

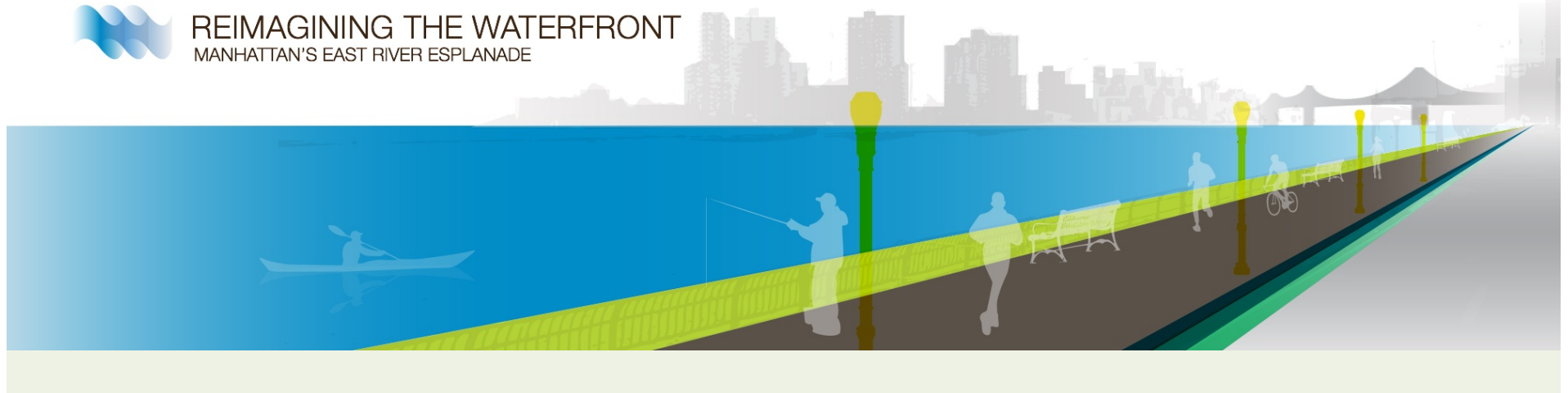




# Presentation to Community Board 8, Parks Committee November 3, 2011



REIMAGINING THE WATERFRONT  
MANHATTAN'S EAST RIVER ESPLANADE



# Follow up to the NYU Capstone Survey

- Almost 60% of responders were interested in improvements to the East River Esplanade.. Nearly 40% in East Harlem cited concerns about the lack of access.

# GOALS

- Attention to Entire Esplanade or Specific Sections
- Increased Waterfront Access
- Good Design for Active Use
- Good Design for Passive Use
- Integrated Design: Sculpture, Lighting, Planting, etc.
- Design for New Activities
- Good Use of Existing Amenities
- Separation from the FDR Drive
- Neighborhood Context
- Adjacent Parks

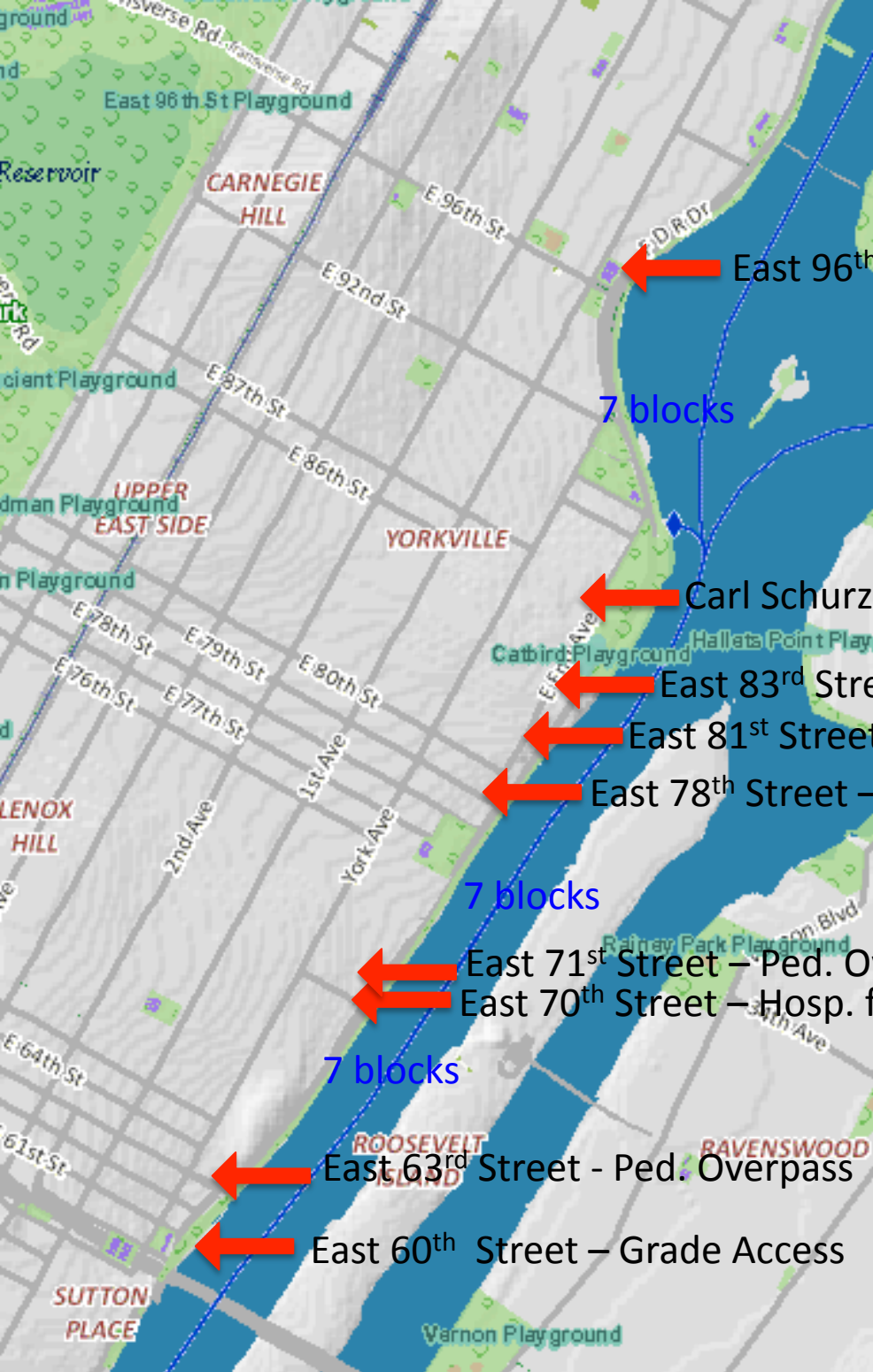




**Harlem River Speedway**  
Built in 1896 as a racing ground for carriages, the City is restoring public access to the nearly two-mile Speedway through the construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes and a waterfront esplanade.

**St. Nicholas Park**  
St. Nicholas Park includes dramatic rock faces and "The Point of Rocks," where George Washington oversaw the Battle of Harlem Heights in 1776.

**Stuyvesant Cove**  
At Stuyvesant Cove, visitors can enjoy wandering paths, a new solar-powered environmental classroom and a dedicated bike-way with views of the East River.



East 96<sup>th</sup> Street– Grade Access

## Upper East Side (59<sup>th</sup>- 96<sup>th</sup>) Greenway Access Points

Carl Schurz Park (84<sup>th</sup>- 89<sup>th</sup>)

East 83<sup>rd</sup> Street – Brearley School

East 81<sup>st</sup> Street - Ped. Overpass

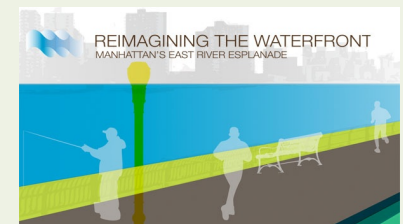
East 78<sup>th</sup> Street – Ped. Overpass

East 71<sup>st</sup> Street – Ped. Overpass

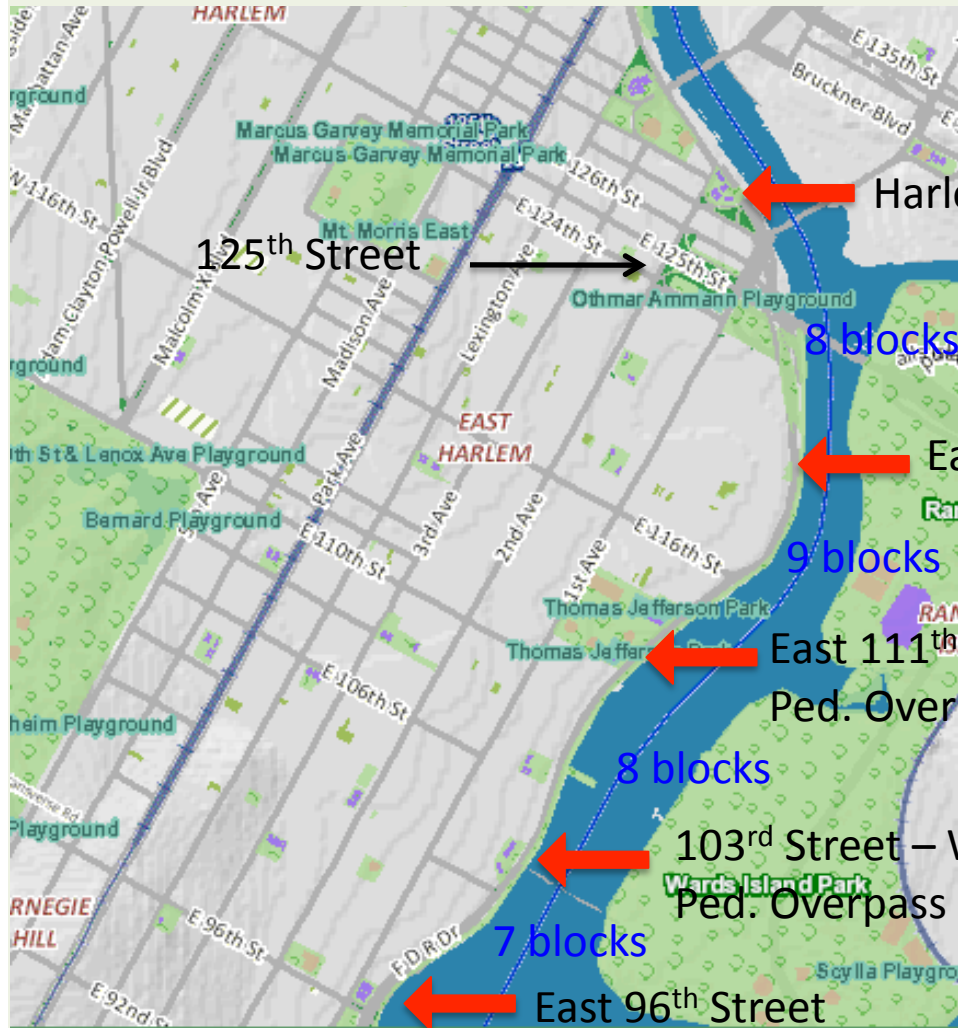
East 70<sup>th</sup> Street – Hosp. for Special Surgery

East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street - Ped. Overpass

East 60<sup>th</sup> Street – Grade Access



## East Harlem (96<sup>th</sup>-125<sup>th</sup>) Esplanade Access Points



Harlem River Park (128<sup>th</sup> – 131<sup>st</sup>)

8 blocks

East 120<sup>th</sup> Street - Ped. Overpass

9 blocks

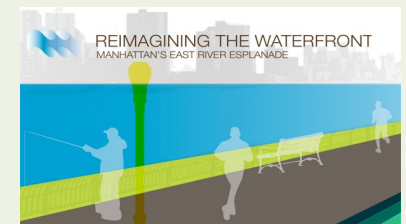
East 111<sup>th</sup> Street (Jefferson Park)  
Ped. Overpass

8 blocks

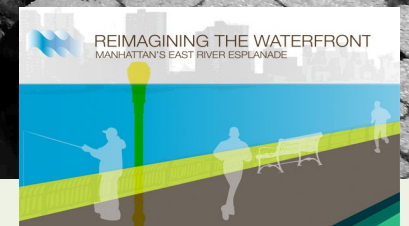
103<sup>rd</sup> Street – Wards Island Bridge  
Ped. Overpass

7 blocks

East 96<sup>th</sup> Street





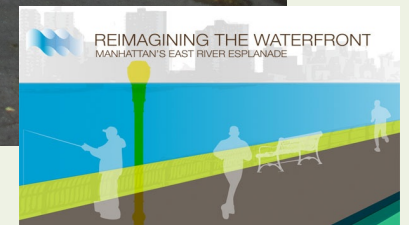


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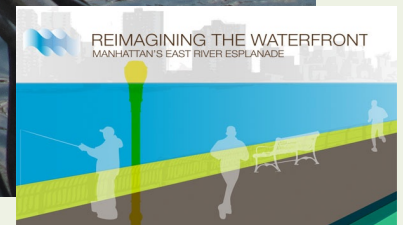








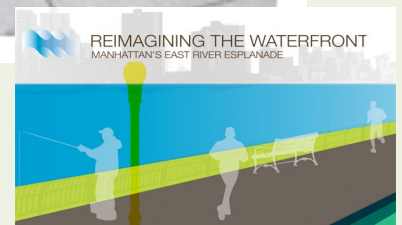








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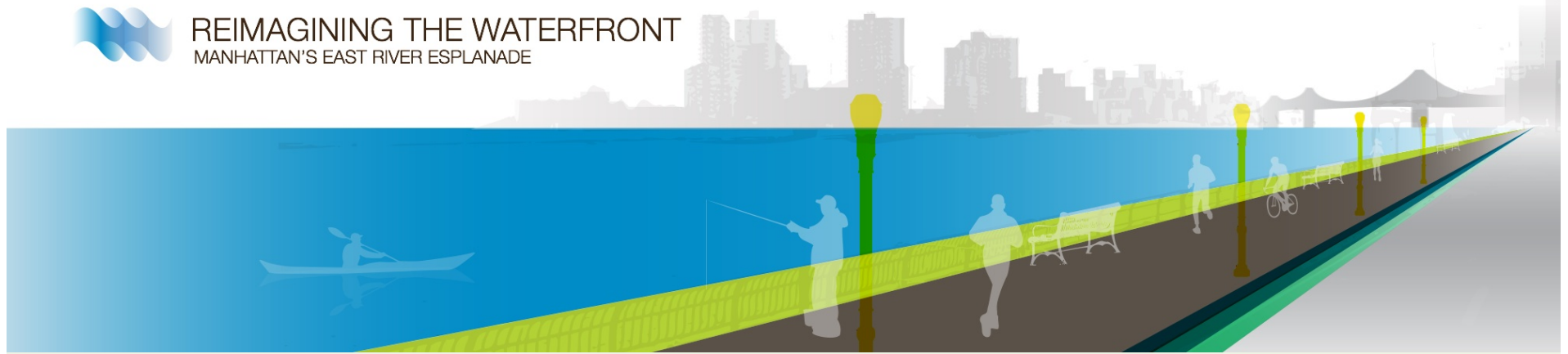
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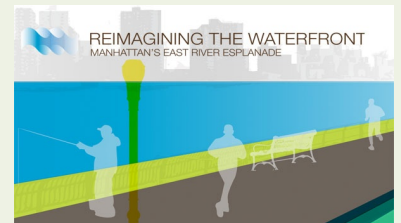
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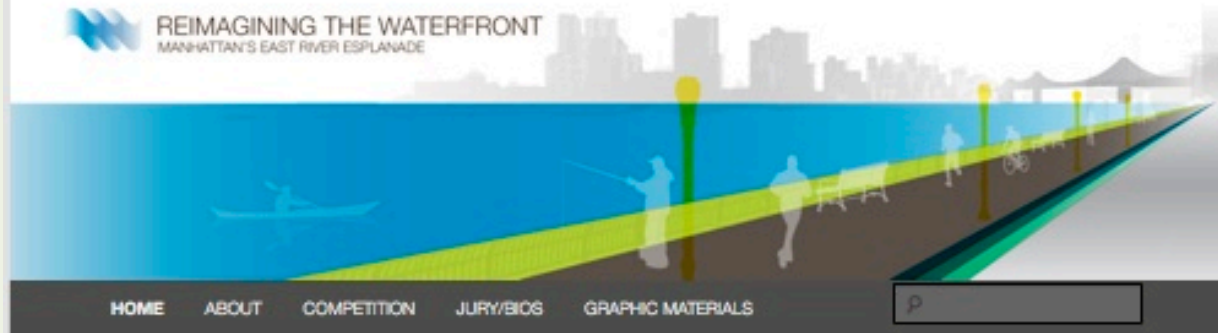
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### REIMAGINING THE WATERFRONT: Design-Ideas Competition

CMTAS is calling architects, landscape architects, urban planners, students and artists to generate dramatic and original concepts for the east side's waterfront park, jump-starting a process that aspires to the transformation of the entire East River pedestrian experience.

Through the design-ideas competition, we hope to establish greater equality with other New York City waterfront parks by developing a spatially rich and varied scheme that will enhance the east river waterfront's narrow confines with recognition of its total urban context.

A well-integrated mosaic of new landscape, additional structure and alluring sculpture and lighting will help this prominent waterfront site achieve its potential as a vital and stimulating outdoor location, a favorite refuge for residents of all ages and a destination for tourists and visitors from all over the world.



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SUBMIT

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QUESTIONS?

Question & Answer Period:  
September 1 - November 7

Email: [reimaginethewaterfront@gmail.com](mailto:reimaginethewaterfront@gmail.com)

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2012



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