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.
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

The Natural Waterfront

The Public Waterfront

The Working Waterfront

The Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Waterfront
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

## NYC Comprehensive Waterfront Plan

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### Phase I: Goals and Issues
- **April 8** Public Meeting

### Phase II: Opportunities and Priorities
- **May 12** Bronx Workshop
- **May 17** Brooklyn Workshop
- **June 2** Queens Workshop
- **June 8** Manhattan Workshop
- **June 24** Blue Network Workshop
- **June 28** Staten Island Workshop

### Phase III: Recommendations
- **Oct 12** Citywide Meeting

DCP Data Gathering
Waterfront Resources Assessment
Balancing Goals

Support **economic development** on the working waterfront

Increase **efficiency** of waterfront construction and operations

Balance among goals

Increase the city’s resilience to **climate change** and projected sea level rise

Expand **public access** to the waterfront and waterways and **enliven the waterfront** with attractive uses, high-quality public open spaces, and publicly oriented water-dependent uses

Enhance the **public experience** of the **blue network** by expanding waterborne transportation, in water recreation, and water-oriented educational and cultural activities.

Restore degraded **natural waterfronts** and protect wetlands and shoreline habitats and improve the **environmental quality** of our waterbodies.
Public Outreach

- Seven Workshops
  - One Workshop in each Borough
    - Examined opportunities in each Reach
  - Two Workshops on Blue Network
Draft Recommendations Available Online

www.nyc.gov/waterfront
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
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.

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GOAL #2
Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

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GOAL #3
Restore degraded natural waterfronts, protect wetlands, and shorefront habitats, and improve the environmental quality of our water bodies.

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GOAL #4
Enhance the public experience of the “Blue Network” by expanding waterborne transportation, on-water recreation, as well as water-oriented educational and cultural activities.

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GOAL #5
Pursue strategies to increase the City’s resilience to climate change and sea-level rise.

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GOAL #6
Increase the efficiency of waterfront construction and operations.

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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.
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.
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
GOAL:
Expand public access and enliven the waterfront

REACH12 - WEST QUEENS

Reachwide

- Continue to implement Queens East River and North Shore Greenway
GOAL: Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

• Promote policies to support maritime and industrial businesses.

• Encourage green technologies and practices.
GOAL: Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

REACH 22 - KILL VAN KULL

Bayonne Bridge

• 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
**GOAL:**

Support economic development activity on the working waterfront.

**REACH 14 S. - BROOKLYN UPPER BAY SOUTH**

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

REACH 16 - CONEY ISLAND & SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Plumb Beach

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

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

REACH 5 - NORTHERN MANHATTAN

**Sherman Creek**

- Preserve natural habitat and wetlands
GOAL:
Restore degraded natural waterfronts, protect wetlands and shorefront habitats, and improve the environmental quality of our waterbodies.

REACH 8-BRONX RIVER

Bronx River Interagency Land Coordination
- Address issues of water quality, particularly CSO’s
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.
GOAL: 
Enhance the public experience of the “Blue Network”

REACH 10 - QUEENS NORTH SHORE

MacNeil Park
- Explore possible locations for a human-powered boat launch

[Map of Queens North Shore with MacNeil Park highlighted]
GOAL: 
Enhance the public experience of the “Blue Network”

REACH 17 - JAMAICA BAY / ROCKAWAY

Canarsie Pier
- Explore options for rehabilitation and active, cultural use of historic pier
GOAL:
Enhance the public experience of the “Blue Network”

REACH 14 S. - BROOKLYN UPPER BAY SOUTH

Piers 7-12

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