

Waterfront Alliance

NEW JERSEY VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

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Waterfront Alliance Together, we build, transform, revitalize, and protect accessible waterfronts for all communities



WHO WE ARE



CONSTITUENCY BUILDING: An Alliance of more than 1,100 partners



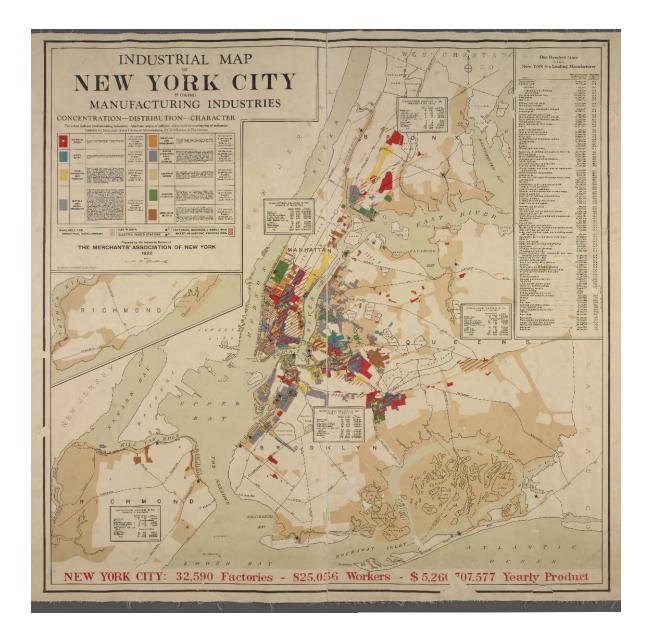


1870s

Maritime Capital



NEWYORK,





Babbitt metal and solder; brass, bronze and copper products; cash registers and calculating machines; copper, tin and sheet iron work; cutlery and edge tools; electrical machinery, apparatus and supplies; electroplating; engines (steam, gas and water); metal novelties; foundry and machine shop products; furniture, metal; gas and electric fixtures; gas machines and gas and water meters; hardware; instruments, professional and scientific; iron and steel bolts, nuts, washers, etc.; iron and steel doors and shutters; iron and steel, temporary and welding; machine tools; needles, pins and hooks and eyes; plated ware; pumps, not including power pumps; pumps, steam and other power; scales and balances; sewing machines; shipbuilding, steel; springs, steel, car and carriage; stamped and enameled ware, not elsewhere specified; steam fittings and steam and hot water heating apparatus; stereotyping and electrotyping; stoves and hot air furnaces; stoves, gas and oil; structural iron work not made in steel works or rolling mills; textile machinery and parts; tinware, not elsewhere specified; tools, not elsewhere specified; typewriters and parts; wirework, including wire rope and cable, not elsewhere specified.

2,614 Factories 113,021 Persons Engaged \$435,930,943 Yearly Product







1970s

Post-Industrial Waterfront









Welcome back: Dolphins spotted in Bronx River, a sign of cleaner waters

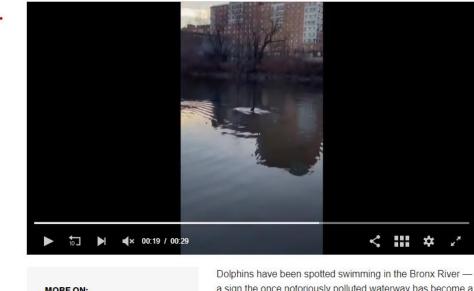
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MORE ON: DOLPHINS

'Aggressive' swimmers accused of harassing dolphins off Hawaii

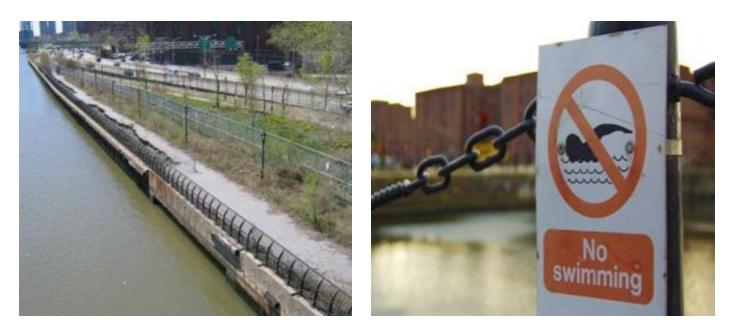
a sign the once notoriously polluted waterway has become a healthy home for marine life, the Parks Department says.

"This is great news," the department tweeted Thursday. "It shows that the decades long effort to restore the river as a



2000s

Limited Access





2000s

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2020

More mixed uses Resilience Public access



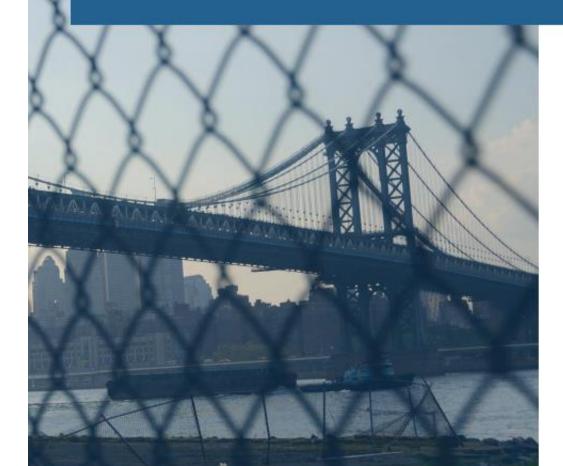


ADVOCACY PRIORITY Open Harbor and Access



Activating New York City-Owned Waterfront Sites for Recreation and Access:

Action Plans for Four Underutilized Sites in High-Need Communities



Project Goals

- ACTIVATE VACANT/UNDERUTILIZED/INFORMAL PUBLIC WATERFRONT PROPERTIES
- INCORPORATE PROPERTIES INTO THE LONG-TERM RECREATION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES OF THE CITY

- Builds on the Waterfront Alliance's Waterfront Access For All Report (June 2020) calling for more access in underserved communities
- Builds on New York City's Comprehensive Waterfront Plan (December 2021)









ADVOCACY PRIORITY Maritime and Offshore Wind



SERVICE PRIORITY Educating the Next Generation





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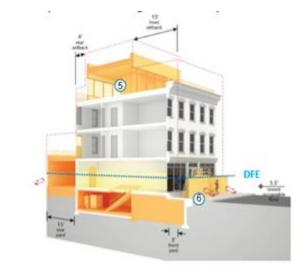
NY/NJ HARBOR & ESTUARY PROGRAM



No Single Solution











Rise to Resilience

The Rise to Resilience Coalition has been **ahead of the curve** regarding climate resilience and adaptation advocacy.

Our coalition works as a:

Convener

Consensus Builder

Impactful and Actionable Vehicle

With Focus on Vulnerable Communities

Goal: Ensure that people, infrastructure , and natural ecosystems are prepared and protected for the impacts of climate change.





RISE TO RESILIENCE OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR FUTURE



STEERING COMMITTEE

AIA NY **Climate Jobs NY** Coney Island Beautification Project **Environmental Defense Fund** Future City Inc LES Ready! **New Jersey Future** New Jersey League of Conservation Voters NAACP New Jersey New Jersey VOAD New York Building Congress Ocean Bay CDC

Rebuild by Design Regional Plan Association Riverkeeper Rockaway Initiative for Sustainability and Equity (RISE) Stepping Stones Resources The Center for NYC Neighborhoods Utility and Transport Contractors Association of NJ WE ACT for Environmental Justice Waterfront Alliance

R2R Engagement in New Jersey

Advocacy for the Municipal Land Use Law (Passed): Requires municipal master plans to include a climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment.

NJ Statewide Climate Resiliency Strategy: The Climate Change Resilience Strategy outlines six priorities to guide state and local government climate action and includes more recommendations to strengthen New Jersey against climate impacts.

Flood Disclosure (Passed): Waterfront Alliance and the Rise to Resilience Coalition led the initiative flood disclosure legislation in New Jersey.





Flood Risk Disclosure Legislation



New Jersey | F (None)

New Jersey has no statutory or regulatory requirements for a seller to disclose a property's flood risks or past flood damages to a potential buyer. As such, New Jersey home buyers are greatly disadvantaged when it comes to learning of a home's past flood history or potential for future flooding.

However, New Jersey courts have held that sellers must disclose any known material defects in the property that others cannot easily observe (see Weintraub v. Krobatsch, 64 N.J. 445 (1974)). Whether such a ruling would be applicable to flood hazards, such as a property being located in a flood zone, is unclear.

Flood disclosure is aimed at **providing transparency and awareness** of flood risk and history to prospective home buyers and renters.

New Jersey ranks among the weakest in the nation on flood risk disclosure legislation, with **no statutory or regulatory requirements** for a seller to disclose a property's flood risk or history.

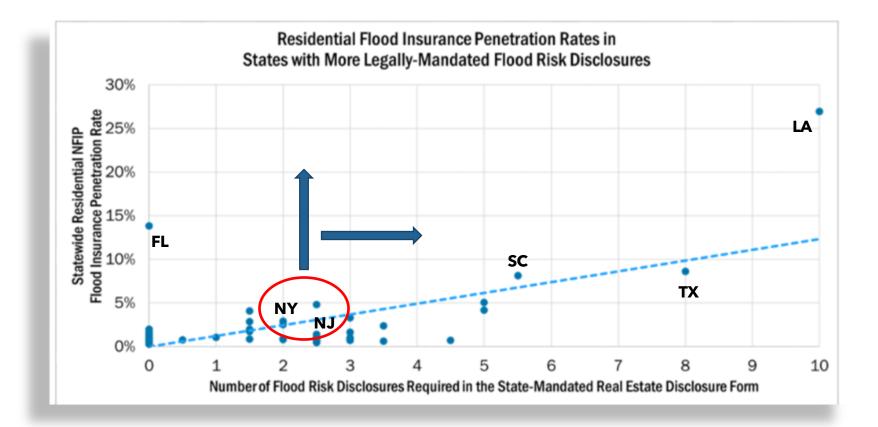
Flood Disclosure Legislation: Consumer Protection, Transparency, Future Planning

New Jersey ranks among the top states at risk of chronic flooding for residential and commercial properties. Currently, 29 states in the U.S. have some form of flood disclosure legislation.

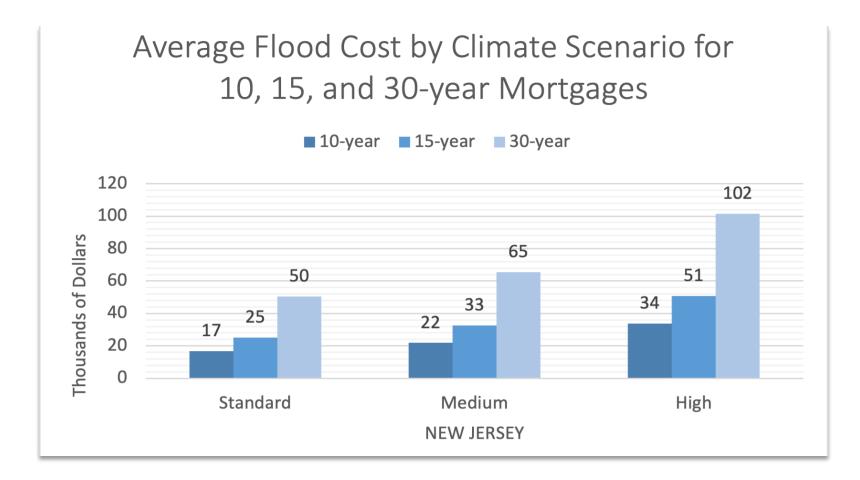
State	Whether the property is in a flood hazard area and/or the FEMA Flood Zone	A federal requirement to purchase flood insurance at the property	The presence of an active flood insurance policy for the property	The current cost of flood insurance premiums for the property	Previous flood events and/or flood- related property damage	Any past flood insurance claims	Past flood insurance claim dates and amount of damage	Any past disaster-related aid provided	Past disaster-related aid dates and amounts	Other related disclosures (e.g., elevation certificates)	Strength of Flood Risk Disclosure Requirements
New Jersey	1	0.5			1						2.5
New Mexico											0
New York	1	0.5			0.5						2

Implications on Flood Insurance

Increased awareness can increase uptake of flood insurance by **15% or more**. Homeowners tend to underestimate flood risks.



Undisclosed Flood Damage Financially Soaks Homebuyers



Bill Passage - Timeline

On December 19, 2022, the NJ State Senate voted **37-0** in favor of the disclosure bill (S3110). On February 27, 2023, the NJ Assembly voted **78-0** in favor of the disclosure bill (A4783). On May 8, 2023, Governor Murphy ordered a **conditional veto (CV)** on the bill. On June 20, 2023, the NJ State Senate voted **37-0** in favor of the bill with the Governor's CV. On June 22, 2023, the bill was delivered to the NJ Assembly, where it is expected to pass.

What is the Goal of HATS?



To "manage the risk of coastal storm damage in the study area."

The study area includes:

More than 2,150 sq. miles and over 900 sq. miles of shoreline

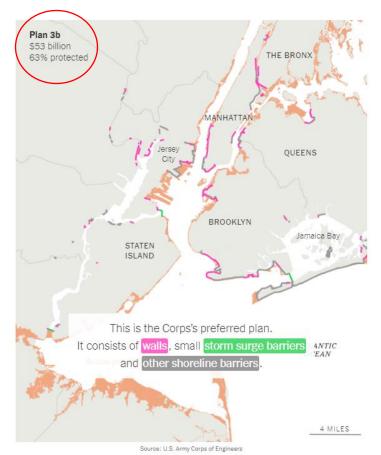
25 counties in New York and New Jersey

16 million people

Recent News on HATS



The Plan to Save New York From the Next Sandy Will Ruin the Waterfront. It Doesn't Have To.





Waterfront Alliance Position on HATS

The Corps has an important role to play in regional resilience infrastructure, and the solution must ensure that:

Disadvantaged and environmental justice communities be centered in the plan.

Natural and nature-based features are prioritized.

Multiple climate hazards are considered (i.e., sea level rise, extreme precipitation, storm surge, etc.)

Construction for HATS is set to **begin in 2030**. What are we to do in the meantime?



RESILIENCE, ECOLOGY, AND ACCESS AT THE WATER'S EDGE



The Rating System





Site Assessment & Planning



Responsible Siting & Coastal Risk Reduction





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Design grounded in equity and public input





Enhancing shoreline ecology and stabilization



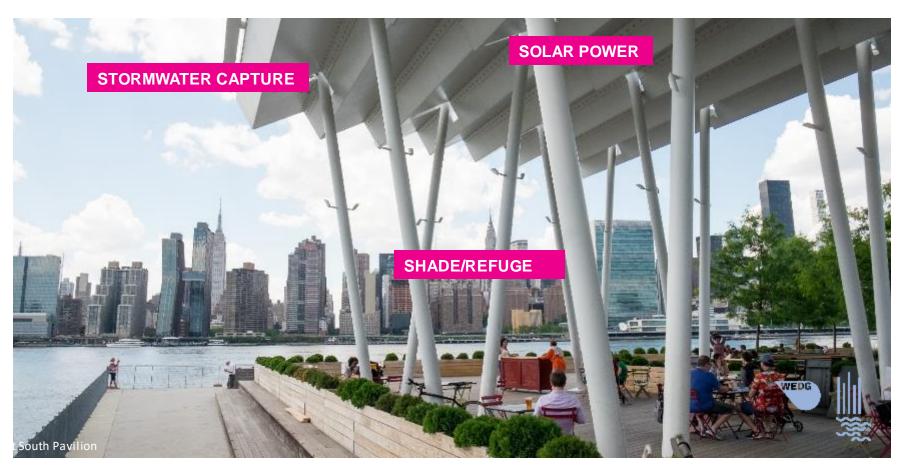


Protecting and restoring natural resources





Innovation



Climate Informed Communities

Waterfront Alliance is on the frontlines protecting our communities and region from the impacts of climate change.

Ensuring resilient and sustainable community preparedness for climate risks by prioritizing:

- Communities most affected by climate change
- Communities historically disinvested and underserved
- All ages and demographics within communities

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Extreme Heat Risk

Stormwater and Extreme Precipitation





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Climate Informed Communities

The most vulnerable communities must be:

- 1. **Prepared** for climate stressors and disasters
- 2. **Involved** in development of neighborhood level plans such as infrastructure, land use, urban forestry, stormwater management, and nature-based solutions.







Community Benefits

Climate Informed Communities focuses on immediate and long-term climate strategies

Immediate Priorities:

- ✓ Basics of extreme weather preparedness
- ✓ Understanding the changing climate
- ✓ Evacuation protocol
- ✓ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- ✓ Cooling Assistance, and other resources available to communities

Long Term:

- ✓ Understanding of long-term threats
- ✓ Engaged in local infrastructure solutions
- Community voices influencing and advocating for long term solutions



EXISTING RESOURCES



Guiding Questions for Discussion

What do you believe are the greatest barriers to access to emergency preparedness resources in the communities you serve?

As a convener of organizations focused on building resilient communities, how do you see the future of emergency and community preparedness in New Jersey?

How can other regions learn from NJVOAD's work, successes, and lessons learned?

What resources do you think are most lacking for community preparedness in New Jersey regarding climate stressors?



Thank You

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