



Neighborhoods Shape Your Waterfront



WATERFRONT ALLIANCE



Waterfront Edge
Design Guidelines



Who we are



The Waterfront Alliance inspires and effects resilient, revitalized, and accessible coastlines for all communities.



Join the movement

**Take the
#WEDG Pledge**



Our work in Manhattan



NYC rights to excellent waterfronts

Equitable, Sustainable, Resilient NYC Waterfront Revitalization Program



Clean
The Clean Water Act

Public
The Public Trust Doctrine

Natural
The Coastal Wetlands Protection Act









But there are many challenges...



The cost of coastal living is rising



Coasts are home to 1+ billion, but we're often disconnected



We're losing our wetlands





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Harbor Scorecard

STRONG

HEALTHY

OPEN

50% flood risk by 2060¹
 % high-risk/low-income²
 # sites risk of contamination³

% unsafe swimming⁴
 % unhealthy fish⁵
 millions gal. sewage⁶

Boating, recreation⁷
 # ferry landings⁸
 # sites, swim or touch water⁹

MANHATTAN

Community District	People	%	% high-risk/low-income ²	# sites risk of contamination ³	Agency	Citizen	% unhealthy fish ⁵	millions gal. sewage ⁶	Public	Private	# ferry landings ⁸	# sites, swim or touch water ⁹		
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1 Lower Manhattan	14.0	23%	4%	75	☆☆☆	10%	15%	3%	99	☆☆☆	3	6	7	1
2 Greenwich Village	4.9	5%	0%	24	☆☆☆	—	10%	—	184	☆☆☆	1	2	0	1
3 Lower East Side	22.9	14%	61%	24	☆☆☆	—	9%	—	228	☆☆☆	0	1	0	0
4 Chelsea/Clinton	3.9	4%	0%	39	☆☆☆	—	31%	—	189	☆☆☆	3	7	1	1
6 Murray Hill/Stuyvesant	9.6	7%	0%	15	☆☆☆	18%	22%	21%	171	☆☆☆	0	0	1	1
7 Upper West Side	0.4	0%	0%	0	☆☆☆	—	—	—	42	☆☆☆	2	1	0	1
8 Upper East Side	5.0	2%	0%	4	☆☆☆	—	—	—	335	☆☆☆	0	0	1	0
9 Manhattanville	0	0%	0%	2	☆☆☆	11%	38%	6%	88	☆☆☆	0	1	1	1
10 Central Harlem	3.4	2%	61%	4	☆☆☆	30%	—	0%	261	☆☆☆	0	0	0	0
11 East Harlem	16.7	14%	79%	15	☆☆☆	—	39%	—	398	☆☆☆	0	0	2	2
12 Northern Manhattan	5.1	2%	100%	8	☆☆☆	—	29%	—	493	☆☆☆	5	1	0	4
TOTAL	85.8	5%	41%	210		14%	28%	8%	2488		14	19	13	12

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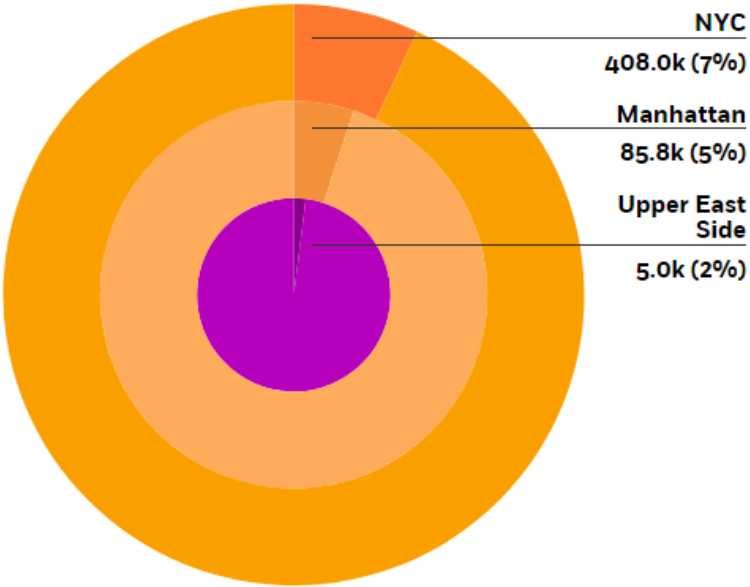
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2 Hunts Point	0.2	0%	0%	8	☆☆☆	45%	35%	30%	329	☆☆☆	4	1	0	4
4 Highbridge	0	0%	0%	0	☆☆☆	21%	—	18%	778	☆☆☆	0	0	0	0
5 University Heights	3.5	2%	0%	3	☆☆☆	—	—	—	81	☆☆☆	1	0	0	1
8 Riverdale	0.9	1%	15%	2	☆☆☆	8%	—	4%	235	☆☆☆	0	0	0	0
9 Soundview	1.7	1%	19%	2	☆☆☆	36%	50%	35%	1259	☆☆☆	3	1	0	3
10 Throgs Neck	7.0	6%	15%	8	☆☆☆	12%	—	28%	674	☆☆☆	1	9	0	2
11 Pelham Parkway	0.4	0%	0%	1	☆☆☆	—	60%	—	0	☆☆☆	2	0	0	2
12 Williamsbridge	0.0	0%	0%	5	☆☆☆	73%	—	35%	159	☆☆☆	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	14.1	1%	12%	69		30%	45%	29%	4008		12	11	0	13
1 North Brooklyn	4.3	3%	6%	48	☆☆☆	61%	46%	50%	1567	☆☆☆	3	1	3	2
2 Brooklyn Heights	0.6	0%	0%	11	☆☆☆	12%	25%	0%	144	☆☆☆	2	3	2	3
5 East New York	3.5	2%	21%	2	☆☆☆	25%	—	37%	89	☆☆☆	0	0	0	0



Harbor Scorecard: CB 8

STAY DRY

How many people have 50% chance by 2060 of a major flood in their homes?



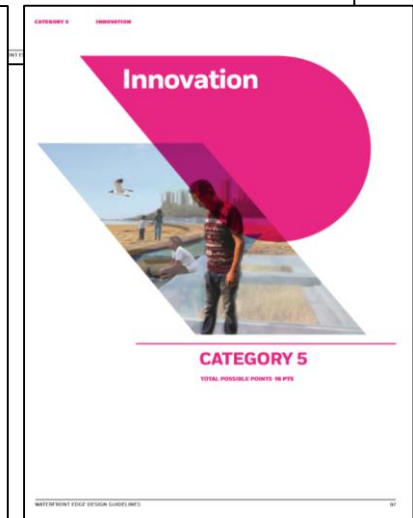
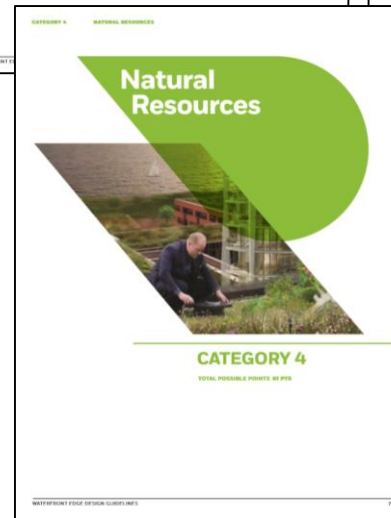
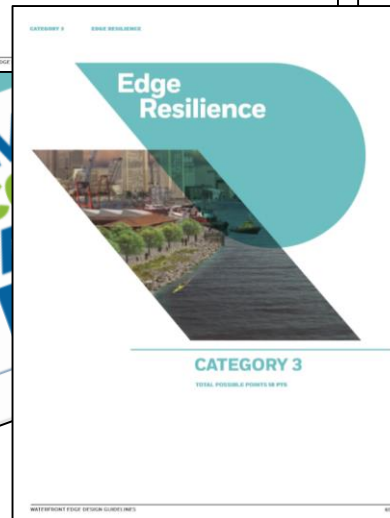
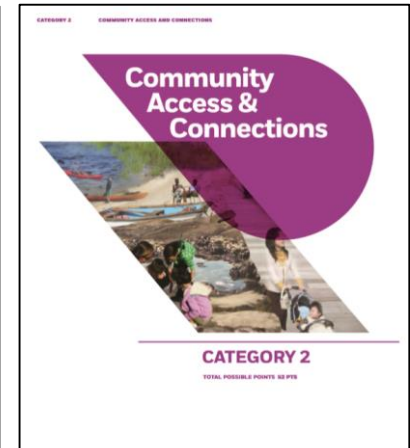
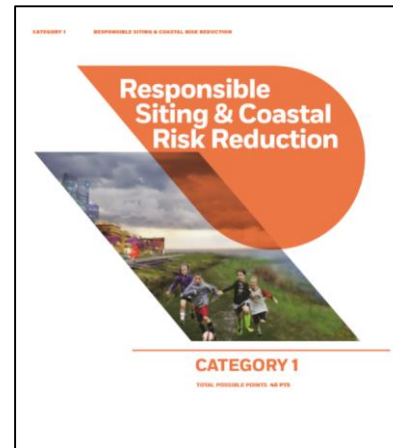
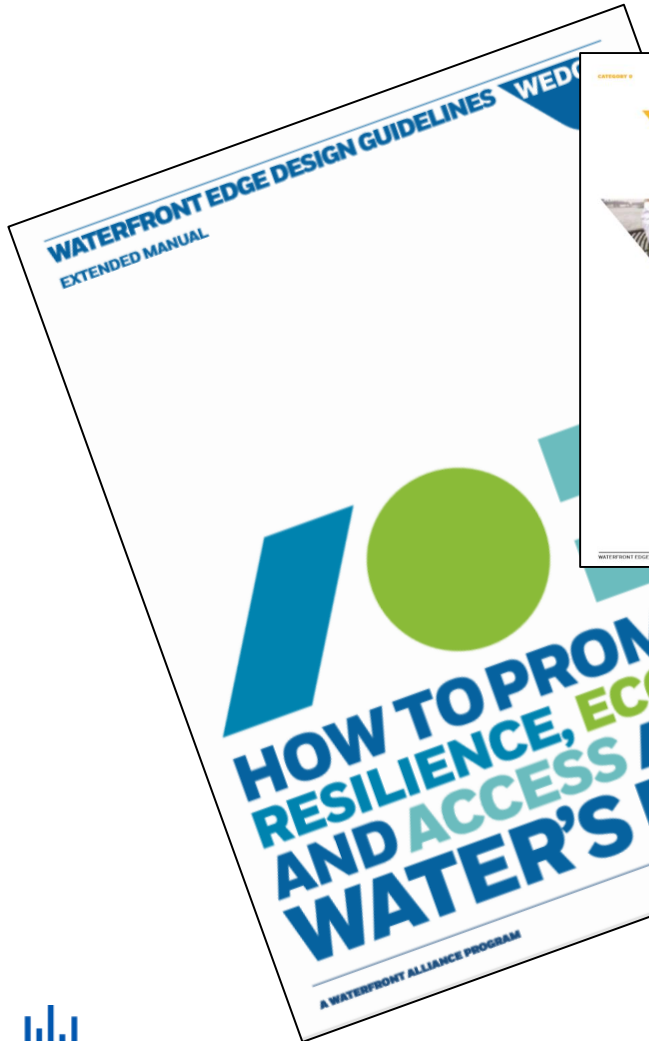
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Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines



**HOW TO PROMOTE
RESILIENCE, ECOLOGY,
AND ACCESS AT THE
WATER'S EDGE**

WEDG is a rating system and guidelines



And a communications tool



Site Assessment & Planning



CATEGORY 0

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 08 PPG

Category 0: Understanding site context and community needs

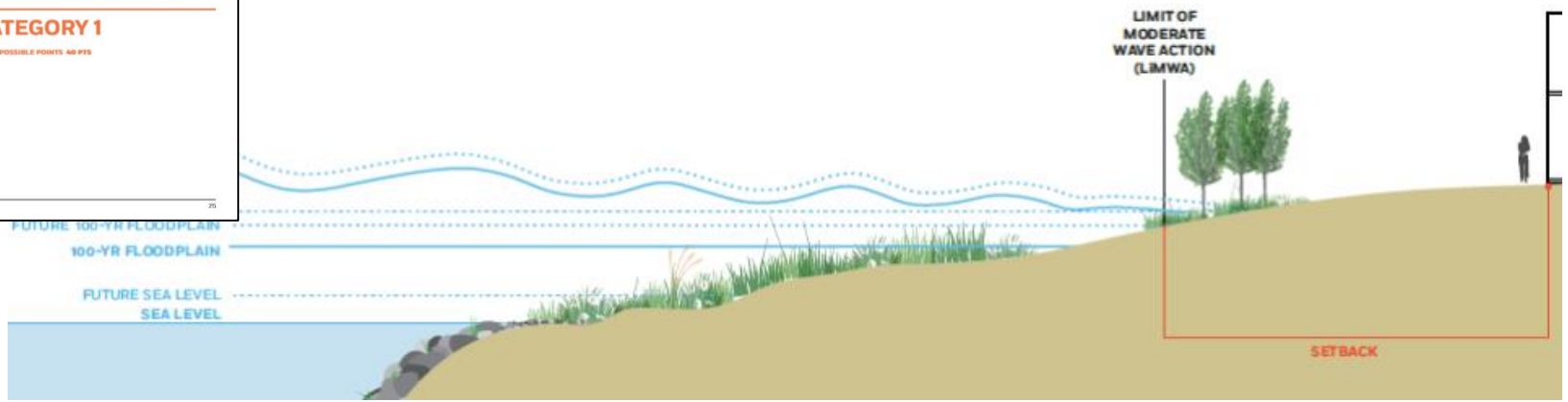


Responsible Siting & Coastal Risk Reduction



CATEGORY 1
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 40 PTS

Category 1: Responsible siting to avoid flood risk



CALCULATING DESIGN FLOOD ELEVATION^{17, 18}

BASE FLOOD ELEVATION	+	FREEBOARD	+	SEA LEVEL RISE ADJUSTMENT	=	DESIGN FLOOD ELEVATION
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Use the FEMA 100-year floodplain base flood elevation. Or, if seeking a elevation above the 500-year floodplain, use the methods in *Appendix A* to identify the 500-year floodplain baseline elevation.

12" (30.5cm); 24" (61cm) for critical structures

Determine the regionally-adjusted sea level rise expected for the design life of the project using methods in *Appendix A*. Use at least the moderate sea level rise scenario or higher.

Hunters Point South



SWA Balsley

Hunters Point South



SWA/Balsley



Community Access & Connections



CATEGORY 2
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 52 PTS

Category 2: Using community input to design public access



Image: WEDG Certified Brooklyn Bridge Park

Starlight Park (Parks)



Built to capture 95% of park's runoff before it enters Bronx River

Access to river

Restored tidal wetlands and wildflowers

Edge Resilience



CATEGORY 3

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 30 PPS

Category 3: Designing resilient shorelines



Image: WEDG Certified Hunters Point South

Oak Point/McInnis Cement



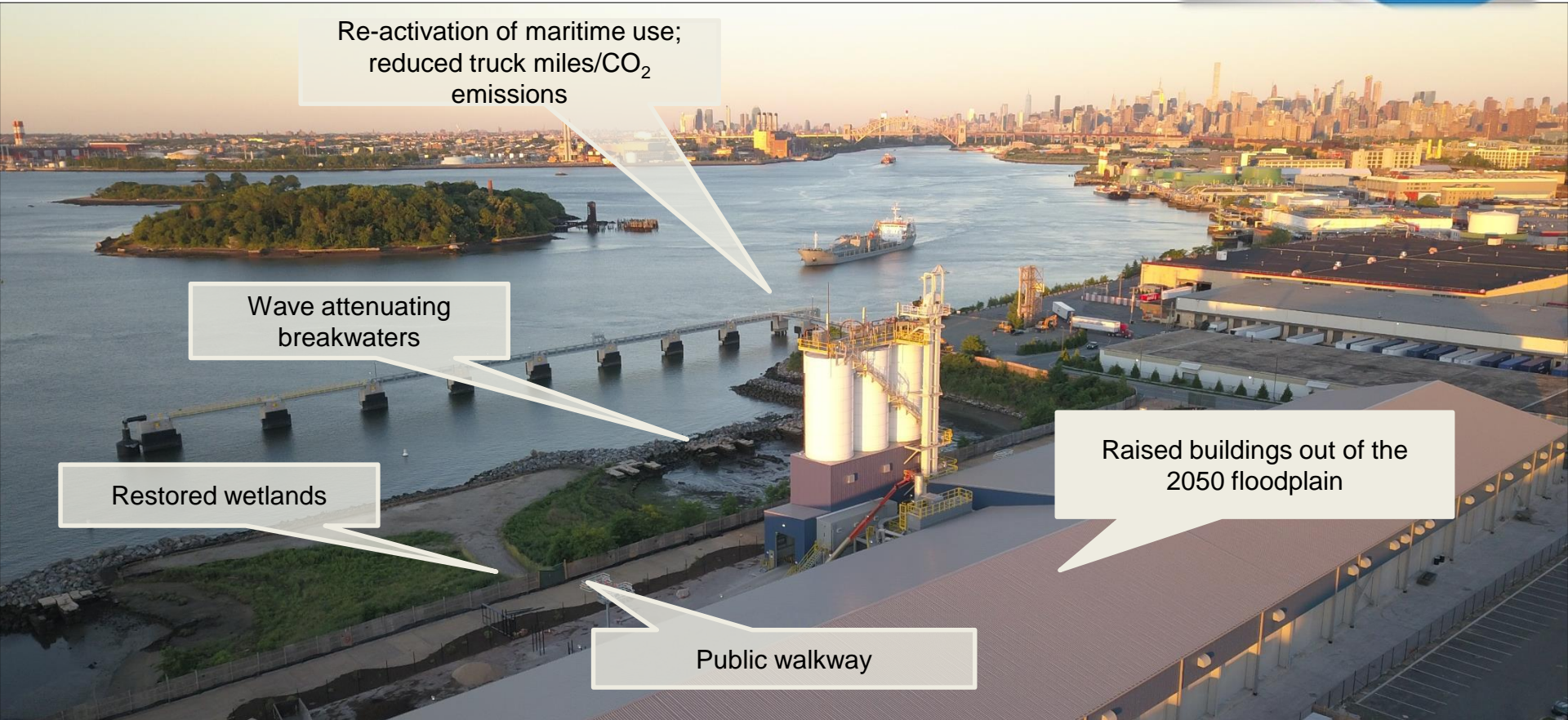
Re-activation of maritime use;
reduced truck miles/CO₂
emissions

Wave attenuating
breakwaters

Restored wetlands

Raised buildings out of the
2050 floodplain

Public walkway



Natural Resources



CATEGORY 4

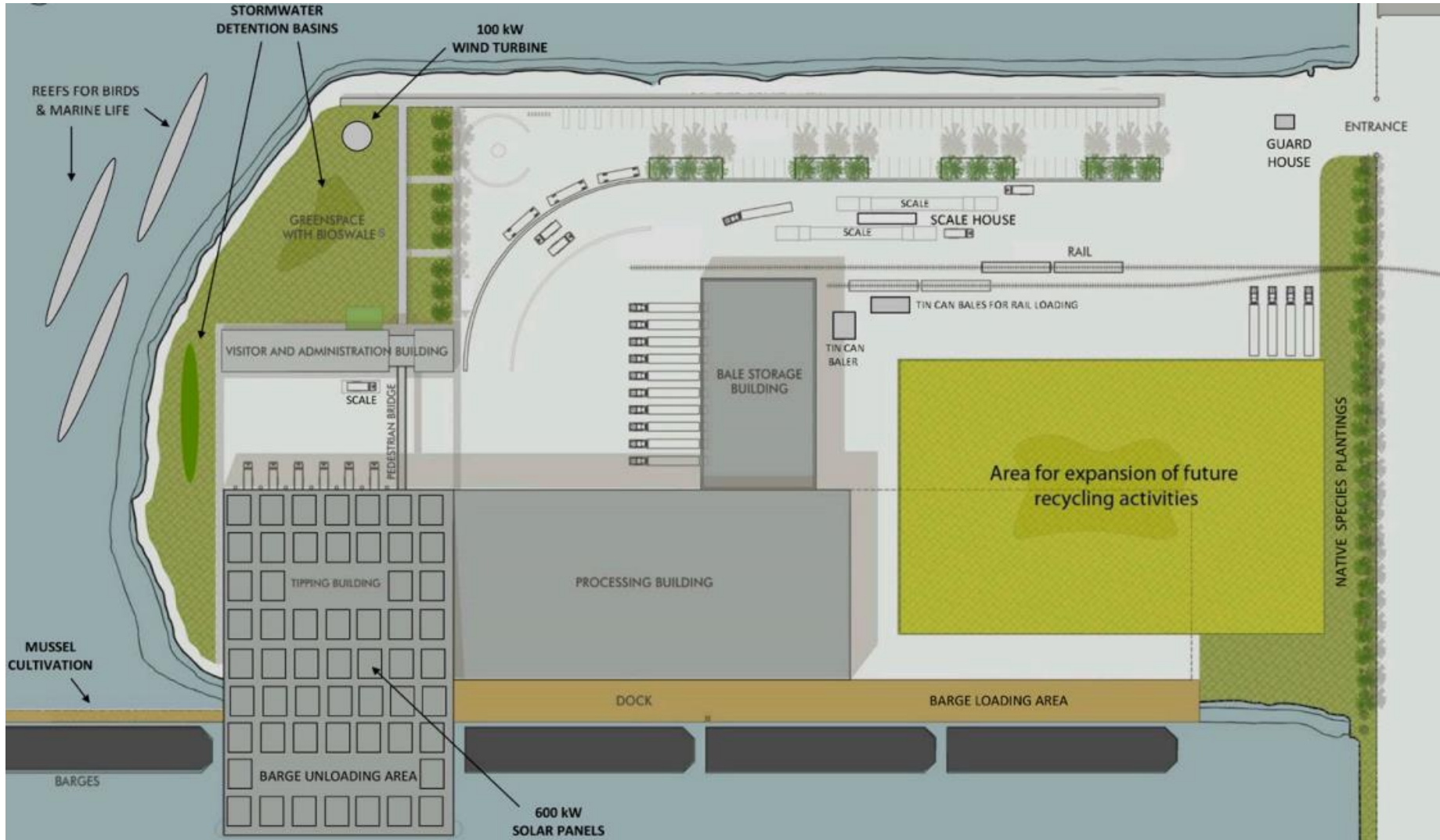
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 61 PTS

Category 4: Protecting and restoring natural resources



Image: WEDG Certified Brooklyn Bridge Park

Sunset Park Materials Recovery Facility (SIMS)



How CB 8 can use WEDG?



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