

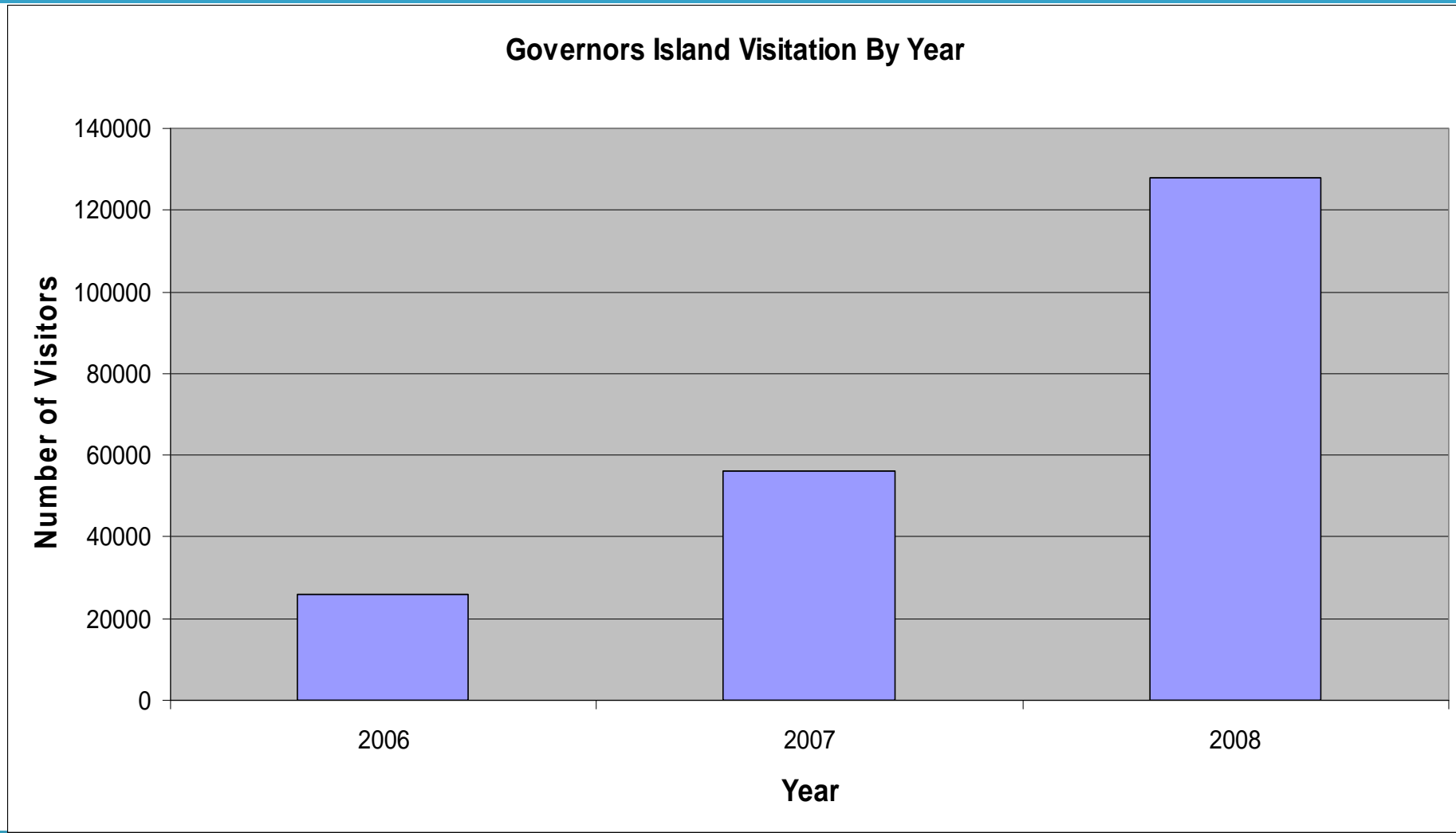
# Governors Island Update GIPEC Board meeting



# Overview

- Strategy for bringing Governors Island back to life
  - Expanding early signature uses and visitation of the Island;
  - Creating a world-class park and open space;
  - Investing in historic stabilization, Island infrastructure and operations; and
  - Executing a multi-phased, mixed-use development strategy.

# Public access: 125% increase over last year



# 2008 Season Overview

## For the first time:

- Island was open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday with extended season
- Dozens of programming partners
- New exhibitions, activities and performances
- Governors Island as place for the arts, biking and water recreation

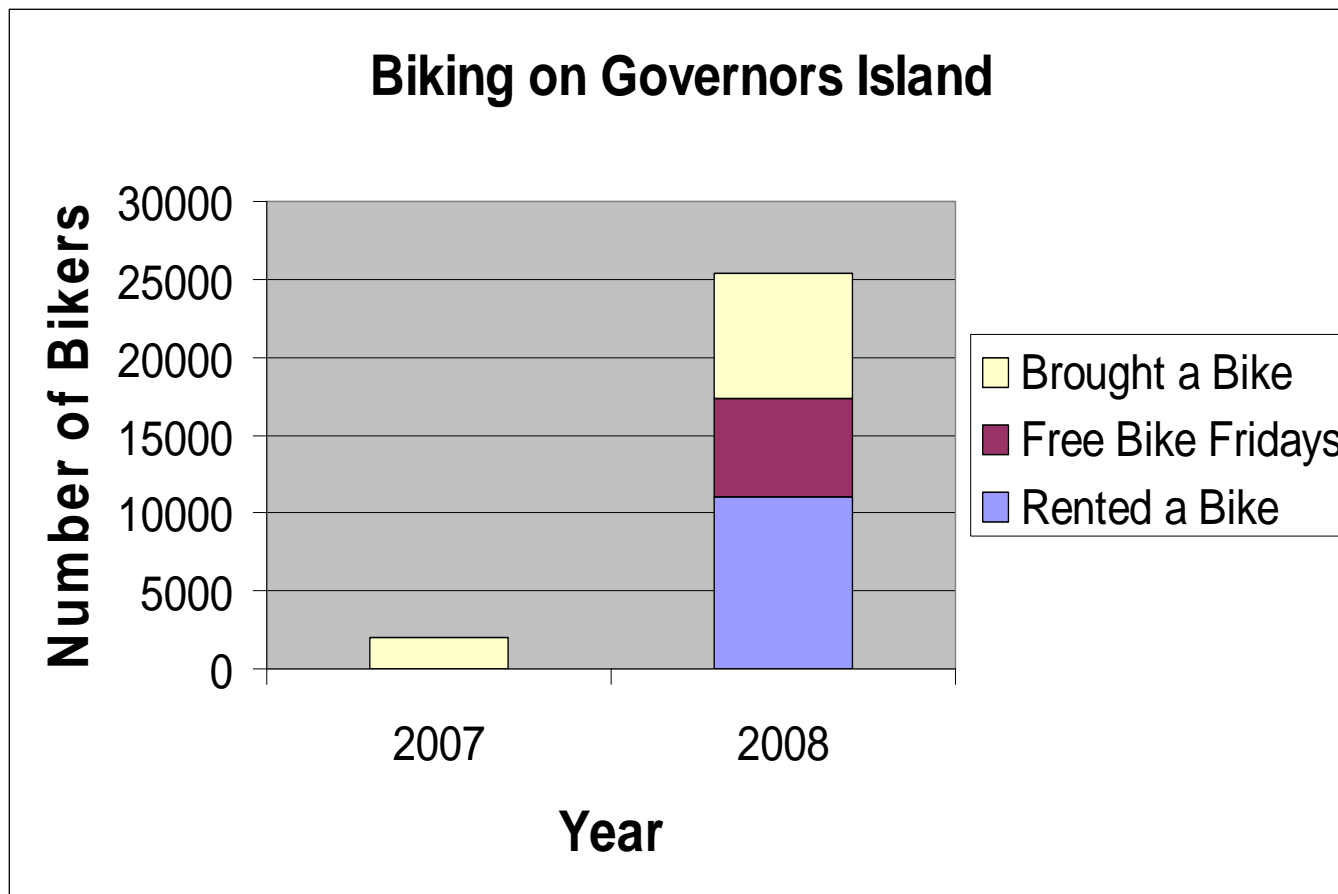


# An Island for the Arts

- Olafur Eliasson's *The New York City Waterfalls*
- Figment festival drew 10,000 visitors to the Island
- New York Philharmonic Concert
- Exhibitions ranging from Sculptors Guild to independent art fair



# Biking on Governors Island



# Free Bike Fridays

- One in four visitors to the Island rents, borrows, or brings a bike
- Extremely popular with day camps and others from across the city
- Borrow a bike for up to an hour entirely for free
- Sponsored by Transportation Alternatives



# Increasing Public Access: Demolition of Liberty Village

- 10 buildings at the Island's southwest corner being demolished
- Creates 8 acres of open space
- Opens to the public in 2009
- Allows access to entire Promenade for the first time



# Creating a world-class park and open space

- West 8 Team began park master planning earlier this fall
- Process kicked off with multiple opportunities for public input
- November “report back” meetings to board members, community boards and others to say what we learned
- Park Master Plan on schedule for public release in May 2009



# Designing the Park: Opportunities for Public Input

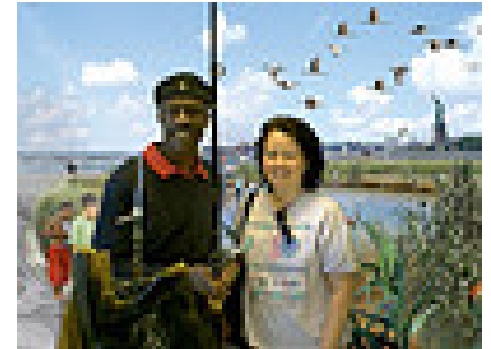
Ways to participate online:

- Governors Island blog
- Survey
- Photos on Flickr and blog

Participate on the Island:

- "Picture Yourself on GI" photobooth
- "What's Happening on Governors Island?" exhibit
- Public Workshops last weekend in September

Extensive ongoing outreach to public and November public meetings



# Historic Stabilization and Infrastructure

\$100 Million in City and State capital funds to date devoted to historic buildings and infrastructure systems

- Assessment and prioritization of projects was a substantial challenge
- Preservation
  - 52 buildings, 1.4M square feet
  - Roofs, gutters, boilers, painting, woodwork
- Transportation: slips, dock
- Infrastructure
  - Bringing back potable water, evaluating sewer, electrical and gas



# Multi-Phase, Mixed Use Development

This summer, two separate requests for proposals issued:

- Artist Studio and Exhibition Space
- Temporary Dining and Entertainment Venue

Spaces identified as Building 110 and parking lot next to the ferry landing.



# New Tenant: Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Artist Studio and Exhibition Space

- Provide artist studio space for visual and performing artists at all stages of their careers
- LMCC will create a robust series of public events to draw new and diverse audiences to the Island, featuring work of participating artists



# New York Harbor School

- Construction underway on Building 550 for New York Harbor School
- On schedule for a September 2010 opening



# Looking ahead to 2009

- Island opens to the public on May 30
- Goal of 200,000 visitors
- LMCC program opens May 2009
- Historic properties stabilized
- Infrastructure ready for first tenancies
- Park master planning process is innovative model of public input
- Park and promenade plan sets new standard for design





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