

BPC Neighborhood Enhancements

CB1 Meeting



JULY 8, 2025

Agenda

- Project Overview
- Wayfinding and Signage
- Intersection Improvements
- Lighting Plan
- Viewing Platform
- North End Ave / Chambers St Improvements
- Murray St Triangle



Project Overview

- The Master Plan project is a comprehensive initiative that addresses the immediate impacts of the North/West Resiliency Project, while demonstrating a long-term commitment to the stewardship and improvement of Battery Park City.
- It includes various enhancements to keep the neighborhood vibrant and accessible during and after construction, focusing on:
 - Wayfinding
 - Intersection safety
 - Lighting
 - Public amenities and plazas
 - Corridor enhancements



Wayfinding and Signage

- Develop a cohesive and intuitive system to help residents and visitors navigate Battery Park City efficiently
- Guide users through construction zones, minimizing confusion and ensuring continuity
- Prioritize clear messaging, legible typography, and universally recognized symbols to enhance the overall user experience through:
 - Modular and Phase-Responsive Design
 - o User-Centric Approach
 - Educational and Community-Centered Messaging
 - o Sustainability
 - Safety and Navigation
 - o Artwork Enclosures





Wayfinding and Signage Approach - Pedestrians



Months 8-19 – Pedestrian Signage Approach

A similar assessments will be done for all phases

Existing Route
 Closed Route
 Detour Route
 Phase 1 to remain
 Phase 1 to be updated

Closed Area

Wayfinding and Signage

Existing Signage Review





• Removed Sign



Closure by Reach

Intersection Improvements

 Project team is reviewing the following intersections as possible sites for enhancement to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists



Bike boxes



Median refuge islands



PRECEDENT



Curb extensions

Intersection Improvements

Example Intersection: 1st Place and Battery Place

Existing Conditions

Proposed Conditions



Pedestrian Crossing

Bike Box

• After examination of lighting across BPC, the West Street Corridor was identified as an opportunity area for extensive lighting improvements



(A) Chambers St to West Thames St

Wide path with many small, open plazas Ownership/Jurisdiction: NYSDOT Typical Path Width: ~25 ft Current Lighting: Heavily deficient, only present at small pedestrian plazas on crossstreets

B West Thames St to Albany St

Narrow sidewalk **Ownership/Jurisdiction:** NYSDOT Typical Path Width: ~12 ft Current Lighting: Lighting is present, although it is lacking in many areas and does not adequately cover the path's length

C Albany St to Liberty St

Variable-width sidewalk

Ownership/Jurisdiction: Brookfield, NYSDOT

Typical Path Width: Varies, ~15-24 ft Current Lighting: Lighting is present, although it is very basic, and could be enhanced



D Liberty St to Vesey St

Variable-width sidewalk with small plazas

Ownership/Jurisdiction: Brookfield Typical Path Width: Varies, ~6-20ft Current Lighting: Lighting is present, although it is lackluster in certain areas, and could be enhanced



Medium-width path Ownership/Jurisdiction: Brookfield, NYSDOT

Typical Path Width: ~16 ft Current Lighting: Lighting is consistently present along the path, however there are still opportunities for enhancement







Narrow sidewalk







F Murray St to Chambers St

Ownership/Jurisdiction: NYSDOT Current Lighting: Lighting is present along

G Chambers St to North Esplanade

Wide path/pedestrian plaza Ownership/Jurisdiction: NYSDOT Typical Path Width: ~60 ft Current Lighting: Lighting exists along plaza, although enhancement opportunities exist

 Arup measured existing lighting levels along West
 Street to inform the development of concepts for lighting interventions



1) Battery Place & Little West Street



False color HDR photo indicating Luminance in cd/m2.



2) Empire State Trail between Battery Place & First Place



False color HDR photo indicating Luminance in cd/m2.

The West Street Corridor has been divided into distinct typologies



Pedestrian Pathways **Pedestrian Plazas** Wooded from one or both sides Open spaces for engagement Seating areas along some paths Minimal seating Citibike stations, planters, trees

Broofield Owned Pedestrian Plazas Open spaces for engagement Minimal seating Citibike stations, planters, trees

Bridge underpasses Bisecting pedestrian paths Lower light levels than surrounding

- Increasing sense of safety is a priority

• The BPCA will ensure that lighting is dark-sky compliant near residential areas, to avoid light intrusion into residences



Following Dark Sky Principles:

Lights are Aimed and Limited to Task Area, Vertical Surfaces Illuminated for Reflected Light, Residential Windows Not Disturbed,

Varying Levels of Light for User Experience, Lights are Scaled for Pedestrians

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Pedestrian Pathway - Concept Example A

Create natural patterns of light along sidewalks and uplight trees to reinforce connection to nature



Sketch: Concept A











Pedestrian Pathway - Concept Example B

Catenary systems create a lower level of light below the tree canopy



Sketch: Concept B











Pedestrian Pathway Concept - Example C

Colored uplights illuminate the tree canopy and floor-based elements provide an additional layer of light













Pedestrian Pathway Concept - Example D

Colored ribbon of light attached to added light columns throughout wooded paths provide a dynamic journey





Pedestrian Plaza Concept - Example A

Luminous projections support placemaking, wayfinding, and encourage community engagement













Pedestrian Plaza Concept - Example B

Illuminated floor-based elements activate the community plazas and encourage play





Existing Condition









Pedestrian Plaza Concept - Example C

Illuminated pavers provide visual rhythm and define the plaza as an intentional zone



Existing Condition











Bridge Underpass Concept

Activate bridge underpasses with feature lighting to increase sense of safety and define interstitial zones



Existing Conditions







Viewing Platform

An accessible, elevated deck that invites people to gather, relax, and engage year-round. This platform will provide elevated views into the construction site, with AR integrated telescopes to see the past, present, and future of the site.







Viewing Platform

- Since the last Community Board Meeting, the BPCA Team has devised refined and improved viewing platform designs
- The BPCA Team is continuing to refine this concept, with additions such as tables and additional seating
- Dimensions: 96' L x 19' W x 8' H (proportional to plaza)



Rendering not to scale; for illustrative purposes only.



Viewing Platform - Precedent

Notre Dame Viewing Platform







Chambers St & North End Ave – Enhancements

- The BPCA Team is continuing stakeholder engagement, having recently met with students from Stuyvesant High School for input into the design
- Have been actively coordinating with NYCDOT, who have provided feedback on the design



Murray St Triangle – Enhancements

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- Recently met with representatives from Conrad Hotel to discuss loading and freight logistics
- Have been actively coordinating with NYCDOT, who have provided feedback on the design



Murray St Triangle – Enhancements

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- The BPCA Team recently met with representatives from Conrad Hotel to discuss loading and freight logistics
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Key Milestones

Engagement To-Date

CB1 - Workshop	March 24, 2025
DOT Meeting	April 2, 2025
CB1 – BPC Meeting	May 1, 2025
 Stakeholder Meetings Stuyvesant HS, PS 94M + PS / IS 276, IS 289 +PS 89 BPCA Park Operations Conrad Hotel 	June/July 2025

Next Steps

Next CB1 Update

Implement Intersection

Improvements

Early Works Construction Begins

Implement Wayfinding Signage

NWBPCR Construction Begins

September 2025 Late Fall 2025

Late Fall 2025

Late Fall 2025

Winter 2026

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