack the grace and charm that makes the existing structure a treasure.; For our community, Wagner Park is a sacred place. In the aftermath of 9-11, residents who had been displaced from their homes gathered there for services in remembrance of neighbors who were lost and fire fighters who sacrificed their lives in the towers. As with Gigino, the excellent and affordable, locally owned restaurant that has served the community for years, I would hate to see it, and the pavilion and the park itself replaced in a project certain to profit developers but whose benefit to the community has not as yet been made clear.	Virtual Open House: Project Overview Part 1
7/30/2022	I didn't see a place to put comments after reviewing all the boards/slides. I'm glad you provided the PDF's because I found the font on the on-line slides to be too small to read in detail. Overall comments: 1) I need more background information from flood and environmental experts to know their guesstimates of the level of flood risk for each of the "reach" areas being considered. 2) I didn't know, but based on the comments, it seems that all of this has to be funded by the Battery Park residents? No state or federal contributions? I think we need a more detailed explanation of costs especially the variations in costs that might be connected with each of the options you are asking us to comment on in the "reach" panels. Knowing relative costs of each option combined with more detailed information about flood risk would make a more informed way to decide on options. 3) You have nice pictures of the various flood barrier system options but I have no background information about which ones work better than others, or are more easily maintained, or how difficult or easy one might be to deploy over another choice. Again, I think for those of us who don't know anything about engineering or this area of expertise - we need more information to make sensible comments. 4) I would also like to learn more about how long various options for each of the "reaches" might take to construct so we'd have a better idea of how long various areas would be under construction or not usable and a better description of whether more natural options (e.g. increasing lawn and tree areas, etc.) might reduce the flood risk sufficiently that they should be more closely considered. I think that some countries have found some creative alternatives to ameliorate flood risk and I'd like to know if these were considered and why they were rejected 5) In summary, I appreciate that you have asked us to comment, but I don't think the information provided by the poster boards and the overview video are sufficient for us to make informed comments. Maybe there were earlier documents or videos that I should have seen and missed. If there are, maybe you should send out those links so we can catch up on the background info and you should also then extend the comment period on this stage of the planning process. I'm not sure that having such a comment period (especially if the Battery Park residents are paying for all of the work) in the middle of summer vacation is a good idea. There are likely to be a lot of people out of town on vacation.	Virtual Open House: Fact Sheet
7/31/2022	We don't need to actively create a marsh ... the river is tidal. A low tide marsh is just a swamp that will collect trash and debris	Virtual Open House: Reach 7

7/31/2022	Do not understand the proposal here to provide meaningful feedback. This area is heavily trafficked by employees whose headquarter and major offices are here. What is the communication plan there and how much of the bill are they paying? There is significant value to them using this area to recruit and retain talent. I would also use the Green Coalition design principles. Turn concrete green, increase active green spaces and preserve mature trees. The BPC community has right to fair representation on the project which means a committee that includes neutral experts and community stakeholders that can have input into the scope, size, cost and design. BPCA is only giving us a choice about deployable or fixed barriers. That is not meaningful inclusion.	Virtual Open House: Reach 7
7/31/2022	A marsh is a great idea. It would help absorb and buffer storm surge, and create an extra small chunk of shoreline habitat for birds and other wildlife.	Virtual Open House: Reach 7
7/31/2022	This is regards Wagner Park, plans for which aren't included here. I understand the need to address sea level rise - but this plan overreaches and ignores cheaper, quicker and less disruptive alternatives. It calls for the destruction of one of the neighborhood's finest buildings - the pavilion at Wagner Park - and its replacement with an expensive, so far only vaguely rendered building that appears to lack the grace and charm that makes the existing structure a treasure. For our community, Wagner Park is a sacred place. In the aftermath of 9-11, residents who had been displaced from their homes gathered there for services in remembrance of neighbors who were lost and fire fighters who sacrificed their lives in the towers. As with Gigino, the excellent and affordable, locally owned restaurant that has served the community for years, I would hate to see it, and the pavilion and the park itself replaced in a project certain to profit developers but whose benefit to the community has not as yet been made clear.	Virtual Open House: Reach 7
7/31/2022	Can't they do it in a more natural-looking way instead of industrial? For such a huge cost, I wish the environmental design was more creative, less disruptive.	Virtual Open House: Reach 7
7/28/2022	More underwater and deployable are solutions the better. A permanent wall around lower Manhattan seems ridiculous and wildly inconvenient for daily users of the areas.	Virtual Open House: Reach 5
7/28/2022	Each of these alignments seems to call for a fixed 10' high wall along the bike path. Are there no other alternatives? What is the projected height for storm surge? Are there renderings of the different views (e.g. cyclist, pedestrian, driver, BMCC student)?	Virtual Open House: Reach 1
7/28/2022	So effectively West St will have a 10ft wall between it and the river. What does that do for noise on the east side of West St? Will that create an echo enhancing the traffic sounds to residents? What about safety and visibility? Does it create a safety risk when patrols can't see into Hudson River Park? Lighting along the wall so it's safe at night? Is 10 FEET the necessary height?! Could there be a 4ft permanent wall that can conditionally extend to 8 or 10 feet during an event? A permanent ten foot wall seems oppressive.	Virtual Open House: Reach 1
7/28/2022	I am having trouble picturing what you mean and need actual renderings and visualizations to be able to react to them. Some thoughts: Are you using the right model and data on estimating storm surge and sea level rise. I hope it is not the 2013 FEMA model deemed scientifically inaccurate How can we ensure there is zero reduction (and if anything additions to) active green spaces We should ensure all of the design principles outlined in the Green Coalition are held and the measure is widespread community buy-in on the plans (not measured by the number of CB1 meetings attended) Have the PTAs and principles of all schools in the North been part of the design and happy with them? Have they shared them in their meetings with parents? ;What about the Tribeca and South schools who also use this green space? Has the Homeowners Coalition and Battery Alliance shared the plans with their members and are they in alignment with them? How does the BPCNA feel about the plans? Do people know we can extend the pier north? How are natural barriers used? What happens under Hurricane Ida rainfall scenarios? Are there opportunities for an outdoor floating community pool? Federal funds and alternative funding sources should be considered Has there been an independent review by an outside firm other than one that stands to financially benefit Have the original designers of the park and BPC been consulted? ;How do we see design alternatives? What are the community needs and how did you come up with them?	Virtual Open House: Reach 1
8/1/2022	Higher water and storm surges are inevitable. They will be worse than anticipated. We need to implement the strongest most secure flood protection based on the engineering. The barriers need to resist unexpected dynamic challenges, such as debris and boats slamming into them. I personally favor permanent barriers that are not subject to human error in setting them up for a flood, but I leave it to the engineers to do what is best and most cost effective. I think the flood protection is the most important and urgent requirement, and I am more than willing to forego the use of the various parks while this work proceeds. IT MUST BE DONE AND THE SOONER THE BETTER! the floods are coming! This is urgent.	Virtual Open House: Overview Video

8/2/2022	<p>While few of us want to imagine a world where flooding is a more regular occurrence, the science is clear. The next hundred year storm won't be as rare as we think. I have resigned myself that as much as another major construction project is unwelcome, we need to make peace with building this protection sooner the better. When this project is complete and proven, my hope is that rest of Community Board 1 and NYC can find the will and funds (local, state & federal) to build the rest of the Big U. (FYI - north Tribeca near Canal Street has no money to plan, yet alone build any resiliency protection- none, nada, nothing- yikes!!!)In general, passive protection is best as the set up and take down costs will be a huge expense as storms become more regular. Ramps & stairs are far better vs flip up gates or deployable barricades which will have parts that break or suffer from corrosion. More water capture the better especially if that water can be used later for irrigation. Sunken handball and basketball courts could collect water in a storm in Rockefeller Park. More salt tolerant plants and trees the better. Letting parks flood is OK, but marshland on the Hudson with the swift tides is very, very hard to do. For example, the grasslands under newly built Pier 26 isn't working. Make sure you involve boat/ship/ferry operators early to make boat friendly sea walls in a post 9/11 world where fleeing residents were rescued by boat. Flip up barriers and creative sea walls will be a growth industry for years to come, not just in NYC but worldwide. Given this, can we work with engineering schools and/or local industries to design and build with local talent and resources? Let's consider our colleges and universities as partners. (BMCC will actually be in the scope of work.) Are there think tanks - say like what Governor's Island is trying to attract? Let's find local manufacturing suppliers too. (It offends me that we flew people from Texas to deploy Tiger dams used in NYC.) Please limit purchasing supplies outside the USA especially from halfway around the world where our carbon footprint to relocate the apparatus is greater. At the same time, we should borrow good ideas from around the world if they work as the Dutch have taught us. Never forget elements of surprise and fun like the great rainbow benches or beehives that recently arrived in BPC in the new park's design. So great! We need to think about this holistically. Can we capture energy from wind/solar/tides to power local streetlights for instance? NYC has a lot to do to reach 2050 goals. Again, this is new territory and we should use carbon neutral solutions as much as possible.; This project done right, will be copied worldwide. Take some chances and then brag about it success or failure to help the world learn how thoughtful design, community engagement, and engineering works. I want to see the faces and hear the voices of the problem solvers if they are willing. These people could be the superheroes of tomorrow. Let's document and brag about the engineering solutions and put it on YouTube so the next generation can see the real planning and effort to grapple with tough decisions and best possible outcomes. For instance, the concrete needs to be seawater tough, but perhaps use the new technology where it also is more carbon friendly. Will our current RFP process allow for innovation? Some of these efforts might involve RFPs from newer firms or partners with newer technologies or materials, something government purchasing often avoids. Please put up user friendly signs/videos to teach the neighborhood as we go. Tell us what is happening and why. BPCA fell short in neighborhood educational outreach for the South Project. (There is still time for a thank you, we will miss you, party for Wagner Park!)Here's another thought, each household in BPCA needs to be notified before purchase or lease that major resiliency work will be happening so no one can be "surprised". Being transparent about BPCA's resiliency efforts and finances need to include the residential building managers to notify residents - some are better than others as we saw during the 2020 census about reaching out to residents who live in doorman buildings that delayed posting important notices. It's so difficult now to take on innovation and projects for the public good. We could be passive and afraid. Or we could say this is the situation we find ourselves in, let's do the best we can to protect for the next generation. We should say a sad public farewell to the beautiful parks that are there now and say thank you for your service. There will be new parks that protect us from raising seas, but that doesn't mean losing the current parks won't be very hard on everyone who enjoys these public gems. I hated it when Pier 25 closed for years in the early 2000s, but it was worth the repairs and redesign. This will be too if Lower Manhattan is protected finally when the Big U is complete. This is an important piece in that puzzle.</p>	Virtual Open House: Overview Video
7/8/2022	Where can I find information on the strategy to finance these endeavors?	Virtual Open House: Overview Video
7/28/2022	<p>BPC was designed for flooding. We already have protection for 100 year flood. If we need to make MINOR changes to add protection for people and property fine, but this is a \$1B boondoggle, Cuomo's last insult to our neighborhood. This plan will permanently destroy award winning parks, already proven to provide ample protection. The community has weighed in, CB1 has weighed in, elected officials, independent design experts have weighed in. We need a better design that protects AND preserves our parks. We need to invest in root cause climate change, our buildings need to be upgraded to reduce their carbon footprint. This plan does nothing for that.BPC is already the highest ground of lower Manhattan. We should be focused on more vulnerable points first. NOT making high ground higher!</p>	Virtual Open House: Overview Video
7/29/2022	<p>This project was designed without local community input (I.e. the residents of lower Battery Park City, those who actually use this space on a regular basis for their daily "green" activities) and should be paused. Replacing 50%+ of the green space with concrete, and increasing commercial space, is not what the local community wants or needs. So go back to the drawing board and come up with a plan that both improves the park's already top-notch resiliency, and takes into account the local community's demand for wide open green spaces.</p>	Virtual Open House: Overview Video
7/29/2022	<p>The basis for this entire project is unfound. The entire Battery Park was designed to withstand the 100-year flood. Sandy was even bigger than that. It was the once in 260 years flood, as this scientific article shows: https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/2016JC011679. And, yet, Battery Park survived even that storm, there was no damage to the buildings. Moreover, the storm surge numbers this project is based upon are incorrect, as this appeal to FEMA shows:https://www1.nyc.gov/site/floodmaps/appeals/overview.page. It turns out that the real storm surge numbers for the 100-year storm are over 2 feet lower, which makes this entire project a big waste of money that will destroy a beloved park in order to "save it". This is not real resiliency. Real resiliency would be to fix the pinch points that flooded during Sandy and not make the high ground higher.</p>	Virtual Open House: Overview Video
7/29/2022	<p>This entire project seems like a vehicle for BPCA to spend residents' tax money. There is no reason for it other than to justify the continued existence of BPCA now that the neighborhood has been built out (and maybe increase AECOM shareholder value). As previous commenters have noted there was no building damage in BPC during Sandy. In fact, all the damage was done from water breaching elsewhere and turning West Side Highway into a river bed that flooded the tunnel and parts of Tribeca. By making high ground even higher this project will make that bad outcome even more likely should there ever be a storm like Sandy. The water will still enter the low points (which are not being addressed) and it will still flow to the lowest ground which is not in BPC.</p>	Virtual Open House: Overview Video
7/30/2022	<p>I am very concerned about the lack of transparency in the whole process. We have been presented with a behind the scenes major decision and now only seem to be asked about tiny immaterial details. For such a major endeavor that would affect the community for years to come we should have been involved in every single step of the decision making process. As a long time resident of Battery Park City, I have a real stake in resilience, but this project should be stopped until community objections have been heard and addressed.</p>	Virtual Open House: Overview Video
7/30/2022	Our neighborhood did not flood during Sandy. This is fearmongering. Stop wasting money and destroying parks. We do not need and we do not want this!	Virtual Open House: Overview Video

7/9/2022	Can we see the difference in cost estimates of the different plans? I don't think asking homeowners and renters to foot a huge bill (proposed \$1bn spend, or almost \$50k per adult neighborhood resident) when we are entering a recession and borrowing costs are skyrocketing is a good idea, so understanding the cost impact of the different plans is pretty important. Why are moving the ferry terminal further away from office buildings and closer to people's residences 'in order to improve the flow of foot traffic'? These are largely commuter ferries - bringing that foot traffic flow (and diesel fumes) towards residences, parks and playgrounds and further from office destinations doesn't make sense. Is there some other motivation for this? It's very difficult to tell what are the planned impacts to the public spaces from these images. I know it appears there is a lot of information sharing here, but it's still impossible to tell if the big lawn will be chopped up in these examples, or how disruptive the barriers are to the views and natural outdoor experience that make this neighborhood special.	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/11/2022	The preservation of green space in some of these designs is unclear. Given other plans to reduce green space in the neighborhood, it is imperative that lawns and trees be preserved in Rockefeller Park. This area is used by all of the local schools and sports teams so minimizing closure time will be critical.	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/12/2022	I'd like to see a before and after or what is actually being proposed that is clear for non architects to understand. The renderings and drawings are not so clear. As a resident, I want to be able to have a legitimate voice in how BPCA is changing the landscape in my community. Trust has been broken through other projects run by BPCA. Lastly, why would you spend taxpayer dollars to renovate Rockefeller Park (in 2020-2021) if you planned to raise it just a few years later. This seems like very poor planning and a complete waste of money.	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/12/2022	Not enough information is being shared here about the tradeoffs between construction costs, construction time/disruption, degree of protection/risk from storm surges. One proposal includes a 2' wall and another 8'; what are the risks to the park, homes and businesses of the two proposals? How likely are each to occur? When will these be implemented? What sequencing would be established to minimize disruption?	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/17/2022	What are the ramifications of letting Rockefeller Park flood during a storm surge?; Are there drainage solutions post storm surge that would help with such events?	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/24/2022	As a resident of the River Terrace condo, I am strongly opposed to moving the ferry terminal closer to (or right in front of) the building. It is not practical to move the ferry terminal closer to the residential area which will increase foot traffic, noise, and fumes for the residents, and disturb the views from the building.	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/27/2022	Raising and completing rebuilding Rockefeller Park north lawn is a disaster and should not be considered. It is destroying the park to save it. It makes 0 sense and is a huge project that will affect quality of life for a decade. If any is really necessary, the flood wall on River Terrace is the best of terrible, destructive options.	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/27/2022	North Battery Park City did not flood during Sandy. So what is even the point of a wall on River Terrace?	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/28/2022	Why are the plans moving the ferry terminal north? This would seem to have nothing to do with the flood planning. Is there a different agenda being played out? I can't believe the proposal would move it closer to a children's playground. What is so wrong with the park flooding?	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
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7/29/2022	I went to the open house and saw many comments put on posted notes. When will the public see each and every comment?	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/31/2022	Please minimize reconstruction of Rockefeller Park. At street level, use green infrastructure that will help absorb rising waters. What about a mini-greenbelt along River Terrace that would help soak up water? Could you direct excess water to be retained in underground tanks? Repave with permeable pavement?	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
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7/31/2022	The original student just plainly noted that the existing stone wall may be raised with removable barriers to be placed at pinch points. These buildings are built on a berm. They are 15 feet above sea level. Do the minimum. Do not rip up the park. Do not spend years constructing something. This is not cost-effectively or timely. If there is such an emergency, use funds to purchase for each building deployable flood barriers now. There is no reason to embark on some grand project.	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
7/22/2022	Dear Battery Park City Authority,As a resident of Battery Park City with two young children who have enjoyed our parks and tour events for years, we humbly ask that you please stop the plans to close Wagner Park and please leave it the way it is. It is a beautiful park cherished by the community, particularly the children of this community. We need more green space not less. Furthermore, many experts have weighed in that the study you've relied on to justify the razing (and raising!) of the park is outdated and incorrect. If anything, by raising this land and making BPC into more of a bowl, you'll raise the risk of the rest of the community flooding in the much more common scenario of flash floods from rain. The community is very much against this project. We humbly ask that you discontinue this plan that will destroy a cherished gem. Thank you.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/23/2022	I agree . Razing is not the way to go	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
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7/24/2022	As a mom with three children who have used Wagner Park nonstop for 16 years I urge you to reconsider the plans to stop the destruction of Wagner Park. We don't have enough green space in the area and you would be eliminating green space for more commercial space and would spend billions on tax payer funds for a project that is deemed unnecessary by many experts.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/24/2022	This project was designed with zero community input. The only "choice" we get to make, if you can even call it that, is what type of barriers we want. It hurts me to see what you are proposing to do for our parks and our neighborhood which all of New Yorkers and even friends from across the river enjoy. In the name of resiliency, you are causing untold environmental damage and carbon emissions. Stop this now, and start again with a proper process in place where the community has a seat at the table and we can first answer the fundamental question: do we even need this?	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/30/2022	This project is based on false assumptions regarding future storms forecasts. The FEMA model that it is based on has been proven wrong during an official appeal by the City of New York a few years ago. Yet this fact did not stop BPCA, which raises a question what is a real reason for this project other than spending hundreds of millions of dollars that will be taken out of residents pockets to enrich a few contractors.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/30/2022	I agree with the comments that have been made by those who oppose this project. First, I worked with state government for 30 years - and the way to present a controversial project to the community is to do it real fast so they have no time to complain or present alternatives . There is no reason why this project needs to be rushed unless the idea is the weaken any opposition. There is no way that this project as planned can be understood or approved - if it is so confusing and unclear - another way to make changes once commenced without input from the communities affected. This gem that New York has and its quick destruction reminds me of the destruction of the old Penn Station. It was done quick and quiet here under the excuse of resiliency. No words can describe the sadness and fear that many in the community are experiencing - together with all the other issues we are dealing with right now. I would suggest a stop to this project until the issues of resiliency can be studied by independent experts - and the community that lives here in battery park are convinced THAT THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO GO but obtain the benefits that the state and the city seek. I am all for resiliency but it is clear that reconstructing this gem -our home- a gem of all New York - in this way is like the return of Robert Moses (did I get that name right?) from the dead. I beg you to give this another look and plan to protect , not destroy our waterfront within the confines of what we have here now - which is a treasure of the people of New York.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/30/2022	Residents of Battery Park City deserve the right to have fair representation on this project. What this means is a project committee that includes neutral experts and stakeholders from the community that have input into the size, scope, cost, and design of this project. The Battery Park City Authority is only giving us a choice on fixed or deployable barriers, which really is not meaningful inclusion for the community. It is just going through the motions to pretend that the community was included for PR reasons. Be better, BPCA.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/31/2022	While I appreciate that we are given the opportunity to comment here, it is perfunctory. We, the residents, should have been given the opportunity to participate in every step of the decision-making process, starting with: do we even need this project at all? Whom are we trying to protect and against what? Why are only the Battery Park City residents footing the bill and why is the financing of the project designed that way? Instead, what we are presented with here is a done deal and a made decision and all we can do is leave some comments at the margins, as if that will make any difference. And what will happen to those comments? How do you intend to address them and answer them? We are not fooled. What you are asking us to do here is not participation, not representation, and not democracy. As other commenters have said the residents deserve the right to a fair representation and the only way to achieve that is to pause this project and reconsider it with all the community stakeholders and neutral experts at the table. I was here in North Battery Park during Sandy and I saw what happened. Fact: The water came almost to the playground and then retreated. The water did not touch the buildings. We did not flood and the park survived just fine. I have read the scientific papers on storm modeling of North Atlantic Storms. Fact : BPC is on high enough ground that it is not in danger of flooding from 100-year storms in the coming decades, even if you account for sea level rises. I have looked at the documentation and modeling this project is based upon (what little BPCA provided after years of the community begging for the data). Fact : It is based on preliminary flood maps pre-2015 that FEMA itself admitted in 2016 that were wrong. This evidence alone should give every one pause and make them reconsider every assumption about this project. Yes, there was flooding in Lower Manhattan due to Sandy. Fact : That flooding was due to water breaching pinch points along the Hudson River Park and Pier A, NOT from any point along the Battery Park City Hudson coastline. This project "fixes" the non-existing problem by building a cliff-on-the-Hudson while ignoring the pinch points, which will make flooding of vulnerable areas in Lower Manhattan even more likely, especially when considering that most; of flooding is due to rainfall, not storm surges. I urge you to do the right thing by our community and all New Yorkers who enjoy the parks and care about the environment and resiliency. Put a pause on this project now and reconsider it.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/31/2022	This is no less than a complete destruction of her beloved neighborhood. In a just world, each and every one of you would be criminally prosecuted for misappropriating one billion dollars for this boondoggle. Please just go away and leave us alone. Find another way to steal a billion dollars. Thank you.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board

7/31/2022	Without seeing a 3D model of this plan, it's hard for me to understand how barriers and other elements of this project will be used. I feel this plan didn't give any real choices, as I couldn't get a clear picture of the options from the red, blue and yellow lines and boxes of descriptions. That said, climate change and 'global warming' are facts we can't ignore. Battery Park City's coastal exposure along with the rest of Lower Manhattan (and that of other areas in New York Harbor) make us all vulnerable to sea rise and intense storms in our future. We need to plan for the future and be forward thinking to protect Lower Manhattan as a whole if we are to survive as a livable city. I have attended some of the community outreach meeting in this regard, and am dismayed that so few citizens, (and usually the same few) take the time to get involved when invited to share their thoughts. I know we all lead busy lives but it's not an excuse for not being involved in the decision-making process. I agree with previous comments that choosing between fixed or flexible deployables are not real choices with a project cost of this magnitude (500 million?) I for one want to see a 3D model of the entire project, and an answer to what life would be like on the other side of the walls where we all live. I suggest we, as a community, continue to work with the BPCA and come up with an eco-friendly plan that protects the community for years to come.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/31/2022	I don't have an engineering background, but I have seen presentations that I could understand. I get the feeling the dense hard-to-read font and fuzzy renderings are by design to create confusion. The fact that this plan is based debunked data should be enough to halt this project for the time being until an independent panel of experts could evaluate our situation and determine our best plan to achieve resiliency—which may be as simple as replacing hard surfaces with water permeable materials or accepting the fact that what we have is resilient and important ecologically. If I owned a home in Battery Park City, I'd prefer to see my mandatory taxation in the form of a bond used to modernize and upgrade the condo buildings to enhance my property value. Close to a billion dollars to rip out mature trees and gardens just doesn't make any sense.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/31/2022	None of these project take into consideration the financial costs borne by the residents and community of Battery Park. Just because the BPCA can spend the money does not mean that it should spend the money. The community bears the cost of added insurance costs, potential devastation and even suppressed real estate value, none of which is reflected in the ground rents which just continue to rise. With the added financial burden of financing these projects there will continue to be no end to the imposition of financial costs on the BPC community. Where is the city and federal funding? To state that the amounts financed will just not be sent to the city as a surplus is exactly the kind of rationale that should be avoided. Any surpluses mean that the ground rents are excessive, not that there is additional amounts that may be spent. How about spending more on the community? How long do sections of Battery Park City need to be damaged? How about enforcement to ensure the quality of life, fixing the paths in Teardrop Park which have been closed for two years? Where is the stewardship and care for continuing to make this area a world class neighborhood?	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
7/31/2022	I could not more soundly oppose this project.; This website is not a sufficient forum for community input or transparency about what is planned. Wagner Park is a treasure and even more valuable in a pandemic landscape. If you are not lying to us about the impending climate dangers, then the billions of dollars that you intend to spend should be spent on saving residents, homes and businesses downtown in an emergency scenario. Peoples' lives, homes and livelihoods are much more valuable than keeping a park from being underwater.	Virtual Open House: Welcome Board
8/1/2022	NONE of these are options that should be considered - DO NOT MOVE THE FERRY TERMINAL NORTH! If the Ferry terminal needs to move, there should have been studies and proposals to move it SOUTH. The negative impacts to children, animals and the park users is palpable now - any further movement north exacerbates the issues.	Virtual Open House: Reach 4
8/1/2022	The most minimal changes to Rockefeller park that do not reduce open green space is best. There is no reason to add terraces for amphitheater seating. Think green instead and any terraces could be added as public gardens,	Virtual Open House: Reach 3
8/1/2022	Will the platform extensions help create more public space? Is there an option with the extension to not build huge walls?	Virtual Open House: Reach 2