



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND  
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**Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee  
Public Hearing Report**

**DATE: October 8, 2024**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**Committee Members Present**

Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board  
Al Klingele, *Chair*  
Clifford Hagen  
John Kiernan  
Frank P. Morano  
Anthony Riccardelli  
Paul Sanders

**Committee Members Absent**

Robert Bozza

**Staff**

Stacey Wertheim, Interim District Manager  
Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

**Guests**

Colleen Siuzdak, Administration Coordinator, Department of Parks, Staten Island  
Pippa Brashear, Scape Landscape Architecture  
Lori DuBord, Office of Resilient Homes and Communities  
Carol Donovan, Richmondtown-Clarke Avenue Civic Association

**Public Contact Session**

No Speakers

**Agenda**

**Living Breakwaters Project Final Update –  
Background –**

Living Breakwaters is an innovative coastal green infrastructure project designed to reduce or reverse erosion and damage from storm waves, improve the ecosystem health of Raritan Bay, and encourage stewardship of our nearshore waters and generally enhance people's experience of the shoreline of southern Staten Island. The project was initially developed by SCAPE Landscape Architecture for the Rebuild by Design (RBD) Competition, a design competition held by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to seek cutting edge ideas for coastal resilience in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The project is being implemented by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and is funded by HUD through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding as well as with funds from New York State.

The project is almost complete. Five of the eight breakwaters are fully complete. Three of the eight are substantially complete. The Shoreline Restoration was completed in the spring and is doing well. Site Observations have been performed regularly. Marine life has been observed. The Project Close-out will take place in November and December. The Community event took place on September 28, 2024.

*\*Full presentation is on file in the Community Board Office.*

**Parks Department Updates**

- Vital Parks for All Forum, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30pm at Borough Hall. Space is limited.
- It's My Park Clean-up, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Lemon Creek Park, hosted by Let's Green NYC, H2O, and the NRPA.
- Greenbelt Recreation Center, Haunted Trail, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Walker Park, Haunted House, October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Westerleigh Park, Scarecrow and Pumpkin Festival, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

For further information, contact Colleen Siuzdak at [colleen.siuzdak@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:colleen.siuzdak@parks.nyc.gov)

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Respectfully submitted,



Albert W. Klingele, Chairman