

Greenpoint Waterfront Park

CLIENT: New York City Economic Development Corporation

LOCATION: On the East River between Greenpoint Ave and Java St, Brooklyn, NY



On the site of the former WNYC radio Station and a ferry terminal, the proposed design will be one of the first new parks on the Greenpoint waterfront. The current conceptual scheme incorporates community suggestions and comments from several conceptual design plans presented to the community in April and June of 2005. At the end of Kent Street is a multi-tiered pier. An esplanade overhanging the water going North and a path in the park going South connect with future Greenpoint waterfront esplanades beyond the park. Generous views of the Manhattan skyline are visible from the pier and esplanade. The pier is comprised of pods and connecting bridges with educational floating wetland islands between sections. The former WNYC radio broadcasting building is converted into a café. Terraces retain a planted slope at the edge of the esplanade and can be used for seating. At the water's edge, the former relieving platform is entirely removed and replaced with a rip-rap slope with impounded wetlands. A pedestrian bridge crosses an excavated historic ferry slip restored as a wetland and accessible by steps. A large open lawn defines the central space of the park. The Lawn slopes up to a lush bird garden and children's play area at the eastern side of the park.

