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NYC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP
1 Liberty Plz, 14th Fl
NEW YORK, NY 10006

Re: DEC ID # 2-6299-00040/00007
Bobby Wagner Walk/East River Esplanade

Dear Applicant :

Please be advised that your application for a DEC permit(s) is complete and a technical review has commenced. Notice and the opportunity for public comment is required for this application. Enclosed is a Notice of Complete Application for your project. Please have the Notice published in the newspaper identified below once during the week of 08/03/2026 on any day Monday through Friday.

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS
4 New York Plaza
New York, NY 10004

On the Notice of Complete Application, that information presented between the horizontal lines, on the enclosed page(s) should be published. Do not print this letter or the information contained below the second horizontal line. Please request the newspaper publisher to provide you with a Proof of Publication for the Notice. Upon receipt of the Proof of Publication promptly forward it to this office. You must provide the Proof of Publication before a final decision can be rendered on your application. You are responsible for paying the cost of publishing the Notice in the newspaper.

Notification of this complete application is also being provided by this Department in the NYSDEC Environmental Notice Bulletin.

This notification does not signify approval of your application for permit. Additional information may be requested from you at a future date, if deemed necessary to reach a decision on your application. Your project is classified major under the Uniform Procedures Act. Accordingly, a decision is due within 90 days of the date of this notice unless a public hearing is held, which may extend this time frame. If a public hearing is necessary, you will be notified.

If you have any questions please contact me at the above address or phone number above.

Sincerely,

JAMIE L VAN DER ZEE
Division of Environmental Permits

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application**

Date: 07/22/2026

Applicant: NYC DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION
ARSENAL NORTH
1234 5TH AVE FL 2
NEW YORK, NY 10029-7001

Facility: Bobby Wagner Walk/East River Esplanade
E 107th st|E 94th To Bbw 107th St, And E 117-e124th Sts
Manhattan (6203);manhattan (6204), NY

Application ID: 2-6299-00040/00007

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES - Surface Discharge
1 - Article 15 Title 5 Excavation & Fill in Navigable Waters
1 - Article 15 Title 15 Water Withdrawal Non-public
1 - Article 25 Tidal Wetlands

Project is located: in NEW YORK COUNTY

Project Description:

Applicant proposes to rehabilitate and expand portions of Bobby Wagner Walk (BWW) between East 94th Street and East 107th Street (inclusive of the adjoining Pier 107) and between East 117th and East 124th Streets in Manhattan. Proposed work includes reconstruction of the BWW esplanade, demolition and replacement of the 107th St. Pier, seawall rehabilitation, new upland amenities and associated infrastructure improvements to increase resiliency and access. Mitigation due to temporary construction impacts will be mitigated for by wetland restoration at Idlewild Park.

Additionally, the Department has prepared a draft SPDES permit and has made a tentative determination, subject to public comment or other information, to approve an application for a new permit for the proposed withdrawal and discharge of up to 144,000 gallons per day of treated groundwater into the East River (Class I) and/or the Harlem River (Class SB(WW)) from a treatment system consisting of sedimentation, filtration, and carbon absorption to be located on a barge adjacent to the applicant's project site. The applicant proposes to install and operate a temporary construction dewatering and groundwater treatment system to facilitate reconstruction of sixteen outfalls and appurtenances within two work segments. Pumped and treated groundwater is to be discharged to the East River or Harlem River from the barge, to be stationed at fourteen different locations over the course of construction.

The draft SPDES permit with fact sheet is available online at <https://dec.ny.gov/fs/projects/draftpermits>. The draft permit files are contained within regional folders and named by the SPDES number contained in this notice. Requests for a legislative (public statement) hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. The Department assesses such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 621.8. Refer to this application by the application number listed above and SPDES Number NY0314081.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is a Type I action and will not have a significant effect on the environment. A coordinated review with other involved agencies was performed and a Negative Declaration is on file.

SEQR Lead Agency NYC Dept of Parks & Recreation

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Based on the information provided in cultural resources survey reports for this project, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has determined that the proposed activity will have an impact on registered or eligible archaeological sites or historic structures. Measures have been undertaken in consultation with OPRHP to avoid or mitigate impacts to registered or eligible resources. These agreed upon measures conclude the SHPA review.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 09/04/2026 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person

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CC List for Complete Notice

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