

# THE FUTURE OF GOVERNORS ISLAND

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A scenic view of Governors Island in New York City. In the background, the Statue of Liberty stands prominently against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The island's landscape is lush with greenery, featuring numerous young trees supported by wooden stakes and large, light-colored rocks arranged in terraced steps. Several people are seen walking along these paths, including a man in a red shirt, a woman in a white tank top, and a child in a striped shirt. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and recreational.

GOVERNORS ISLAND TODAY  
IS A BELOVED ESCAPE  
FROM THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF THE CITY

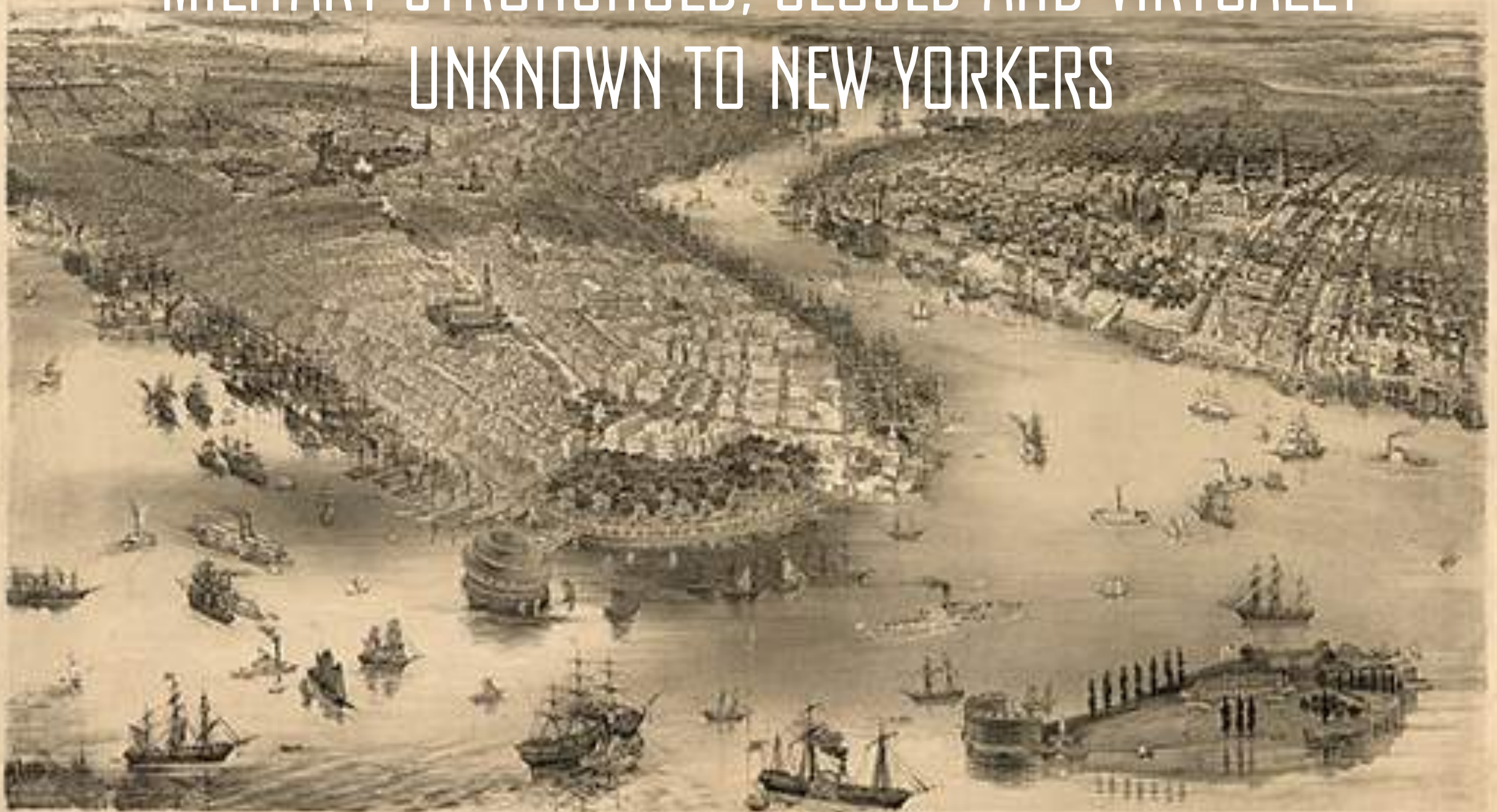




FROM THE MOMENT THEY BOARD THE FERRY,  
VISITORS SHARE AN EXPERIENCE THAT  
BRINGS THEM TOGETHER  
AS THEY VENTURE TO THE ISLAND



FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES, THE ISLAND WAS A  
MILITARY STRONGHOLD, CLOSED AND VIRTUALLY  
UNKNOWN TO NEW YORKERS



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF  
NEW-YORK & BROOKLYN



AND WAS LEFT VIRTUALLY UNTOUCHED IN THE MID-  
NINETIES





# HOW DO YOU TRANSFORM AN ISLAND, AND SECURE ITS FUTURE?







ARTS, CULTURE AND DISCOVERY ARE PART OF  
THE ISLAND'S DNA



A photograph showing a lush green park in the foreground, with a dense canopy of trees and shrubs. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky. The skyline includes several prominent skyscrapers, with the Freedom Tower being the most prominent on the left. The text "EXPANSIVE GREEN SPACE, DESIGNED WITH THE FUTURE IN MIND" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

EXPANSIVE GREEN SPACE, DESIGNED WITH THE FUTURE  
IN MIND



AND PUBLIC ART THAT RESPONDS TO PLACE





LOOKING FORWARD, GOVERNORS ISLAND IS  
WELL POSITIONED TO BE NYC'S NEXT CENTER  
FOR CREATIVITY, LEARNING & INNOVATION





WITH NEW PARK SPACES OPEN, WE'RE PIVOTING  
TOWARDS ACTIVATING THE ISLAND INTO A YEAR-ROUND,  
24/7 COMMUNITY





OUR VISION FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IS  
TO BUILD UPON OUR PROGRESS IN CREATING  
A PLACE TO LEARN, EXPERIMENT AND CREATE







LEARNING





CREATING





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT





CONVENING



EXPERIMENTING





DISTRICTS FOR LEARNING, RESEARCH, CULTURE AND  
CONVENING WILL COMPLEMENT A GREAT PARK







THE HISTORIC DISTRICT



# ACTIVATING THE SOUTH ISLAND





WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY *AND* RESPONSIBILITY  
TO STEWARD THE ISLAND AS A DEMONSTRATION  
FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT





# PARK LAID GROUNDWORK FOR RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT





PLANNING TODAY WILL CREATE THE FRAMEWORK TO  
SECURE THE ISLAND'S FUTURE





# GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. Complement and **enhance the park** and public spaces and respond to environmental conditions.
2. Connect and establish a **harmonious relationship** with the park, esplanade and Historic District.
3. Retain and **frame views** within the Island, and towards New York Harbor, Lower Manhattan and the Brooklyn waterfront.
4. **Activate** building edges along public spaces.
5. Promote innovative design approaches to achieve a high level of **resiliency and environmental sustainability**.
6. Encourage **flexibility** to accommodate a wide range of building types and a mix of uses.



# PLAN OPTIMIZED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS





# EMPHASIS ON MAXIMIZING PARK CONNECTIONS





# PLAN SUMMARY

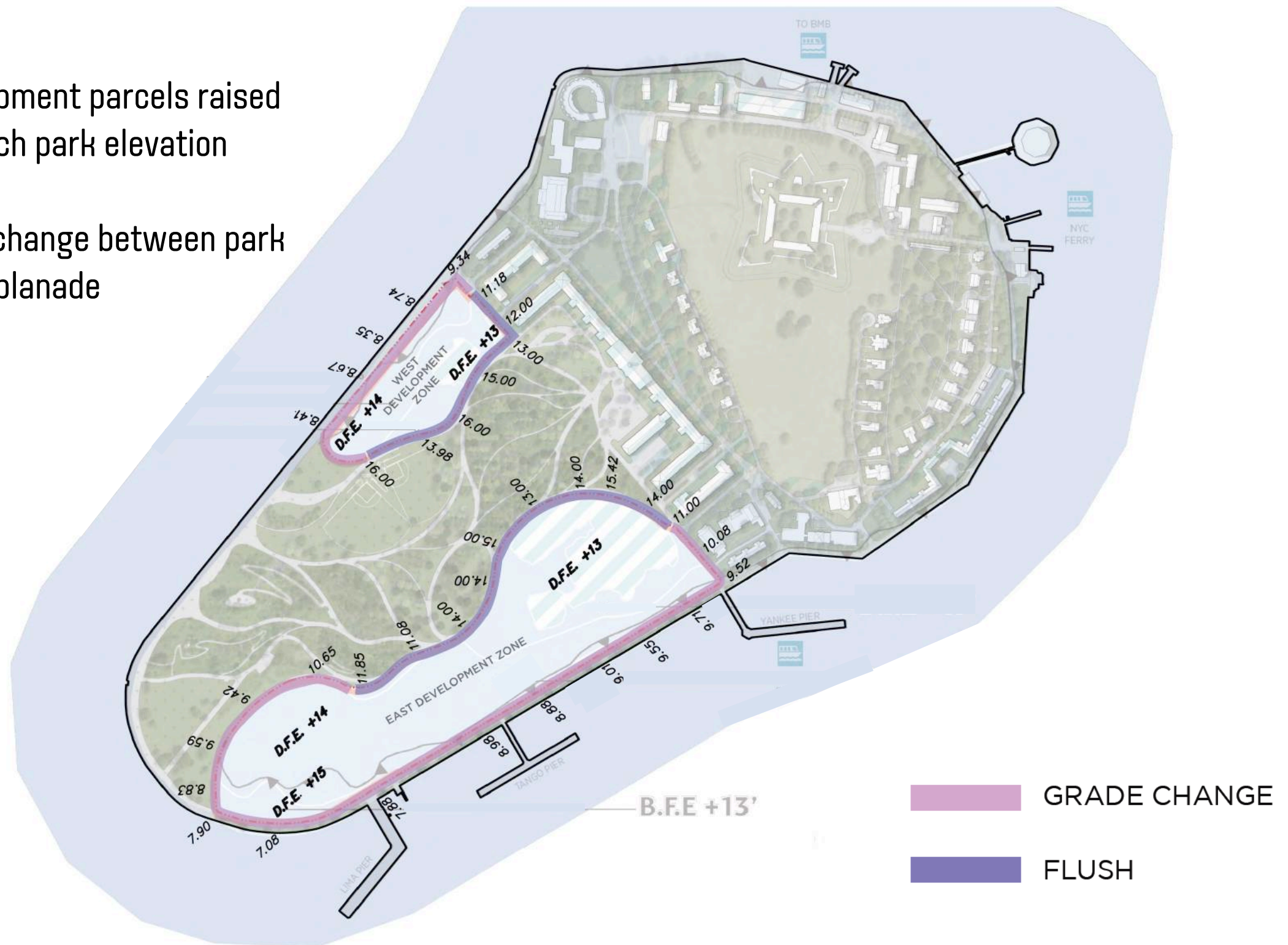




# RESILIENCY AND DESIGN FLOOD ELEVATION

## Development parcels raised to match park elevation

## Grade change between park and esplanade





# POTENTIAL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT







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