Looking Ahead to the Future (Sooner Than We Think)
Overview

• First, a look back at the 2015 season
• Hills construction update
• A look ahead to 2017
In 2015, we welcomed 450,000 visitors
Visitors arrive at Soissons

Photo: Kreg Holt
Gathering for site specific performance at Commanding Officer’s House
76% of visitors are from the five boroughs
Picnicking on the Parade Ground

Photo: Kreg Holt
More than 55% of visitors are coming for the first time (including those from NYC)
Everybody loves the park in its second season
68 organizations participated in OpenHouseGI (more than ever before!)
Holocenter
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And brought visitors more than 300 free programs
10th Annual Jazz Age Lawn Party
Come Out and Play
Including more than one dozen performances
Dysfunctional Theater Collective
Here Open Studios and performances
and more than 50 exhibits
Escaping Time: Prison Art
Governors Island Art Fair
10,000 visitors rode bikes for free
Free Bike Mornings
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Photo: Kreg Holt
More than 40 families celebrated at our picnic tables
6,800 students and families learned about sustainable farming and composting
Grow NYC’s Teaching Garden
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And we now have one island dog
Max
Outlook Hill reached full height
And more than 2,000 New Yorkers climbed to the top to #previewtheview
This is what they said...
“I can’t wait to bring my friends here”
“Wow! This is my first time on Governors Island”
“I’ve never seen the City like this before”
“A must-see”
“I love this place!”
“This view is amazing!”
“The Statue is so close I feel like I can touch her!”
And this is what they are asking
“What are the Hills made of?”
“How will you make sure the new trees won't block the view?

How many shrubs and bushes are you planting?”
“All of this is really man-made?”
“How do you make sure the Hill won’t fall down?”
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Grassy Hill
May: Shaping Grassy Hill
October: Planting grass shrubs and trees on Grassy Hill
Slide Hill

Current view of the north side of Discovery Hill
May: Rough grading Slide Hill
October: Planting Slide Hill
Discovery Hill
May: Placing general fill
October: Installing Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) and planting soil
Outlook Hill
May: Installing Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE)
September: Reaching full height
The Granite Scramble
October: Installing the Granite Scramble
May: Beginning to take shape
October: MSE slopes dramatically shaping new views

Photo: Tim Schenck
Hills milestones: Now - 2016

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What will the public see next summer?

By official summer start : Lots of green!
- Slide and Grassy Hills 100% green and complete with curb edges
- Discovery planting underway, Outlook Hill covered in erosion-control grass
- Work happening on granite scramble and Outlook plaza hardscape

During Summer 2016
- Discovery Hill mulch pathways
- Outlook Plaza hardscape complete with railings, seating (lawn to come)
- Path and perimeter paving to come, Liberty Moment to be complete
How do they get involved and learn more?
More first-hand experience of the Hills

- Hills construction site available for extensive public programs next summer
- Hard Hat Tours
  - Free and open to the public
  - Tours with civic groups
- Unique Experiential Opportunities
  - Sunrise/Sunset Tours
  - Special Events on the Hills
Exploration of science and resiliency

- Hills draw on many fields of science: geology, geotech, botany, horticulture, hydrology and more.
- Model of resiliency and response to climate change
- Opens up numerous learning and collaboration Harbor School, Climate Change Museum, and others.
- Satisfy visitors’ natural curiosity about construction of artificial Hills
Learning through play and “digging in the dirt”

• Exciting “see and do” exhibit on-Island and on-line will explore science behind the construction of the Hills and the park’s climate change resiliency measures

• Hands-on, “digging in the dirt” play learning for kids age 2-7

• Helping kids understand what shapes their environment, and encouraging creative thinking and constructive play
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In 2017, Hills make Governors Island a “must do” destination

- The Hills are unlike anything else in New York City or the country
- Only place where you can experience a 360 degree panorama of the Harbor, the skylines and the Statue of Liberty
- Expected to be a major draw for tourists and New Yorkers alike
In 2017, QC Terme Day Spa opens and ushers in a new era for the Island

- First mover commercial tenant
  - Substantial private investment
  - Vote of confidence and credibility
- Unique recreational amenity and magnet, supported by extensive marketing
- Year round use by public
- Future tenant amenity
- Rent supports dramatic increase in access to Island
Development on track

• Community Board 1 and Landmarks Preservation Commission approvals
  • July 2015
• Construction to begin early 2016
• Pre-marketing summer 2016
Distinctive destination day spa, bringing new form of recreation to Island and City

- Spend the day relaxing with friends
- Combine with enjoyment of Island’s green spaces and culture
- Full-scale restaurant for all to enjoy
- Additional services at guests’ choosing
A two minute walk from Soissons Landing
A bird’s eye view of QC Terme Spa
Ground Floor:

- Guests enter the spa
  - After walking to reception area, given bathrobes and slippers
- Restaurant open to public and spa guests
- Areas available for group gatherings
Variety of spa treatments and facilities await users

Second Floor:

- Womens’ Changing Rooms
- Shower Rooms
- Treatment Rooms
- Saunas
Third Floor:

- Men’s changing rooms
- Shower rooms
- Relaxation Rooms
- Massage Rooms
Lower level:

- Hot tubs
- Cold tubs
- Shower beds
- Therapeutic jets
- Sauna
- Hydrojets
Outdoor pools provide incredible views and unforgettable experience

- Private space
- Three heated soaking pools
- Heated walkways for year-round use
In 2017, two large-scale artist studio programs will serve hundreds of artists

- Year-round artist workspaces expand from 12,000 square feet today to 45,000 square feet in 2017
- LMCC expanding and Spaceworks opening
- Provides studio space for artists to work and exhibition space for the public to enjoy
In 2017, two boats running continuously to BMB

- Second vessel comes online
  - Board approved purchase in June 2014 meeting
  - Purchase process on track for 2017 service
  - 300+ passenger only vessel optimized for Island visitors
  - Operated by the Trust
New schedule improves access forever

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- Serving tenants and public alike
- Expanding public access to increase recreational use
- Dramatically changes Island’s appeal of the island for new tenants and uses
Citywide Ferry network offers additional access potential

- De Blasio Administration commitment to Citywide network can create powerful new connections for the Island
- Working with EDC on current RFP
- When the Island is part of City-wide network, market position and visitor access improves even more
In 2017, Governors Island is...

- A must-do destination
- Easy to get to
- Open for business