



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



## LEADING THE WAY IN THE 'ERA OF GLOBAL BOILING'

### Dear friends, partners, and supporters,

We have entered a new era. Climate change is here, and I'm sure you felt it. July 2023 was the world's hottest month on record: "...the era of global boiling has arrived," UN Secretary General, António Guterres described it. "Climate change is here. It is terrifying. And it is just the beginning."

While I find this new age daunting and alarming, I also have such confidence and hope in Waterfront Alliance's work to bring forward and amplify the solutions we need to thrive.

The climate crisis is Waterfront Alliance's central mandate. To achieve, we must forge clear and smart strategies and tactics, engaging people and institutions that normally wouldn't cross paths around one shared, precious resource: our waters.

In the following pages, you will see a wide array of work we accomplished with the support our incredible Alliance Partners, Rise to Resilience Coalition members, board of trustees, funders, collaborators, and Waterfront Alliance staff.

2023 was a great year! We worked with community members, policymakers, and local leaders to secure statewide laws in New York and New Jersey. These are laws that will protect homeowners, renters, families, and neighbors from deadly and devastating flooding — flooding that only stands to worsen as the climate changes.

We also reached more people than ever during the growing and influential NYC Climate Week held in September, providing some of the only events, among hundreds, centered on tangible and practical climate resilience solutions.

As we all reel from the hottest summer on record, it is clear that the work of Waterfront Alliance—and your confidence in us— is more important than ever.

I hope you will enjoy exploring our work from the past year, and that you will continue to partner with us as we advance holistic, community-informed, sustainable solutions for the New York-New Jersey region and beyond.

Thank you,

*Courtney Koenig Worrall*

**Courtney Koenig Worrall**  
President and CEO  
Waterfront Alliance



## DID YOU KNOW?

**The Port of New York  
and New Jersey is the  
busiest port in the country,  
moving the most cargo in  
the nation in 2023.**

# SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD FOR WATERFRONT DESIGN

With a surge in public and private funding, waterfronts across the nation are changing and changing fast. If we don't design and develop these spaces with climate resilience and ecology in mind, we will miss a tremendous opportunity to stem life-threatening climate risks and environmental disparities for countless communities.

WEDG® (Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines), is the definitive answer for how to develop waterfront properties in tandem with nature while incorporating climate uncertainty and justice in face of flooding, sea level rise,

increased storm intensity, and extreme heat. That's why this past year our verification system remained at the forefront of the country's climate resilience conversation.

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I am proud that the Jose Marti Park Adaptive Redesign Project was recognized by the WEDG® Verification program for excellence in waterfront design and to be the first in the State of Florida to achieve this prestigious recognition.

– JOE CAROLLO

District 3 City Commissioner  
of Miami, Florida

## INTRODUCING...WEDG 3.0!

WEDG

We are proud that WEDG is now a truly national standard for waterfront development. In October 2023, we launched WEDG 3.0, a culmination of more than a year of technical discussions, revisions, and rigorous testing. The new standard now covers inland waterways for the first time, specifically addressing riverine and Great Lakes flooding and storm surge; the Great Lakes basin alone is home to 34 million people.

With 12 WEDG Verified projects and counting, WEDG 3.0 opens up the possibilities of climate resilient waterfront design to countless inland communities, accommodates fresh waterbodies, updates flood hazard requirements, strengthens community engagement expectations, and more.



Scan this QR code to download the WEDG 3.0 manual

## A YEAR OF BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATION AND ACTION:

MAY  
2023

The first-ever cohort of high school students, from the New York Harbor School, completed the WEDG Professionals Course, preparing them to pursue education and careers in climate resilient design.

MAY  
2023

GRESB, the national ESG benchmark for real estate assets accepted WEDG as a component of their certification.

JUNE  
2023

Jose Marti Park in Miami became the first project in Florida to receive WEDG Verification.

AUGUST  
2023

Offshore wind developers in New York and New Jersey signed on for WEDG commitments in their bids for offshore wind projects.



## **‘AN INVESTMENT IN EVERYBODY’S FUTURE’: Waterfront Alliance Board Member Eugene Montoya on the Dollars and Sense of Fighting Climate Change**

### **HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE WATERFRONT ALLIANCE?**

“In graduate school, I was fascinated by the exotic trading of commodity markets, derivatives and risk management,” recalls Eugene Montoya, “but then I realized that in the foreseeable future, there wouldn’t be any commodities markets, because of the physical effects of climate change.” Thus began a personal and professional journey by this financial professional who sits on the board of the Waterfront Alliance. “Pretty much ever since,” he reflects, “I’ve been focusing on the financial side of climate change.”

“I was drawn to the Waterfront Alliance because it is about more than just raising the alarm. This is an organization focused on practical implementation of real-world, common-sense climate solutions,” like WEDG.

### **WHAT DREW YOU TO THE WEDG PROGRAM?**

“WEDG is essentially a credential that allows property managers and developers to integrate three principles — resilience, ecology, and access — into every waterfront asset that is created or rehabilitated,” he says. “WEDG has the potential for global impact, both in valuing water as a resource, and defining water as a risk.”

Through WEDG, and a portfolio of other initiatives, “the Waterfront Alliance has taken on this leviathan as a task, dealing with one of the largest issues of our time,” Mr. Montoya notes. He views his involvement with the Alliance, “as both an outlet for public service through volunteering, and also having a positive effect on the world. This is personally and professionally very enriching. But more importantly, it’s an investment in everybody’s future.”

### **WHAT ROLE CAN WEDG PLAY IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR?**

“We’re in an exciting, transformative moment at the nexus of finance, government, the non-profit world, and the private sector,” he notes. “Historically, the survivability of our built environments has been more the domain of insurance companies, instead of banks, asset managers, or investment strategists.”

Continually evolving standards like WEDG, “will prove their value,” Mr. Montoya says, “because more and more assets that are certified will outperform conventional, un-certified assets in the face of acute-weather events, as well as longer-term hazards, like sea-level rise, water scarcity, heat-stress events, and flooding.”

## **ADVOCATING FOR A CLIMATE RESILIENT FUTURE THROUGH SYSTEMS CHANGE**

More than a decade after Hurricane Sandy devastated much of the region, we are still unprepared to mitigate and face the effects of the climate crisis; more than one million people across New York and New Jersey live at risk of having their homes flooded today. By the end of the century, our region, and other parts of the nation, face as much as six feet of sea level rise, which could displace 13 million people.

Together, with thousands of partners, Waterfront Alliance used its unique position this past year to ensure we are posed to meet these challenges.

Our primary systems change lever is the Rise to Resilience Coalition, a campaign spearheaded by Waterfront Alliance, that works tirelessly to improve resources, laws, and planning efforts for climate resilience. The Coalition includes more than 100 organizations in the fields of environmental science and advocacy, labor, community development, environmental justice, business, design, emergency response, and others. Here are just a few critical wins the Coalition led this past year ▶

### **NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ARE NOW NATIONAL LEADERS IN FLOOD DISCLOSURE.**

## **RISE TO RESILIENCE**

### **MEET THE COALITION**

This year, the Rise to Resilience Coalition is thrilled to welcome four new Coalition members: Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Metro Flood Defense, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter, and representatives from Stony Brook University.

### **LIFESAVING LEGISLATION**

#### **MARCH 2023**

Joined by 46 organizations, we secured for greater focus on environmental justice, nature-based solutions, and public participation in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study.

#### **MARCH 2023**

As a result of our advocacy, New Jersey now mandates flood risk disclosure for all home buyers and renters. Hurricane Ida took the lives of people in basement apartments, which are often home to BIPOC and low-income residents. This legislation is a key tool in preventing these kinds of needless tragedies.

#### **JUNE 2023**

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# THE LAUNCH OF CLIMATE INFORMED COMMUNITIES

Communities must inform the design of resilience infrastructure projects. However, as government and consultants engage with frontline communities, unshared information can bring a false sense of influence and safety. For instance, a misunderstanding of available resources may lead community members—unaware of flood insurance guidelines or extreme weather notifications—to defer taking action to protect themselves.

That’s why we launched Climate Informed Communities (CIC). Waterfront Alliance’s new community organizer and other staff work

directly with community-based organizations and individuals for the uptake of emergency preparedness tools.

These tools include weather notifications, hurricane evacuation zone information, the preparation of go-bags, shelter location information, and others. Informed communities means protected lives, livelihoods, and homes and, ultimately, stronger, resilient, more vibrant communities.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT BEN REGAS

In April 2023, we hired our first-ever climate change community organizer, **Ben Regas**, who works directly with environmental justice communities in the New York–New Jersey region facing the most serious climate impacts and the biggest barriers to relevant resources. Ben attended Columbia University and then organized and advocated for tenants’ rights.

Fluent in English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese, one of Ben’s first projects was the development of a multi-lingual flyer to help community members in areas facing the greatest climate threats understand how to sign up for free air conditioning units provided by the state to mitigate the devastating health impacts of extreme heat. These areas included the South Bronx, Staten Island’s North Shore, Coney Island, and Far Rockaway.

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**At the Waterfront Alliance, we believe that adequate solutions to the climate issues of today must holistically incorporate the needs, desires, and historical inequities of our local communities. I value my work as an organizer because I believe community-led plans are the best way for us to accomplish these goals and am passionate about increasing awareness and participation in climate adaptation and public access issues.**

– BEN REGAS  
*Climate Change  
Community Organizer*

# COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE SOLUTIONS

We launched multiple efforts to bring solutions to communities, starting with a comprehensive climate resilience plan for New York City’s Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Acting as a sink for stormwater from surrounding Queens neighborhoods and highways, Flushing Meadows is one of the most frequently flooded parks in New York City. In fact, out of the City’s nearly 2,000 parks, climate change is predicted to devastate Flushing Meadows Corona Park the most. This bears critical consequences for local communities and the park’s nine million annual users.

To ensure the park can meet current and future climate challenges, we began a multi-year collaborative climate resilience project in partnership with Congressmember Grace Meng and others.

## OUR GOALS ARE CLEAR ▶

1

Reduce the impact of current and future climate-induced flooding and extreme heat.

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Build the community’s understanding of and support for climate resilience by leveraging Waterfront Alliance’s robust educational programming, leveraging the lived experiences of local residents, increasing access to participation, and more.



## DID YOU KNOW?

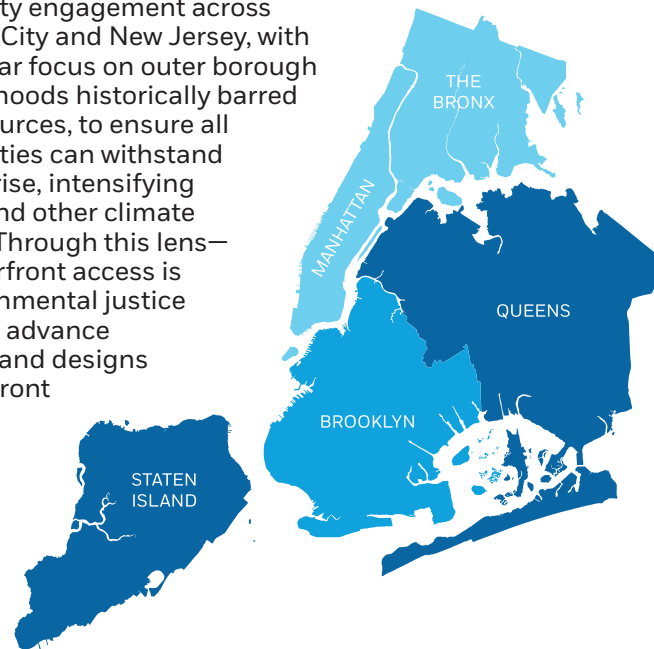
**The East River is a tidal straight and not actually a river!**

# PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO WATERFRONT ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

Often called the “sixth borough,” our waterways offer countless benefits to local communities from retreat to recreation to social gathering to community building, and more. And we believe this should be provided to everyone.

Building on our 2022 study of more than 1,000 underutilized waterfront sites owned by New York City, this past year we prioritized two sites for near-term action in the Bronx and on Staten Island. While access to the water has improved dramatically over the past several decades, only nine percent of the waterfront in New York City’s 12 lowest-income neighborhoods which are disproportionately communities of color—fall in this category. Our access work is setting about to change this.

That’s why we continue to champion improved waterfront access and deeper community engagement across New York City and New Jersey, with a particular focus on outer borough neighborhoods historically barred from resources, to ensure all communities can withstand sea level rise, intensifying storms, and other climate impacts. Through this lens—that waterfront access is an environmental justice issue—we advance planning and designs for waterfront access.



## SOUTH BRONX PRIORITY SITE:

**Mott Haven - Lincoln Avenue Street End - Harlem River**

A large street end on a quiet location along the Harlem River uniquely poised to provide waterfront access at the intersection of a large industrial property in need of shoreline repairs and a new residential development project. The site has been previously activated and programmed for educational activities and informal fishing. The South Bronx community has a high social vulnerability rating, according to the CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index and has very limited waterfront access.

**COMMUNITY STEWARD:**  
South Bronx Unite

### COMMUNITY VISION:

- More site access
- Boating
- Dock (including to host visiting ships/boats)
- Environmental education
- School programming
- Volunteering
- Cook-out facilities
- Trash receptacles/dog bag stations
- Benches
- Shade trees/native plants
- Improved signage



# TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WATERFRONT LEADERS

Fifty-five percent of teachers in the U.S. do not teach climate change, even though four out of five parents wish they would. Using a coastal resilience lens, Waterfront Alliance’s Estuary Explorers program helps fulfill this crucial gap by educating regional youth about their waterfronts and guiding teachers in engaging students around climate change learning.

In 2023, this no-cost, STEM-based program allowed thousands of students to apply the scientific method directly to their local shorelines through hands-on field labs and multi-week residency programs. It also enriched students’ understanding of climate change, marine ecology, water quality, and more, while strengthening their leadership skills.

With your support, we are educating and inspiring (and learning from!) the next generation of climate scientists and environmental activists.

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It was such an amazing experience to actually be at the water and through the surroundings, realizing that we are truly on an island.

– BROOKE KALICK  
PS 124 Yung Wing

“

The mere fact that kids get to study, research and visit the waterfront in their own neighborhood strengthens the conversations regarding conservation in general. This program is an invaluable resource to our school...

– EMMANUEL ANASTASIOU  
Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

WE BROUGHT ESTUARY EXPLORERS PROGRAMS TO

**36 CLASSROOMS,**

REACHING

**1,200+ STUDENTS**

ACROSS ALL FIVE BOROUGHES.

**100%**  
OF TEACHERS

agree that Estuary Explorers fits within their teaching goals, that they gained skills to integrate climate and coastal resilience topics into future lesson plans, and that their students benefited from outdoor learning experiences.

WE LAUNCHED A NEW COASTAL RESILIENCE EDUCATION TOOLKIT THAT INCLUDES

**3 NEW LESSONS**

(plastics, waterfront design, and exploring extreme weather), and provides teachers and students with the necessary materials (100+ pages of content) for meaningful and insightful education around climate change and coastal resilience.

# REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Waterfront Alliance leadership and expertise has been recognized through awards, accolades, and the trust that policymakers and community members alike put in our team.

## IN 2023:

### WE WERE SELECTED AS AN EARLY PARTNER AND LEADERSHIP ADVISOR FOR THE NEW YORK CLIMATE EXCHANGE ON GOVERNORS ISLAND

A new, multi-sector, international consortium to research and develop innovative, scalable climate mitigation solutions that secure green jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- Waterfront Alliance’s staff and leadership were called on to provide their opinions and lend their expertise to more than 40 publications.
- By Mayor Adams’ appointment, Waterfront Alliance President and CEO Cortney Koenig Worrall now serves as one of the 26 members of the New York City Sustainability Advisory Board to guide the City’s long-term resilience and sustainability goals.
- Director of Programs and Climate Initiatives Furhana Husani received the prestigious Women of the Month award from the Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security, and Conflict Transformation. Furhana has been working for more than a decade to improve the lives of young people in frontline communities through policy, advocacy, and education.

We established the Waterfront Alliance Corporate Council to leverage and catalyze decision making on climate resilience across the region.

### CORPORATE COUNCIL FOUNDING MEMBERS:

- Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind
- Community Offshore Wind
- Con Edison
- Dewberry
- The Durst Organization
- Hornblower Group
- SCAPE Landscape Architecture
- Vineyard Offshore



## DID YOU KNOW?

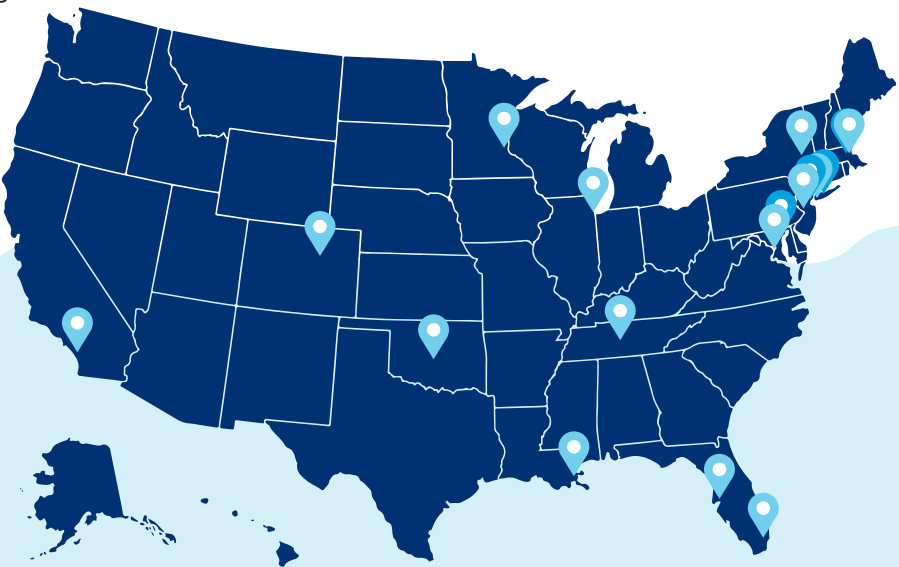
An estuary is a coastal waterbody where a river meets the ocean.

# BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Each year, we host and participate in events and gatherings that bring together community members, leaders, policymakers, and partners to celebrate our collective successes, share best practices, and identify pressing needs when it comes to advancing climate resilience to restore and protect our waterfronts.

## ON THE ROAD

**Waterfront Alliance is all over the map!**  
We attended and presented at more than 25 conferences throughout the United States.



## IN THE REGION

In 2023, we hosted eight events for **Climate Week NYC** focused on critical climate resilience issues facing the New York and New Jersey harbor region. We welcomed and engaged more than 700 participants through webinars, roundtable discussions, art exhibits, boat tours, and coastal clean-ups!

Our 16th annual **Waterfront Conference** brought together 650+ participants and 60+ expert speakers that represented the best and brightest minds in policy areas for a day of dialogue and discourse focused on implementation challenges of climate solutions.

### WATERFRONT CONFERENCE FEATURED SPEAKERS



Rohit "Rit" Aggarwala  
NYC Department of Environmental Protection



Kristen Brengel  
National Parks Conservation Association



Lisa Garcia  
US Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2



Col. Matthew W. Luzzatto  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Thania Peck  
Catcher in the Style



Kathy Robb  
Robb Water Partners LLC



Laurie Schoeman  
Executive Office of the President, The White House, Council on Environmental Quality



Peggy Shepard  
WE ACT for Environmental Justice

## 2023 WATERFRONT CONFERENCE IN NUMBERS

### MORE THAN 90% OF PARTICIPANTS

agreed the conference was worth their time, that it was a good opportunity to learn, and that they gained new knowledge.

WE SAW

### 28,882 IMPRESSIONS

ACROSS OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

### 10+ JOURNALISTS WERE IN ATTENDANCE

including representatives from Downtown Post NYC, WNYC, NPR, Inside Climate News, and more.



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[Coastal clean-ups are] a really good way for us to learn more about our local area, get a better understanding of the serious pollution near us, and I think many in the firm feel more strongly about sustainability now than before.

– CHRISTINA BROWN  
KPF, volunteer

“

What makes me optimistic is coming to the conference year over year and seeing it grow and seeing the vast numbers of people that want to come out and want to be involved in this conversation to look for a solution for the future.

– BRIAN JOHNSON

*Floodproofing.com, Waterfront Conference Attendee and BlueTech Expo presenter*



In partnership with the New York–New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP), we organized the 16th annual **City of Water Day**, which included 60+ free events hosted by 40 organizations across the region.

Waterfront Alliance and our growing team of volunteers are cleaning up our region's 1,600 miles of coastlines through **coastal clean-up days**.

IN 2023, WATERFRONT ALLIANCE STAFF – TOGETHER WITH 180 VOLUNTEERS –

**CLEANED UP 3,600 POUNDS OF TRASH**

FROM OUR WATERWAYS AND COASTLINES.

**THAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF MORE THAN 65 CITY TRASH CANS!**

## IN THE NEWS



Recreation  
MANAGEMENT

MARCH 1

### THE WONDER OF WATER *Recreation Management*

Recently, Waterfront Alliance released a report titled “Activating New York City-Owned Waterfront Sites for Recreation and Access: Action Plans for Four Underutilized Sites in High-Need Communities.” “We’re focused on identifying locations that provide the opportunities to open unused waterfront properties owned by NYC for under-resourced communities,” said Cortney Koenig Worrall, president and CEO of Waterfront Alliance. “At this point it involves identifying these properties, developing action plans and then making sure we have the opportunity to partner with the city as needed and through our suggestions.”

### WILL BROOKLYN'S WATERFRONT NEIGHBORHOODS BE WALLED IN?

*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*

Tyler Taba, senior manager for climate policy for Waterfront Alliance, said the plan relied too much on water barrier and not enough on “natural, nature based, non-structural solutions. Berms, dunes, etc.”

MARCH 7

Brooklyn Daily Eagle



E&E NEWS

APRIL 14

### FLOOD-BATTERED N.J. POISED TO ENACT MODEL DISCLOSURE LAW

*E&E News*

Murphy's approval would make New Jersey the first Northeastern state with a strong flood disclosure law and could build pressure for similar laws in neighboring New York and Pennsylvania, said Tyler Taba, senior manager for climate policy at the New York-based Waterfront Alliance, which backed the New Jersey measure. “This sets a precedent that flood disclosure isn't something unique to the Gulf states,” Taba said. “New Jersey really paved the way for neighboring states.”

### N.Y. TO MAKE HOME SELLERS REVEAL PAST FLOOD DAMAGE TO BUYERS

*E&E News*

“We hope it sets the tone not just for the region but the rest of the nation,” said Tyler Taba, senior manager for climate policy at the New York-based Waterfront Alliance, which lobbied for the bill. New York has received low scores for flood disclosure by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Natural Resources Defense Council. FEMA last year gave New York a score of 2 out of 10 on flood disclosure requirements, putting it behind states such as North Dakota, Indiana and Ohio.

JUNE 20

E&E NEWS



THE VILLAGE  
VOICE

JUNE 28

### CAN NYC'S NEW CLIMATE AGENDA KEEP OUR HEADS ABOVE WATER?

*The Village Voice*

Cortney Koenig Worrall, CEO of the Waterfront Alliance, pointed out that New York was leading most cities globally but must do much more, which the city council and the Adams administration have admitted on several occasions. Still, Worrall commended the administration for setting priorities and moving forward, and despite the forecast of increased climate disaster, she remains hopeful. She also applauded the passing of the Inflation Reduction Act, which provides multiple tax incentives for a smooth transition to clean energy.



JULY 5

**GOV. MURPHY SIGNS BILL REQUIRING PROVISION OF CRITICAL FLOOD RISK INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS**  
*WRNJ Radio, Inc.*

"In a strong move to safeguard and enhance transparency for home buyers and renters, New Jersey, today, codifies one of the nation's strongest flood risk disclosure laws. This law provides homebuyers and renters with vital flood risk information that can impact their long-term safety and investment as climate risks continue to grow. We commend Governor Murphy for making sure the law includes stronger protections for renters. Waterfront Alliance and the Rise to Resilience Coalition applaud Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature for their continued leadership and foresight on the challenges flooding poses across the Garden State," said Cortney Koenig Worrall, President and CEO, Waterfront Alliance.

**WHAT YOUR LANDLORD HAS TO TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR APARTMENT'S FLOOD HISTORY**  
*Brick Underground*

You should also check your renter's insurance policy to see if it covers flood, and consider purchasing additional insurance coverage if it doesn't, says Furhana Husani, the director of programs and climate initiatives at the Waterfront Alliance. FEMA offers insurance through its National Flood Insurance Program that ranges in price based on your location.

JULY 19



AUGUST 17

**SWIMMABLE CITIES ARE A CLIMATE SOLUTION**  
*City Limits*

"As a climate solution, being able to swim in your local waters just seems like a no-brainer," said Jake Madelone, senior waterfront education coordinator at Waterfront Alliance, a group that advocates for making New York's 520-mile shoreline more accessible and resilient to climate change.

**NY/NJ - ORGANIZATIONS VOICE CONCERN OVER FEDERAL FLOODING PLAN FOR NY-NJ HARBOR**  
*Coastal News Today.*

"So many of us know that the New York-New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study has the potential to substantially protect many communities from the impacts of climate change. Yet the plan is essentially a structural engineering response to Hurricane Sandy. It does not take into account the multiple climate risks we now see occurring here and around the globe. Waterfront Alliance and the Rise to Resilience Coalition have long called for a plan that is holistic, protects the most flood vulnerable communities and prioritizes nature-based and non-structural solutions. Ahead of the agency decision milestone, we strongly urge our non-federal sponsors to make sure the Corps adheres to the hundreds of public comments they have received, Justice40 Initiative and Water Resources Development Act before green-lighting this study for Congress," says Cortney Koenig Worrall, president and CEO of Waterfront Alliance.

AUGUST 19



AUGUST 21

**FRUSTRATED BY A LACK OF DETAILS, COMMUNITIES AWAIT FEDERAL DECISION ON PROTECTING NEW YORK FROM COASTAL STORM SURGES**  
*Inside Climate News*

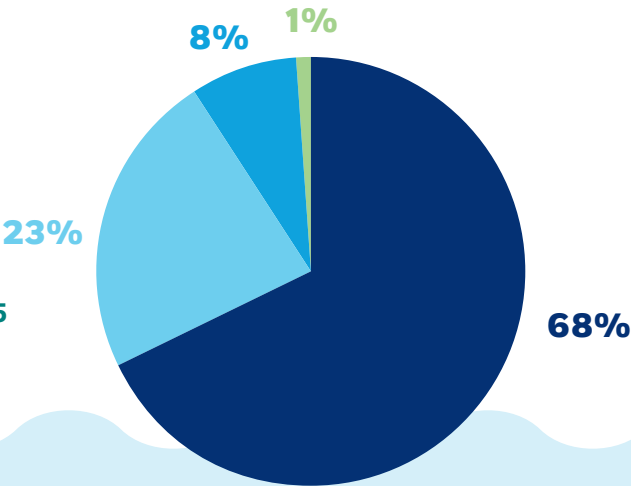
Tyler Taba, the senior manager for climate policy at the New York-based Waterfront Alliance, said the corps indicated that it would prioritize the concerns that were expressed most frequently during the comment period, which led the alliance to push for as much input as possible. In April, the Waterfront Alliance organized a joint response from 45 organizations under the umbrella of the Rise to Resilience Coalition.

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

- Contributions and Grants: \$1,547,684
- Special Events (net of direct expenses): \$535,153
- Program Services Revenue: \$176,486
- In-Kind contributions: \$21,402

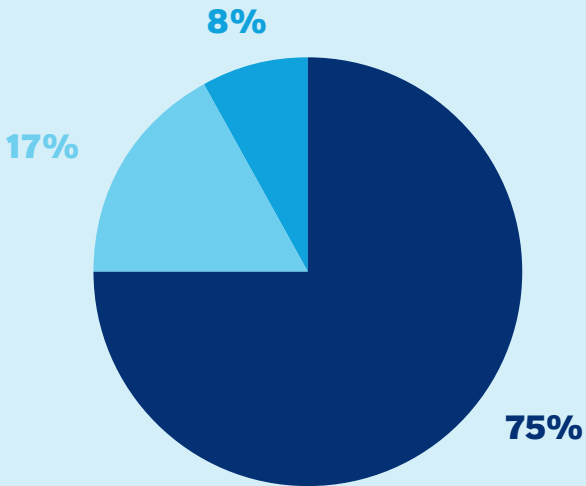
**TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE: \$2,280,725**



## TOTAL EXPENSES

- Program Services: \$1,510,847
- Fundraising: \$348,047
- Management and General: \$164,633

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,023,527**



Change in Net Assets: \$257,208  
Net Assets - Beginning of Year: \$1,203,493  
Net Assets - End of Year: \$1,460,701

## DID YOU KNOW?

The name 'Manhattan' is derived from the Native American 'Man-a-hat-ta,' named as such by the Algonquin tribe.

Audited for the year ending December 31, 2022  
Our 2023 audited financials will be available in 2024.  
Please visit [waterfrontalliance.org](https://waterfrontalliance.org) to view our audited financials.

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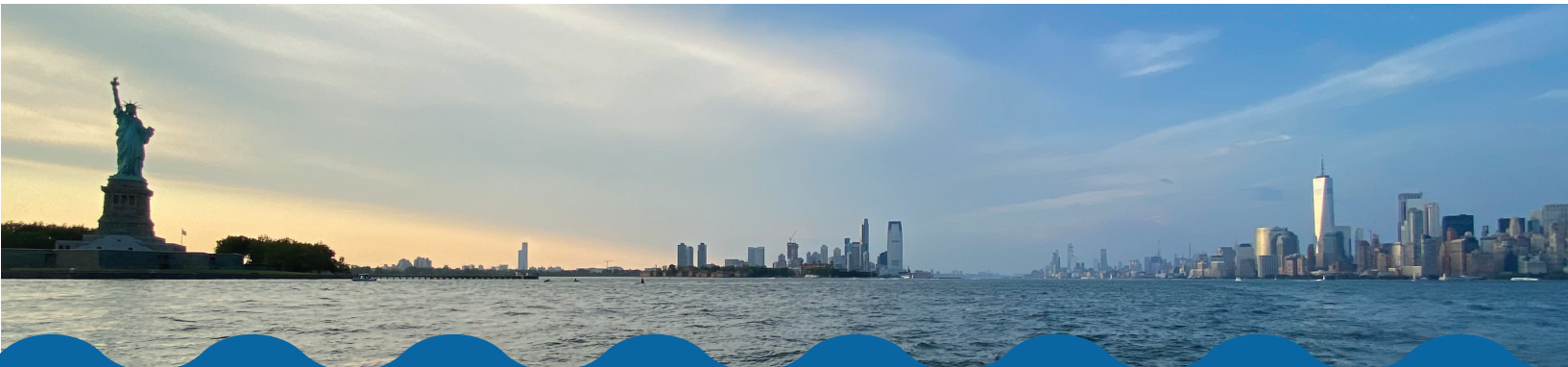
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- Iuliana Baleanu
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- Stephen J. Hoptay Jr.
- Abigail Horn
- Yvette Houlder
- Karen Imas
- Margot Jacqz

## DID YOU KNOW?

More than one-third of the total human population, nearly 2.4 billion people, live within 60 miles of an oceanic coast.

- Alvaro Jodar
- Herb Kaplan
- Amy Kardon
- Christina Kata
- Liam Kavanaugh
- Rita C. Kelly
- Madeline Kessler
- Rob Kimmich
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- Karel Koenig
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**Forty-one million people live under the threat of flooding, but because the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) flood insurance rate maps do not consider climate change, only about 13 million of those people live in a recognized floodplain.**



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**New York City has 520 miles of waterfront, which is longer than Boston, Miami, Los Angeles, and San Francisco combined.**



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Sea level in New York City has already risen at least 18 inches since the 1850s and could rise as much as another 6 feet by 2100.





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