

GOVERNORS ISLAND

President's Report

Trust for Governors Island Board of Directors



Agenda

- I. Brief Season Update
- II. South Island Rezoning
- III. Center for Climate Solutions

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2021 Season Updates



2021 SEASON

- Open every day from May 1 - October 31, 2021
- Mondays-Fridays 10AM-6PM, Weekends and Holiday Mondays 10AM-7PM
- 150,000 visitors thus far
- 40% of visitors in free fare categories
- Expanded hours will return with special evening programming



Upcoming Events



NYC Runs **July 4, August 7 & October 31**

5K & 10K Races across the island. Registration required.

Porch Stomp **June 26**

Festival inviting bands, artists, and performing arts organizations to use the historic porches of Nolan Park as a space for performance and education, highlighting artistry ranging from traditional folk to old-time, blues, roots, bluegrass and Americana.

Poetry Festival **July 24-25**

Free festival including readings, performances and activities related to poetry.

Upcoming Events



Jazz Age August 14-15th

15th anniversary of popular event celebrating the roaring 20s. Featuring live music, food and drink and more.



African Film Festival Family Day September 12th

Free family friendly festival celebrating the African Diaspora, featuring arts and crafts, recreational activities



Rite of Summer September 18th

Free classical music festival presents "10,000 Birds" by John Luther Adams.

Upcoming Events



Pinknic September 4-5

Wine and music festival. Ticketed, with health and safety protocols in place.



Global Champions September 24-26

Global competition, gathering the most accomplished riders and horses from around the world. Free and open to the public

LMCC Arts Center Reopened June 12

- Open Thursday-Sunday 12-5
- **Meg Webster's Wave** brings nature inside, using natural materials a vehicle through which to address our relationship to nature
- **Onyedika Chuke's The Forever Museum Archive**, presented in partnership w/ Pioneer Works, part of an ongoing project that mines connections between history, archive, knowledge production and power, focuses on the US carceral system - its starting point and evolution.
- **Muna Malik's Blessing of the Boats** asks the viewer to think about that society they would like to live within and how they might take steps to help shift it in that direction.



New Art Dealers Alliance (Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays May 8—August 1)

NADA's 2021 exhibition on Governors Island expanded to take over five houses along Colonels Row, filling the historic rooms and front lawns with work by over 100 contemporary artists in partnership with 66 galleries, independent nonprofits and artist-run spaces from around the world



2021 Public Art Commission – *Not for Nutton* by Duke Riley

On view daily in the Battery
Maritime Building GI Ferry
Waiting Room

Mural depicts maritime vignettes
contained within hand-drawn
bottles like model ships, w/
stories about NY Harbor

Bottles holding these narratives
will reveal themselves to be
single-use-plastic containers, so
many of which can be found
floating in our waterways



Extended Public Art Commission – *The May Room* by Shantell Martin

2019 commission extended

Mural transforms
deconsecrated former military
chapel Our Lady Star of the Sea
into a place for contemplation
and poetry

Open weekends with social
distancing protocols in place



New: Sheep!

- 5 sheep summering on Governors Island to graze on invasive plants in Hammock Grove
- Partnership with Tivoli Farm & Preserve in Albany, NY
- Sheep to eat mugwort & phragmites
- Cared for by Trust horticultural staff
- Visitors may observe but not touch or feed
- Names: Flour, Evening, Sam, Philip Aries and Chad



South Island Rezoning Update



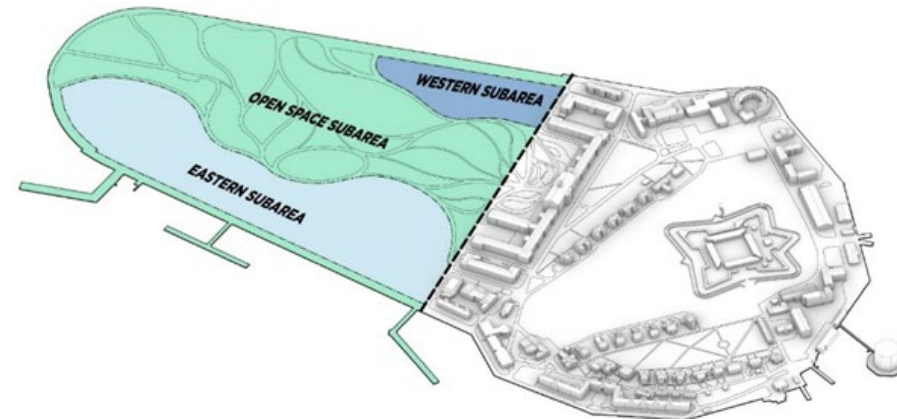
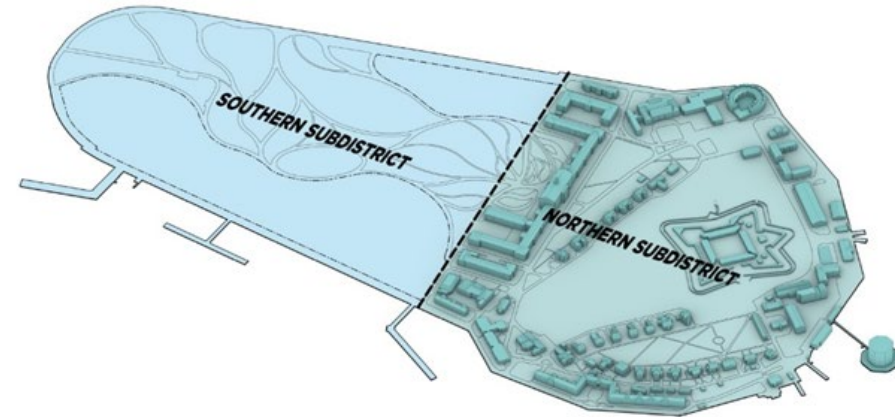
New Governors Island Special District Approved on May 27

The Governors Island Special District zoning divides the Island into two sections:

- “Northern Subdistrict” north of Division Road that was rezoned in 2013 and is also a NYC Landmark District, and
- “Southern Subdistrict” south of Division Road that was rezoned in 2021

Southern Subdistrict includes:

- Western subarea
- Eastern subarea
- Open space subarea



Allowable Uses

The 2021 South Island Zoning extends the permitted uses from the 2013 North Island Zoning:

- Office
- Education (e.g., universities, museums, recreational centers, community facilities, etc.)
- Cultural and Amusement (e.g., bowling alleys, theaters, merry-go-rounds, etc.)
- Retail (e.g., restaurants, health clubs, etc.)
- Hospitality (e.g., hotels, convening, etc.)
- Residential/overnight uses permitted by the deed (e.g., faculty housing, student dormitories, caretaker housing, residencies for ferry crew and emergency personnel, etc.)

And adds three new permitted use categories within the Eastern and Western Subareas:

- Small Scale Production (e.g., artisanal craft manufacturing ceramics, breweries, etc.)
- R&D and Light Manufacturing (e.g., research laboratories, boat building, etc.)
- Accessory Uses to Island Operations (e.g., substations, marine transfer stations, etc.)

Zoning Rules Summary

Heights	Density	Open Space
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum heights limited to 125'-225'• Lot coverage rules tied to building heights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall density capped at 3,775,000 square feet (2.63 FAR), restricted by use:<ul style="list-style-type: none">-“Community Facilities” (e.g., non-profit, academic and cultural uses) capped at 2.63 FAR-All other uses are capped at 2.0 FAR-Residential use is capped at 0.5 FAR-Hotel use is capped at 450k sf	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allowable concessions and amenities limited to park-related uses, including playgrounds, food and beverage, recreational and entertainment uses, etc.

Climate Center Update



The Trust plans to release a solicitation targeting an academic or research institution to anchor the proposed climate center sometime in Spring/Summer, 2021



**Living Laboratory
/Cultural Uses**



**Platform for
Environmental Justice
Work**



**Dormitories/Faculty
Housing**



**Commercial Operations
& Innovation**



**Academic/Research
Institution**



Convening Spaces

Between October 2020 and January 2021, the Trust convened its Community Advisory Council and other stakeholders to provide feedback on these goals and key priority areas

Kick-Off (October 26)

- Presentation of RFP goals
- Initial round of feedback
- Proposed break-out groups and assignments

Breakout Sessions

- Public Engagement – **December 16**
- Workforce and Education – **January 20**
- Design Guidelines – **January 26**

Report out to CAC

- **March 16**

Goals



Impact on the Field

Meaningfully and equitably advance climate-related fields and actionable solutions, and engage priority focus areas (adaptation, urban environments, inspiring action, and public health).



Impact on the Island

Make a positive contribution to the Island's physical campus; existing community of users, tenants, and partners; and financial sustainability.



Impact on New Yorkers

Opportunities for New Yorkers, and particularly front-line communities, for meaningful engagement; education, training, and employment; and the co-creation of climate solutions.

The Trust has made commitments regarding a future solicitation (RFP/RFEI for the Center for Climate Solutions)

- Release of RFP/RFEI to attract an educational or non-profit research anchor institution will be released in Spring / Summer 2021 following ULURP
- Solicitation to outline goals related to public engagement, the creation of equitable educational and workforce development pipelines and design guidelines
- Trust will present finalists for public input at Manhattan CB1 meeting



Thank you!