

LOWER MANHATTAN RESILIENCE:

Predictions, Progress and Plans



Lower Manhattan Waterfront, NYC Photo: Nautilus International Development Consulting, August 2022

Among the most urgent planning issues for the world's waterfronts today are how vulnerable communities can protect their coastlines and neighborhoods, and become more resilient. In Lower Manhattan, those communities carry major significance for the New York metropolitan area's economy, transportation and vitality. The challenge ahead is to respond with resilience while also maintaining equitable waterfront access and creating an even more diverse and inclusive public waterfront for all. Join us for a program of three interconnected events about waterfront resilience in Lower Manhattan during NY Water Week 2023:

Monday, March 20, 2023 from 10:30am to 3:00pm

Educational Workshop on resiliency issues in Lower Manhattan (10:30am-12pm)

Networking Lunch for both students and professionals (12pm-1pm)

Walking Tour in Lower Manhattan led by resiliency professionals (1pm-3pm)

Location: Cornell University Gensler Family AAP NYC Center, 26 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York

Cost: Free

Registration: Join us for any one or all three events. Space is limited. [Click here to register.](#)

Co-Sponsors: Cornell AAP (Architecture Art Planning), Cornell University and American Planning Association NYMetro Chapter Waterfront Committee

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Educational Workshop: Predictions and Progress (10:30am-12pm)

This educational workshop will address resiliency issues that are most prominent in Lower Manhattan beginning with predictions for its major climate change vulnerabilities and followed by how to plan and design solutions to reduce risks, including using data and technology. Participants will have an opportunity to work together on key questions raised by the speakers.

Moderator:

Robert W. Balder, *Executive Director*, Cornell AAP, Gensler Family AAP NYC Center;
and *Co-Chair*, APA NYMetro Waterfront Committee

Speakers:

Joseph Sutkowi, WEDG, *Chief Waterfront Design Officer*, Waterfront Alliance
Andrew Buck, AICP, *Senior Urban Planner & Technologist*, VHB
Karen Appell, PE, *Vice President & Climate Adaptation Lead*, AECOM Metro New York
Pippa Brashear, RLA, *Resilience Principal, Partner*, SCAPE

Networking Lunch (12pm-1pm)

This casual lunch will bring together both young and experienced professionals for networking around waterfront resiliency planning.

Walking Tour: Progress and Plans (1pm-3pm)

The walking tour will be conducted by professionals who have been working on projects to reduce risks from climate change in Lower Manhattan. Speakers will show you their progress and plans for the major waterfront areas in Lower Manhattan, including the Financial District, The Battery, and Battery Park City.

Moderator:

Bonnie A. Harken, AIA, *President*, Nautilus International Development Consulting, Inc.;
and *Co-Chair*. APA NYMetro Waterfront Committee

Speakers:

Alexis A. Taylor, *Vice President of Climate Resilience*, New York City Economic Development Corporation
Elizabeth Capiro, *Chief Resilience Planner*, Climate Resilience & Sustainability Planning, MTA Construction & Development
Varun Kohli, FAIA, LEED AP, *Assistant Vice President*, Real Properties, Planning & Design, Battery Park City Authority
Gonzalo Cruz, ASLA, *Vice President*, Design Principal, NYC Landscape Architecture & Urban Design, AECOM
Isabelle Stinnette, *Restoration Program Manager*, NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program, Hudson River Foundation

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