

Community Workshop #2

July 11th, 2023





AGENDA

- Welcome
- Project Recap
- Public Art Update
- Community Engagement Summary
- Proposed Concept Design
- Breakout Session Discussion
- Next Steps





PROJECT TEAM

New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Implementing Agency

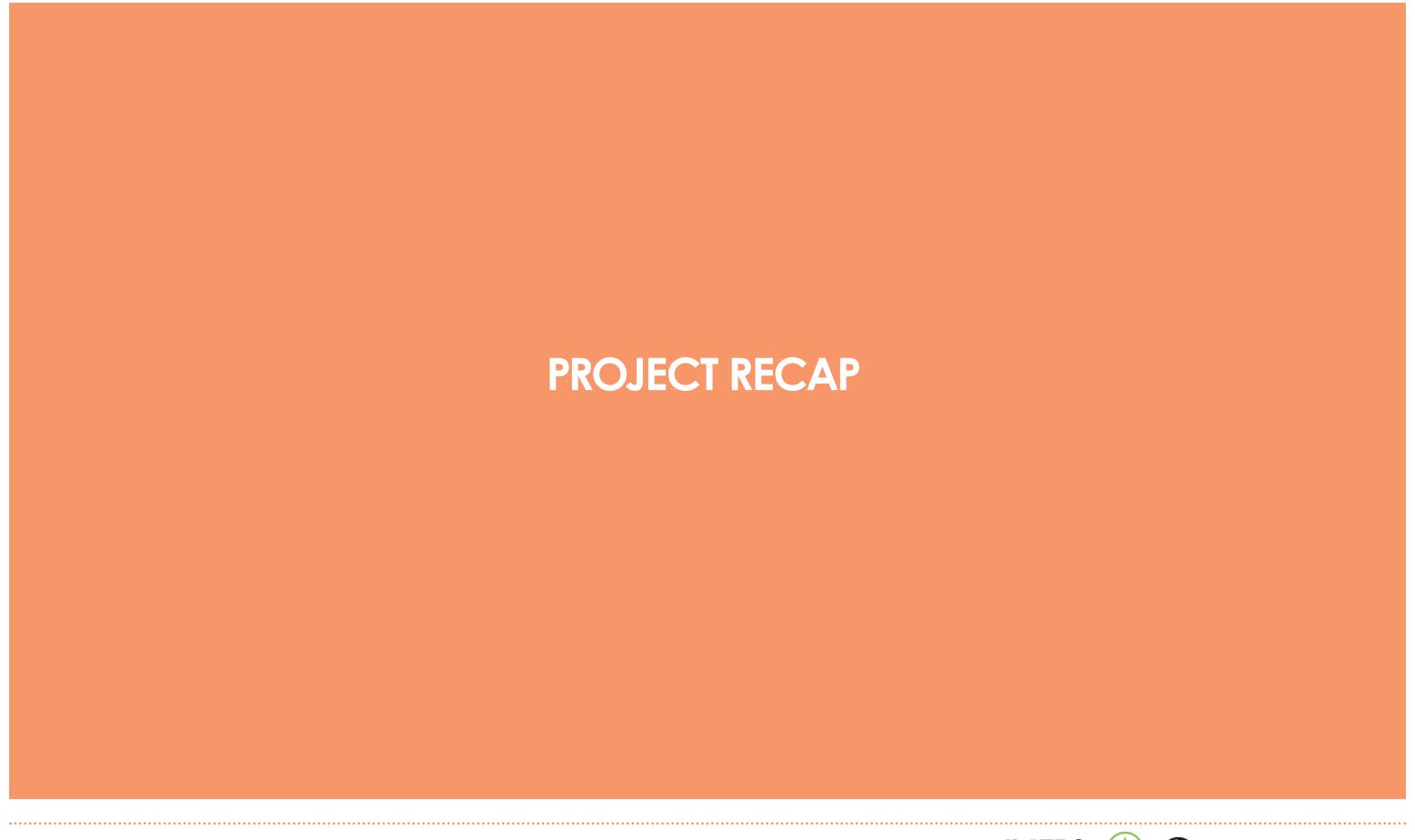
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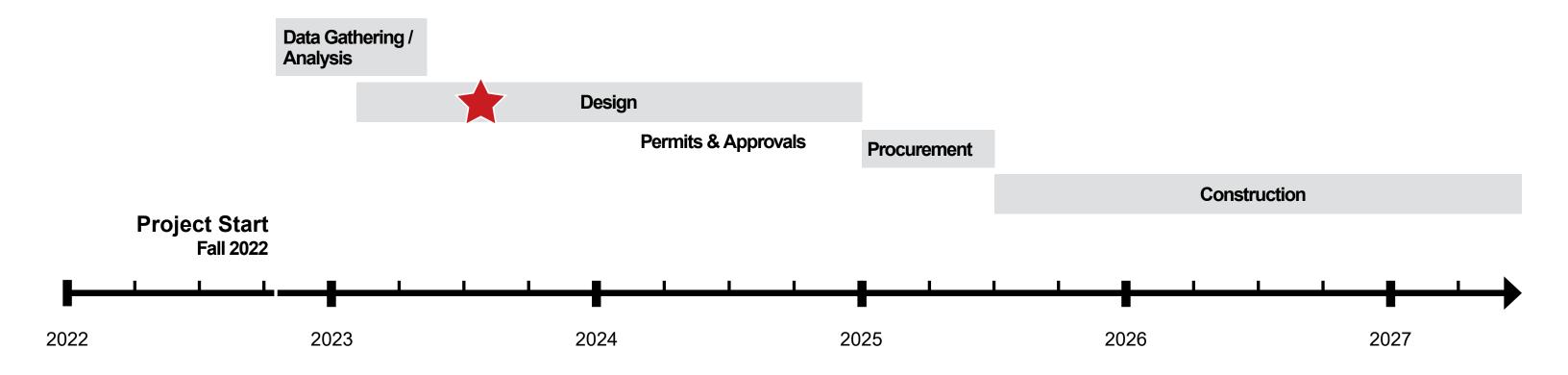
Melissa Johnson Associates Community Engagement







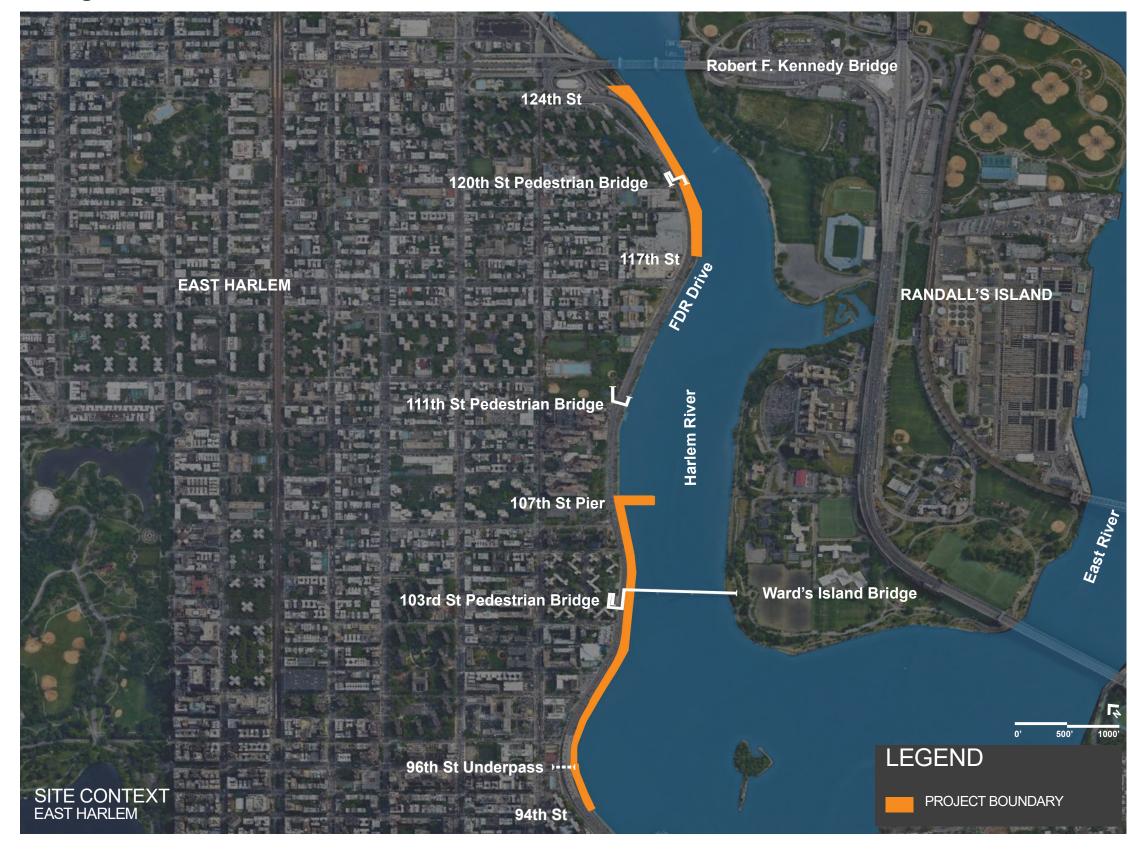
Project Timeline







Project Goals



- Esplanade repair /rehabilitation from East 94th-107th and 117th-124th and reconstruct 107th
 Street Pier
 - Bring site to a state of good repair
 - Restore public access to closed areas
 - Elevate for sea level rise
 - Enliven the waterfront
 - Provide a high-quality design open space
 - Bring community-supported uses to the pier
 - Incorporate public art



Project

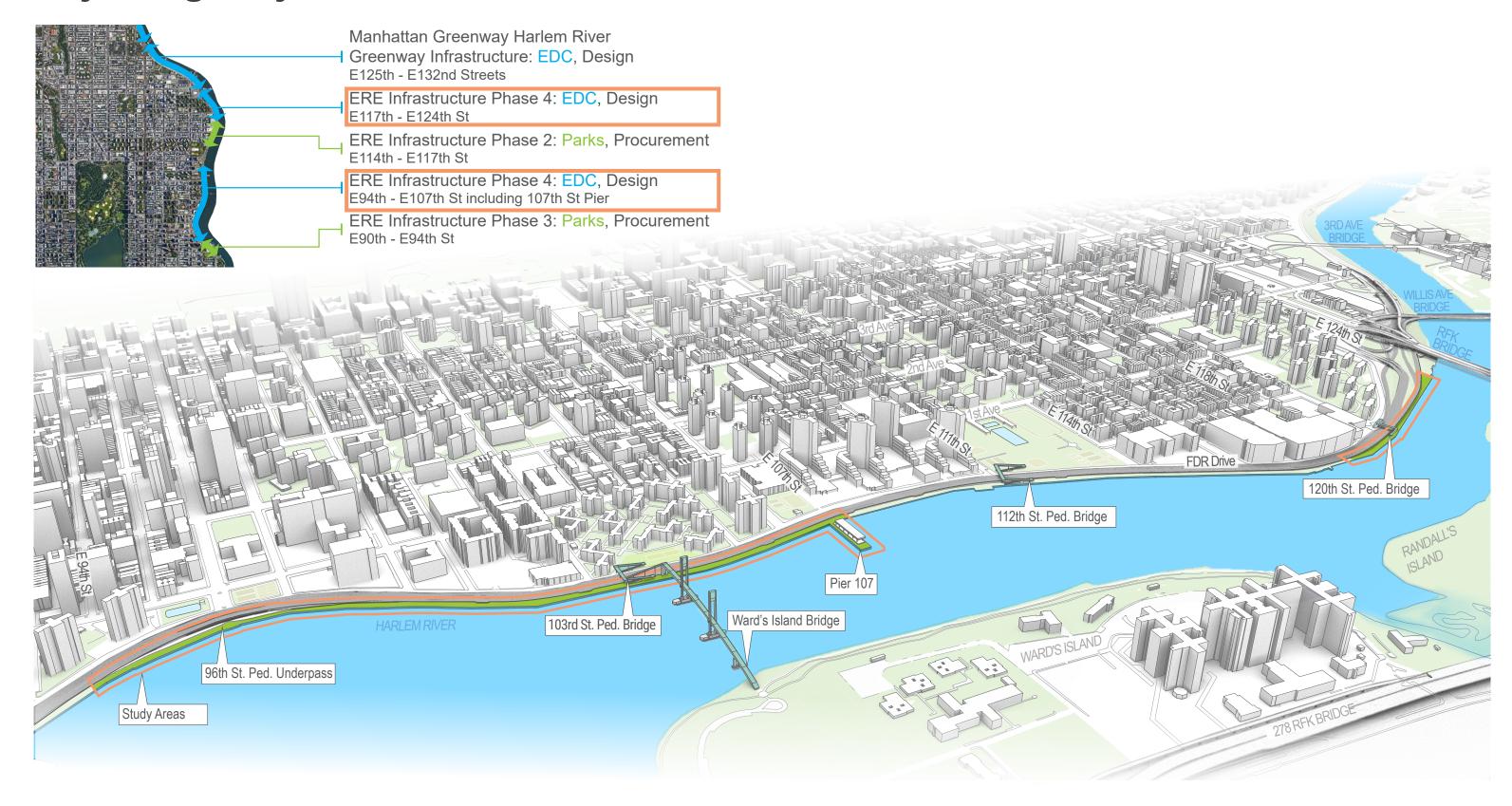




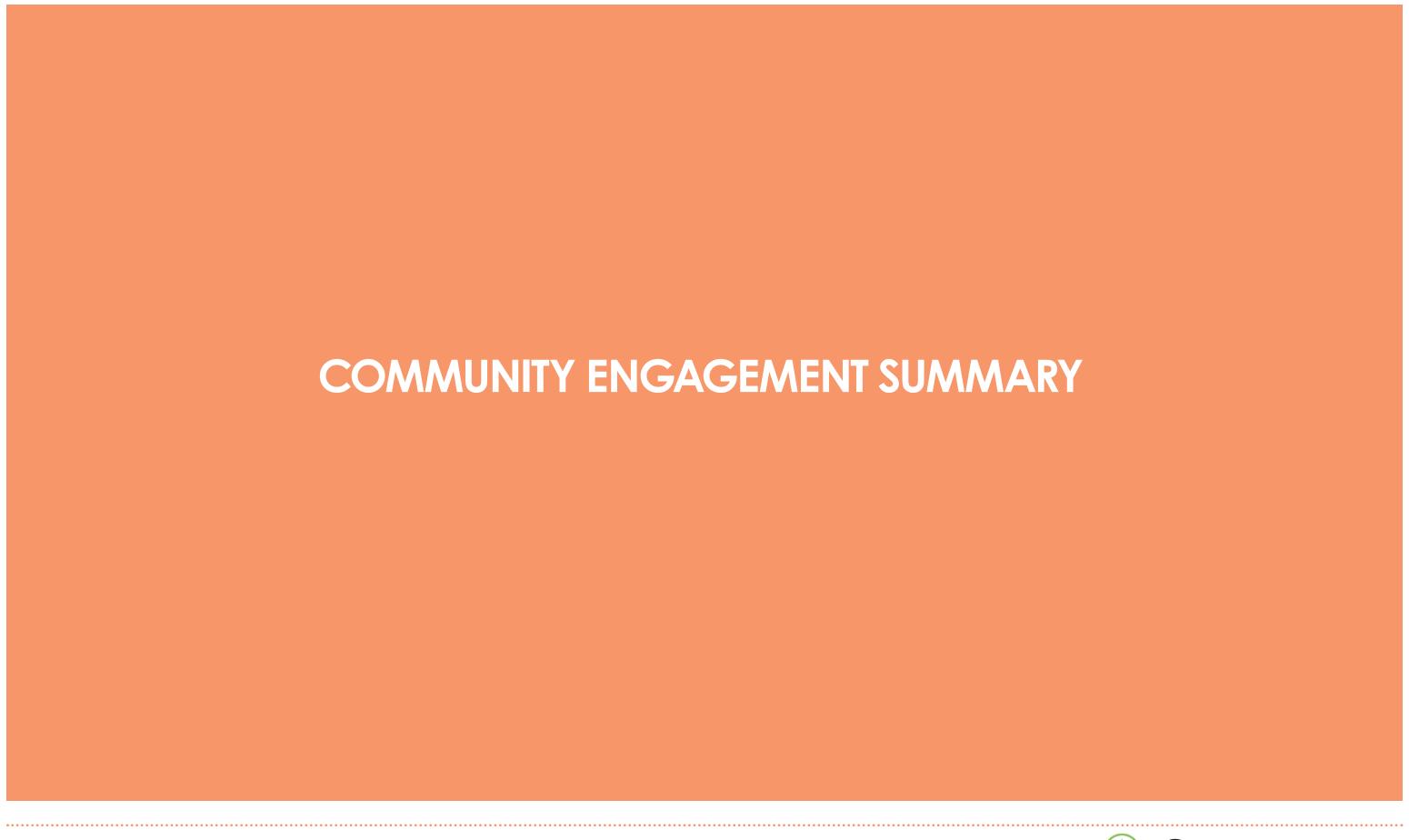
Esplanade 107th Street Pier



Adjoining Projects









Community Engagement Process









Online Survey

• 332 responses received

Information Meeting - Jan 25

• 55 attendees

Workshop #1 - Virtual, Feb 9

• 35 attendees

Workshop #1 - In-Person, Feb 13

• 25 attendees

Esplanade Walkthrough - Feb 11

• 34 attendees + 1 dog

Pop Up - Feb 26

Met 66 neighbors

Community Board 11 - March 2

Parks Committee

Community Board 11 - Jun 1

Parks Committee



Community Engagement | Online Survey



Image NYC Planning

- The survey has reached a wide range of people from different age groups, with most respondents being over the age of 35. Roughly a quarter of respondents were seniors.
- Most people surveyed live in East Harlem, seconded by people living in the Upper East Side.





Community Engagement | Online Survey

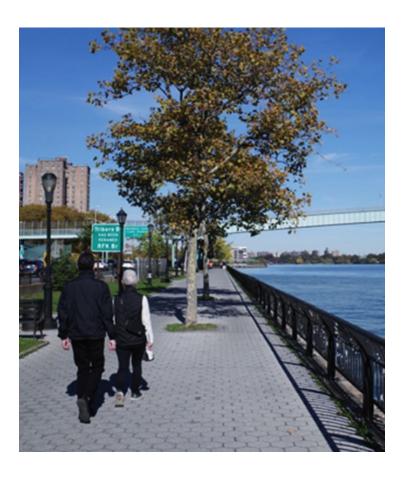


- Almost half of the people surveyed visit the esplanade at least once a week.
- People are arriving fairly evenly from multiple entrance points, including:
 - 120th Street Pedestrian Bridge
 - 111th Street Pedestrian Bridge
 - 102nd Street Wards Island Pedestrian Bridge
 - 96th Street Underpass
 - South of 94th Street





Community Engagement | Online Survey





- Exercise by far was the most popular use, followed by meeting friends and commuting.
- Most people arrive by walking, followed by biking.



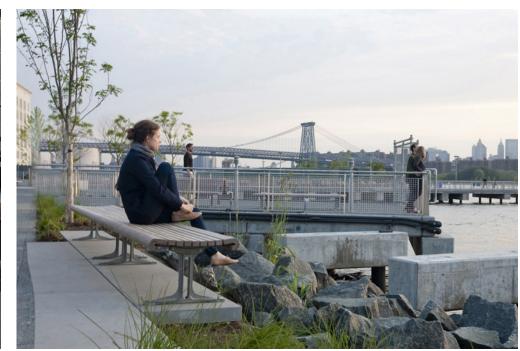


Community Engagement | Esplanade

- It's very important that the Esplanade provides a safe and continuous path along the waterfront.
- It's important that the Esplanade provides new activities and is also a place of calm and quiet.
- It's somewhat not important that the Esplanade maintains its current character.







safe and continuous path

new activities

place of calm and quiet



Community Engagement | Esplanade

• Would like to see/experience...







separated bike lane

tree canopy

bench seating







vegetative buffer

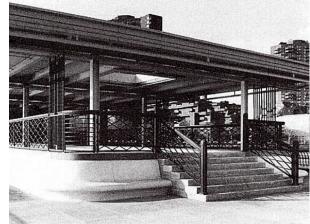
Community Engagement | Pier

- It's very important that the Pier enhances and promotes native ecology, is a place of community gathering, allows interaction with the water, and reflects the neighborhood's history.
- It's also important that the Pier is a place of quiet and comfort.











promotes ecology

place of gathering

interaction with water

reflects history

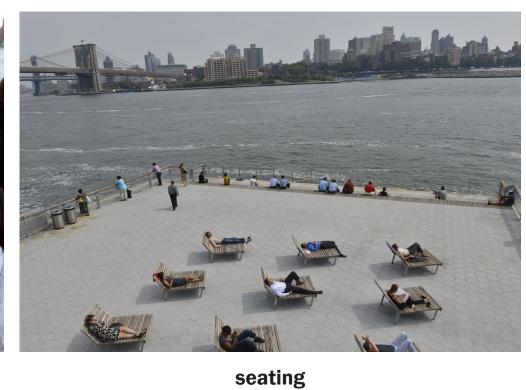
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Community Engagement | Pier

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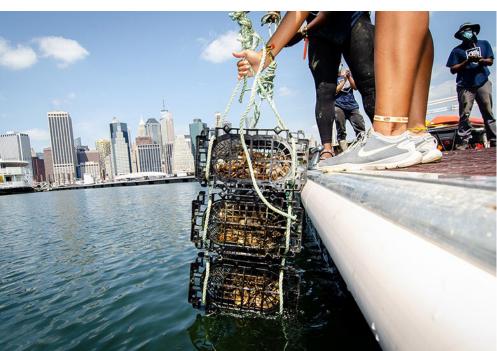






shade structure

multi-use gathering area



fishing

eco enhancements & learning





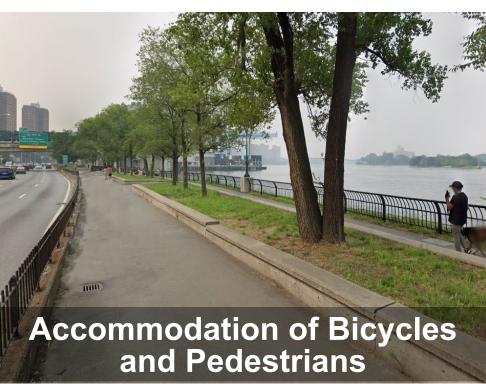
Design Considerations

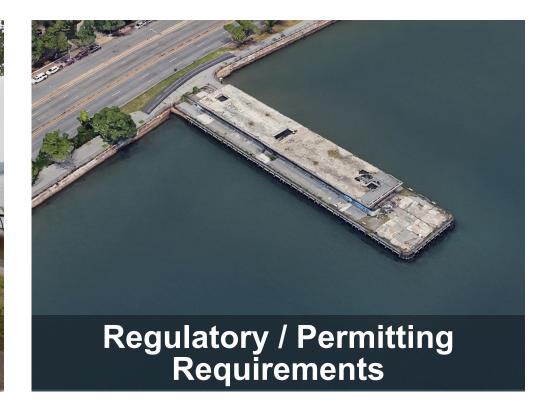














Human-Powered Boating



- NYC Parks provides 36 launch sites for humanpowered boating in locations that are safe and accessible to all New Yorkers, including novice boaters
- In considering any new launch sites, the water body must be safe, calm, and protected
- Due to these safety concerns, a human-powered boat launch site is not possible within this stretch of the Harlem River / East River:
 - Fast currents
 - High vessel traffic (ferries, NYC Sanitation barges, commercial barges, DEP skimmers/ sludge tankers)





Human-Powered Boating



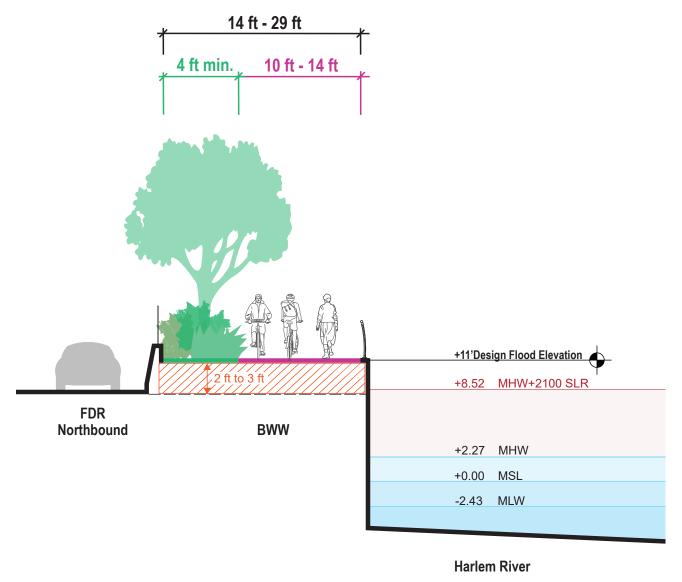
Alternative Shorelines:

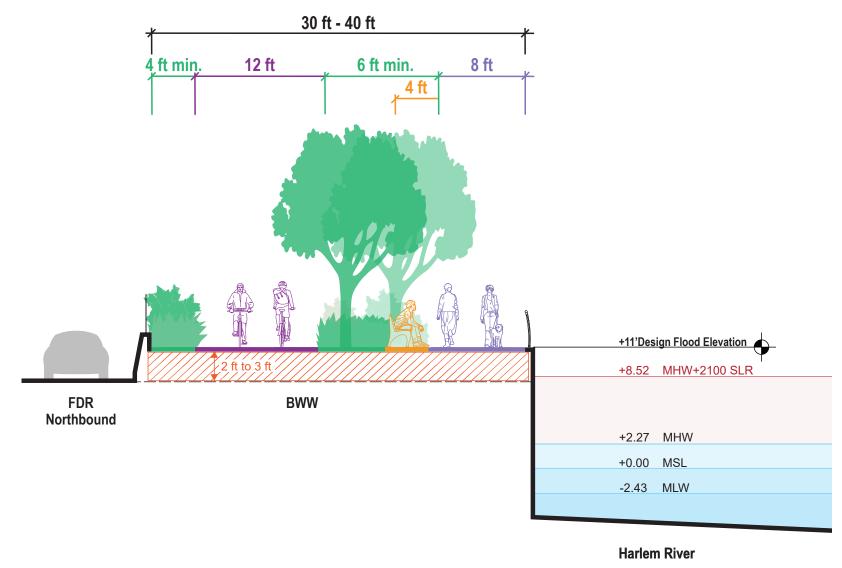
- Randall's Island
 - Existing kayak launch and direct bridge access
- NYC Parks Kayak Sites
 - https://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/kayak





Concept Section





NARROWER ESPLANADE

WIDER ESPLANADE

Design Parameters:

Planting minimum width: 4 ft
Planting with shade tree minimum width: 6 ft
Separated bike lane clearance: 12 ft

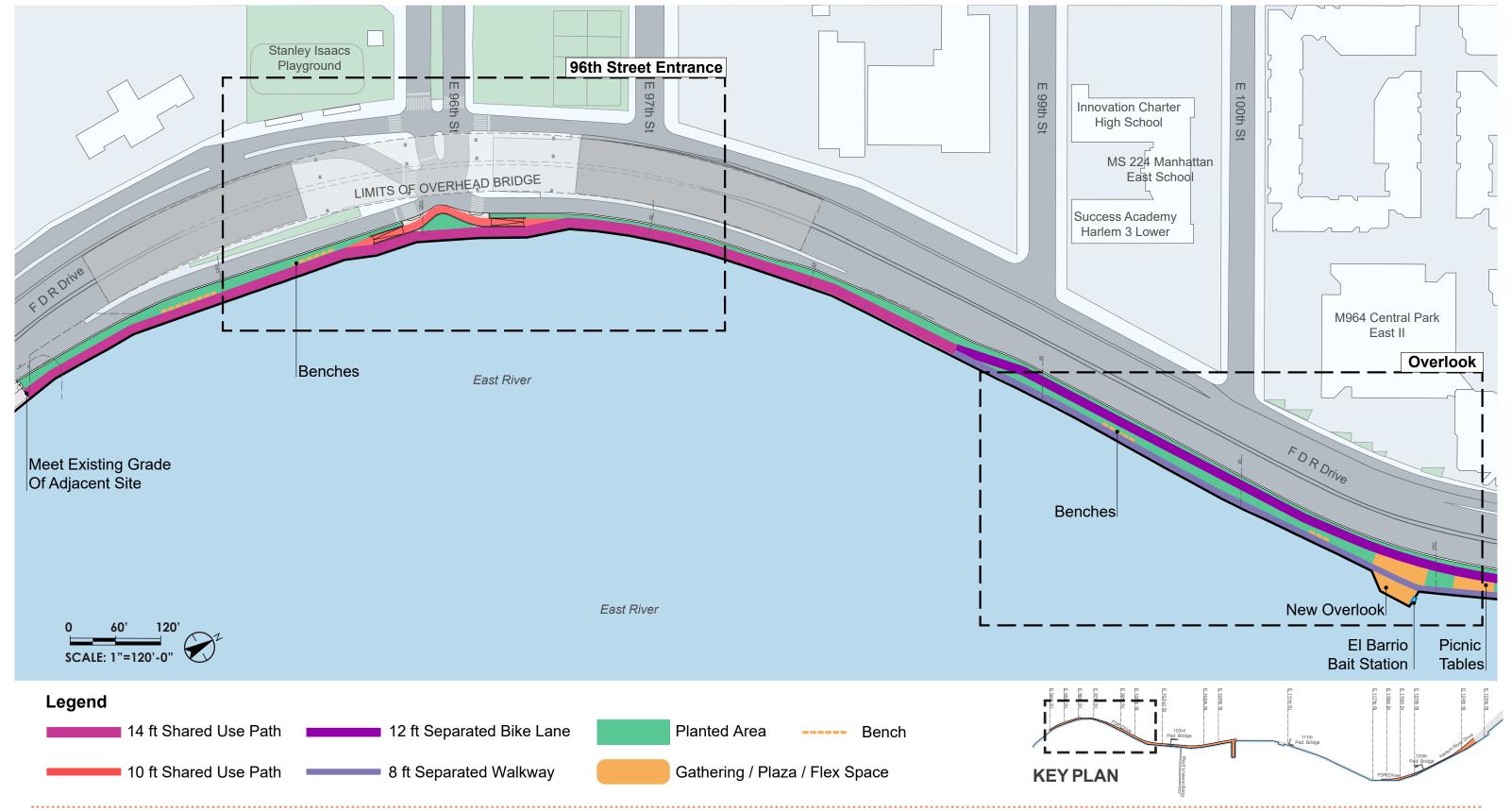
Separated walkway clearance: 8 ft Shared use path clearance: 14 ft

Minimum shared use path clearance: 10 ft



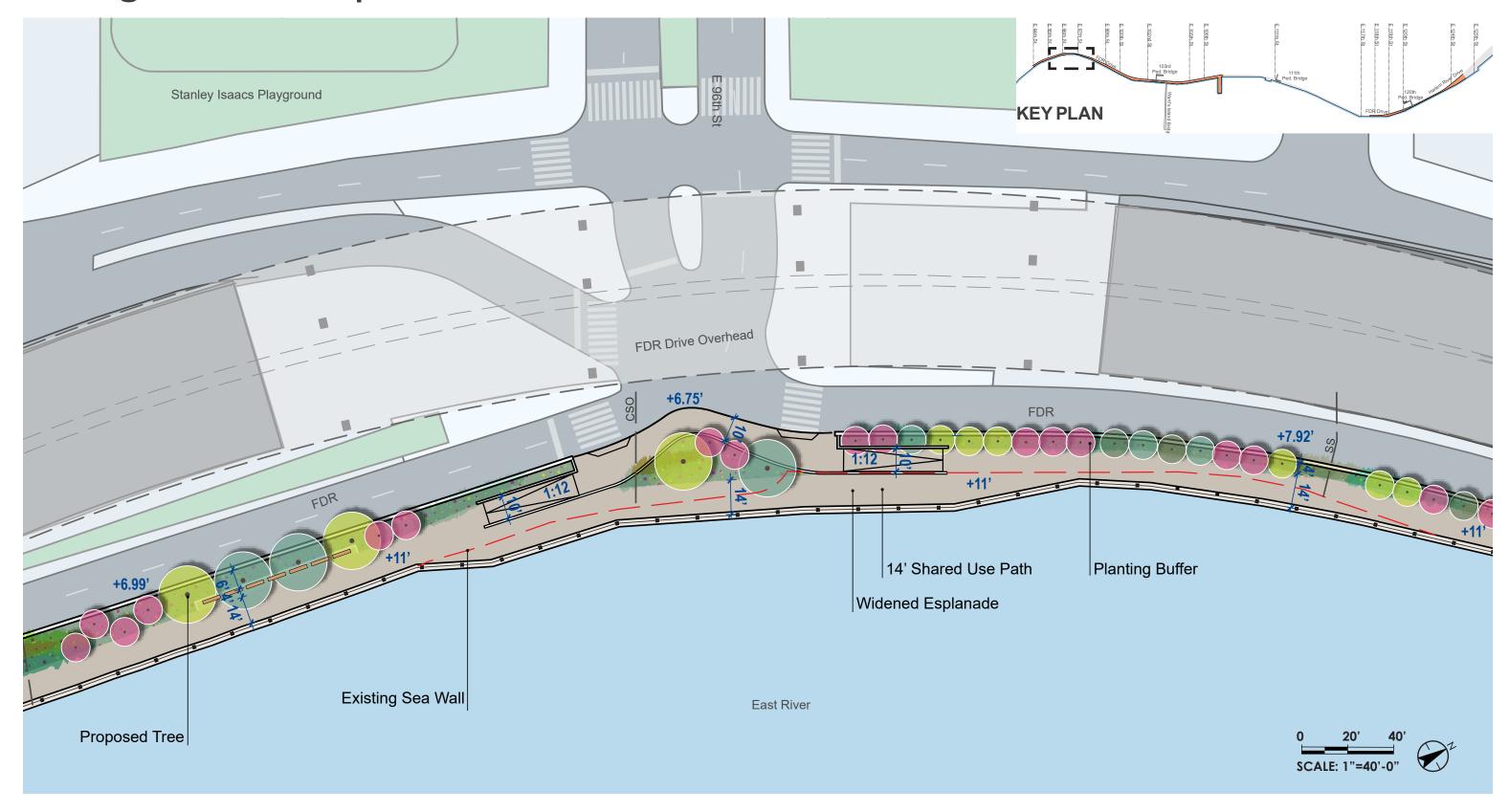


Concept Plan | 94th-101st Street



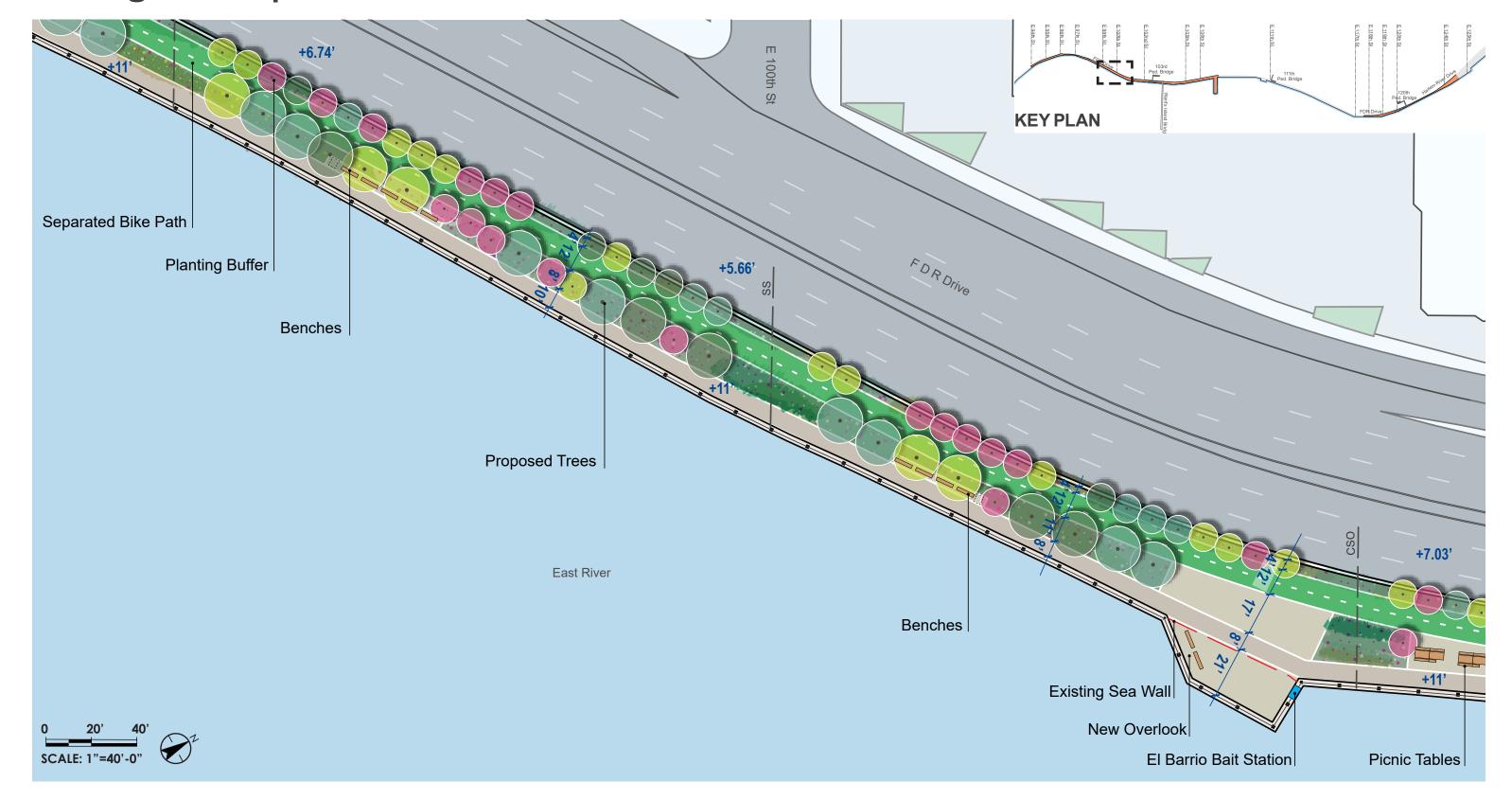


Enlargement Plan | 96th Street Entrance



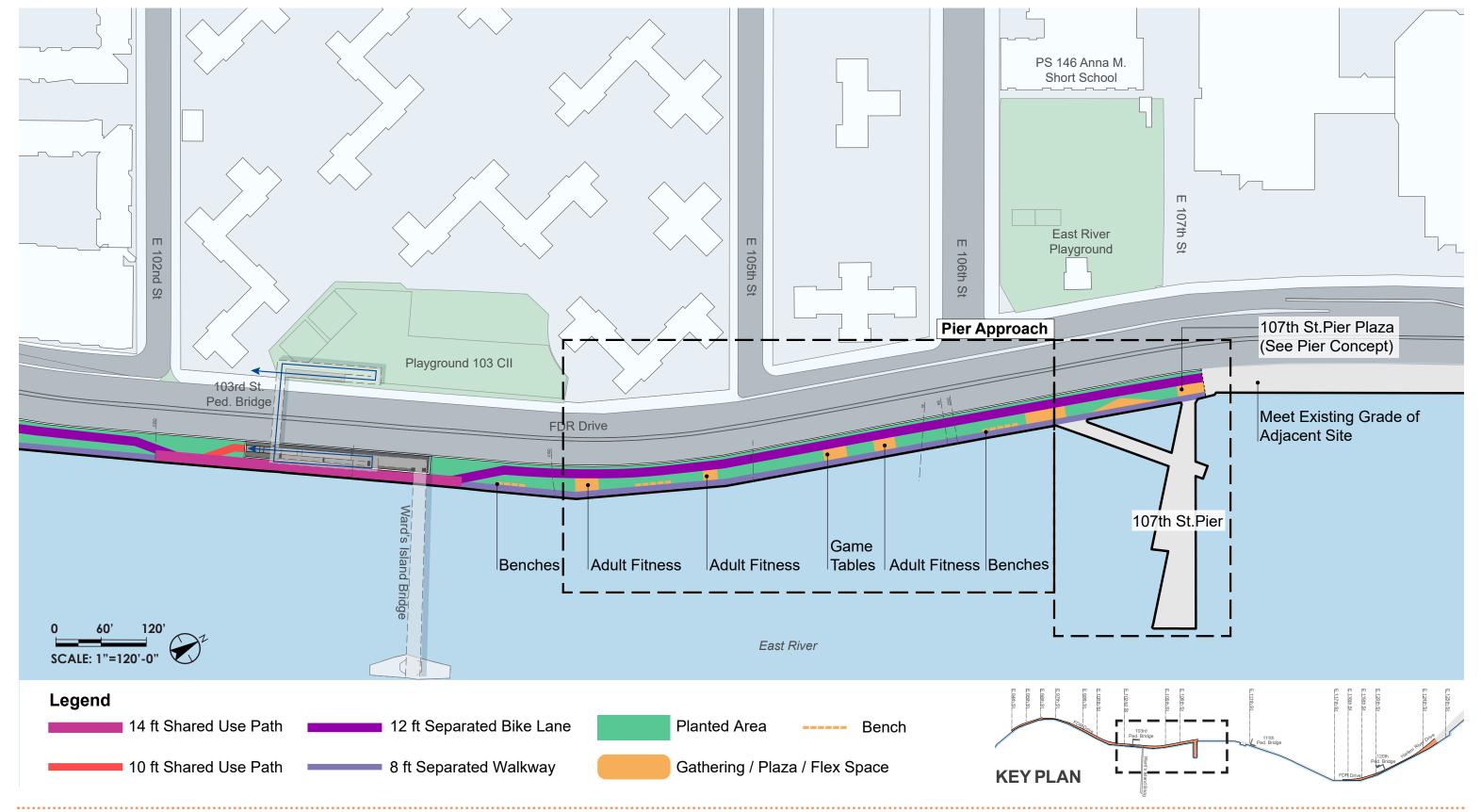


Enlargement | Overlook - 100th Street



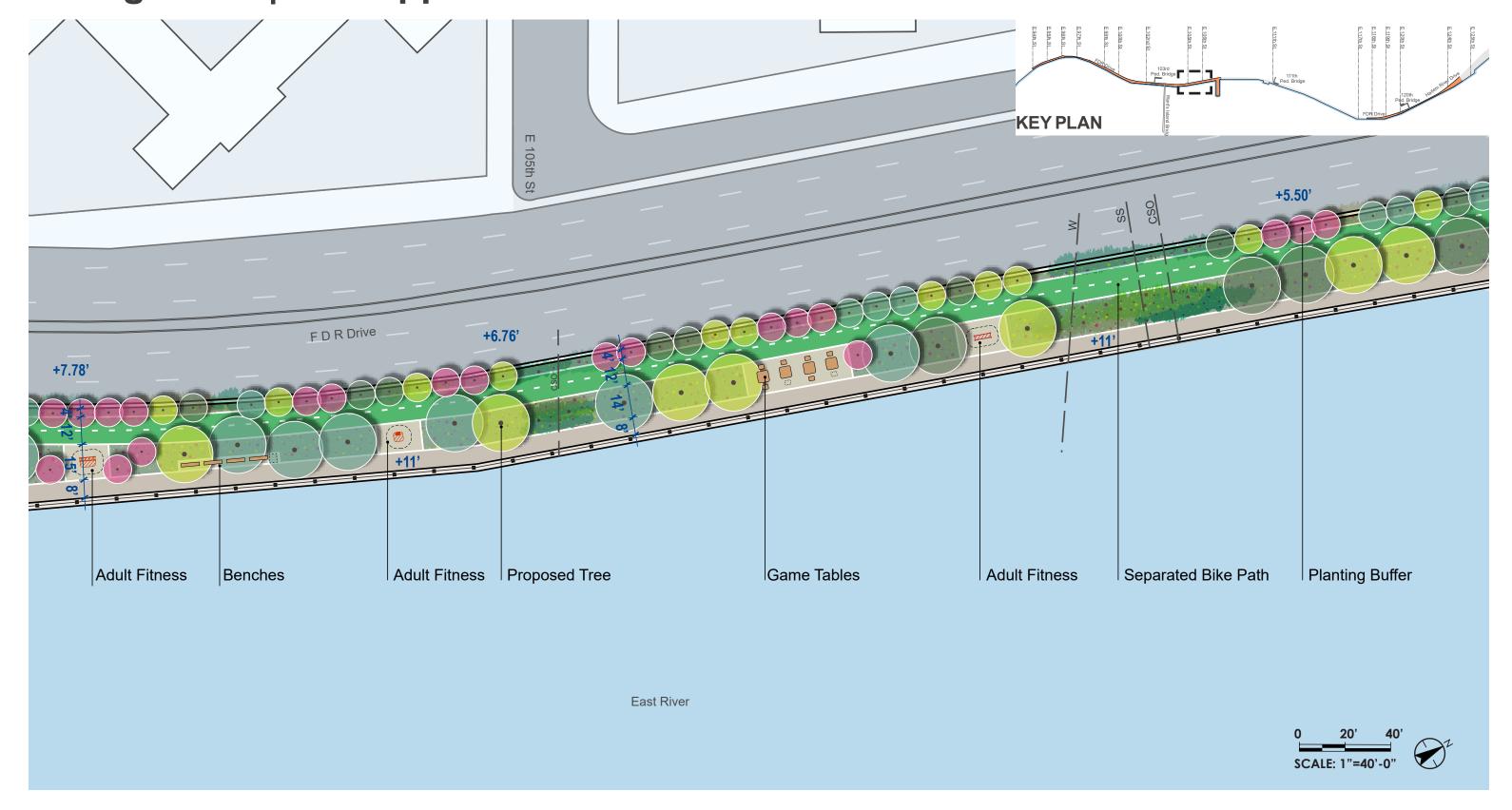


Concept Plan | 102nd-107th Street





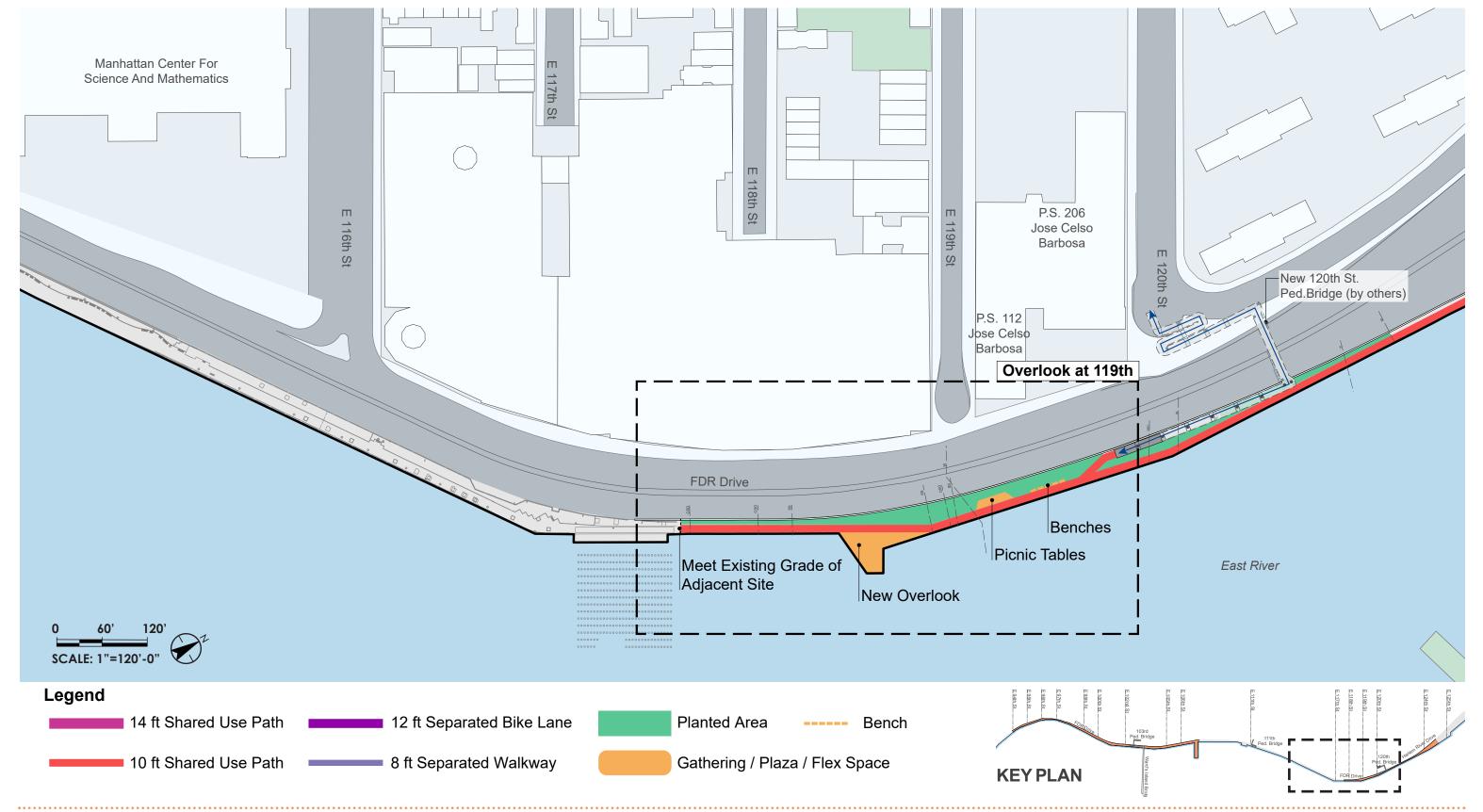
Enlargement | Pier Approach





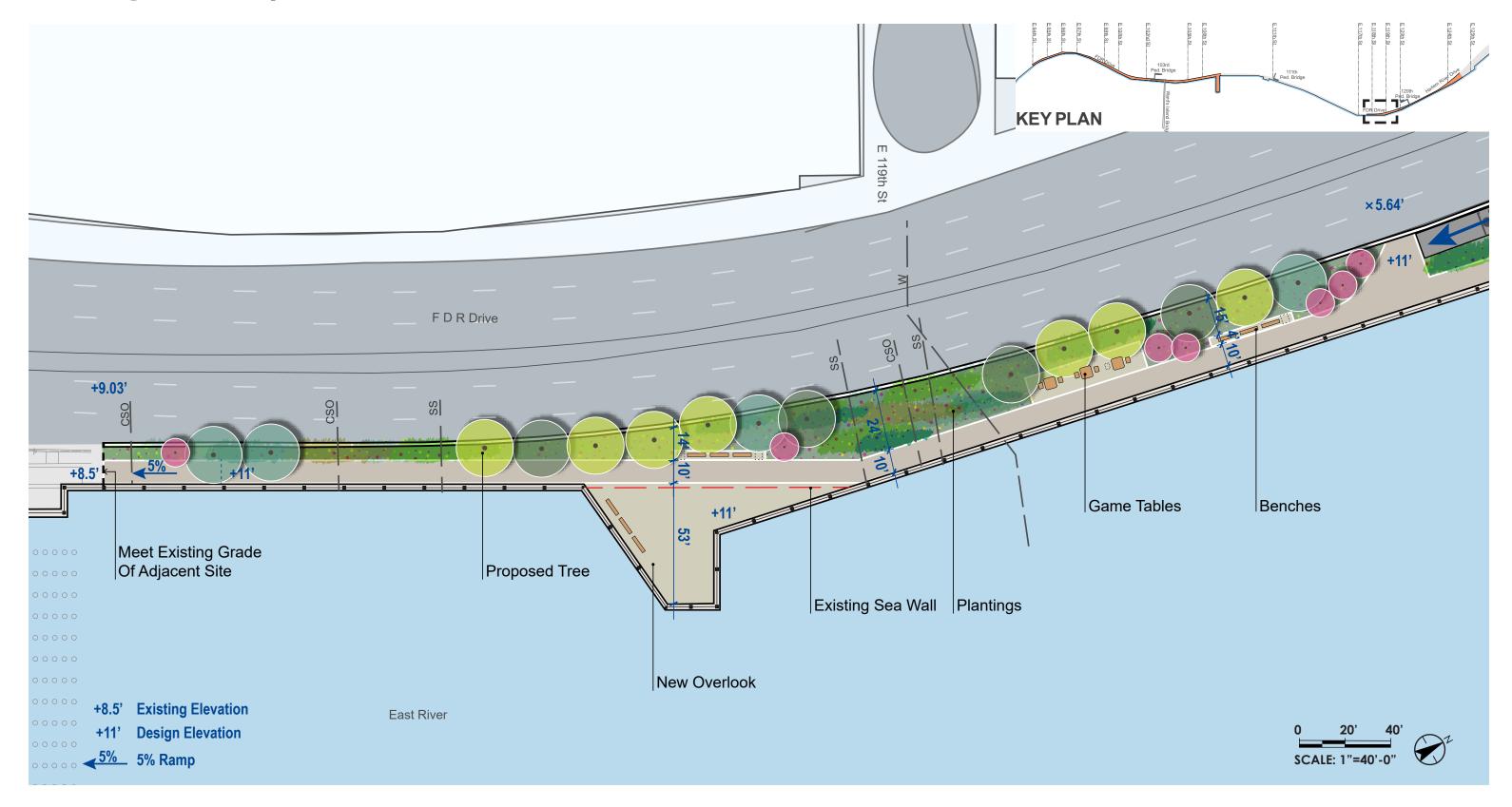


Concept Plan | 117th-121st Street





Enlargement | Overlook - 119th Street





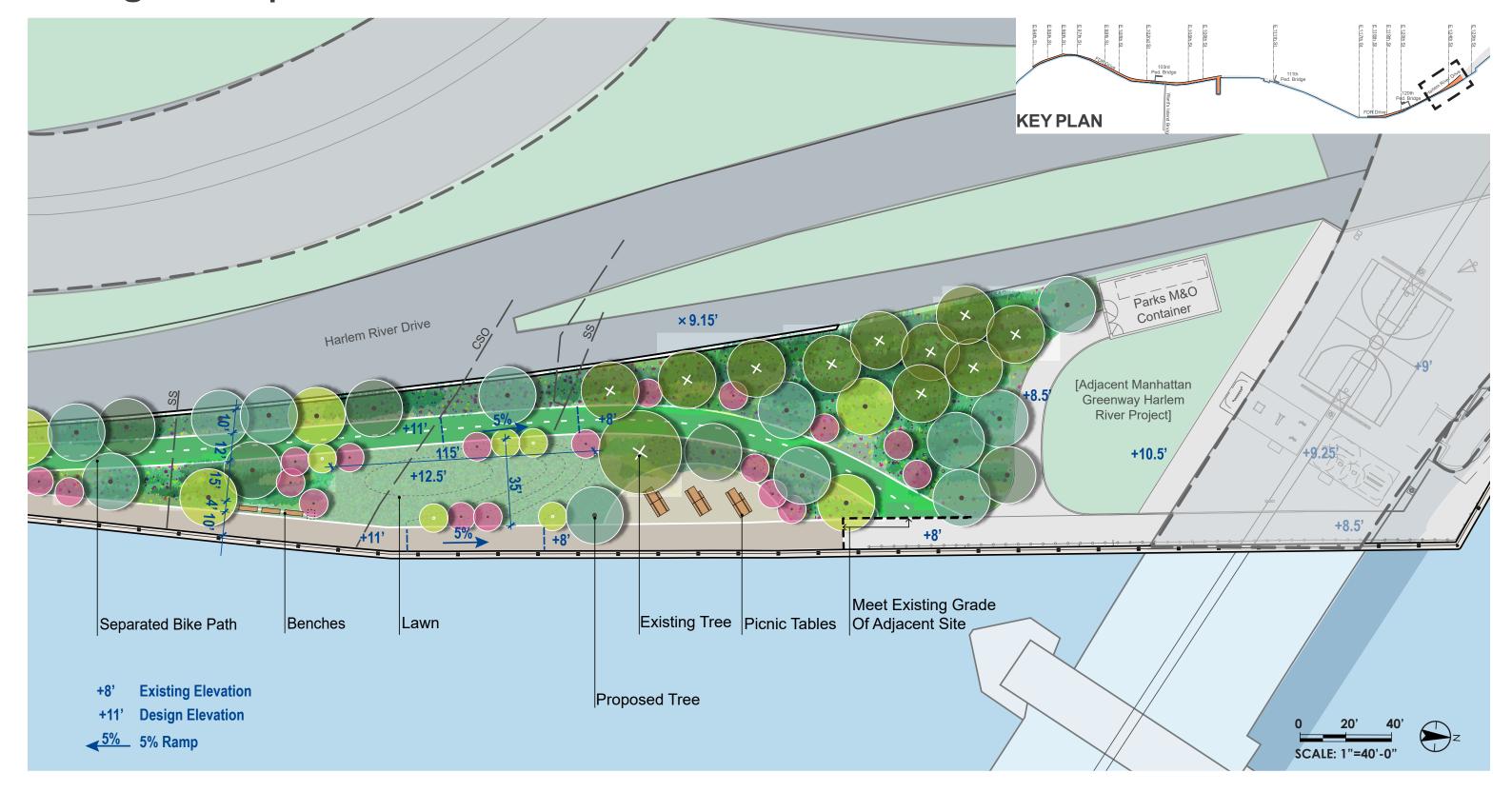
Concept Plan | 122nd-124th Street





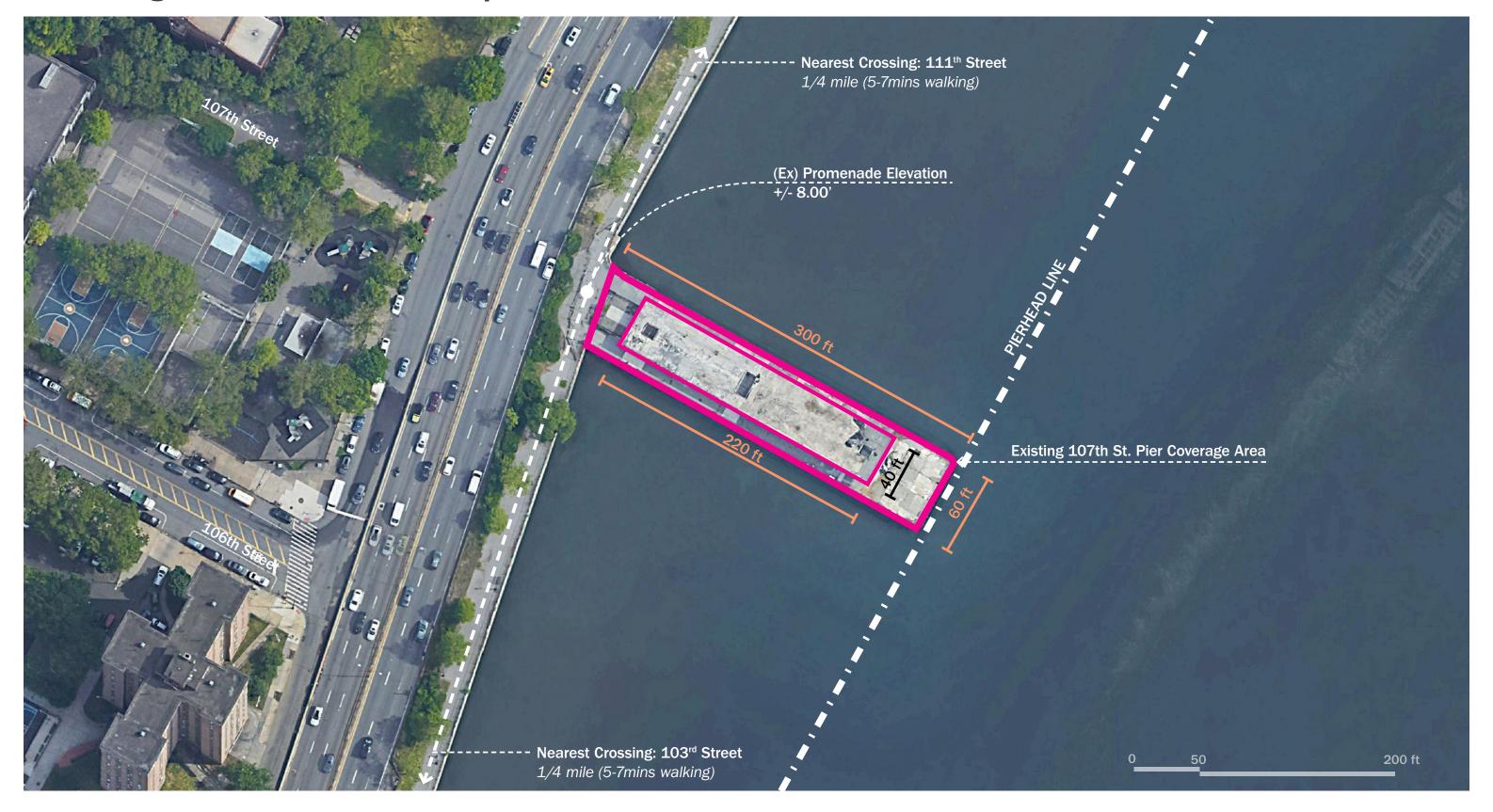


Enlargement | Lawn & Picnic Area



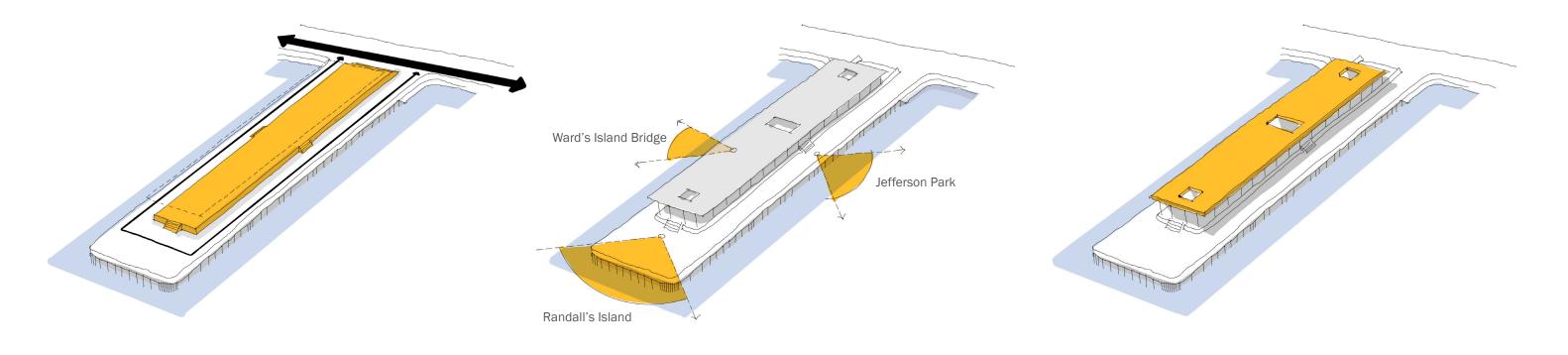


Existing 107th Street Pier | Aerial View





Existing 107th Street Pier | Site Observations



CIRCULATION

The existing pier is separated from the flow of circulation along the esplanade, and the raised central platform is only accessible by stairs.

VIEWS

Other elements are oriented towards views of the city.

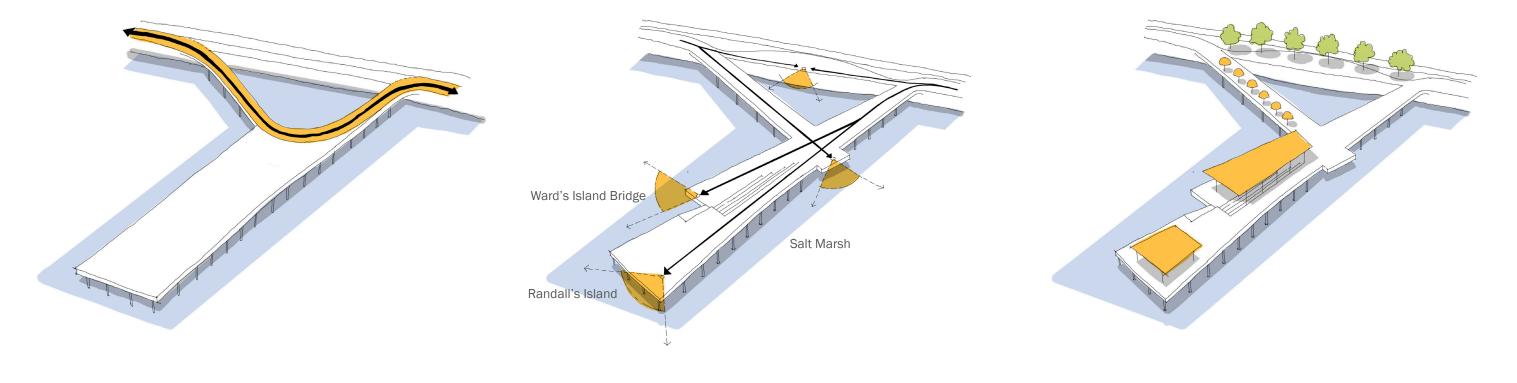
SHADE

The end of the pier offers unobstructed views towards the river. The low canopy creates a dark zone, with a long, narrow shape that is not inviting as a gathering area, and casts a shadow that brings an adverse impact on marine habitats in the East River.





Proposed 107th Street Pier | Form Development



CIRCULATION

The pier is connected to the esplanade at two points, with an angled walk to draw users out over the water.

VIEWS

A primary gathering space is located at the center of the pier, with secondary spaces and overlooks oriented to key views

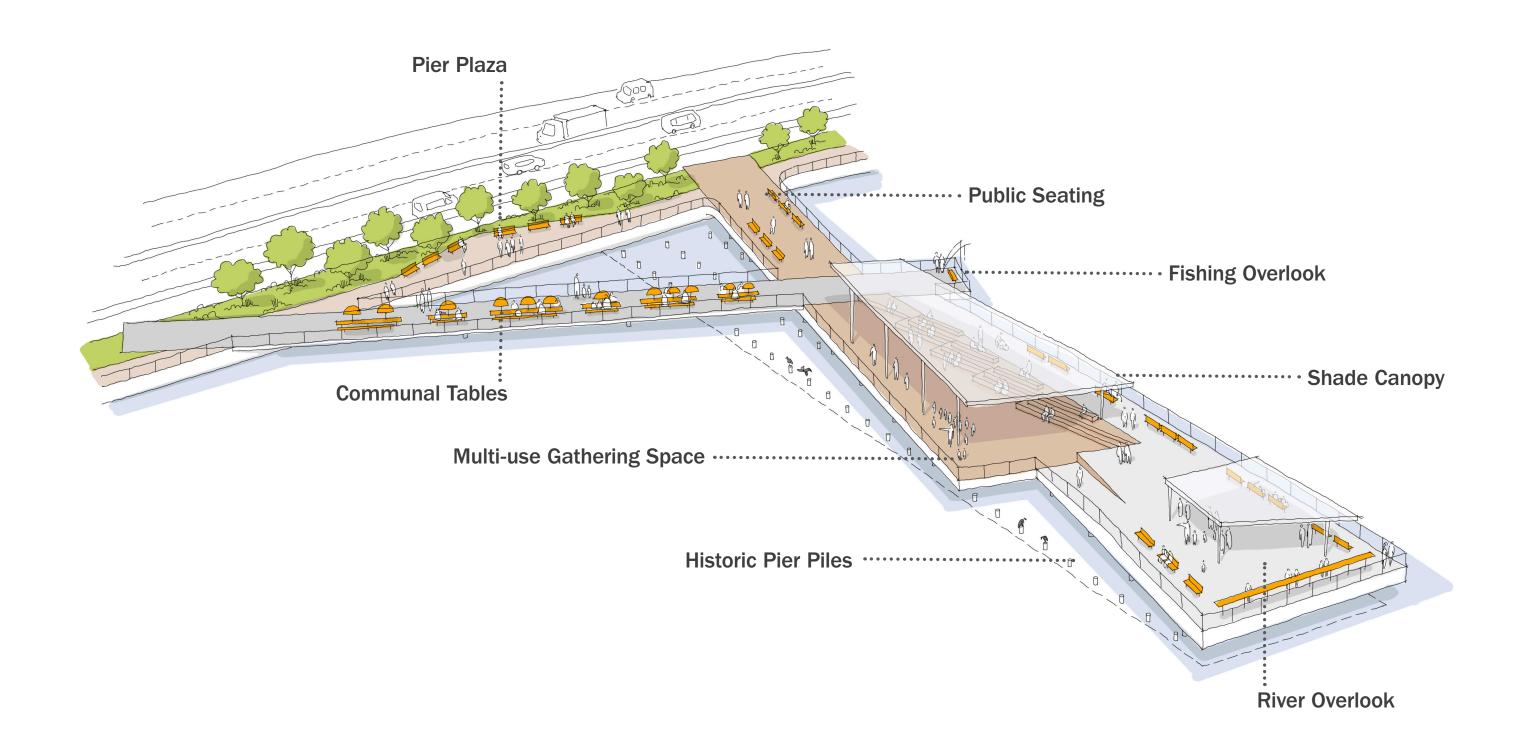
SHADE

Two shade structures will shelter the different areas of the pier, supporting various uses. By carefully placing them, the pier is able to mitigate the impact on the marine habitats by reducing shade casted on water.



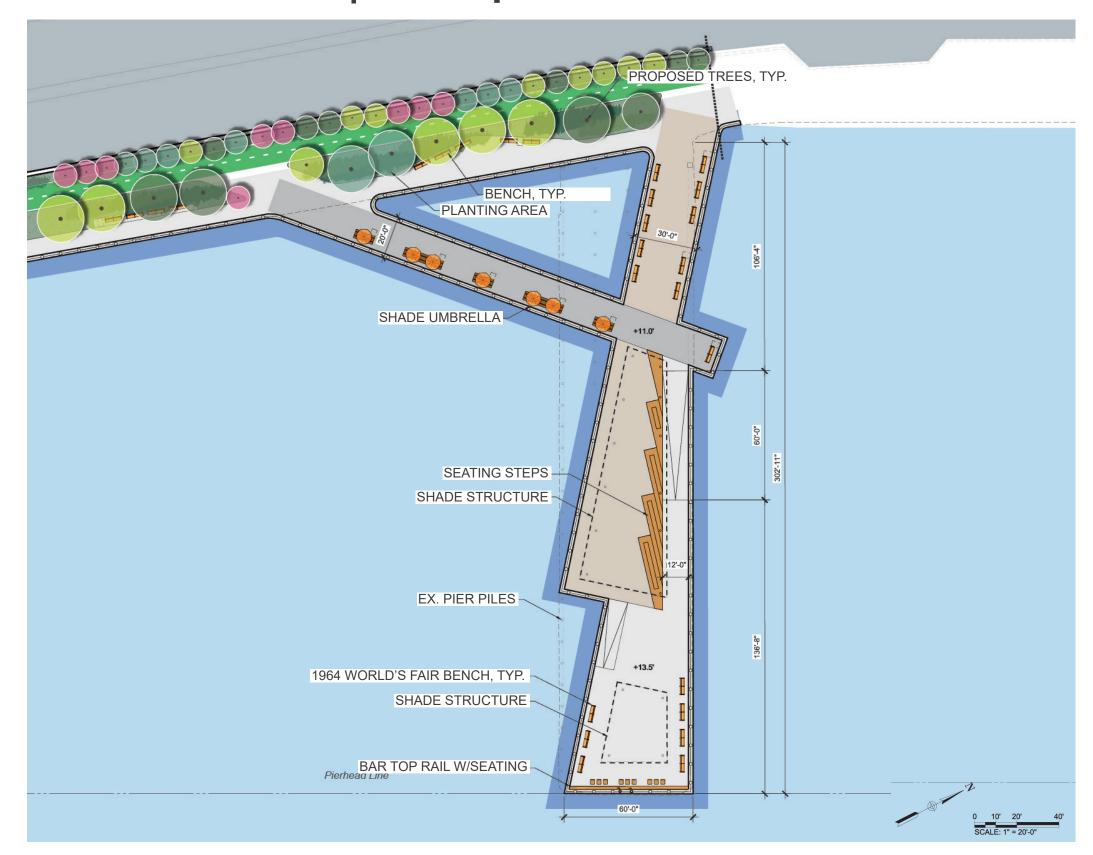


107th Street Pier | Aerial Sketch





107th Street Pier | Concept Plan



LEGEND





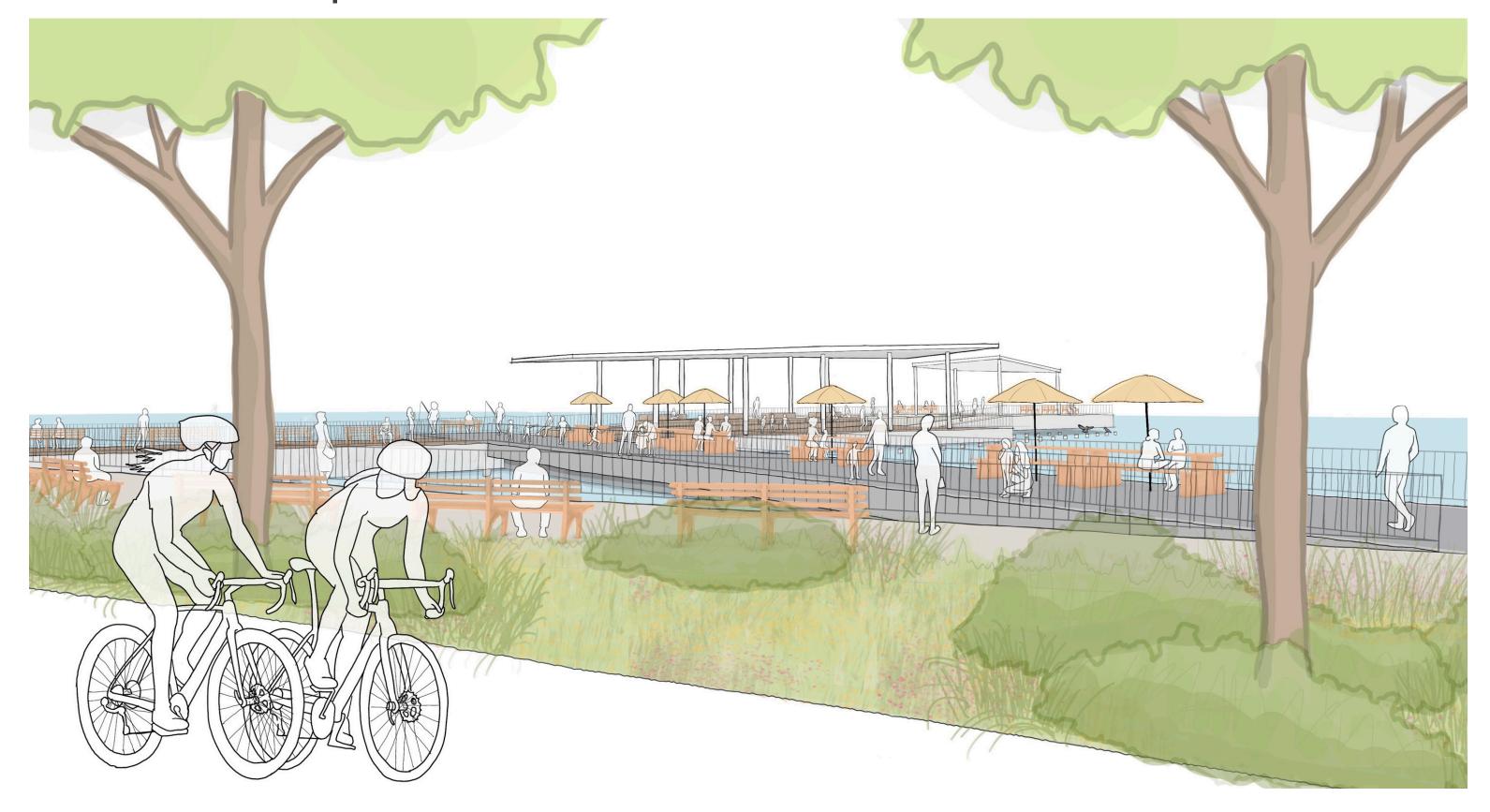
Shade Structure Outline



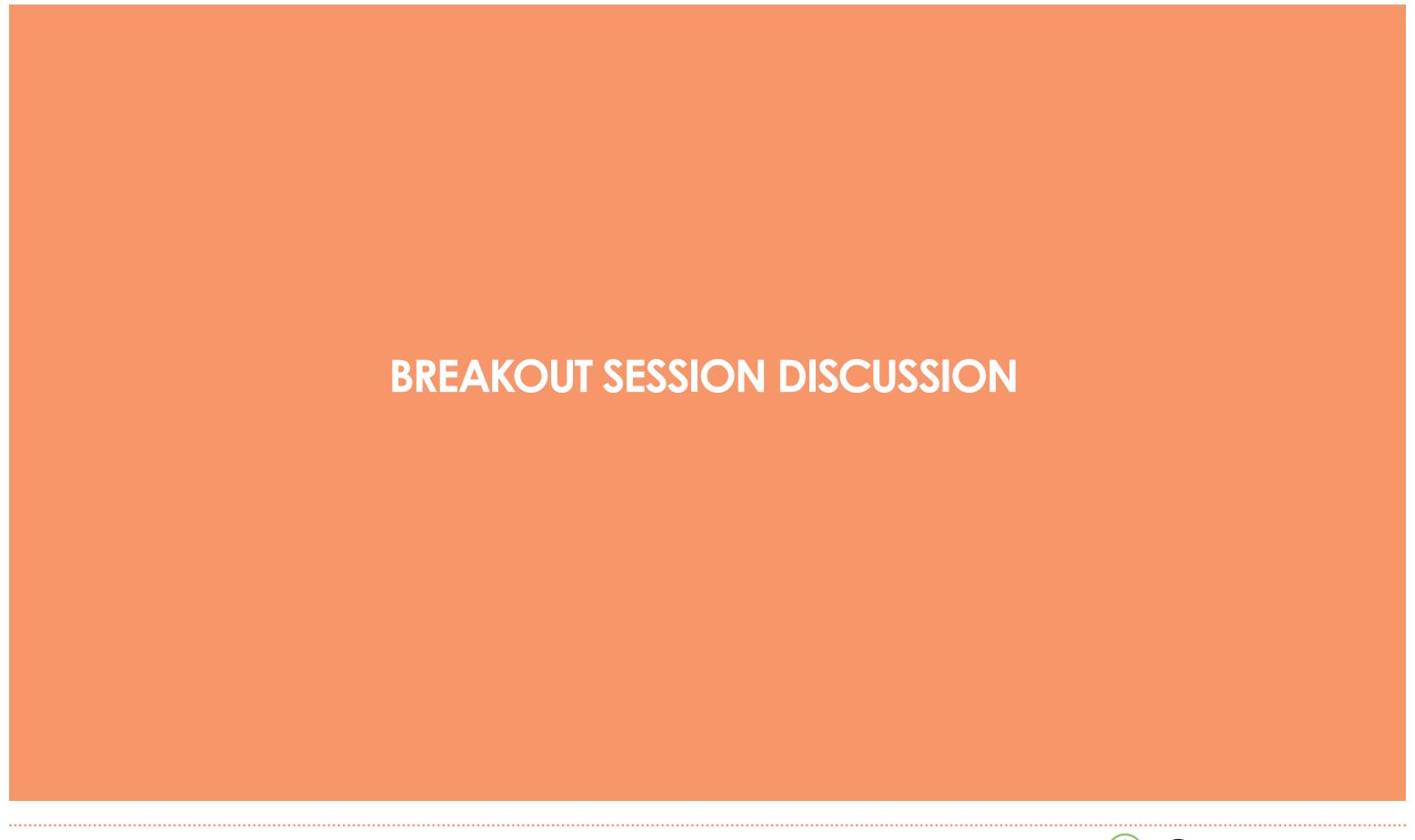




107th Street Pier | Ground Level View

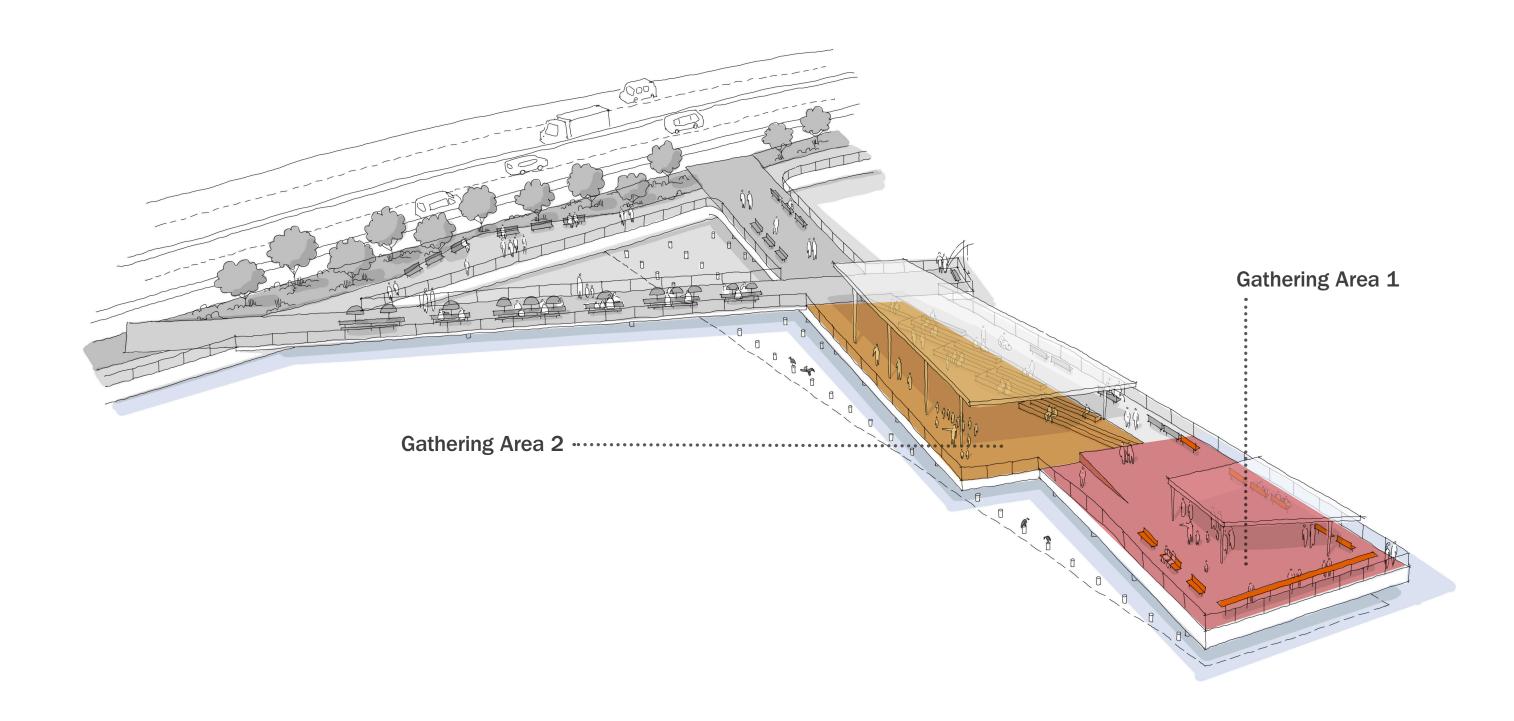








Pier | What type of gathering space would you like to see here?





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Performance/Event Space



Lounging



Outdoor Classroom



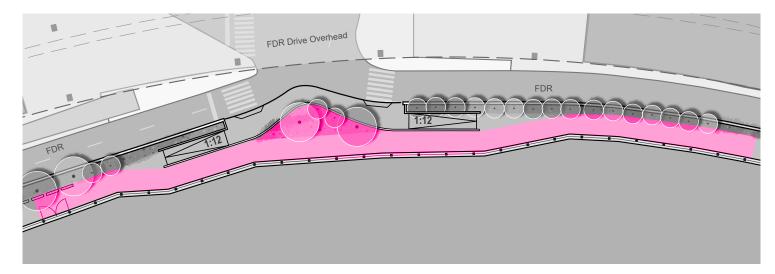
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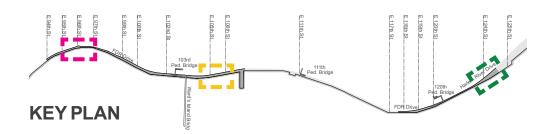


Picnic Area

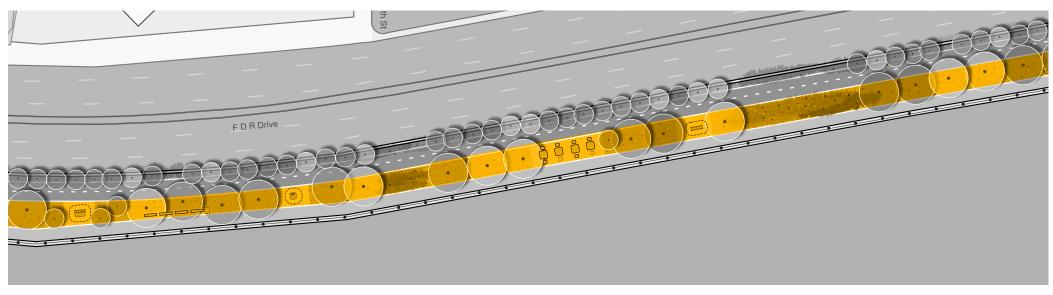
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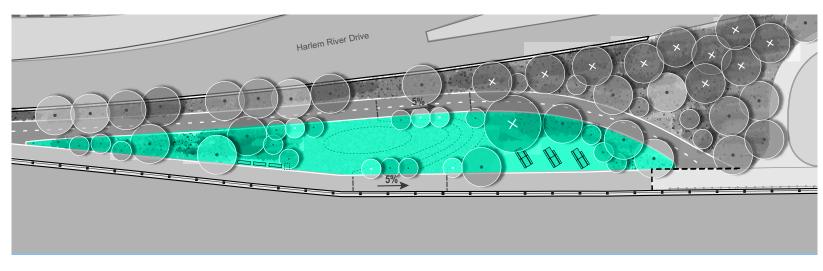




Linear Activity Area



Lawn & Picnic Area





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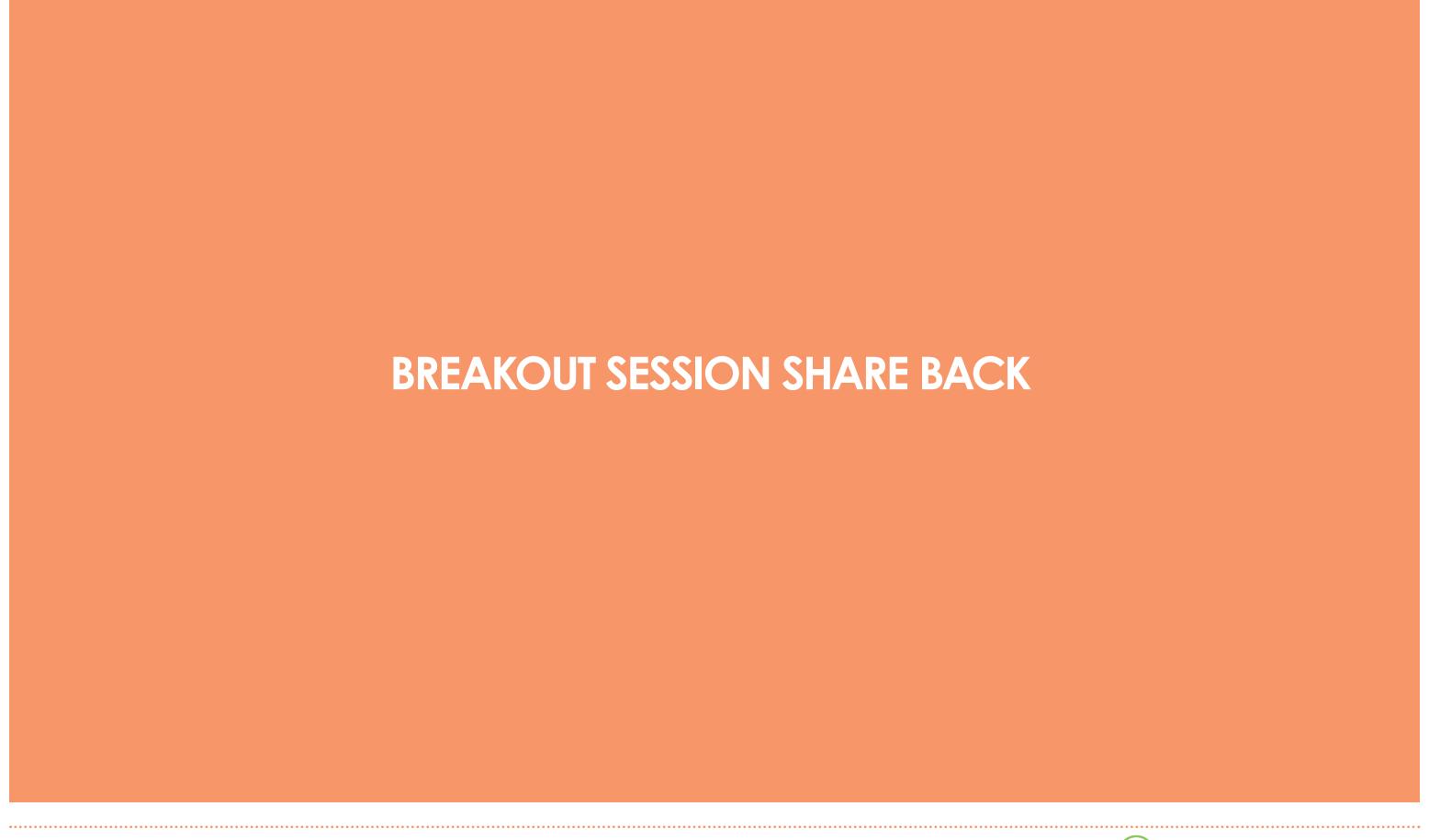














NEXT STEPS:

- Public Design Commission Concept Design
 - Submission July 2023
 - Anticipated Review August 2023
- Public Art Presentations September 2023
- Community Board Meeting Winter 2023



AND FOR MORE INFO:

- https://edc.nyc/project/107th-street-pier-bobby-wagner-walk-reconstruction
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THANK YOU!



