

POLICY 8: PUBLIC ACCESS

Provide public access to, from, and along New York City's coastal waters.

GOALS OF REVISIONS

- Incorporate design principles for waterfront public spaces described in *Vision 2020*.
- Require shoreline developments using public funds or on publicly owned land to provide public waterfront access where safe and feasible.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- Wayfinding provision added to sub-policy 8.1: "Provide wayfinding from upland areas to waterfront public spaces and from one waterfront public space to another." (8.1 C)
- In 8.2 B, public access provision added: "All development on the shoreline, including industrial development, that receives public financial assistance, or is on publicly owned land, should, to the extent practicable, provide some form of public access, unless one of the following criteria is demonstrated:
 - Public access would be inconsistent with the functional and operational needs of the proposed facility and would create risk to public safety and/or security. For instance, public access would not be consistent within Federal Port security zones.
 - Public areas would not be safely accessible from upland areas and other public access areas."
- Temporary activation provision added: "Encourage use of waterfront sites for temporary public events and activities when compatible and appropriate." (8.2 F)
- Provision for visual access on industrial sites added: "For sites where physical public access is unfeasible, visual access should be provided to the extent practicable." (8.3 B)
- Adds to the list of criteria for prioritizing waterfront open space "sites within a waterfront area with less than 2.5 acres of open space per 1000 residents (the areas identified in the CEQR Technical manual as underserved should be the basis of this determination), or where there is a gap in public access along the shoreline of 0.25 miles or more." (8.4 A)
- Adds new sub-policy on waterfront public space design principles for access, amenities, environment, and water access, as described in *Vision 2020*. (8.6)