



**Report to Hudson River Park Advisory Council
June 10, 2025**

Design and Construction

W29- W44th Street Design Meeting

As reported last month, the Trust and Marvel shared an initial conceptual program for the upland area between Pier 79 and Pier 84, and for the portions of Pier 84 slated for improvement at our May 28 Engagement Meeting at Hartley House. We had a broad range of neighbors and stakeholders attend, including some for which it was their first ever civic meeting, and all of who provided valuable feedback. A video of the meeting can be found [here](#). We will be at Manhattan Community Board 4's Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee on Thursday, June 12 to continue the discussion. Details on how to join can be found on CB4's website [here](#).

At Pier 97 the area near the bow notch, a feature historically used to ensure that piers and ships would not block the shipping channel, has been planted providing a more welcoming and green entrance.

Public Safety

We've seen a handful of incidents since the AC last met. On the afternoon of May 18 PEP received a call about missing children that had last been seen about 25 minutes prior at Gansevoort Peninsula. PEP officers were able to locate the missing children utilizing our camera, and wait with them near Jane Street until the mother was able to arrive. Also, on May 18 PEP received multiple reports of an emotionally disturbed person yelling and menacing park patrons with a knife on the esplanade near Christopher Street. PEP and NYPD responded and the individual was taken into custody by NYPD at Christopher Street and Washington Street. Nobody was injured during this incident.

We have previously reported multiple thefts of Citibikes from their repair facility on the second floor of Pier 40. Citibike recently installed a new security gate at the location that appears to be an effective deterrent. We will continue to monitor this situation.

Environmental and Sanctuary Initiatives

2025 CUNY Research Alliance Scholars & Visiting Scholars

Now in its third year, the HRPT CUNY Research Alliance Scholars Program that HRPT conducts in partnership with CUNY's Office of Research continues to support local science through Trust awards of small research grants to CUNY faculty selected through a competitive process. We are pleased to announce our 2025 Research Alliance Scholars:

- Dr. Ana Gonzalez-Nayeck (Baruch College) will investigate the effects of microbial mats on oyster recruitment by surveying intertidal structures on Gansevoort Peninsula's living shoreline.
- Dr. Karin Block-Cora (The City College of New York) will explore the sclerochronology of bivalve shells to better understand past environmental conditions and consider climate impacts.

Both projects will thoughtfully include CUNY students at a range of academic levels and will promote the Park as a field and training site for regional scholars.

This season, we will also be welcoming at least 14 visiting scholars into the Park to conduct research. Each

of these projects will benefit from Park expertise, resources, and staff support. Some of these collaborators include: Drs. Allison Fitzgerald (NJCU), Chester Zarnoch (Baruch), Emlyn Resetarits (Barnard), Phillip Staniczenko (Brooklyn College), Theodore Muth (Brooklyn College), Yun Ye (LaGuardia Community College), and Matt Hare (Cornell). New projects will also launch this season with researchers from Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, NOAA, Cornell, and others.

Feel free to learn more and read past Visiting Scholar reports here and on the Park's historic research page, which is available to the public . We look forward to sharing updates as projects get underway this summer.

Pier 84 HRECOS Station Update

You may remember that Hudson River Park has historically hosted two of the 16 HRECOS monitoring stations along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers – one at Pier 84 and one at Pier 25. Due to rising maintenance costs, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the HRECOS network conducted a review of water quality monitoring sites. As part of their strategic downsizing, several stations—including Pier 84—were identified for decommissioning. This decision was informed by the Pier 84 station's proximity and the data's similarity to Pier 25, as well as the higher maintenance and QA/QC costs associated with its lower estuarine location. The removal of Pier 84 will not impact the geographic integrity or overall data quality of the network. Savings will be reinvested to maintain the operational health of the remaining sites. Historical data from Pier 84 will remain publicly available online, and HRPT's River Conditions Dashboard will share real-time data from Pier 25 to continue providing in-Park river condition. We've already shared this information with our Technical Advisory Committee. Come by the Pier 40 Wetlab this season to explore this data in-person through our new, touch-activated dashboard.

12th Annual SUBMERGE Marine Science Festival

We're excited to share that SUBMERGE 2025 was a big success. Over 40 science partners joined our two-day festival and served 1,000 students on Friday (even with rain!) and over 4,500 learners of all ages on Saturday. Our student groups traveled from 15 different schools located in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Jersey City. Classes ranged from K-12th grade and 80% of classes were from schools that hold a Title 1 status. The Festival was a big success and an inspiring showcase of our region's collective research, restoration, and community science efforts.

Summer Programming Season

Following the success of SUBMERGE, we're excited to kick off our full summer programming including both free public drop-in events and field trips for local summer camps. For the first time, students will have opportunities to lean throughout the Park's four miles, with field trip programs offered from Pier 97 all the way down to Pier 26 and many piers in between! We'll also have lots of returning public program favorites this summer including Big City Fishing workshops, Wetlab Look-ins, Park Tours, Nature Walks and more. We're also looking forward to expanding our evening program series, Science After Dark, with science lectures, storytelling, and hands-on workshops. There's something for everyone to enjoy this season, be sure to visit hudsonriverpark.org/events for our full calendar of upcoming events to join in on the fun.

Public Programs

Events Season

With the season officially underway, Hudson River Park is buzzing with energy and excitement! We have

started our ever popular Healthy on the Hudson programming – the first two weeks have had over 2,000 people register for a class. On Wednesday June 11 we start Jazz on Pier 84 with the Jazz Foundation, with more programming kicking off later in the month.

Please join us in celebrating Juneteenth on Friday June 20 on Pier 45 at 6:30PM with the Ladies of Hip Hop Dance Collaborative & Friends for an evening celebrating the legacy and evolution of Black American Dance. From the Lindy Hop, jazz and tap, to Hip-Hop, House and beyond, this evening will trace the thread connecting these movement traditions across generations to honor the innovation, resistance and cultural brilliance of Black American dance.

We also have a fabulous Pride Celebration on Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 on Pier 45 curated by Papi Juice, which aims affirm and celebrate the lives of queer and trans people of color centered at the intersection of intersection of art, music, and nightlife.

Operations & Maintenance

All splash and water features have been turned on Parkwide except for the Pier 97 playground splash pad. We are working with the Pier 97 contractor to ensure the system is fully functional as we turn it on for its first season.

A gate at the Gansevoort Dog Run is broken. Parts have been ordered and the broken gate has been temporarily removed. The dog run is still accessible albeit with only one gate instead of the two gates in the sally port. We are working to reinstall as quickly as possible.

This Spring the operations team is planning to update and replace garbage cans in the West Village area of the Park which are showing their age. We are also working to replace and add the metal tables and chairs in the West Village and Chelsea areas of the Park.

Pride Planning

The team has continued its planning for Pride Sunday. Hudson River Park has long been a place of gathering on Pride Sunday, this year June 29. Every year, the Park hosts thousands of people who come together to celebrate Pride, particularly along the Park's West Village esplanades, and at Piers 45 and 46. The Operations team has begun preparation, and we again anticipate nearly 10,000 visitors.

We recognize the importance of this day for the LGBTQ+ community and we strive to ensure all our guests have a safe and enjoyable day. Special amenities provided by the Park to support this annual large gathering in Greenwich Village will include porta-sans, water fountains, additional safety lighting and private EMS support. PEP provides extensive support, and our Operations team works through the night to ensure the Park is in good condition come Monday morning.

Eyes in the Park

A correction to last months' report –please call the Operations Desk 24/7 at 212-242-6427 for urgent issues or email info@hrpt.ny.gov for things not as time sensitive. Thank you to Daniel for the eagle eyes on the phone number! Public reports from the Park community are an important part of addressing issues quickly!