REACH 1 - EAST RIVER SOUTH

Location: Manhattan’s East River waterfront from the Brooklyn Bridge to E. 59th St.

Upland Neighborhoods: Lower East Side, Midtown East

Neighborhood Strategies

Reachwide

- Test feasibility of commuter ferry service on the East River connecting Brooklyn/Queens with Manhattan.

East River Greenway - E. 53rd to E. 59th St.

1.a

- Build esplanade on existing outboard piles between E.53rd St. and E. 59th St.

East River Greenway - E. 38th to E. 41st St.

1.c

- Ensure that the former Con Edison waterfront pier at East 38th St. is improved for safe public access and for use as a park.
- Study pedestrian access options from upland areas to the waterfront pier.

East River Greenway - United Nations

1.b

- Study options for UN Consolidation building in exchange for funding of park improvements and waterfront esplanade.

East River Greenway - E. 23rd to E. 35th St.

1.d

- Explore long-term opportunities for maximizing water-dependent and water-enhancing uses along the waterfront.
- Explore inclusion of non-commercial recreational boating at marina.
- Upgrade esplanade to continuous, consistent design with amenities.
- Study opportunities for additional temporary uses of the 34th St. Heliport.
- Construct E. 35th Street ferry landing that provides sheltered waiting area, ticketing, and pedestrian amenities.

East River Greenway - E. 25th St.

1.e

- Improve signage at Waterside Plaza from southern esplanade entrance at E. 25th St.

East River Greenway - E. 13th to E. 15th St.

1.f

- Explore opportunities to improve bicycle and pedestrian connections in the area where the path narrows adjacent to the steam plant, including better lighting, screening, and signage to advise users of the limited right-of-way.

Stuyvesant Cove

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- Support Solar 2 and expansion of environmental educational center.
- Explore opportunities for a recreational pier based on the criteria described in the Citywide Strategy.

East River Park

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- Pursue funding for additional improvements to the Fireboat House facility, which supports both park maintenance and operations and an environmental education program.

Pier 42

4.a

- Study for use as a park with water-dependent community uses with connection to East River Esplanade South.

Pier 36

4.b

- Support plans to create public waterfront area as part of Basketball City development.

Pier 35

4.c

- Support plans to create public pier with an eco-park component.

Lower East Side

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- Improve upland streetscape connections, along Montgomery St., Rutgers St., and Catherine St., as described in the East River Waterfront master plan.