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2011 Island Horticulture and Natural Areas Stewardship – Volunteer Efforts



Bloomberg Annual September 11 Memorial Bulb Planting

As they have for 10 years, volunteers from Bloomberg arrived on the morning of September 11 to participate in the annual memorial bulb planting. More than 40,000 spring-blooming crocus bulbs were planted at the Water's Edge Garden along the south edge of Randall's Island. These new flowers will complement last year's daffodil plantings.



Eisner Amper – New Corporate Volunteers for Randall's Island

Volunteers from Eisner Amper planted a variety of blooming plants in Randall's Island's White Garden on September 16. Included in the mix were White Bleeding Hearts, White Anemones, White Mums and White Beard Tongue. The ambitious volunteers also mulched the White Garden, and created a new pathway.

**1,000 volunteers
3,000 hours
70,000 plants, shrubs and Island trees**

**Many thanks to our expanding roster
of dedicated volunteers!**

Run the River 5K



Randall's Island Sports Foundation's Young Professionals Council is hosting its second annual 5K road race and post-race party on Saturday, October 22 at 10 A.M. The certified chip-timed course begins and ends in Icahn Stadium, a world class facility, and takes runners along the Island's beautiful waterfront pathways. Cash prizes to the top 3 male/female overall runners and medals awarded for age category winners. T-shirts for all 5K runners/walkers. Early bird \$30 entry fee until Oct. 3. Children's races on the track after the 5K. Plus post-race party with DJ and refreshments! Sponsors include ZogSports, Muscle Milk, Pop Chips, Honest Tea, Utz, Moet Hennessy USA, and Propark. Net proceeds benefit RISF. Visit www.runtheriver.eventbrite.com to register!

Randall's Island Living Shoreline Scoping Meeting



Living Shoreline Landscape Architect Marcha Johnson (at right) speaking on site with NYS DOS, DPR, RISF, Manhattan CB 11 and the Harlem River Park Task Force

Thanks to an Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant from NYS DOS, the waterfront will be reconfigured to enhance water quality, foster estuarine life, adapt to coastal forces including wave/wake energy and create conditions more proximate to natural shoreline. Following studies of existing conditions this fall, DPR and RISF will invite broad community input in re-imagining a multiple-purposed waterfront alive with plants and animals. A community workshop in early spring 2012 will explore alternatives for the Living Shore including amenities such as pathways, seating, a picnic area, plantings and access for water-based recreation such as fishing and boating.

On Tuesday, September 15, the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation and RISF joined Fred Landa from the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) Division of Coastal Resources and members of Manhattan Community Board 11 and the Harlem River Park Task Force for a scoping meeting for the upcoming Randall's Island Living Shoreline Recreational Area. This exciting new project comprises a 2.2 acre waterfront site south of the Manhattan span of the RFK Bridge and includes nearly 1,000 linear feet of shoreline, much of which is now collapsing stone seawall.

2011: A Very Constructive Year on Randall's Island

As we near the close of the construction season, our tally shows that RISF spearheaded over \$30 million in construction projects in 2011, all aimed at completing the recent transformation and better serving visitors to the Park's new facilities. Approximately \$25 million of this is allocated toward access improvements, especially through continued expansion of the Island-wide waterfront pathway system, dedicated to visible, safe and appealing bicycle and pedestrian circulation. The new amenities are being augmented through \$3 million allocated toward the Park's infrastructure, including increased lighting and improved plumbing and irrigation. Finally, nearly \$2 million is being spent on greening efforts, including tree plantings, green streets and shoreline restoration.

Concerts and Events



Bennett Sell-Kline for ElectricZooFestival.com

A yearly favorite among dedicated local, regional, national and even international fans of electronic music, the *Electric Zoo Festival* returned for the third time to Randall's Island and played sold out concerts to a total of more than 70,000 fans over Labor Day Weekend. RISF is especially grateful to Made Event, the festival's producers, for ticket-based contributions to the Park and FLOW.11, environmental art installations along the Island's shoreline.



Delighting fans, Randall's Island Park stepped up to host a rescheduling of the *Dave Matthews Band Caravan*, who performed along the Harlem River during the weekend of September 17, 18 and 19.



The *World Police & Fire Olympics*, a semi-annual event, was held for the first time in NYC from August 22 through September 1. City-wide, more than 15,000 athletes participated, and Randall's Island hosted more than 2000 of the world's finest and bravest competitors for events in track & field, flag football, soccer, rugby and tennis.