

Community Board One: Governors Island Update



Overview

- **Strategy for bringing Governors Island back to life**
- **The Park at the Center of the World: Five Visions for Governors Island**
- **Expanded public access: Summer 2007 on Governors Island**

Bringing the Island Back to Life: 4 key strategies

- Early creation of new world-class parks and open space
- Multi-phase, mixed use development strategy
- Public investment in Island operations, historic preservation and improving infrastructure
- Expanded public access and signature early uses



The Parks of Governors Island

1. Bring Island back to life
2. Create a destination
3. World class park and signature experiences
4. Magnet for repeat visitors
5. Set standards and framework for Island



Multi-Phase, Mixed Use Development

Development strategy for Governors Island will be guided by underlying principles:

- Island as a public amenity
- Mixed use development

Market for Governors Island will develop in response to four key strategies



Historic Stabilization and Infrastructure

- \$75 Million in City and State funds to date
- Preservation
 - 52 buildings, 1.4M square feet
 - Eleven years of vacancy
 - Roofs, gutters, boilers, painting, woodwork
- Transportation: ferry, slips, new dock
- Infrastructure
 - Water, sewer, electrical, gas, telecommunications, other



Expanded Public Access

- Summer 2006 saw a 300% increase in visitors
 - 26,000 compared to 8,000 in 2005
 - Came from all neighborhoods, plus regional and international visitors
 - Free ferry from Lower Manhattan
 - Significant expansion in number of visitors going forward
- Signature cultural and recreational events
 - “Dancing in Streets” one of NYT’s best of 2006

Creating World-Class Open Spaces



Public Open Space Acreage

The Great Promenade:	14 acres
Summer Park:	25 to 40 acres
<u>Historic District Open Space:</u>	<u>33 acres</u>
Total:	72 to 87 acres



Expanded Public Access Summer 2007

- **New:** Island open every Saturday and Sunday
- **New:** Expanded access to entire Historic District
- **New:** Floating dock to permit water taxis
- **New:** Passenger trolley tours of South Island
- **New:** Saturday Family Friendly Concert Series
 - Folk Saturdays in July Sponsored by Trinity Church
 - World Music Saturdays in August Sponsored by LMCC



Expanded Public Access Summer 2007

- More than 2,000 visitors on average for Saturday programs
- More than 1,000 visitors and growing for Sundays





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