
East Harlem Waterfront Infrastructure Projects Update: CB11

July 2026



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Overview of projects currently in construction

- Manhattan Greenway Harlem River (MGHR) SP1 (125-132 Streets)
- East River Esplanade Phase 2 (114-117 Streets)

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Status update on in-progress projects & next steps

- Bobby Wagner Walk +107th Street Pier
- East River Esplanade Phase 5 (107-114 Streets)

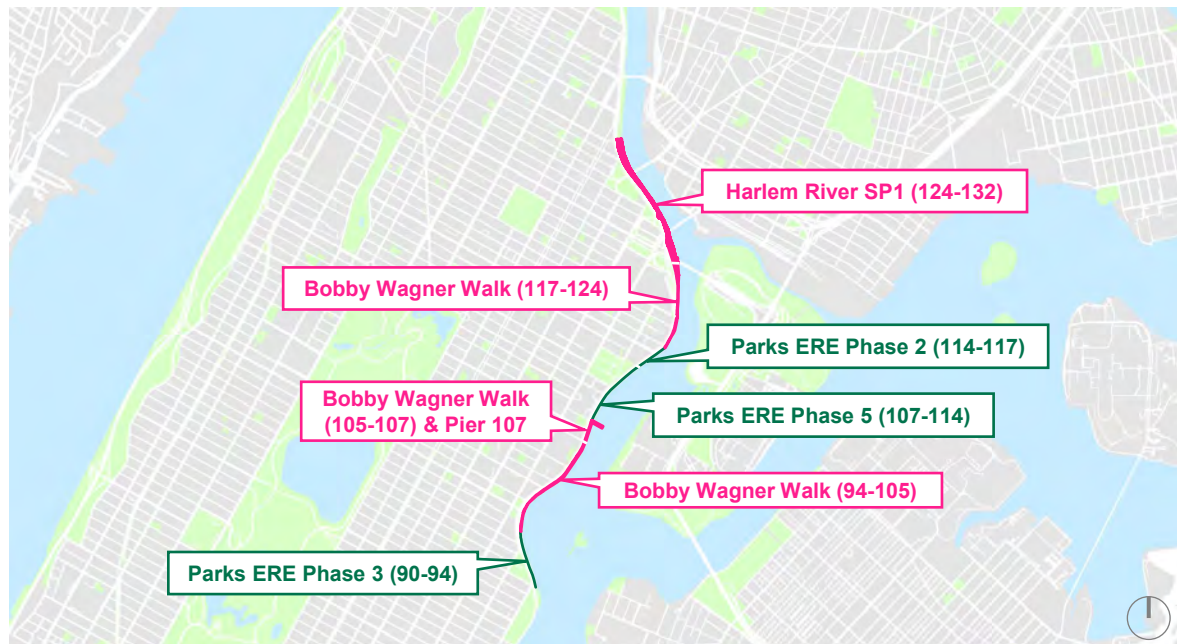
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Design Update for Bobby Wagner Walk

Waterfront greenways & infrastructure planning in East Harlem

Background:

- The City has long been committed to increasing greenways citywide
- For East Harlem, particular emphasis on increased waterfront access, balancing building new parks and addressing ongoing infrastructure needs



Map of East Harlem Manhattan Waterfront Greenway segments by lead agency.

Legend

- Parks Leading
- EDC Leading on behalf of Parks

Projects in Construction

Manhattan Greenway Harlem River (MGHR)

SP1 (125-132 Streets)

- New 7-acre park for East Harlem
- Will create future connectivity along the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway, from 53rd to 145th streets
- Includes new Public Restroom at the 127th Street
- In construction: anticipated completion 2029

East River Esplanade Phase 2 (114-117 Streets)

- State of good repair improvements to bulkhead and topside of closed portion of Esplanade
- In construction: anticipated completion late 2027



107th St Pier & Bobby Wagner Walk Overview

- Includes 94th-107th streets, 107th street pier, and 117th-124th streets
- \$284M in City funding, \$10M in State grant funding
- Funding allocated in 2021 and design started in 2022, we are completing design fall 2026
- Project will create new opportunities for recreation and open space for the East Harlem community by:
 - Reconstructing the esplanade and pier to restore public access to closed areas
 - Providing a high-quality open space and range of community-supported uses
 - Incorporating resiliency features
- Matches commitments from 2017 rezoning
- Aligned with 2018 Manhattan Waterfront Greenway Closing the Loop report



107th St Pier & Bobby Wagner Walk Status

- **100% design and permitting for the entire project is expected to be complete in fall 2026**
- Priority areas for construction include:
 - Reconstruction of 105-107th street esplanade
 - Reconstruction of the 107th st pier
 - Reconstruction of 117-124th street esplanade
 - Sinkhole repairs between 94th and 105th
- **City priority to advance a first tranche of work as soon as possible**

Using available funding for maximum impact



Prioritizing connectivity:

Reconstructing 117-124 will connect to projects to the south (114-117) and to the north (125-132), **creating over a mile of new, continuous, waterfront esplanade**

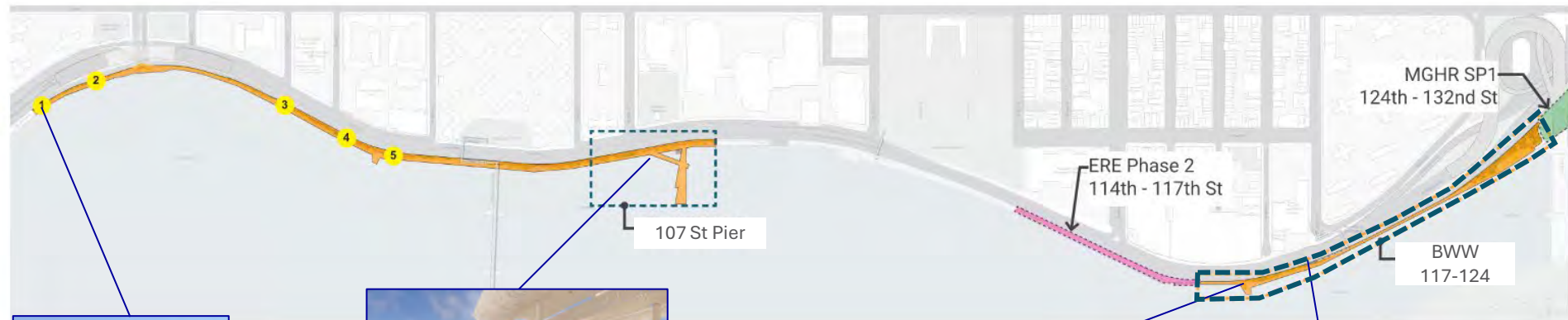
Reopening a long-closed pier:

Reconstructing the 107th street pier and the surrounding areas (105th-107th) will **create new, vibrant recreational areas atop a long-closed pier**

Addressing near-term needs:

Repairing sinkholes along the waterfront, including: 94th (complete), 95th, 99th, 100th (underway), and 101st

107BWW Priority Areas



94th street sinkhole repair



107th street pier



119th street overlook



Typical reconstructed esplanade

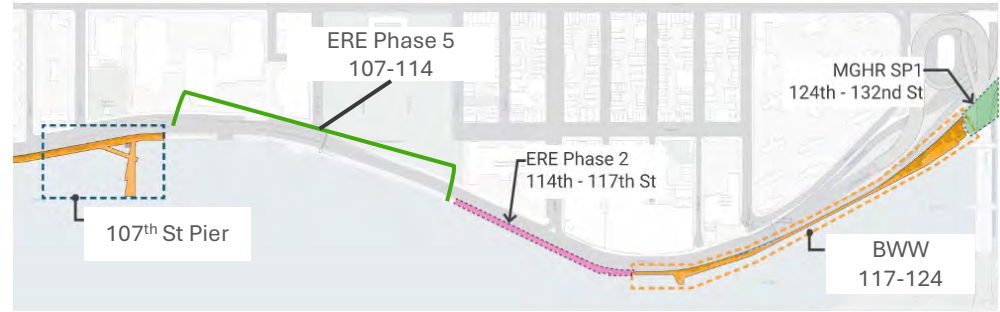
107BWW construction challenges

- Constraints along the esplanade create challenging construction conditions
 - Width
 - Ability to support construction equipment
 - Proximity to the FDR Drive and interconnectedness of the structures
 - Maintenance and protection of FDR traffic flow
- **This requires:**
 - Construction to be completed from both barges and a newly constructed in-water platform, which has State mitigation requirements
 - Additional structures to stabilize FDR



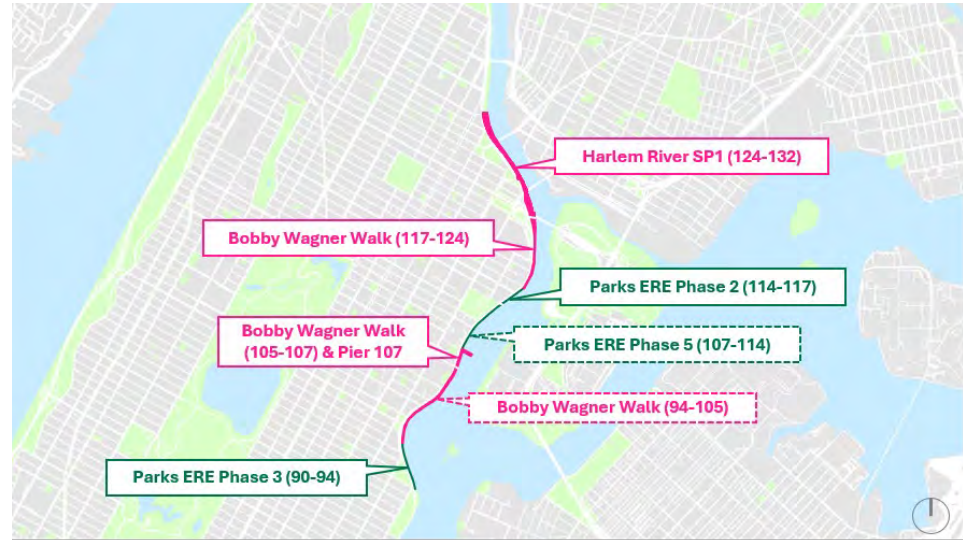
ERE Phase 5 (107th-114th Streets)

- EDC and Parks received an updated waterfront inspection report for 107-114, which will inform all-in cost estimates for repairs
- Findings highlighted the poor condition of the esplanade, highlighting the need for demo and repair
- EDC and Parks are using the report to identify project costs, acknowledging that many of the challenges that BWW has faced will likely apply here



Next Steps

- Continue implementing project that are in process:
 - East River Esplanade Phase 2 (114-117): anticipated opening in 2027
 - Manhattan Greenway Harlem River SP1 (125-132): anticipated opening in 2029
 - Bobby Wagner Walk Priority Areas (105th-107th, 107th Street Pier, and 117th-124th): priority to begin construction as soon as is possible
 - Sinkhole repair: ongoing
- Continue to explore all options and funding strategy for remaining BWW gaps
- Develop detailed cost estimates for ERE Phase 5 (107-114)



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Pier 107

Bobby Wagner Walk

Design Highlights

Lawn and Picnic Area



107th STREET PIER and BOBBY WAGNER WALK



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119th Street Overlook



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107th Street Pier | Aerial



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107th St Pier | Shade Structure | View from North Walkway



107th STREET PIER and BOBBY WAGNER WALK

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Public Artwork: Water Table by Jerome Haferd Studio



Water Table celebrates the water's edge as a place of **gathering, celebration, and repair**. This permanent artwork will image the archaeology and everyday water stories of El Barrio / East Harlem, while re-surfacing an archaeological trace of the original Harlem Creek which once flowed into the East River at this location, and now lies buried.

The Water Table evokes weaving and water in ancient and futuristic ways. The piece is a work of landscape art, a community engagement concept, and public infrastructure. Water Table will inscribe and activate a crescent-shaped plaza that will embrace the entire esplanade for gathering and everyday ritual at the water's edge.

The artwork consists of three major elements : The groundwork of precast "strands", the precast "altar" which the strands flow across, and the crescent shaped screen made of CNC-cut steel elements.

The Water Table's steel and precast concrete design **weaves our collective histories into a gathering space** and collective statement that resonates not only our human, indigenous relationship to the Water, but also celebrates the diasporas and peoples that gather and have gathered at this specific site and continue to do so today. The Water Table also is an act of joy, abundance, and community, and will serve as a playful and vibrant representation of the revitalization of this Waterfront, displaying "etched" contributions by numerous cultural and community actors from East Harlem.

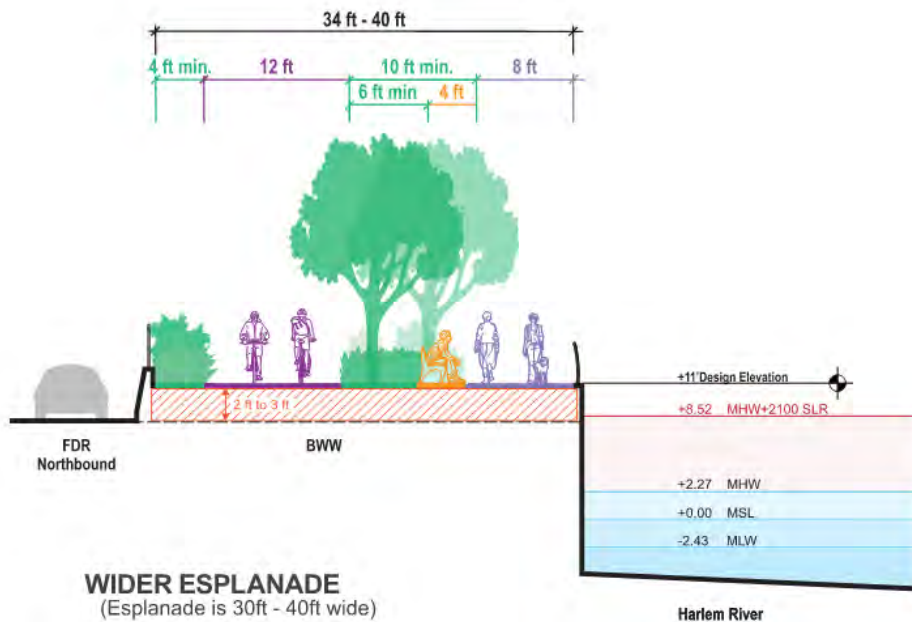
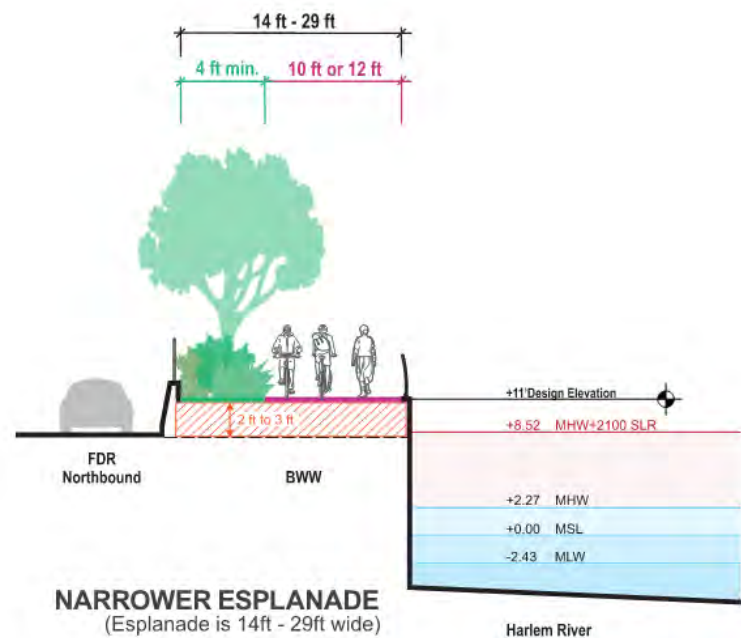


Appendix – Images

94th St Sinkhole Repair Completed



Elevation Change

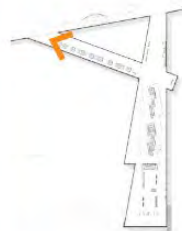


Typical Shared Use Path at 120th Street



107th STREET PIER and BOBBY WAGNER WALK

107th Street Pier | View From Picnic Bridge



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107th Street Pier | View at Pier Steps



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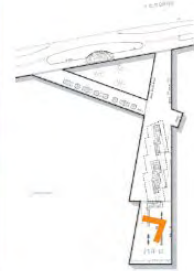
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107th Street Pier | View at Pier Overlook



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NAME: East River

PROJECT: Water Table / 107th BWW Esplanade

JEROME HAERD STUDIO

TITLE: Renderings

SCALE: NTS

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