SEASON UPDATE
New York City Poetry Festival
Family Fun Day
Escape in New York: Outdoor Films on Governors Island
NYC Volkswagen Traffic Jam
13th Annual Jazz Age Lawn Party
Rite of Summer
4heads' Governors Island Art Fair
NYC Holi Hai
Octfest
2018 Visitor Stats

Visitors YTD: 675,000

Average Visitors:
- 3,200 weekday
- 14,300 weekend

Visitors:
- 569,000 visitors via Manhattan 84%
- 68,000 visitors via Brooklyn 10%
- 38,000 visitors via NYC Ferry 6%

Visitors stayed for Late Fridays and Saturdays 17,000+
26 late Fridays & Saturdays
OUTDOOR FILMS WITH THE FILM SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER
JACOB HASHIMOTO ON GOVERNORS ISLAND
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PROGRAMMING AT A GLANCE

53 Organizations producing free public programming

25 Organizations programming in Nolan Park & Colonels Row

68 free events & exhibitions

40 ARTS & CULTURE
11 COMMUNITY EVENTS
6 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
11 CLIMATE & THE ENVIRONMENT

13 Large ticketed events
ART, CULTURE & LEARNING FOR EVERYONE
URBAN FARM CONTINUES TO ENGAGE VISITORS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
LOOP LEARNING CENTER OPENS MAY, 2019
NEW AMENITIES

Skating at Mel's Rink

Taco Vista
NEW WELCOME CENTER KIOSK AT YANKEE PIER

Thanks to support from the Friends of Governors Island
NEW COLLECTIVE RETREATS

- Official opening June 30
- Community benefit offered four free nights to YMCA campers and families
- 66% overall occupancy rate
New year-long artist residency program
Housed in Building 107 thanks to National Park Service
Free year-long studio space for 5 artists
Public programming to be developed for 2019 season
OCTOBER PROGRAMMING

- Pumpkin Point returns October 20-21 and 27-28 in Nolan Park
- Free Trick or Treating on October 27 from 1-3PM
ART & CULTURE PROGRAM

- Permit process for Outdoor Events in 2019 open at govisland.org
- Indoor proposals opened October 1
- Multi-year opportunities encouraged
Harbor School

- Nearly 600 students from all 5 boroughs
- School celebrated 15 year anniversary with 10th school year on Island
- Plans for expansion and construction of pool being explored
- Students worked with Billion Oyster Project to complete largest restoration project to date, creating 5 acre reef near the Tappen Zee Bridge in June
Interior and exterior renovation of Building 110 underway
Project will double number of artists served through LMCC residency program
Anticipated opening May, 2019
Renovation will add gallery and rehearsal spaces
• Interior abatement work began this summer
• Phase I Completion (40,000 SF) expected 2021
• Interior demolition and abatement commenced July 2018
• 34 studios serving 100 artists expected to open by 2020
PLANNING & INITIATIVES
PUBLIC WIFI UPDATE

- Installed by Fiberless Networks and launched on July 1
- Over 15,000 unique users
- 10 vendors and Island tenant SSIDs
Trust working with NYU CUSP graduate students on urban analytics project
- 9 sensors deployed throughout the Island
- Project monitoring air quality, temperature, noise levels and pedestrian traffic patterns
NYU CUSP SENSOR PROJECT

AIR POLLUTION
- Atmospheric particulate matter (PM2.5) 17% lower than citywide levels on average

TEMPERATURE
- On average, 2° Celsius (3.6° F) cooler than Central Park
- ~6.5% cooler than Central Park on hottest day and 9% cooler on coolest day in August

NOISE
- ~7.5% lower (5 decibels) during the day and ~13% lower (8 decibels) in the evening compared to average noise in Washington Square Park

HOURLY POPULATION & VISITOR COUNT
- Wifi probe can help determine visitor counts throughout the Island
NEW FERRY UPDATE

- Hull 80% complete and being painted
- Ferry to be lowered into the water on November 8 for first time
- Mechanical and interiors work to be completed in water
- Sea Trials will take place in Rhode Island in April, 2019
- Delivery to Governors Island anticipated in May, 2019
Architect hired to renovate historic house
Pilot project for year-round cultural use
Ground floor renovated for exhibition space
Upper floor renovated for office space and short-term stays
UPCOMING PROCUREMENTS

• Bicycle concessions
• Athletic fields (Parade Ground)
• Food RFP
SOUTH ISLAND REZONING UPDATE
WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS A YEAR-ROUND, 24 HOUR COMMUNITY
WE’RE LOOKING FOR A MIX OF USES THAT ADVANCE OUR VISION

Education
The Island's serene campus-like environment offers an ideal NYC setting for universities and all levels of learning.

R&D and Commercial Office
A working population on the Island can balance quieter weekdays, while providing more expansion for growing industries in the City.

Cultural Uses
More permanent cultural and entertainment facilities will enhance the Island's existing creative arts and cultural community.

Hospitality and Convening
Governors Island is a convenient place for New Yorkers to collaborate, share ideas and come together. Uses such as restaurants and hotels can improve amenities for the Island's growing year-round visitors.
Activate
Attract early movers that activate the Island's Historic District and connect it to the everyday life of the City

Attract Complementary Uses
Attract uses that will enhance the existing character of the Island as a public space

Engage the Public in Creating a Proactive Planning Framework
Ready the Island’s southern development parcels for their next chapter within a sensitive, thoughtful framework
US Coast Guard departs GI

Island is transferred to City and State for $1, deed restrictions put in place

Islandwide RFP, no uses designated

Park and Public Space Master Plan

Historic District RFP and South Island RFEI, Harbor School, LMCC and QC Terme designated as new tenants

Rezoning of Governors Island Historic District (North Island)

Phase I: 33 acres of new park designed by West 8 opens on South Island

Phase II: The Hills, opens on South Island

Develop strategy for Island activation

Planning framework and public outreach

South Island Rezoning

South Island RFP
2010 MASTER PLAN

GOVERNORS ISLAND PARK AND PUBLIC SPACE MASTER PLAN

WEST 8
Why is a South Island rezoning needed?

The South Island is currently zoned for single-family houses and townhouses.

The Trust is proposing a rezoning to extend uses allowed in North Island to the South Island that comply with our deed.

Rezoning will allow the Trust to create the rules and planning framework before development.

Current (R3-2):

Proposed (C4-5):
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.


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 SUMMARY
DESIGNING A RESILIENT FUTURE

Park was already elevated to 100 year floodplain

Development zones to be raised 5-7 feet to match park

Split level promenade to provide public waterfront access
NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL FRAME AND PRESERVE VIEWS, GIVING PARK PRIDE OF PLACE
POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO: WESTERN PROMENADE – MANHATTAN BACKDROP
POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO: YANKEE PIER
POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO:
VIEW TOWARD DISCOVERY HILL
SOUTH ISLAND REZONING

EARLY 2018
- Engage community in planning framework
- Craft guiding principles for development

FALL, 2018
Environmental review and scoping
- Scoping meeting on 9/26 with 25 speakers
- 24 written comments received

MARCH, 2019
- Environmental review complete
- ULURP certification

END OF 2019
- ULURP completion

2020
RFP for new development on the South Island
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

TGI is required to study and disclose environmental impacts

- Proposed uses are University, Dormitory, Hotel, Biotech/Research, Office, Cultural, Accessory Retail, Restaurant and Conference Center
- No permanent housing is proposed

Key technical areas for review:

- Transportation: Improved passenger ferries from the BMB & Brooklyn Bridge Park; New freight ferries from working waterfront sites in Brooklyn
- Open space
- Waterfront
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Views
- Noise
- Construction impacts
PLEASE VISIT THROUGH OCTOBER 31!

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