Gowanus Waterfront Edge

Mixed Use Goals:
Industrial Core + Maritime Infrastructure
Environmental Improvements + Restoration
Community Use + Recreation + Education

Restore
Revive
Renew
Reconnect
And these are the requirements that apply across the whole city...

**SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS**
Provide additional public spaces on the waterfront.

**UPLAND CORRIDOR**
Connect the city to the water.

**SHORE PUBLIC WALKWAY**
Create a continuous path along the water.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AREA**
Widen the shore public walkway.

**SEATING WITH BACKS**
Resulting Impacts

Underused Amenity Space
Consider a Gowanus Alternative

PASSAGEWAYS

Active Passageway

Cultural Passageway
Mandatory Access

Require to and from water access at all City street ends and at any development with 100ft or more of shoreline.

Meet FDNY emergency and rescue access standards
Active Edge Uses

Allow for integrated waterfront service facilities such as boathouses, barge docks, floating walkways and integrated services offering food, marine supplies or boat storage and repair along the continuous waterfront pedestrian access plan.
Keep It Clean

Provide clean water access points (drinking fountains and hose bibs) at every street end and allow WAP spaces to be used as community garden areas. Include public use comfort stations (bathrooms).
Be Playful

Require open space design to promote active play for all ages, including children, teens, young adult, adult and senior play activity. Include Venice Beach style healthy living workout activity, climbing, running, sledding, rolling, aerobics, etc. In addition, comfortable social seating of fixed tables and benches should be required. Low traffic, dead end streets should include rumble strips or bollards to create “play streets” and zoning should encourage ground floor publicly accessible and useable spaces like at Whole Foods 2nd floor, but at the ground floor.
Be Playful

Require social seating, with tables between chairs, protected by shade structures for summer use.

Include net zero emission solar or wind energy generating public furniture to recharge electronics and accommodate wifi users. Pathway designs should be mixed use paths inclusive to bicycles moving at a slow pace.
Promote Art

Encourage art installations at street ends and bridges and open spaces. Institute a rotating art program similar to the City’s current Privately Owned Public Space Program (POPS) as promoted by local Art groups like Arts Gowanus.

Designate some paces for free access art and graffiti work, mobile temporary playgrounds and art events.
How IT is Made

Allow for WAP space reduction for "WE make it Gowanus" studios, demonstration areas, and micro makers to set up small shops within the WAP, accessible to public viewing and purchases during business hours. Preserve and protect existing industrial manufacturing uses with a transfer of development rights from rezoned areas to the Gowanus IBZ.

Protect Industry
See Gowanus Stars

Shoreline lighting should be low level WAP pathway illumination only. The waterway, landscaping and our Gowanus Sky should not be illuminated.

Notable industrial buildings could be illuminated to highlight their significance but all lights should be directed downward.
A Vision on Land

The New Banyan Street Garage + Civic Building with the New Banyan Alley

Current Condition
A Vision on Water

Mix of Uses; Restore, Revive, Renew, Reconnect

Industrial

Residential

Commercial

Natural

Accessible

Recreational

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