Waterfront Access for All

Breaking down social & physical barriers to the waterfront

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Who we are

The Waterfront Alliance inspires and effects resilient, revitalized, and accessible coastlines for all communities.
Our Priorities for the Harbor

Strong

Working

Healthy

Open

Managed
A history of change
9% access in areas of highest need
Why can’t we touch the water?
Why can’t we pay for access?
Why can’t we be heard?

We can do better.
27 years since waterfront zoning
35 acres on private land

Domino Sugar, Brooklyn
142 acres on public land

Soundview Park, Bronx
Public-private partnerships

Brooklyn Bridge Park
Oysters!
Ferries!
city of water!
But not all waterfronts look like this…
We can do better.

Why can’t we touch the water?
  • Zoning for direct access

Why can’t we pay for access?
  • Increased funding and resources

Why can’t we be heard?
  • Improving diversity and the way we engage
Thank you!

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