

GOVERNORS ISLAND

President's Report

Trust for Governors Island Board of Director's Meeting

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2020 Season Updates

Fall 2020



Governors Island opened July 15 for passive recreation activities.

- New ticket reservation system
- Efforts to ensure equitable access to open space
- Free ferries for residents of NYCHA housing, community orgs, seniors
- Redirected Brooklyn service to Red Hook
- Outreach to over 100 community organizations across the city and over 50 NYCHA and low-cost housing developments in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn
- Nearly 140,000 visitors to date



2020 SEASON UPDATES



Vendors & Amenities

Food & Drink:

- 17 food and beverage vendors, more than ever before
- All 13 vendors from 2019 returned this year
- 4 new vendors joined: Pizza Yard, Wafels & Dinges, Everything About Crepes, and Terry and Yaki
- This year's food program activates sites along Colonels Row
- Health and safety measures in place

Amenities:

- Blazing Saddles Bike Rentals and Citi Bike
- Urban Archive Digital Tours
- Collective Retreats
- GrowNYC Teaching Garden
- Earth Matter Compost Learning Center



Governors Island Residency Initiative (GIRI)

- Partnership with LMCC to redeploy programming space on Island to serve artists with free studios
- Artists hosted by one of 20 cultural organizations in Nolan Park and Colonels Row and LMCC's Arts Center
- Over 100 artists here through the end of October
- Orgs collaborating on virtual programming and resources for artists; community building



Kerry Lessard; resident at 4heads

An aerial photograph of Governors Island, showing a paved path, green fields, and young trees. In the background, the New York City skyline is visible across the water, with the Freedom Tower being a prominent feature. The sky is clear and blue.

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Our Vision for the Island's Next Phase of Growth

Our Development Vision will Celebrate the Island's Unique Attributes & Make a Lasting Contribution to NYC



Make Governors Island a **dynamic and accessible public place year-round**, with the same vibrancy in the winter as the summer



Creates path towards financial sustainability through responsible partnerships with like-minded organizations and institutions



Celebrates and utilizes Governors Island's **unique environment and waterfront location** as a public living laboratory
Above: Billion Oyster Project



Promote a **diversity of uses** that complement and enhance Governors Island's unique character



Expands opportunities for public participation and engagement
Above: LMCC's Take Care Series



Maintains access and affordability for all New Yorkers
Above: NYC Holi Hai

Our Vision for Growth and Development Focuses on Three Key Strategies



Open Space & Recreation



Arts & Culture



Expanded Use

In September, 2020, the City of New York and the Trust announced plans to **establish a leading global center for climate solutions.**

This new center will pair interdisciplinary research focused on developing, testing, and scaling new tools for climate adaptation with **meaningful public engagement through diverse educational and cultural experiences.**

OUR VISION FOR THE ISLAND'S NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH

An academic anchor and new uses related to climate solutions will complement and enhance other cultural, non-profit and commercial tenancies.

Research & Education



Dormitory & Faculty Housing



Convening & Hospitality



Commercial Operations & Innovation



Living Lab & Cultural Destination



A Climate Center on Governors Island Supports the City's Efforts in:

Economic Recovery

Job Creation & Economic Impact

Project would create 8K jobs and an estimated \$1 billion of fiscal impact for the City, all on Governors Island alone

Economic Diversification

Project can power City's post-COVID diversification into green industries

Education & Equity

Project would create meaningful educational pathways into climate field

Inspiration

Project would create the space to reimagine our urban fabric

Resiliency Strategy*

Mitigating Risks

Governors Island could serve as a living lab for the City by testing and demonstrating resilient infrastructure systems and innovative solutions for the built environment

Empowering Residents & Businesses

Governors Island could serve as a platform for public engagement, education and advocacy, showcasing solutions and giving New Yorkers tools to take back to their communities

Building a Climate-Ready Government

Governors Island could serve as a central convening space for policy discussions and cross-silo collaboration

Advancing & Applying Climate Science

Governors Island could provide the space for research and development of adaptation strategies to support the City's efforts

**MOR's four strategy pillars*

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How We Get There

What we're asking for:

Extend uses allowed in the Historic District (Northern Subdistrict, rezoned in 2013) to the South Island, including:

- Office
- Education
- Cultural
- Retail
- Restaurants
- Gyms & Health Clubs
- Hotel & Convening
- Amusements
- Maritime Recreation
- Dorm & Faculty Housing

Add:

- Research & Development
- Small Scale Production
- Accessory Uses to Island Operations

Protect and expand the existing open space

Allow a maximum 4.275M SF across designated development sites on the South Island, creating an effective 2.98 FAR based on the area of the development zones only

YANKEE PIER PLAZA (ILLUSTRATIVE VISION)



WESTERN PROMENADE (ILLUSTRATIVE VISION)



SOUTHEASTERN PROMENADE (ILLUSTRATIVE VISION)



FORT JAY THEATER (ILLUSTRATIVE VISION)



HAMMOCK GROVE (ILLUSTRATIVE VISION)



OVERALL VISION (ILLUSTRATIVE VISION)



Climate Solutions Center timeline:



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Thank you!

