

# REACH 1-EAST RIVER NORTH

**Location:** Manhattan's East River waterfront from E. 59th St. to E. 125th St., including Roosevelt Island, and Randall's and Ward's islands

**Upland Neighborhoods:** Upper East Side, East Harlem

## Neighborhood Strategies

### East River Greenway (E. 59th St. to E. 125th St.)

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- Form a long-term management strategy to design, fund, construct and maintain the entire East River Greenway.
- Improve quality of existing esplanade (widen where possible, provide noise barriers, seating, lighting, dedicated paths, drainage, ADA access) and improve maintenance and current conditions of esplanade.
- Explore alternative edge conditions and opportunities for in-water recreation, such as a boat launches, based on the criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.
- Repair bulkhead prior to esplanade improvements.

### East River Greenway- E. 111th St.

1.a

- Work with DDC to ensure that their planned reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge at E. 111th St. maximizes the Greenway and provides a more direct connection to the waterfront.

### East 107th St. Pier

1.b

- Examine the feasibility of providing vessel tie-up.
- Improve pedestrian connection to E. 106th St.

### East River Greenway- E. 96th St.

1.c

- Improve pedestrian connection across FDR Dr. to 96th St. pier to facilitate access to water. Accommodate pedestrians carrying boats by widening pedestrian bridge.
- Examine potential improvements for existing boat launch, consistent with the criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.

### East River Greenway- E. 73rd to E. 75th St.

1.d

- Explore areas of the waterfront that can be made publicly accessible while maintaining the steam plant's facility needed for plant operation.

### Queensboro Bridge Area

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- Facilitate pedestrian upland access to the waterfront from E. 59th St. to E. 60th St., as recommended by Community Board 8's 197-a plan. Direct people to the waterfront through streetscape improvements, signage, landscaping, artistic or design elements which indicate proximity to the waterfront.
- Advance proposed Andrew Haskell Green Park.

### Randall's and Ward's Island

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- Explore opportunity for boat launch at the cove based on criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.
- Improve access via Ward St. bridge, including better maintenance and increased hours of operation.
- Support planned Renewable Energy Park and education center.
- Complete waterfront pathways, including Bronx Shore pathway, comfort stations, seawall repairs.
- Support Randall's Island Sports Foundation's plan to create a soft edge in areas where the bulkhead has deteriorated.
- Explore improvements to support habitat restoration and, where feasible, the navigability of the Bronx Kill for kayaks and canoes.
- Complete improvements at Ward's Island Waste Water Treatment Plant to reduce nitrogen discharge into the East River.
- Support salt marsh and wetlands restoration.

### Roosevelt Island

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- Support continued evaluation of effectiveness of tidal energy and strengths of river currents.
- Explore opportunity for boat launch based on criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.
- Explore opportunities in the east channel of the East River to reduce wave action to promote recreational boating and limit shoreline erosion.
- Ensure redevelopment of Goldwater Hospital maximizes open space and reflects proximity of the waterfront.

### Roosevelt Island, Southern End

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- Support an improved Southpoint Park with a waterfront esplanade and secure funding to build FDR Memorial.

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