Brooklyn Bridge Park exemplifies the principles of the WEDG program to balance and support access, resiliency, and ecology, and its high score reflects its designers and operators’ attention to sustainability. This award-winning, regional park serves over 4 million visitors each summer with robust programming and events for all types of uses and interests. The design elements found below contributed to its designation.

- **Rehabilitation of piles throughout the park** increases its longevity and sustainability. Measures include pilot designs such as pile encapsulation that reduces CO2 emissions and attracts marine life.

- A state-of-the-art green marina with berthing for 120 boats of a variety of sizes will subsidize free and low-cost boating opportunities. Ten percent of the marina’s dock space will be shared with community partners for kayaking, fishing, and sailing programs.

- **Replacing vertical-walled bulkheads with more permeable, resilient materials such as riprap and vegetation encourages marine growth**, increasing the diversity and availability of habitat for birds and other wildlife.

- The park’s extensive use of native plants creates multiple habitats supporting a diverse range of species. Stormwater collected from the park’s landscape and adjacent buildings is circulated through a series of above-ground landscape elements that function as ecological treatment systems prior to entering underground storage. The stored water supplies much of the park’s irrigation needs.

- Multiple beaches, get-downs, and launches bring people and their vessels to and into the water, a rarity in New York City.

- The park includes extensive repurposing of salvaged materials. Site structures were carefully deconstructed so that materials could be reused in the park’s design. Materials repurposed from nearby NYC DOT and MTA projects can also be seen throughout the park.