

Greenway Design Principles



This artist's rendering shows a possible completed segment of the proposed Greenway. The design objective for most of the route is a 30-ft wide, continuous, landscaped, off-street space with separate paths for bikes and pedestrians. The nature and design characteristics will vary along the route, reflecting the unique character of Brooklyn's waterfront communities.

Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway

When completed, the proposed Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway will be a 14-mile safe, landscaped, off-street path connecting neighbors and neighborhoods to four major parks and over a dozen local open spaces on Brooklyn's historic waterfront. Separate paths for bicycles and pedestrians will allow cyclists and joggers as well as families and friends out for a sunset stroll to exercise and relax at the water's edge. In addition, the Greenway will serve as an important transportation route for commuters seeking alternatives to automobiles.

Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, Inc. (BGI) is a non-profit organization formed in 2004 to plan and implement the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. BGI staff members and volunteers have worked since 1998 to build and sustain the political, public, civic, and government partnerships necessary to create a continuous 14-mile waterfront greenway from Greenpoint to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

UPROSE, one of NYC's most effective environmental justice organizations, is facilitating a community-driven design process for the Sunset Park Greenway-Blueway. It will include extensive streetscape improvements, connecting Sunset Park, NYC's largest walk-to-work community, to its waterfront. For more information, please visit www.uprose.org.

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ing hard so future visitors will enjoy a landscaped, off-street path but, for now, please keep your eye out for potholes, errant drivers, and other commonly-occurring urban street hazards. To report any dangerous street conditions please call 3-1-1 from any phone.

Transportation Alternatives also has many cycling maps, which can be found at www.transalt.org.

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Take care as you navigate the preliminary route of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. We are work-

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Red Hook Park

The 58-acre Red Hook Park is a center of community life. Unique in the diversity of facilities it offers, the park includes handball courts, soccer, baseball and football fields, a running track, the Red Hook Pool, Red Hook Community Farm, picnic areas and some of New York's best Latin-American food vendors.



The Waterfront Museum and Showboat Barge

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this unique wooden vessel, located on Pier 44 at the end of Conover Street, is a compelling destination that provides access to the waterfront while celebrating the historic preservation of Brooklyn's industrial past. Open every Thur. 4-8 pm and Sat. 1-5. Groups anytime by appointment. For more information, call (718) 624-4719 or visit www.waterfrontmuseum.org.



Erie Basin

Erie Basin was built as the New York City transfer point for imports and exports shipped via the Erie Canal. In 1861, it became a strategic location for ship repairs with the construction of the first of two graving docks. Working barges and tugboats can still be found in Erie Basin, and IKEA has implemented the greenway as part of Erie Basin Park.



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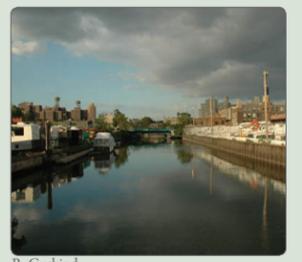
Bush Terminal Piers and Park



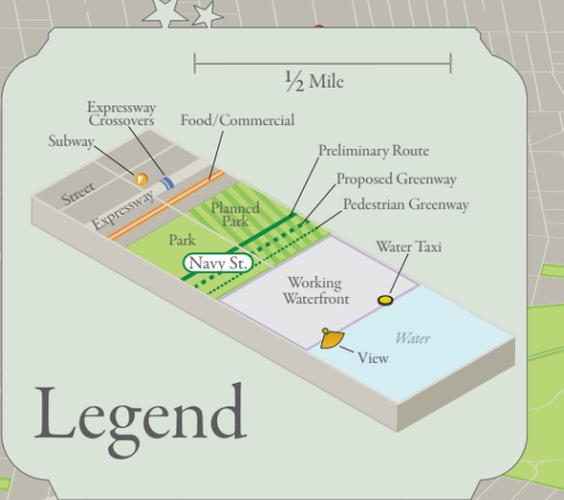
Constructed in 1902, Bush Terminal was a thriving industrial complex which included port facilities and a 21-mile rail system. Today, the city, state and federal government are funding an environmental cleanup and construction of the planned Bush Terminal Park, which will include ballfields, a wetland wildlife area and an environmental education center. This 23-acre park will be served by the Sunset Park Greenway-Blueway.

Gowanus Canal

The Gowanus Canal was once considered the nation's busiest commercial canal, and also its most polluted. Recent repairs to the canal's flushing tunnel and a nearby sewage treatment plant brought back the fish, birds and boaters. Keep your eyes open for blue crabs, egrets and cormorants. Local enthusiasts have also seeded the canal with oysters.



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Newtown Creek

From the time its shores were first settled, Newtown Creek has gone through a number of transformations, from farming and shipbuilding to oil refineries and storage tanks, which contributed to the nation's largest oil spill. Today, cleanup efforts are underway and new life is springing up along its shores, including including a new waterfront park at the foot of Manhattan Avenue.



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The Working Waterfront History

The Brooklyn waterfront, with its strategic location on New York Harbor, was a primary center of shipbuilding and waterborne commerce in the 19th and 20th century. The surrounding neighborhoods found success in printing, pottery-making, glassworks and metal casting, exporting goods around the world. This history survives in the cobblestone streets and Civil War-era warehouses in DUMBO and Red Hook.



Brooklyn Navy Yard



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Founded in 1801, the Brooklyn Navy Yard was once America's premier shipbuilding facility, playing a crucial role in wars, including WWII when 75,000 people were employed at the yard's shipbuilding and repair facilities. The Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation now manages this thriving 300-acre industrial park.

Bushwick Inlet

Bushwick Inlet was the launch site for the ironclad Civil War warship *USS Monitor*. In 2005, the Greenpoint and Williamsburg waterfront was rezoned from industrial to residential, paving the way for a new waterfront park. This 28-acre open space will include a waterfront esplanade, ball fields, a boathouse, a performance area, and other amenities.



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Brooklyn Bridge Park

Brooklyn Bridge Park is an 85-acre project that will transform 1.3 miles of industrial waterfront into recreational areas, restored habitats and playgrounds stretching from the Manhattan Bridge to Atlantic Ave. Three sections are already in place: Fulton Ferry Landing, Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, and Main Street City Park. Pier 1 and Pier 6 will open in 2009-10.



Atlantic Basin

Atlantic Basin, completed in 1847, has been at the center of Brooklyn's working waterfront for over 150 years. That tradition has continued with the opening of the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, built to accommodate one of the world's largest cruise ships, *Queen Mary 2*. Redevelopment plans are underway to create vibrant, new public and cultural spaces, a ferry stop and better connections to the waterfront.



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In your hands is the second edition of *A User's Guide to the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway*. map includes all 14 miles of the preliminary on-street and off-street route, as well as the planned off-street greenway along the Brooklyn waterfront from Greenpoint to Bay Ridge. Also identified on the map are some of Brooklyn's finest waterfront views, areas where you can get recharged with food and water, connecting modes of transportation, and numerous current and future parks and open spaces. Printed on a durable, waterproof paper, this guide is environmentally friendly, recyclable, ultra-reusable and will endure all types of weather for years to come. This guide also helps to connect Brooklyn's past as a working waterfront to its future as a dynamic public space. Exciting new activities and opportunities are emerging along the northern Brooklyn waterfront, where for nearly 100 years there were only four public access points to the water's edge. So, put on your running shoes, grab your wheels, and travel across the borough's colorful history along the route of the future Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway. And please consider contributing to Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, the non-profit organization that is leading the greenway effort and creating a new relationship between Brooklyn and its waterfront.