

Governors Island: Revitalizing the Island with Culture, Recreation and Public Space

What is Governors Island?

- 172 acre island in the middle of New York Harbor
- A former military base used from 1800-1996
- Sits 800 yards from Manhattan and 300 yards from Brooklyn
- Military base closed in 1996



Governors Island Facts

- In 2003, 150 acres of Governors Island was transferred to the people of New York
- The remaining 22 acres of the Island was declared a National Monument
- No residential housing or gambling allowed



Historic District

- Northern half of the Island is a Historic District, protected by national landmarks laws

- More than 52 historic buildings to be preserved

- Within the Historic District is the National Monument



Governors Island National Monument



- 22-acre National Monument owned and operated by the National Park Service



- Two individually landmarked buildings:



- Castle Williams (1811)
- Fort Jay (1809)



South Island



- 80 acres of landfill from the NYC subway
- Views of Statue of Liberty and Verrazano-Narrows Bridge



- Site of future park and public spaces
- Partially opened to the public



Governors Island Transfer

- In 2010, Bloomberg Administration took control of the Island and its development
- Island is an Administration priority
- Island is becoming a great resource for New York City and the region





- ★ YOU ARE HERE
- Ferry
- Roads (Walking and Biking)
- Pedestrian Zones (Please Dismount)
- Tram Stops: Picnic Point Express

- Buildings
- Governors Island National Monument
- Closed to Public
- Open by Permit Only for Events and Sports Leagues

- Restrooms (except those on the island accessible by boat)
- Public Safety/First Aid
- Food
- Ice Cream
- Kosher Vending Machine
- Bar
- ATM

- ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS** See activity guide for full schedule
- Bike Rental
 - Picnic Tables
 - Swings
 - Hammocks
 - Mini Golf
 - Farms
 - Free Hand-on Kids' Arts
 - Work of Storms at Governors Island: Presented by Storm King Art Center

Key Questions for Governors Island

- How do we redevelop Governors Island?
- What role does the Island play in the cultural and recreational life of New York City?
- What should be done first to make it a destination for New Yorkers and visitors?
- How does the Island play a role in the revitalization of NYC's waterfront?



Governors Island in 2006

- 26,000 visitors over entire summer
- Very little programming
- Island open two days a week
- No tenants or full-time activity on Island
- Derelict buildings and majority of open space not open to the public



Lessons Learned from Toronto



An island can be a magnet
for culture and leisure
(and people will wait in line for
a place they know is worth it!)





Children can go to school on an island
that has a unique connection to the
waterfront and ecology



Opening up artist studios
attracts visitors





Opening up artist studios
also attracts development



Hiring West 8 to design waterfront public space is a good idea



Opening interim space in new and creative ways is a great strategy





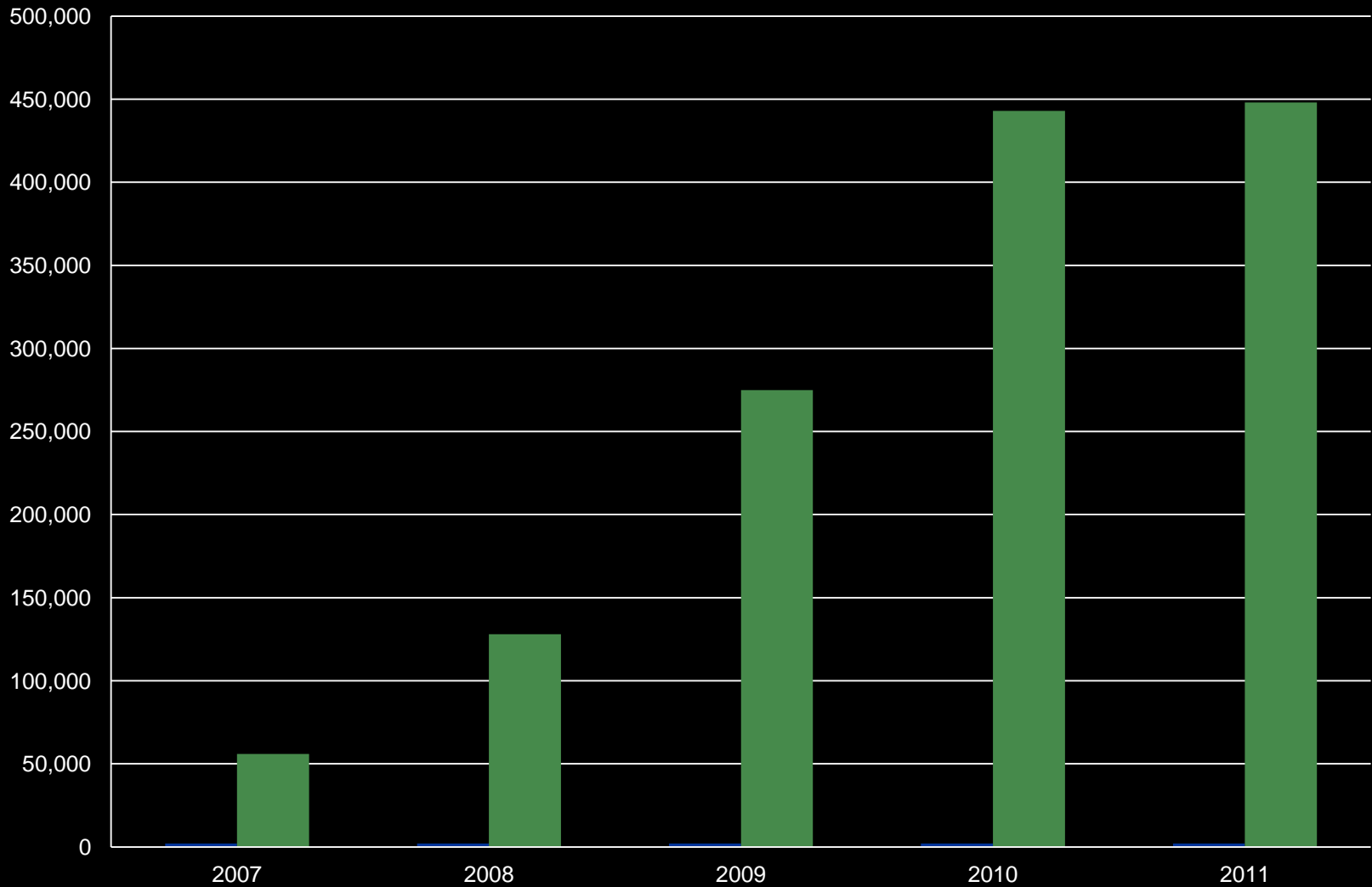


Strategy to Bring Governors Island Back to Life

1. Expanded public access and early signature uses
2. Public investment in stabilization and infrastructure
3. Multi-phase, mixed-use development strategy
4. Early creation of new world-class park and public spaces



Governors Island is a Popular Place Today



Seasonal Destination for New Yorkers

- Island open to the public every weekend from end of May to end of September
- Free ferries from Manhattan and Brooklyn bring thousands to the Island
- Nearly all activities are free
- Eclectic array of arts, cultural and recreational programming to reach diverse audiences



Visiting Governors Island

- Welcomed 443,000 visitors for a diverse array of arts, cultural and recreational programs
- Car-free biking and Free Bike Fridays are signature activities that attract thousands
- Visitors come from every neighborhood as well as other states and countries
- Public art and exhibits enhance visitor experiences



A new space for arts and culture



Figment's mini golf



Improv Everywhere



New Island Festival



Battery Dance Company



Mark di Suvero at Governors Island:
presented by Storm King Art Center



Creative Time's Plot 09



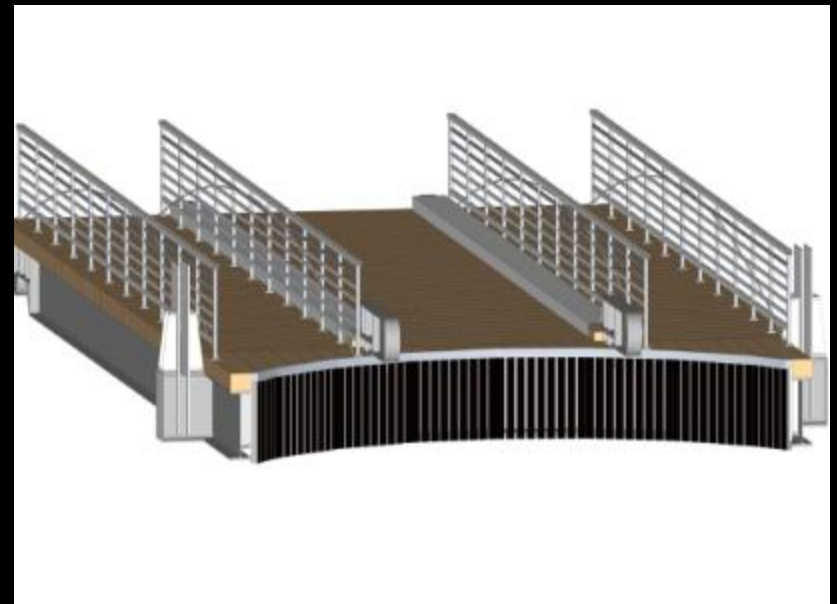
No Longer Empty



Empire Historic Arts

Public investment in stabilization and infrastructure

- Restoring potable water
- Modernizing ferry docks
- Upgrading telecom and electrical systems
- Repair and replacement of the seawall
- Stabilization of historic buildings



Slips and docks will be modernized in Manhattan and on the Island

Multi-phase, mixed use development strategy

- Park and public space plan is first phase in reactivating the Island
- Phased development proceeds upon better understanding of feasible future tenancies and market interest
- Island is welcoming early tenants



Urban Assembly Harbor School

- Urban Assembly New York Harbor School is a full time New York City public high school
 - 425 students study college preparatory curriculum
- Students take classes in Ocean Engineering, Aquaculture, Professional/Scientific Diving and much more



LMCC Artist Studios

- In 2011, LMCC Artist Studios served:
 - 42 visual artists in the studios
 - 12 performing arts groups in the rehearsal spaces
- Artists studios open to the public during public season
- Exhibitions open every weekend



Goals for Governors Island's Park and Public Space

- An extraordinary park unlike any other in the world
- A compelling destination with signature experiences
- 2 ½ hours of delight for visitors
- Magnet for repeat visitors from NYC, NYS, as well as tourists
- Innovative design sets standards and framework for Island
- Give the Statue of Liberty back to New Yorkers



PARK AND PUBLIC SPACE MASTER PLAN



Park and Public Space Plan Underway Today

- Major step to redeveloping Governors Island
- Focuses on 87 acres of public space
- First phase, which includes restoration of historic landscapes and the creation of 28 new acres of public space, is fully funded
- Construction begins in 2012, opens in 2013



SITE PLAN: PHASE 1

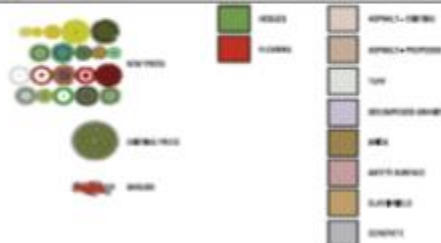
SITE PLAN: PARK AND PUBLIC SPACES - PHASE 1

Phase 1 includes:

Soissons Landing
 South Battery
 Parade Ground
 Historic District Landscapes
 Liggett Terrace
 Hammock Grove
 Play Lawn



ILLUSTRATIVE LEGEND



MILESTONES FOR PHASE 1

- Complete Schematic Design
 - Complete Design Development
 - Complete Construction Documents
 - Award construction contract
 - Park Groundbreaking
 - Completion – Soissons, South Battery, Parade Ground
 - Completion – Historic District
 - Completion – Liggett Terrace, Hammock Grove, Play Lawn
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| March 2011 |
| September 2011 |
| April 2012 |
| August 2012 |
| September 2012 |
| May 2013 |
| October 2013 |
| October 2013 |



SOISSONS LANDING



SOISSONS LANDING CREATES A NEW WELCOMING GATEWAY

SOUTH BATTERY



ACRES OF ASPHALT ARE TRANSFORMED TO GREEN AT SOUTH BATTERY

LIGGETT TERRACE



LIGGETT TERRACE IS A LIVELY PUBLIC SPACE AT THE HEART OF THE ISLAND

HAMMOCK GROVE



SHADE, LAWNS, AND HAMMOCKS
FOR RELAXING



**BALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS HAVE AN AMAZING
VIEW OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY**

SITE PLAN: FUTURE PHASES





THE HILLS DRAW VISITORS TOWARDS THE HARBOR

THE HILLS



360-DEGREE VIEWS FROM THE TOP OF THE HILLS

SOUTH PROW



WETLAND GARDENS AND THE GREAT PROMENADE BRING VISITORS CLOSE TO NEW YORK HARBOR

LIBERTY TERRACE



THE SHELL AT LIBERTY TERRACE IS INTEGRATED WITH THE LANDSCAPE

GREAT PROMENADE



Governors Island is Key Anchor to the Bloomberg Administration's Revitalization of the Waterfront

- Revitalizing the waterfront for commerce and recreation
- PlaNYC to focus on sustainability and “green” initiatives
- Creating hundreds of miles of bike lanes
- Focus on public art and cultural opportunities for New Yorkers and tourists





East River Ferry Service



Brooklyn Bridge Park



Hudson River Park



Battery Park



East River Esplanade

The Future

- Building first phase of the park and public space
- Continuing to grow in popularity with visitors and programming organizations
- Updating key infrastructure
- Tenancy to proceed over many years

