

107th St Pier and Bobby Wagner Walk

NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and NYC Parks

Seeking Community Input: Please Share Recommendations by January 15, 2023

NYCEDC and NYC Parks are requesting recommendations from the community for qualified artists, as well as individuals to serve on an Artist Selection Committee, for the Pier 107 and Bobby Wagner Walk (BWW) project.

About the Project

NYCEDC and NYC Parks would like to invite an artist to join the design team for the proposed 107th Street Pier and Bobby Wagner Walk Reconstruction project, occurring along the East River Esplanade between E94th St to 107th St and 117th St to 124th St, and at 107th Street Pier. The goals of integrating an artist into the design team are to:

- Create a vibrant public artwork for the East Harlem neighborhood that is integrated into the site and landscape.
- Enliven the waterfront with public art/design that reflects unique environmental, historical and/or community stories from the neighborhood.
- Enhance community gathering spaces with engaging public art to promote communal activities and recreation in the neighborhood.

The selected artist shall be knowledgeable about the East Harlem community and their work shall reflect and embody the local community's identity, interests, and priorities. The artist shall have prior experience working on large public works projects, be able to work to the scale of the larger project, adhere to the larger project schedule, and maximize artistic integration and design collaboration within the larger project.

Artist Selection Process

The artist selection process will be an Invitational Competition for artists whose past work is compatible with the scale, location, and materiality of this project. We are looking for artists who have experience collaborating on design teams and whose past work exhibits exemplary quality. Local, regional, national, and international artists may be considered.

Artist Selection Committee

The artist will be selected by an Artist Selection Committee. This committee will have a representative from NYC Economic Development Corporation, NYC Parks, and the Department of Cultural Affairs. We are also seeking three to four community representatives with visual arts expertise, knowledge of living artists, and artistic production. Nominees may include public artists, critics, curators or art historians. We plan to select an artist by June 2023. Committee members will be required to attend three meetings with dates TBD in February, April, and June.

Please share your recommendations

If you have recommendations of artists who you would like to add to the invitation list and/or individuals we should speak with about serving on the Artist Selection Committee, please share their contact information by **January 15, 2023** to Pier107BobbyWagnerWalk@stantec.com. Self-nominations for the Artist Selection Committee are also welcomed. *If you submitted in 2022, please resubmit as there was a technical issue with the email account which has since been remedied.*

Thank you for your help in the exciting process!