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ALLIANCE**





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# A NOTE FROM THE WATERFRONT ALLIANCE

## RIISING TO THE WATERFRONT'S CHALLENGES

On a crisp spring morning, students lean over the edge of a dock, peering into the water to discover life teeming beneath the surface. Across the city, families attend community workshops, learning how to protect their neighborhoods from flooding and extreme heat. In offices, engineers, advocates, and public officials are collaborating on plans that will shape the waterfront for decades to come. This is the Waterfront Alliance in action — connecting people, communities, and ideas to ensure our harbor remains vibrant, resilient, and accessible.

Across New York and New Jersey, communities face rising tides, extreme weather, and growing demands on our shared waterways — and we met those challenges head-on.

Our approach begins with education and engagement. By connecting directly with communities and listening to their priorities, we ensure that every project and policy reflects real needs. Those conversations inform advocacy efforts that guide local and federal decisions, which in turn shape design standards and access initiatives that strengthen public spaces. Finally, we amplify these lessons and successes, sharing knowledge broadly to inspire new solutions across the region and beyond.

This year, that holistic approach produced real results. Thousands of residents participated in programs that teach climate preparedness and waterfront stewardship. Innovative studies and tools informed resilient planning and equitable design, while partnerships across labor, government, engineering, and community groups expanded access to the water and set new standards for waterfront excellence. Across every initiative, our work reflects both ambition and care — connecting people, places, and ideas to meet today's challenges and prepare for tomorrow.

Every accomplishment is made possible by the dedication, creativity, and expertise of our staff, volunteers, and partners. Together, we are not only responding to the urgent threats facing our coastlines but also shaping a waterfront that celebrates our communities, supports our economy, and stands ready for generations to come.



# Letter From The New CEO

Stepping into the Waterfront Alliance community this year has been an incredible honor. Though I am brand new to the role, I am certainly not new to caring deeply about this region — its people, its coastlines, and our shared future along the water. I've spent my career working for New York City, I've studied its history and the systems that shape it, and I'm raising my family here. Like so many of you, I know our waterways are the lifeblood of this place. They are how we get our goods, where we go to unwind, how some of us get to work — and they are increasingly where the impacts of climate change show up first.

This year's accomplishments, showcased throughout this report, reflect the extraordinary leadership of our board, staff, and partners. I am grateful to be joining an organization with such momentum — advancing bold policy, championing equitable public access, and driving resilience innovation across the New York–New Jersey Harbor.

But there is more to do, and the urgency is only growing. As we look ahead, Waterfront Alliance will continue to bring together leaders in labor, shipping, engineering, energy, government, and communities — to build a waterfront that is resilient, accessible, climate-ready, and economically vibrant for all.

Thank you for being a part of this mission. Your partnership and generosity make progress possible. I am excited for all we will accomplish together in the year ahead.



With gratitude,  
**JULIE RASKIN**  
President & CEO  
*Waterfront Alliance*







# Education and Engagement: Building Awareness, Listening Deeply

## ESTUARY EXPLORERS

For many students in our region, the waterfront is an unfamiliar place—a missed opportunity to learn from one of the city’s richest outdoor classrooms. **Estuary Explorers** brings students and teachers directly to their local waterways, using hands-on field labs and multi-week programs to explore science, climate resilience, and the health of their shorelines.

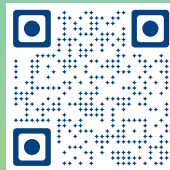
In 2025, the program reached **over 1,500 students**, added four new lesson plans and held three coastal cleanups. Students measured water quality, studied shoreline resilience, and connected classroom learning to the real-world environment around them—all free for schools and adaptable to diverse classrooms.

By giving students direct access to the water, Estuary Explorers cultivates curiosity, stewardship, and a deeper connection to the region’s waterways.



## EXPLORE CLIMATE CAREERS!

Introducing our brand-new **Green and Blue Career Guide!** Our guide helps students and educators map pathways into climate resilience, environmental justice, art, humanities, design, engineering, policy, and advocacy—connecting classroom learning to real jobs that protect communities.



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## TEACHER TRAINING

In 2025, we hosted **two Teacher Trainings** and a **Teacher Appreciation Day**, supporting educators to embed climate resilience in the classroom. Teacher trainings provide lesson plans, hands-on activities, and neighborhood-centric case studies—so students learn not just the “why” of climate change, but the “how” of preparing their homes, schools, and blocks.



IMAGE CREDIT: JOURDAN HERCSEK ►



## COASTAL CLEAN-UPS

Our **Coastal Cleanups** engage corporate partners and individual volunteers in hands-on stewardship of local waterways, combining team building with environmental impact. In 2025, we hosted **three cleanups**, where volunteers removed debris, tracked waste sources, and learned how stormwater systems move pollution into waterways—connecting local action to systemic solutions like green infrastructure.







## CLIMATE INFORMED COMMUNITIES

Waterfront Alliance's **Climate Informed Communities (CIC)** program delivers practical preparedness tools to neighborhoods facing extreme heat and flooding. We share multilingual resources—flood risk disclosures, “Know Your Rights” trainings, extreme weather fact sheets—and host office hours, town halls, and micro-workshops.

Through CIC, we work with community leaders to connect residents to alerts and assistance like NotifyNYC and the HEAP cooling assistance program, as well as elevate local priorities that guide city and state policy.

## CLIMATE INFORMED COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

to co-host events & distribute tools.

**50+**  
events

**5,000+**  
residents  
reached  
across NYC

**CONNECT RESOURCES TO FAMILIES:**  
cooling centers, flood insurance basics, renter/homeowner protections, and emergency planning.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Clearing debris from street drains can help prevent neighborhood flooding.

Your street, your block,  
your community  
**LET'S GET FLOOD READY.**

Learn more ways to prepare with Climate Informed Communities  
[waterfrontalliance.org/climate-informed-communities](https://waterfrontalliance.org/climate-informed-communities)

# Advocacy & Policy: Turning Voices into Action

In 2025, Waterfront Alliance advanced a bold, systems-based policy agenda to protect communities, infrastructure, and ecosystems from escalating climate risks. Our *Waterfront and Resilience Policy Platform* served as a roadmap for action—aligning advocacy across programs, guiding responses to federal rollbacks, and ensuring that community priorities shaped legislation and investment.

## DRIVING LEGISLATIVE WINS

This year, we championed key bills that strengthen climate resilience and environmental justice:

**Resolution 469** – Recognizes International Water Safety Day on May 15 each year to highlight the importance of water safety education for all.

**Intro 0928** – Requires the NYC Department of Transportation to conduct a pilot project on the use of cool pavement.

**Intro 0988** – Creates an Online Map of NYC Parks Pools to allow further access for local residents to water.

**Intro 994** – Sets a maximum indoor air temperature of 78 degrees for NYC residents as law during summer heat.

Through testimony, letters, and coalition advocacy, Waterfront Alliance became a trusted voice in City Hall—delivering **20+ public testimonies** on resilience, shore power, ferries, and climate equity.

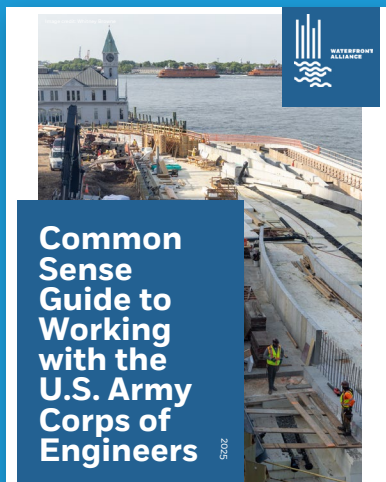


**Intro 0998** – Aims to codify and improve NYC’s Cooling Center Program.

**Intro 1058** - Building a Lifeguard Pipeline to ensure proper training and staffing of public swimming areas for increased water safety.

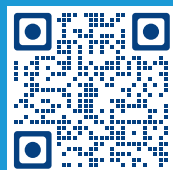
**Intro 1059** - Establishes a Citywide Water Safety Education program to improve the public’s knowledge and access to safe water practices.

**Intro 1067** – Provides flood adaptation assistance, and creates a southeast Queens flooding adaptation assistance task force.



## COMMON SENSE GUIDE TO WORKING WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Navigating federal projects is complex. **Our guide** equips communities and advocates with practical tools to influence large-scale climate resilience initiatives from the start.



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# RISE TO RESILIENCE

OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR FUTURE

## RISE TO RESILIENCE

Our **Rise to Resilience (R2R) Coalition** expanded to over 100 organizations, adding grassroots partners and technical experts to amplify climate resilience advocacy.

### TOGETHER, WE:

- Released the updated 2025 Policy Platform, outlining urgent priorities for flood protection, nature-based solutions, and equitable planning.
- Organized Albany Advocacy Days, City Hall rallies, and press conferences to push for systemic change.
- Secured media coverage in outlets like City Limits and Spectrum News NY1, elevating resilience as a statewide priority.



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## IMPACT AT A GLANCE



**20+**  
TESTIMONIES

delivered to City Council and state committees.

**3**

MAJOR  
BILLS



advanced to strengthen flood protection and green infrastructure.



**100+**

COALITION PARTNERS

united under a shared resilience agenda.

**THOUSANDS  
OF RESIDENTS**

engaged through advocacy campaigns and action alerts.



## SHAPING LEADERSHIP AND POLICY

### MAYORAL FORUM

At the 2025 Waterfront Conference, we convened candidates for a Five Borough Waterfront Forum, spotlighting climate resilience as a signature priority for the next administration. In attendance were candidates Brad Lander, Scott Stringer, Jim Walden, and Michael Blake, who were presented with questions both pointed and playful about the current state of the waterfront, and what they envision for its future should they be elected to lead New York City come November. Many of the questions pertained to issues directly addressed in the Waterfront and Resilience Plan for the Next Mayor of New York City, as Waterfront Alliance engaged with candidates through Election Day.



### FIRST 100 DAYS PLATFORM THE NEW MAYOR

We outlined quick, foundational actions to jumpstart a bold vision for NYC's waterfront - emphasizing leadership, resilience, maritime innovation, and equitable access.



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@NYCMAYOR

### TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Our Director of Resilience, Tyler Taba, was appointed to New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani's Transition Committee, advising on transportation, climate, and infrastructure policy. Tyler is contributing subject-matter expertise to advise the incoming administration on policy development, key appointments, and the formulation of an early action agenda, helping to shape the City's approach to climate resilience and infrastructure planning.

# Design for Resilience



## WATERFRONT EDGE DESIGN GUIDELINES

First released in 2015, **WEDG® (Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines)** has become the national gold standard for resilient, ecological, and accessible waterfront design. This innovative rating system transforms how projects are planned, embedding climate resilience, habitat restoration, and equitable public access into every stage of development.

### A DECADE OF IMPACT

In 2025, we reached a major milestone: **OVER 1,300 INDIVIDUALS** completed the WEDG® Professionals Course and earned their WEDG® Associate credential. These architects, landscape architects, developers, engineers, and advocates are now applying WEDG® principles to projects across the country, ensuring waterfronts are built for people and for the climate future.

### WHAT MAKES WEDG® DIFFERENT

The WEDG® Professionals Course offers a deep dive into six categories and 37 credits that define excellence at the water's edge. Through interactive sessions and real-world case studies, participants learn how to:

- Reduce flood risk through nature-based solutions.
- Design for habitat and ecological health.
- Expand equitable public access to waterfront spaces.

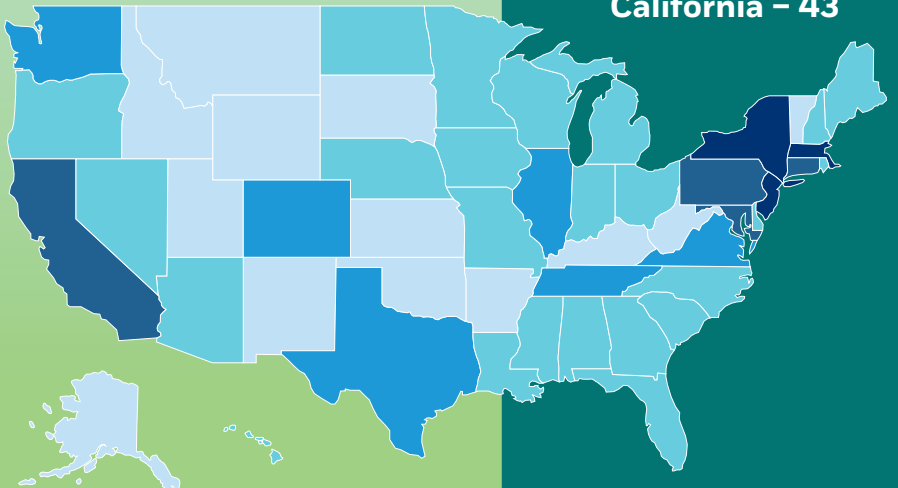
Upon completion, participants earn the WEDG® Associate credential, signaling expertise in resilient waterfront design. This year, Waterfront Alliance hosted three livestream courses, in addition to the self-paced version, delivered in March, July, and November.

OVER  
**1300**  
INDIVIDUALS  
earned their  
WEDG® Associate  
credential

### TOP 5 STATES BY WEDG ASSOCIATES

New York - 659  
Florida - 111  
New Jersey - 98  
Massachusetts - 78  
California - 43

#### MAP KEY





## DENVER RIVER MILE VERIFICATION

The River Mile: South Platte River Restoration Project in Denver, CO is the first riverine project to achieve WEDG® Verification under Version 3.0 of the standard. It is the fifteenth project overall to meet WEDG's gold standard – and the first of its kind west of the Mississippi River to restore a floodway.

### WHY IT MATTERS

The River Mile demonstrates how innovative engineering can restore a river corridor while shaping the future of a city – reducing flood risks, revitalizing ecosystems, and creating vibrant public spaces.

### VOICES FROM THE PROJECT

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The River Mile plan in Downtown Denver brings together a healthy balance of developing a more populated riverfront with a restored river corridor. I hope the River Mile WEDG® certification provides inspiration to City leaders to follow through with the larger vision to restore the South Platte River through all of Denver.

— GREG DOROLEK, VICE-PRESIDENT, WENK ASSOCIATES

By reducing flood risks and revitalizing the South Platte, we're creating a place people want to gather — one that strengthens community, supports the ecosystem, and sparks new opportunities for development.

— BEN MURPHY, PROJECT MANAGER, CALIBRE ENGINEERING

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IMAGE CREDIT: WENK  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ►

# A New Vision for a Resilient Flushing Meadows Corona Park

## HOW DAYLIGHTING A BURIED CREEK AND RESHAPING A LAKE COULD HELP THE PARK THRIVE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Waterfront Alliance's work in Flushing Meadows Corona Park this year set a new standard for resilience planning in New York City. Supported by initial federal funding secured by Congresswoman Grace Meng and strengthened through additional Queens Future resources, we were able to expand the scope of the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Resilience Study — delivering a bold, comprehensive vision for the park's future.

### COMMUNITY AT THE CORE

Central to this success was unprecedented engagement. Over two summers, our team met hundreds of park users, in six languages, to understand:

- Where flooding occurs.
- Which spaces people cherish most.
- What improvements matter most to them.

This feedback shaped transformative recommendations:

- **Daylighting sections of Flushing Creek** to restore wetlands and reduce flooding.
- **Reshaping Meadow Lake** to increase stormwater capacity, raise pathways, and enhance habitat and recreation.

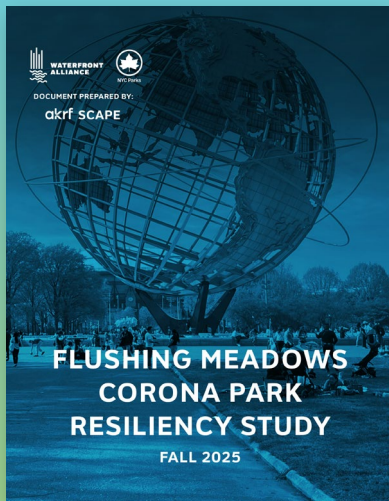
Community voices didn't just guide the work; they championed it. Partners like New Yorkers for Parks, Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Center for an Urban Future and Guardians of Flushing Bay rallied behind the vision through petitions, events, and advocacy.



### AMPLIFYING THE VISION

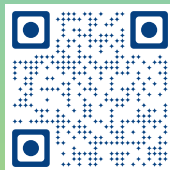
Our communications strategy connected this study to our Climate-Informed Communities program, amplifying climate education and resilience planning citywide. A coordinated effort with NYC Parks, SCAPE, and Center for an Urban Future culminated in citywide media coverage, including a feature on NY1.



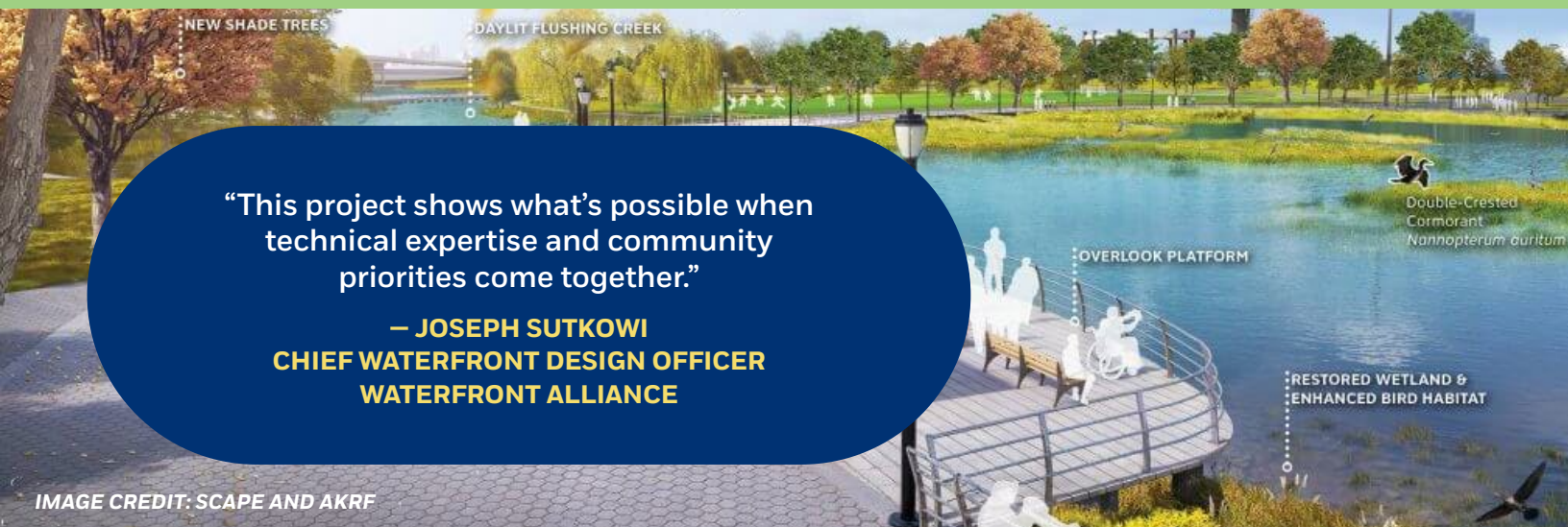


## WHY IT MATTERS

The process and partnerships forged through the **Flushing Meadows Corona Park Resiliency Study** now serve as a blueprint for future resilience work, including our emerging Coney Island Creek initiative. We're applying the same principles, deep engagement, strong agency collaboration, and integrated communications, to ensure every project delivers technical excellence and community-centered impact.



◀ **SCAN THE QR CODE TO EXPLORE THE FULL STUDY AND STAY INVOLVED**



“This project shows what’s possible when technical expertise and community priorities come together.”

— **JOSEPH SUTKOWI**  
**CHIEF WATERFRONT DESIGN OFFICER**  
**WATERFRONT ALLIANCE**

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# Connectivity: Maritime & Access as Equity

## CHAMPIONING WORKING WATERFRONTS

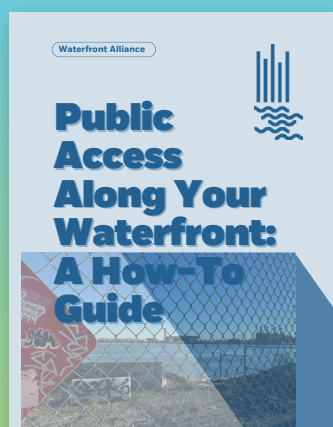
The Waterfront Alliance advocates for a thriving Port of New York and New Jersey – a critical engine for our region’s economy and climate goals. Our initiatives have:

- Helped expand the NYC Ferry system, furthering affordable transit.
- Promoted Blue Highways to reduce truck traffic and emissions.
- Continued to support offshore wind development and clean energy infrastructure.
- Advanced sustained investment in ports to strengthen resilience and protect maritime jobs.

## ACCESS AS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Across the region, many lower-income and historically marginalized communities still face barriers to enjoying the waterfront, due to historic disinvestment and uneven public investment. Waterfront Alliance works to close these gaps by:

- Conducting research on underutilized NYC-owned sites.
- Partnering with community based organizations to guide responsible design and investment.
- Supporting greenways, access projects, and green infrastructure that deliver safe, inclusive waterfront spaces and climate resilience for all.



## PUBLIC ACCESS ALONG YOUR WATERFRONT: HOW-TO GUIDE

In 2025, Waterfront Alliance released the **Waterfront Access Guide (Public Access Along Your Waterfront: How-To Guide)** to help communities reclaim and activate underused shoreline spaces. This practical resource equips local organizations with tools to address historic disinvestment and expand public access, ensuring more residents can benefit from the harbor’s recreational, environmental, and economic value.



## PORTS AND BLUE HIGHWAYS

The New York–New Jersey harbor is a major economic engine, yet waterways remain underused for sustainable freight – leaving communities burdened by truck traffic and pollution. Waterfront Alliance advances a vision for Ports and Blue Highways that:

- Shifts freight to water to reduce congestion and emissions.
- Modernizes port infrastructure for clean energy and climate resilience.
- Centers environmental justice in maritime investments.

We also work closely with the Brooklyn Marine Terminal Task Force to ensure redevelopment strengthens the city’s working waterfront and delivers community benefits.



## Amplification: Elevating Voices and Ideas

### FLOOD SENSOR AUNTY

Waterfront Alliance brought Flood Sensor Aunty, a play written and directed by Sabina Sethi Unni, to life during both Community Day and Climate Week NYC 2025, using theater to translate flood preparedness and climate resilience into an engaging, culturally relevant experience. The performances combined storytelling, practical emergency resources, and hands-on learning to make climate impacts tangible and actionable for community members.

# WATERFRONT ALLIANCE EVENTS

## THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

**765**

Waterfront  
Conference  
Attendees

**2**

Flood Sensor Aunty  
climate education  
plays

**~8,000**

City of Water Day Participants

**2,479**

Registrants For  
All Webinars

**11**

Climate Week  
programs

**75**

City of Water  
Day events

**1**

Mayoral  
Candidate  
Forum

**3**

Dr. Edward  
Williams Waterfront  
Champion Awardees

**22**

Waterfront  
Conference  
Sessions

**14**

Waterfront  
Webinars

**1**

Holiday  
Ping-Pong  
Competition

**3**

New Heroes  
of the Harbor

**2**

Harbor  
Cruises

**1**

Waterfront  
Alliance  
Achievement  
Award





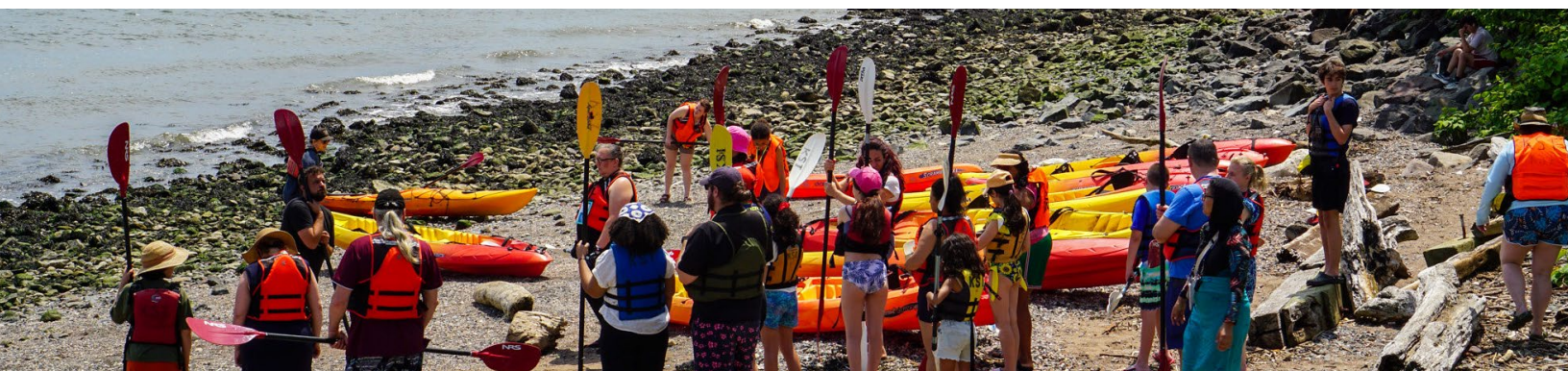
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## CLIMATE WEEK

Waterfront Alliance **participated in Climate Week NYC 2025**, the largest edition in the event's 16-year history, with over 1,000 events citywide. Our programming highlighted resilience and adaptation, featuring webinars, workshops, tours, and community-led events that connected policy, design, and equity.

Key activities included WEDG® waterfront design tours, interactive performances like Flood Sensor Aunty, panels on green infrastructure and basement flooding, and youth-focused career and education initiatives.

Through these efforts, Waterfront Alliance elevated community voices, showcased climate-ready solutions, and reinforced the importance of building resilient, equitable waterfronts.



## WATERFRONT CONFERENCE

The 2025 Waterfront Conference brought together **765 leaders across 22 sessions** to explore solutions for resilient, sustainable, and equitable waterfronts. For over 18 years, the conference has served as a convening space where policymakers, community leaders, and industry experts collaborate to shape the future of the region's coastlines.



IMAGE CREDIT: WHITNEY BROWNE

## WATERFRONT CONFERENCE STATS

22

### SESSIONS

covering climate resilience, waterfront design, and community engagement

765

### ATTENDEES

from across New York, New Jersey, and beyond

>18

### YEARS

of convening leaders from government, business, advocacy, and academia

A platform for cross-sector dialogue and actionable solutions for sustainable, resilient coastlines

Focused on shaping a just, prepared, and thriving waterfront future

### HEATHER M. MORGAN CLIMATE RISK ADAPTATION LECTURE SERIES

At the 2025 Waterfront Conference, Waterfront Alliance was honored to host the annual **Heather M. Morgan Climate Risk Adaptation Lecture**, highlighting innovative approaches to living with water in the face of climate change. The lecture series, launched in 2022, continues to showcase pioneering thinkers whose work bridges design, natural systems, and community resilience.

This year's keynote speaker, Kongjian Yu, was a visionary landscape architect and founder of Turenscape, whose pioneering "**sponge city**" concept transformed how urban areas approach stormwater, flood resilience, and ecological design. His work demonstrated that nature itself—through permeable landscapes, wetlands, and green infrastructure—can mitigate flooding while creating vibrant, accessible public spaces. Tragically, **Kongjian passed away later in 2025**, after delivering his lecture, leaving a profound loss for the field. Waterfront Alliance is deeply grateful to have hosted him and to have shared in his insights; his legacy endures in the landscapes he shaped, the policies he inspired, and the global community of practitioners and students he influenced.





# DR. EDWARD WILLIAMS WATERFRONT CHAMPION AWARD

Presented during the Waterfront Conference, the Dr. Edward Williams Waterfront Champion Award honors individuals and organizations advancing equity, access, and community-led climate resilience along the waterfront. Now in its second year, the award celebrates leaders whose work reflects Dr. Williams's enduring legacy of justice, preparedness, and grassroots action.

## 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS



### **SOUTHEAST QUEENS RESIDENTS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COALITION (SQREJC)**

**Grassroots Environmental Advocates  
Southeast Queens, NY**

Recognized for community-driven leadership addressing chronic groundwater flooding through advocacy, research partnerships, and resident engagement.

### **KAREN HEIL**

**Science Teacher  
PS 175, City Island, Bronx, NY**

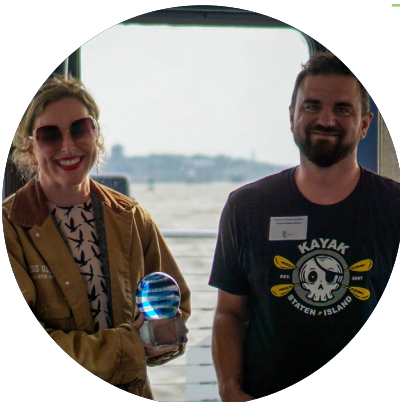
Honored for advancing hands-on climate and marine science education and fostering environmental stewardship among students through waterfront-based learning.



### **KAYAK STATEN ISLAND**

**Water Access Advocates  
Staten Island, NY**

Celebrated for nearly two decades of volunteer-led efforts expanding equitable access to the waterfront through free and low-cost kayaking programs.



# IN THE NEWS



## **(OP-ED) CREATIVE RESILIENCE: ART AS CLIMATE CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS**

By Sabina Sethi Unni and Furhana Husani

## **(OP-ED) NYC NEEDS BLUE HIGHWAYS NOW**

By Hunter Armstrong, Brooklyn Greenway Initiative, and Furhana Husani, Waterfront Alliance



## **(OP-ED) COOLING IS A LIFELINE, NOT A LUXURY**

By Furhana Husani

## **CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS**

## **(OP-ED) FLASH-FLOODING IS THE NEW NORMAL IN NYC. HERE'S HOW WE CAN LIVE WITH IT.**

By Tyler Taba



DAILY NEWS

## (OP-ED) 13 YEARS POST SANDY, NYC STILL NEEDS PROTECTION

By Raju Mann, Battery Park City Authority, and Chris Ward, Waterfront Alliance

## CLIMATE CHANGE, REAL ESTATE, AND ADAPTATION: WHY FLOOD DISCLOSURE MATTERS WITH NRDC

By Doug Parsons, featuring Tyler Taba



## UPTOWN CHATS EPISODE 52: FLOODING IN NEW YORK CITY

By WE ACT for Environmental Justice, featuring Furhana Husani

## WATER WANTS TO GO WHERE IT'S ALWAYS GONE

By Chris Whitehead, featuring Furhana Husani



SPECTRUM NEWS NY 1

## HOW FEMA FUNDING CUTS PUT CITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS IN DANGER

By Rocco Vertuccio, featuring Tyler Taba



## CITY OF WATER DAY

City of Water Day is a region-wide set of events, organized by Waterfront Alliance and New York–New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP), to celebrate a climate-resilient, equitably shared New York and New Jersey harbor.

# 10,000+ PARTICIPANTS

joined free programs that connect communities to the water and inspire stewardship

# 75+ EVENTS

across five boroughs, Westchester, Rockland, and New Jersey

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

kayaking, rowing, seining, fishing, boating, climate art, and educational workshops

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

At the 2025 Heroes of the Harbor Gala in October, Waterfront Alliance presented the Achievement Award to **New York City Comptroller Brad Lander** in recognition of his leadership advancing climate resilience, transparency, and public accountability across the city's waterfronts. Comptroller Lander's work supporting flood preparedness, resilience funding, and equitable waterfront access highlights the impact of strong public stewardship in building a safer, more sustainable New York City.





## HEROES OF THE HARBOR

Waterfront Alliance's 18th annual Heroes of the Harbor gala celebrated individuals and organizations contributing to the vibrancy, sustainability, and resilience of the New York–New Jersey harbor, and connecting leadership, influence, and community around the region's waterways.

# HONORING



### JOHN ATKINS, CEO, PORT LIBERTY TERMINALS

Recognized for advancing the sustainability and economic vitality of the regional port system and supporting the working waterfront.

### SPECIAL APPEARANCES & HIGHLIGHTS



Neil deGrasse Tyson



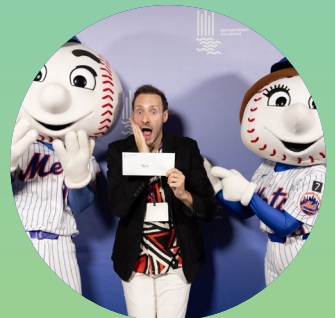
### NJDEP MEADOWLANDS & HUDSON RIVER REBUILD BY DESIGN PROJECTS

Honored for innovative, large-scale resilience and environmental projects that enhance waterfront ecosystems and public access.



### CHUCK NICE, COMEDIAN

Celebrated for engaging communities and raising awareness about waterfront stewardship and environmental issues in accessible and creative ways.



Mr. & Mrs. Met

ALL HEROES OF THE HARBOR  
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# CORPORATE COUNCIL

Established in 2023, the Waterfront Alliance Corporate Council brings together corporate leaders committed to advancing a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable waterfront economy in the New York–New Jersey Harbor. Council members represent diverse sectors and work alongside Waterfront Alliance to strengthen green and blue infrastructure, support the working waterfront, and drive systems-level change through collaboration and shared leadership.

## MEET OUR 2025 CORPORATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

### GOLD



### SILVER



### BRONZE





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **CORPORATIONS**

AECOM  
AKRF  
AMSIIC  
Anchor QEA  
APM Terminals  
Arcadis  
Arch Street  
Communications  
Arup  
Attentive Energy  
Baird  
Barretto Bay Strategies  
Biohabitats  
Brooklyn Navy Yard  
Development Corp.  
Citrin Cooperman  
Classic Harbor Line  
Con Edison  
Cornell University  
Cozen O'Connor  
Curtis + Rogers  
Design Studio  
Deborah Bradley  
Construction  
Dewberry  
ECONcrete  
Empire Wind  
Essex Equity  
Management LLC

F&S Tire Corp  
Fleetsource  
Fulton Fish Market  
Cooperative  
GBX (Gowanus Bay  
Terminal)  
GCT Global Container  
Terminals  
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.  
GFT  
Greenpoint Landing  
GZA GeoEnvironmental  
H.J. Kalikow & Co.  
Halmar International  
HDR Engineering, Inc.  
HNTB  
HOK  
Iovino Enterprises, LLC  
IPC Resiliency Partners  
Jacobs  
Kaufman Dolowich LLP  
Kyle Conti Construction  
Langan  
The Mack Company  
Maher Terminals  
Mathews Nielsen  
Landscape Architects  
Matrix New World  
Engineering  
McLaren Engineering  
Group, a division of KCI  
Moffatt & Nichol  
National Retail Systems  
(NRS)  
New York City Economic  
Development Corporation  
New York Cruise Lines

New York Waterway  
NV5  
NYC Ferry  
NYSERDA  
Oceantic Network  
Orsted  
Park Tower Group  
Perkins Eastman Architects  
Peyser Associates  
Plaxall  
Port Liberty Terminals  
Port Newark Container  
Terminal LLC  
Ramboll  
Red Hook Terminals  
REEF Innovations  
Resource Environmental  
Solutions (RES)  
Rise Light & Power  
Robb Water Partners  
Romark Management LLC  
Sasaki  
SCAPE Landscape  
Architecture  
Seaboard Marine  
Seaport Entertainment  
Group  
Signal Mutual  
Skanska  
South Brooklyn Marine  
Terminal  
Stantec  
Starr Whitehouse  
Landscape Architects  
and Planners  
StarTalk  
Thornton Tomasetti, Inc.



Turner Construction Company  
United States Maritime Alliance (USMX)  
Urban Strategies LLC  
Viridon  
The Walt Disney Company  
Williams  
WSP

## **FOUNDATIONS & NONPROFITS**

Altman Foundation  
Bernard F. & Alva B. Gimbel Foundation  
Cantor Levine Giving Fund  
Catherine and Joseph Aresty Foundation  
David Rockefeller Jr. Fund  
Hudson River Foundation  
Hyde and Watson Foundation  
International Longshoremen's Association  
ILA Local 1588  
ILA Local 1804-1  
ILA Local 1814  
ILA Local 920  
Leo Model Foundation  
Marta Heflin Foundation  
Metropolitan Marine Maintenance Contractors Association  
New York Building Foundation, Inc.  
New York Community Trust  
The Shipping Association of NY & NJ

Soloviev Foundation  
Spring Street Foundation  
Tiger Baron Foundation  
Walton Family Foundation  
2 Anonymous Foundations

## **GOVERNMENT**

Battery Park City Authority  
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
NYC Council Member Tiffany L. Cabán  
NYC Council Member Carmen De La Rosa  
NYC Council Member Kamillah M. Hanks  
NYC Council Member Julie Menin  
NYC Council Member Vickie Paladino  
NYC Council Member Althea Stevens  
NYC Council Speaker Funding  
Port Authority of NY & NJ

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Robert W. Balder  
Gina Chiello, Cummins Cederberg  
Joe Chiusano  
Circle Line  
Classic Harbor Line  
Cornell Tech College of Architecture, Art, and Planning

Forest Hills Stadium  
Grand Banks Oyster Bar  
New York Mets  
Chuck Nice  
Norrøna  
Patagonia  
Seaport Entertainment Group  
Neil deGrasse Tyson  
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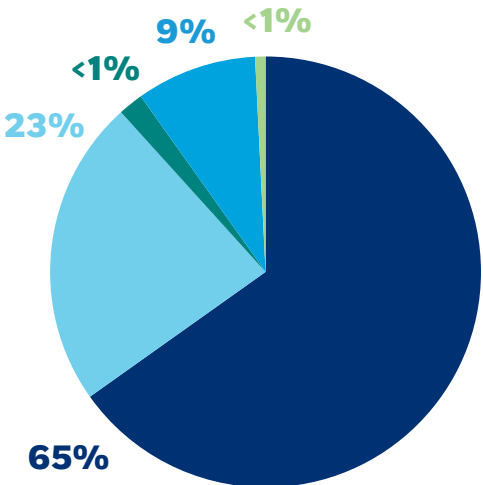


# Financial Snapshot

## PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

- Contributions and Grants: \$1,216,391
- Special Events (net of direct expenses): \$431,600
- In-Kind Contributions: \$34,963
- Program Services Revenue: \$169,037
- Net Investment Return: \$14,575

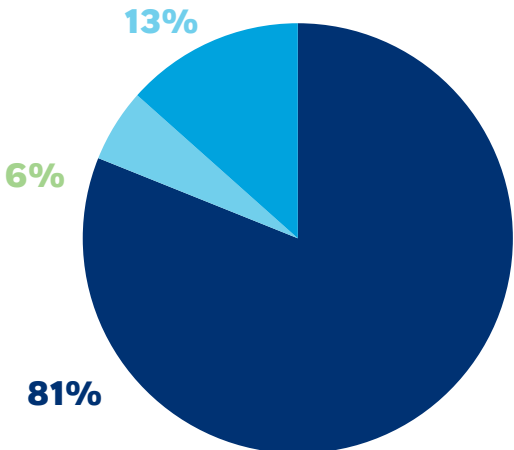
**TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE: \$1,866,566**



## EXPENSES

- Program Services: \$2,420,267
- Fundraising: \$164,234
- Management and General: \$400,501

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,985,002**

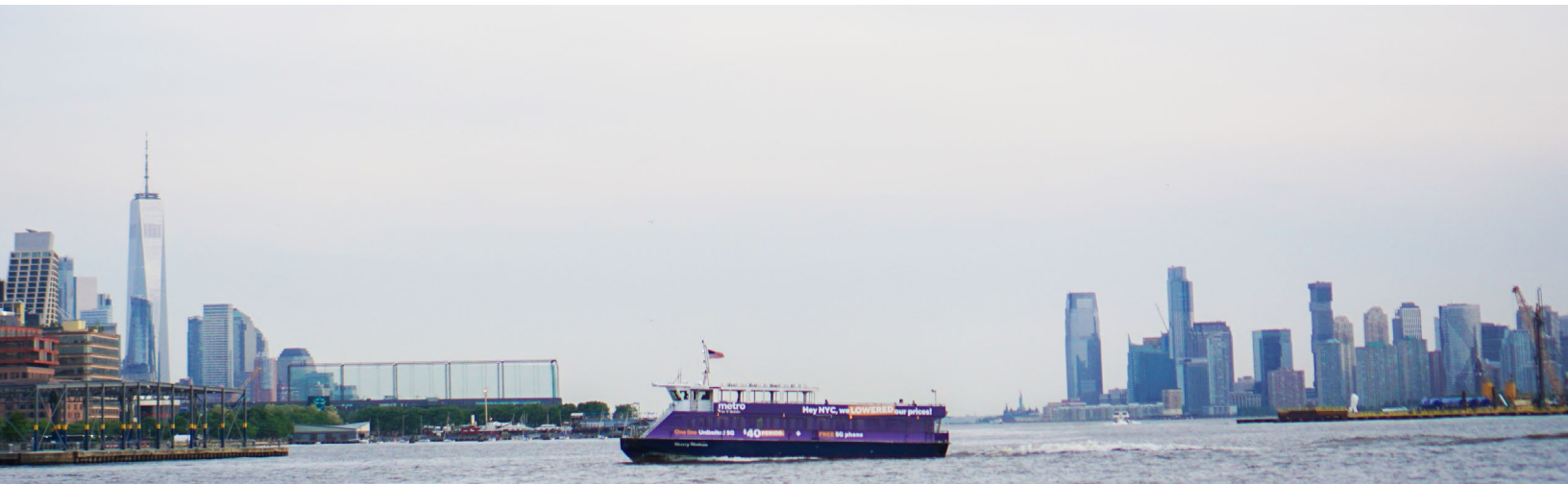


Net Assets - Beginning of Year: \$2,599,429

Net Assets - End of Year: \$1,480,993

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS: \$1,118,436**

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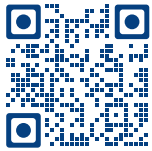


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