

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007 – 7:00PM

The June meeting of the Croton Facility Monitoring Committee was on June 21, 2007 at NYCDEP's community office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. Most of those attending: CFMC representatives, staff from DEP, its construction manager, design engineer and members of the public, are listed on the attached sheet. (*Attachment 1*)

The meeting began at approximately 7:15 PM; an agenda (*Attachment 2*), which had been previously circulated to the CFMC, was available.

Welcome

Greg Faulkner, Chair of Community Board #7 and of the CFMC, called the meeting to order and opened the public segment of the meeting for speakers.

Public Session

Mr. Faulkner acknowledged Derrick Baker, NWBCCC, as first speaker. Mr. Baker said that he heard about Croton Filter Plant employment opportunities while at North Central Hospital. He is in the process of earning his GED. Mr. Baker said he didn't want to leave his job to get construction training because he has financial obligations. He advocated for a city stipend so that he could apply for training. He said that the impacts of the Croton Filter Plant, referring in particular to rats, affects the community and that stipends would make the project more acceptable. Mr. Baker distributed a NWBCCC wish list to DEP for trainees (*Attachment 3*). Joseph Gordon, representing Council Member Koppell, asked DEP whether stipends are possible. DEP Deputy Commissioner Anne Canty said that the suggestion had been considered, but that stipends would not be available as part of the Croton Filter Project.

Abby Bellows, NWBCCC, signed up to speak but declined.

Karen Argenti, FIPNA, recommended that DEP do a better job of assisting local workers to become apprentices in the skilled construction trades. She said that unions should be required to train and use more local workers on the Croton Filter Plant's construction. She said that the community has a lot of technical questions about the Jerome Park Reservoir improvements and reiterated her request to have a community meeting where the public's questions can be asked and answered located closer to the JPR neighborhood. She distributed a handout on behalf of herself and the next speaker Lynn Schwarz (*Attachment 4*).

Lynn Schwarz, FIPNA, asked what emergency plans or protocol DEP has in the event of another Chlorine gas lead of more than 2 ppm. She said that the door of Gate House 5 was open to diffuse the Chlorine fumes that sickened DEP workers and she expressed

concern that in the future, the fumes could affect the community. She said that the OSHA limit of 1 ppm had been exceeded during the recent Chlorine gas event. Although she said that DEP's maintenance of the JPR grounds seems to have improved, additional litter control and weed cutting improvements are needed, especially at the bus stop.

Chairman Faulkner asked DEP Deputy Commissioner James Roberts, who directs the Bureau of Water & Sewer Operations, to speak about the recent event. Mr. Roberts assured the CFMC that at no time was the community or DEP staff in danger. He said that on June 8th Chlorine was added at a rate of 2 ppm to Croton water north of the Bronx at the Croton Lake Gate House. When the chlorinated water reached the JPR's Gate House 5, it was measured by 3 meters. Chlorine was detected in the air gassing off at 1 ppm, 3 ppm, and 5 ppm. DEP employees who work at JPR are required to have equipment and respirators on hand for safety purposes. While the meters weren't initially intended to measure gas residuals, DEP has programmed them to signal if .5 ppm measurement or higher is detected. DEP has a rigorous health and safety program (HASP) in place. Health and safety officers have reviewed the DEP's health and safety plan and are currently working with BWSO to see if any improvements to the HASP are needed.

Saul Scheinbach, Community Board 8, asked about the workers who were reported to have gone to the hospital. Mr. Roberts said that the phone call to 911 did not ask for an ambulance, although FDNY dispatched an ambulance to the scene when told that there were detectible Chlorine gas odors. Of those who were taken to the hospital, one worker is an asthmatic with a prior health history; the other employees declined treatment and returned to work. Ms. Canty said that patient confidentiality limits the amount of information DEP may provide about its employees. Mr. Roberts continued by saying that over the past seven years DEP has rigorously upgraded its agency-wide health and safety plans. Mr. Roberts said that if Chlorine fumes are detected, the gate house doors must be open for ventilation.

Chairman Faulkner said that if the recent event was a typical occurrence, DEP needs to provide additional outreach to let people know what is happening. Ms. Canty said that the FDNY response was a very cautious one, and that the event did not require emergency action.

Mr. Scheinbach asked whether Chlorine will be added at JPR. Ms. Canty said that it will be for a temporary period – when the Croton system is operational and supplying water to the City. Once the Croton Filter Plant becomes operational, however, Chlorine will be added there.

Ms. Argenti asked about the active time period of Chlorine. Mr. Roberts said that it takes 16 hours for chlorinated water to travel from the Croton Lake Gate House to JPR and that both pH and temperature affect chlorine. Ms. Argenti said that the community has asked for an evacuation plan for years. Sonia Lappin, Scott Towers Cooperative, said that the community shouldn't be told about such events by local joggers in the neighborhood; DEP should provide direct outreach. She said that by not doing so, DEP is disrespecting

the community. Mr. Roberts said that DEP has a notification protocol in place, but is in the process of revisiting its protocol for notifications and response.

Mr. Gordon said that when chlorine is added at Jerome Park Reservoir, the public should be notified. DEP agreed to notify the community when the chlorination at JPR resumes.

Chairman Faulkner then called on the remaining public speakers, inviting Anne Marie Garti, JP Conservancy to speak next. Ms. Garti said she was handed a letter just prior to the meeting from DEP's Commissioner regarding public access in Jerome Park. She said that DEP's response to the Conservancy's requests is "no". She said she is extremely disappointed about the DEP's position. She said she hopes the designer who will prepare plans for the walkway around the reservoir will pay attention to the beauty of JPR. She said it's troublesome that DEP won't agree to share the beauty of the site with the community. She said that all of the security concerns raised by DEP seem to be fabricated. She said that Hillview Reservoir should have been covered by the mid-1990s and it remains unprotected. Ms. Garti added that, since most of DEP's upstate Croton watershed is publicly accessible, one could consider DEP's JPR decision racist, because the Bronx has mostly a minority population. Mr. Scheinbach said that public access upstate causes problems, such as litter, dogs splashing in the water and running on DEP lands. (Commissioner Lloyd's letter to Jerome Park Conservancy is *Attachment 5*)

Albert Speckman, who lives in Van Cortlandt Village near Fort Independence Park at 3850 Sedgwick Avenue, brought a large 10 lb. Belgian block to the meeting. He said that there is vandalism to autos in the area and to residents and property at 3890 Sedgwick Avenue. He said he brought his complaints to CB #8's Parks Committee and went to CB #8's Board meeting to complain about potential attacks from area thugs. Mr. Speckman said the park was renovated in 1998 and has been rated unacceptable for the past two years. He said the park needs a 15' high fence along Stevenson Place. After hours, Jerome Park can be breached and DEP Police should patrol the area at night.

Mr. Gordon said that lighting, benches and other amenities are needed at Jerome Park. He requests better communication between the community and DEP, and wants funding for parks improvements. He encouraged DEP to participate in a working group planning for the park's future. Without full cooperation among agency personnel and the community, there will be a lack of coordination for the betterment of the park, he said.

Lyn Pyle, Knox Gates Neighborhood Assn & NWBCCC, said that the 96 pre-apprenticeship trainees' slots is a positive development. She criticized the slow progress in identifying 66 individuals to fill the Project HIRE classes. Ms. Pyle said that the Bronx has low employment. She will continue placing notices in the community for Project HIRE classes. Ms. Pyle concluded by saying that lack of a stipend discourages Bronx residents from signing up at Project HIRE.

Nadine Myles, NWBCCC, said the DEP should work with WEP, whose workers are earning \$68.50 weekly, to find good candidates for training. Ms. Myles said that WEP

workers would make good trainees and if WEP pays \$68.50 while workers get trained, they would have a modest income. Mr. Faulkner said this seemed like a good suggestion.

Mr. Faulkner thanked the public and closed the public portion of the meeting. He asked if there were changes to the previous meeting's minutes or if the CFMC would adopt the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Gordon moved to adopt; Mr. Scheinbach seconded adoption of the minutes. The CFMC concurred.

Mr. Faulkner asked Glenda Self, Director of Project HIRE, for a status report on the DEP-funded Project HIRE program. Ms. Self said the contract between DEP and BCC/Project HIRE is in place. She said she has a total of 66 slots for men and women who wish to be trained in two classes. The first class of 28 persons began meeting on Monday, June 18th. Ms. Self said that due to attrition some class members leave. She added that today's work force is often under-prepared for a career in construction. She said that soft skills are needed, to properly answer questions and best prepare for a positive interviewing experience. After the July 4th holiday, literacy classes will start. They will help prepare applicants to be accepted into Project HIRE classes. She added that four individuals, who have graduated from Project HIRE, entered Local 79's pre-apprenticeship program.

The first Project HIRE class will end on November 19th. Trainees receive lunch and a Metrocard, along with text books to attend the program full time. To get into the Project HIRE program, a trainee does not need a high school diploma; however, to be a union worker, most unions require a high school diploma. Pursuant to its agreement with Laborers Local Union 731, there is a set-aside direct entry of 5 – 15%. This means, for example, if 50 union apprentices are needed, 5 – 15% of them will come as referrals from Project HIRE. Ms. Self said that Local 79 will be renewing its set aside with Project HIRE. Negotiations are currently underway between Project HIRE and the Roofers Union to establish a similar set aside. Ms. Self said that wages in the construction industry are good, so even college graduates are applying for construction work, some using Project HIRE as their vehicle to union membership.

Ms. Self said that 44 applications were referred to her by DEP, of which 28 candidates were selected. From her total inventory of applicants, 34 individuals have passed the required exam; 2 who did not have agreed to take remedial classes. Seven individuals did not show up for their interviews. Mr. Faulkner asked if Ms. Self would accept nominees for her program from the CFMC. She said yes. Mr. Faulkner said he would provide two names. She offered, and he accepted, a tour of the program's facility. Mr. Faulkner said Ms. Self can count on Community Board #7 to press construction unions to refer local union members to work at Croton.

In answer to Laura Stockstill, Bronx BP's office's question to Ms. Self, about the feasibility of filling additional slots in the Project HIRE program, Ms. Self said that testing takes place each Tuesday and additional placements can be made if applicants satisfactorily pass testing, interviewing, etc.

Donald Killinger, Director, District Council of Carpenters' Building Works program, spoke next. Mr. Killinger said he has worked for 12 years as part of the Carpenters Union pre-apprenticeship program, which has adopted a direct entry program through NYS Dept of Labor. The program was created to help underserved communities. It has three components: job readiness, industry-related math; and computer literacy. Worker health and safety training is emphasized. Training in good safety practices is particularly important for jobs in handling hazardous waste and asbestos. A worker can earn \$27 p/hour for being an asbestos handler. In construction, the emphasis is on carpentry skills. The program operates two to three training cycles each year; this year HVAC, plumbing, electricity, and scaffolding skills training were offered. He complimented DEP's Richard Friedman for reaching out to Building Works and for his continuing cooperation and assistance. Using DEP's database, the Building Works program sent between 400 – 500 letters to prospective applicants. Of the 30 who were accepted into the program, five left the program when it was 2/3 completed. There is an 80% - 90% graduation rate with an 85% job placement rate within the first few months of completing training. (See program brochure *Attachment 6*) Mr. Killinger asked several program graduates to come to the meeting to speak about the program.

Leslie Schmitt said she is a Bronx resident who was blessed to be enrolled in the Building Works program. She said the program is providing new opportunities to inspire her and set her on her life's career. Devon Gray said he is now a certified asbestos handler who has set his sights on a nice living. Pavel Smith said he was referred to the program by DEP and, as a recent graduate, he has started working in carpentry. The program has turned his life around. James Rodriguez said he graduated at the same time as Pavel and has started shaping a job. He is employed at the Yankee Stadium project. He briefly reflected on a troubled past and praised the program for its impact on trainees. He said he recently moved to the Bronx, and has become affiliated with Local 608, Carpenters Union.

In answer to a question, Mr. Killinger said that about 100 persons have applied for Building Works training; approximately 1/2 of these are from DEP's list of applicants.

Mr. Faulkner thanked Ms. Self and Mr. Killinger, along with the Building Works program's trainees for attending the meeting. He asked Arne Fareth of DEP's BEDC to update the CFMC on Jerome Park Reservoir improvements.

Mr. Fareth spoke from PowerPoint slides which are attached as *Attachment 7*. Following Mr. Fareth's presentation, Ms. Stockstill asked how long it will take to demolish the Croton Demonstration Filter Plant. Mr. Fareth said there will be six months of demolition, which includes time for administrative work such as shop drawing review and filing permits with the Dept of Buildings.

Messrs. Roberts, Bernard Daly and First Deputy Commissioner Steven Lawitts each commented on the Jerome Park Reservoir improvements. Mr. Lawitts added that security measures were critically important to all Jerome Park Reservoir work. He said that Hillview Reservoir, which Ms. Garti mentioned, is not accessible to the public. He said

that the northern part of the Kensico Reservoir is accessible but the southern end around Shaft 18 is off limits and the roadway that crosses Kensico Dam is now closed. He said that the farther from the city's distribution system, the less concern there is about public access because of the longer travel time potable water takes to reach the tap. While DEP continuously protects its upstate supply, if something were to happen upstate, there is greater time to make operational adjustments. Mr. Scheinbach asked about the easement through the Lehman College parking area, and its relationship to giving the public access via a running track. Mr. Lawitts said that this and other issues will be considered among the Parks and Recreation Dept., Dept. of Transportation, and DEP as the recreational pathway planning proceeds. Hector Aponte, Parks Dept. Borough Commissioner, said that in the aftermath of September 11, 2001 everything has changed for public agencies. Security measures are of utmost importance – from getting onto a plane to all forms of public access. Mr. Faulkner added that where the water supply might be at risk, strong security measures are appropriate.

Commissioner Aponte introduced Faisal Choudhury, Dept of Parks & Recreation, who is responsible for monitoring the parks improvements projects throughout the Bronx. Mr. Aponte explained that the Borough President recently received a briefing on the status of projects underway, and Mr. Aponte thought it appropriate to have the CFMC aware of all the work that is going on in the borough. Mr. Choudhury said that 10 projects have been completed, 18 projects are due to be completed in fall 2007 and 33 parks projects are in the design stage. He showed the CFMC a chart and map of the projects' locations and schedules, and said it is important to get 23 projects into construction by December 2007. (*Attachment 8*) Messrs. Choudhury and Aponte introduced Allen Juba and the firm's principal John Williams of MKW Associates. This firm has been selected by the Parks Dept. to design the JPR's recreation path. Mr. Juba said that they recently received the award and have just begun to walk the area and to think about design strategies. Mr. Juba said the main focus of their work will be the recreation path; however, they are considering street trees in the parking area, new paving and lighting treatments and possibly including a streetscape. It might be interesting to have community gardens in open areas as well as provide for exercising space. They expect to take some time to prepare preliminary plans, after tonight showing the CFMC some preliminary concepts, and said they were very enthusiastic about the project. Mr. Aponte added that issues with DOT and other entities might limit an uninterrupted running track. He said he is interested in knowing the community's views.

Ms. Canty and Mr. Friedman spoke briefly about the status of Croton jobs and training, distributing June 2007 report *Attachment 9*. Mr. Friedman added that the second GED class at DEP's community office will begin soon, and said that Skanska will host an outreach event at Fordham's Rose Hill Campus on July 11. Information about it will be provided to the CFMC.

Mr. Lawitts said that at the May CFMC meeting he was asked to tell the CFMC the cost of Croton's design and construction management contracts. The cost is \$293 million. He added that the CRO 312 contracts will soon be registered – they were submitted to the Comptroller's office on June 8th. He said he was asked to tell the CFMC the amount

DEP has paid in fines for missing the February 8 consent order date for the CRO 312 notice to proceed. Mr. Lawitts said that through June 5th, DEP has paid monthly installments for a total of \$2-1/2 million covering four 30 day periods. The penalties are approximately \$30 thousand p/day after June 5th which should cost about another \$1.8 million until notice to proceed. These fines will cease once DEP issues the notice to proceed.

There was a brief discussion among the CFMC about costs. Then Mr. Faulkner asked if the CFMC supported having its next meeting on September 20 with the contractors and unions who will work on the CRO 312 contracts in attendance. The CFMC members agreed.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement.

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Attachment 2

AGENDA
Croton Facility Monitoring Committee Meeting

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| I. Welcome | Greg Faulkner |
| II. Comments from the Public – Sign up to Speak | 3 Minute Maximum - 30 Minutes. |
| III. Consider, Adopt Minutes of 5-17-07 CFMC Meeting | CFMC Principals |
| IV. Safety Procedures – Jerome Park Update on Jerome Park Improvements & DEP Response to J.P. Conservancy | James Roberts , Deputy Comm.
Arne Fareth , BEDC- DEP,
Anne Canty , Deputy Commissioner
Faisal Choudhury , Parks Dept.
Allen Juba , MKW Associates |
| V. Overview of Carpenters Union Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program & Progress on Project HIRE Class & Referrals | Donald Killinger , Dist. Coun.
Carpenters/BuildingWorks-
Glenda Self , Project HIRE |
| VI. DEP Report on Jobs & Training | Anne Canty , Deputy Commissioner,
Rich Friedman , Sp. Counsel, DEP |
| VII. CFMC Questions re Croton Costs & Construction Contracts | Steve Lawitts , 1 st Deputy
Commissioner, DEP |
| VIII. CFMC Discussion & Set Next CFMC Meeting (to Invite New Contractors & Labor Unions) | Greg Faulkner , CFMC Principals |
| IX. Adjourn | |



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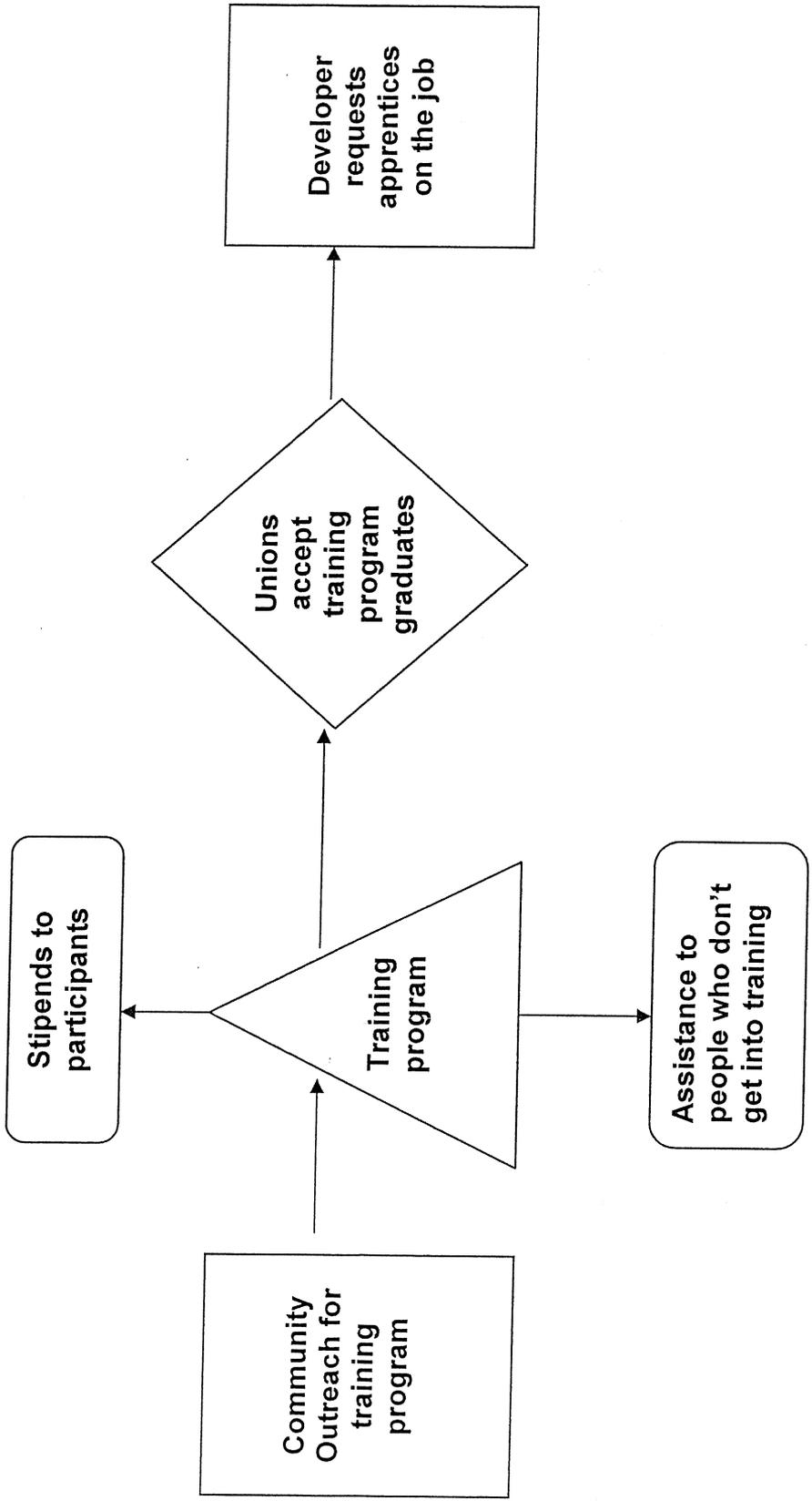
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Department of Environmental Protection, will you...

1. Provide stipends to participants during DEP training programs
The stipend should be \$400 per week, the minimum weekly pay needed to live in New York City according to the City's living wage of \$10 per hour.
2. Encourage unions to accept graduates of training programs (including Project Hire) directly into union apprenticeships
3. Fund at least 25 more training positions
These and any other training positions that have not started yet should be sponsored by Consortium for Workers Education (due to its ability to place 100% of graduates into unions).
4. Outreach more to the community about training programs and GED classes
This outreach should include advertising in local press (The Daily News, Bronx 12, and elsewhere), presenting to counselors and students at Clinton and Kennedy High Schools, and distributing fliers to neighborhood businesses and community groups.
5. Ensure DEP applicants who do not get into a training program receive immediate help or a referral based on their specific need
6. Pressure the developer to request that 20% of workers on site be apprentices



FIPNA FMC 062107 Karen Argenti and Lynn Schwarz

This chart is a simple example of what you would need to know if you were looking to become an apprentice in any of the trades. The DEP should prepare a more comprehensive chart. Every time someone comes to the work site looking for a job, they should be given an up to date sheet of available options. The DEP should prepare this list of each trade, the filing dates for apprentice applications, the qualifications required, and the place to file, etc.

The DEP has the capability to demand each trade **union provide this information** as well as to have the union offer **many hundreds more apprenticeships more often.** We need to make sure that interested persons are embraced into the trades, be trained as apprentices, and as they make a living wage, go to union college at night, and get a union card. Some unions even offer GED programs at the same time. The current situation where the carpenters gave out 100 union cards per year is not sufficient. The pre-apprentice program is held during normal working hours with no pay, and training does assure any movement toward a union card. Compared to a similar program in Newark (which has 275,000 people, or the equivalent to two Bronx community boards out of twelve), this is too little too late. This is not the way for people to make money and support a family.

In order to have trained and skilled union workers on-site, the **unions** need to keep training new people. This means better qualified, trained trades people with a better on time job that is more cost effective with less overtime. The Bronx County Courthouse project labor agreement is an example of why it is so important to stick with trained union workers.

Make no mistake about it; we all remember that cold March meeting at Clinton High School. We are here because the unions said they needed the filtration plant to lower the Bronx unemployment rate, which in 2004 was the highest in the City. Two and one half years later, at 6.1 percent unemployment, it is still the highest in the City, and the unions did nothing to help. The DEP must act NOW to demand these unions open up their ranks so that neighborhood people have the ability to get a union job. Then, the FMC can get on with the topic at hand, monitoring how the project is moving forward, and its impact on lives in the neighborhood.

Update on the FIPNA May 17 submission to the FMC:

1. Point 3 dealt with plans in case of a chlorine gas leak. On June 8 a chlorine gas alarm was triggered in Gate House 5. A level of 2 ppm was detected and 1 of 4 workers was transported to the hospital. The side door to Gate House 3 was opened to the air to allow the gas to dissipate into the surrounding atmosphere. It is important to note that chlorine was also smelled on June 7. The permissible level of chlorine as per OSHA is 1 ppm. (check this wording) The only alarm capability seems to be a flashing light. Are there increasing levels of notification at greater concentrations of chlorine or is it only a flashing light with no remote notification?
2. Point 7 dealt with maintenance of DEP property – essentially the western and southern parts of the area surrounding the Jerome Park Reservoir. Since our last meeting, there seems to be an increased level of garbage pick up. However, considering the extensive use of this area, especially around the bus stop, much more continuing, on-going maintenance needs to be done. This has to be an acknowledged responsibility of the DEP as we need this area to be kept up.

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1	DATA	CARPENTERS and more http://www.nycdistrictcouncil.com/go.php/on/static/page/apprentice_application		Hoisting & Portable/Building Trades http://www.iuoe.org/link_system/local_links2.asp#bookmark		Bricklayers http://www.labor.state.ny.us/pressreleases/currentrecruitment/NYCBricklayers/March26_2007.shtm	
2	URL	NYC District Council of Carpenters		International Union of Operating Engineers		Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, Local 1	
3	Name	HOW TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE CARPENTER, FLOORCOVERER, MILL WRIGHT, CABINETMAKER, DOCKBUILDER OR TIMBERMAN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WILL BE BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.				The Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, Local 1, will conduct recruitment from March 30 through June 29 for 12 bricklayer-mason apprentices and 8 pointer-caulker-cleaner apprentices, and 3 stone mason apprentices.	
4	Application	The Next Scheduled Application Period will be from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon JANUARY 8 - 12, 2006				Applications will be available at the International Masonry Institute, 12-07 44th Ave., Long Island City, on the last Friday of each month during the recruitment period.	
5	Open Period	Applicants will complete an application card and will place card in a locked box provided by the training center. NO PERSON WILL BE GIVEN AN APPLICATION CARD EXCEPT DURING THESE HOURS.				Applicants must be present by 8 a.m.; no one will be admitted after 8:30 a.m.	
6		At the conclusion of the application period, under the supervision of the New York State Department of Labor, one hundred applications will be drawn from the locked box for participation in a one-hour orientation. Applicants will be notified by mail for the orientation.					
7	Method	Application cards that were not drawn will remain in the locked box for the next scheduled apprenticeship application drawing. This process will continue until the desired number of apprenticeship positions are obtained, or until all apprenticeship application cards are exhausted. APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND THE ONE-HOUR ORIENTATION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPRENTICESHIP.				The committee requires that applicants: Be at least 18 years old. Possess sufficient reading and math comprehension skills to satisfactorily complete on-the-job training and related technical instruction. A high school or general equivalency diploma is recommended. Applicants accepted for the program must complete a 12 week pre-job training course. Be physically able to do the work.	
8		MINIMUM APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS					
9		HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR G.E.D. (ORIGINAL OR STAMPED) UPON ACCEPTANCE					
10		PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO WORK IN U.S. UPON ACCEPTANCE					
11	Qualifications	SOCIAL SECURITY CARD					
12		BE A MINIMUM OF 17 YEARS OF AGE					
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		CARPENTERS and more	Hoisting & Portable/Building Trades	Bricklayers
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16	<p>Substance Abuse Screening</p> <p>Applicant must present a photo I.D. for the substance abuse screening and upon acceptance into the apprenticeship program.</p> <p>Following Years</p> <p>All applicants who wish to enter the apprenticeship as a 2nd, 3rd or 4th year apprentice must provide the J.A.T.C. with proper documentation that defines their experience in the construction industry. This documentation must be comprised of official documents such as payroll records, notarized letters of experience, confirmation and sworn statements. The J.A.T.C. will examine all documentation submitted before qualification is acknowledged. The J.A.T.C. will schedule a skill and knowledge evaluation interview with the applicant if it is deemed appropriate.</p>			
17		<p>LOCAL INFO</p> <p>United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Manhattan - Bronx, NY Main office, 505 Eighth Avenue, NY, NY 10018, 212-642-1070, 608 North Office, 43-46 Katonah Avenue, Bronx, NY 10470, 718-231-8404, <i>note that there is another solo Manhattan Local 157</i> http://www.nycdistrictcouncil.com/go.php/on/static/page/local_608)</p>	<p>Local 015, Hoisting & Portable/Building Trades, Address: 265 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011, Fax: 212-206-0357, Updated: 5/18/2007</p>	
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19	<p>UNION MEETINGS</p> <p>Local 608 meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at UNITE Hall, 31 West 15th Street, NY, NY 10015</p>			
20	<p>More Info</p>			<p>For further information, applicants should contact the New York State Department of Labor office located nearest their home or the local at 718-706-9294.</p>

OUTLOOK

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Prudential Gift Expands Minority Worker Training Program



(l-r) Mary Puryear, program officer, The Prudential Foundation; Todd Johnson & Kenyetta Garland, students; Mitch Rosen, director of the office of public health practice; Donald Killinger, New York City district council of carpenters and Gabriella Morris, president of The Prudential Foundation

UMDNJ is known nationally for its many contributions to medicine and research. Now, thanks to the UMDNJ-School of Public Health, the University is also known for helping Newark residents obtain the training and support they need to find jobs and develop successful careers in the environmental clean-up and construction industries.

Since 2000, the Newark Brownfields Minority Worker Training Program has trained more than 130 Newark-area unemployed and underemployed Black and Latino men and women. Each year, over 150 applicants compete for 30 seats in this esteemed program offering 17 weeks of intensive, high caliber instruction in construction trades, hazardous materials handling and removal and job-related

math, reading, writing, computer, personal finance and life skills education. Over 80% of the program's graduates have secured union and private contractor jobs, many of which help local communities by restoring Newark's contaminated building sites called brownfields.

When The Prudential Foundation learned of the Brownfields Minority Worker Training Program, they saw an opportunity to quickly double the number of students in the program through a generous lead gift of \$100,000.

"The Brownfields Minority Worker Training Program is a competitive program that provides quality job training, and ultimately, more employment opportunities for local residents," said Gabriella Morris, president of The Prudential Foundation. "We are proud to partner with UMDNJ to help bring this program to more Newark area residents."

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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

59-17 Junction Boulevard
Flushing, New York 11373

Emily Lloyd
Commissioner

June 21, 2007

Anne Marie Garti, President
Jerome Park Conservancy
3965 Sedgwick Avenue, Suite 1C
Bronx, New York 10463

Dear Ms. Garti:

My staff and I have deliberated extensively over the Jerome Park Conservancy's requests for public access to the Jerome Park Reservoir property. Throughout the planning process for work at Jerome Park, DEP has tried to balance the various security, operational and public safety concerns that we must take seriously as a responsible governmental agency, with the importance of Jerome Park and its reservoir to community life and recreation in the Bronx.

In particular, following the presentation you and your colleagues made to First Deputy Commissioner Lawitts and other, senior DEP staff in February, we have comprehensively reviewed plans for improvements at Jerome Park and tried to integrate your requests with these plans.

After significant discussion and analysis, I have decided that, though DEP encourages public access to its land whenever feasible, because of significant operational and security concerns specific to Jerome Park, the reservoir must remain closed to public access even after the completion of the Croton Filter Plant.

Because the water supply structures surrounding JPR will continue to be used for water supply functions, the property must remain accessible to DEP water supply and water distribution staff around the clock. The interior roadway between the fences at JPR is narrow and contains many difficult curves and changes in elevation, and public access would interfere with DEP's ability to operate the reservoir safely and perform necessary maintenance and repairs.

In addition, security concerns dictate that the property inside the fences remain off limits. As you know, the water in Jerome Park Reservoir is only minutes from entering the City's distribution networks and the taps of nearly one million New Yorkers. Were an incident to compromise the Jerome Park



water supply, DEP might not be able to adjust its system in time to guard the health of the City's population.

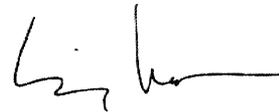
Jerome Park's location in a densely populated, urban area and its immediate proximity to the City's distribution networks exacerbate the risks DEP routinely evaluates at all of its reservoirs and infrastructural facilities.

Similar security measures are not unprecedented for DEP – access is restricted to many roadways, lands and other physical assets in the watershed area – but the need for effective security increases dramatically as the drinking water supply moves close to the population of New York City.

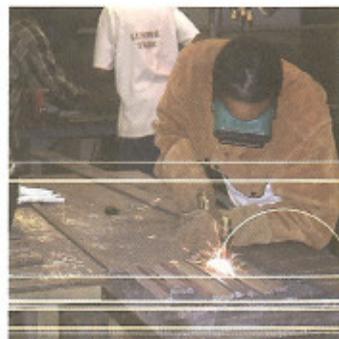
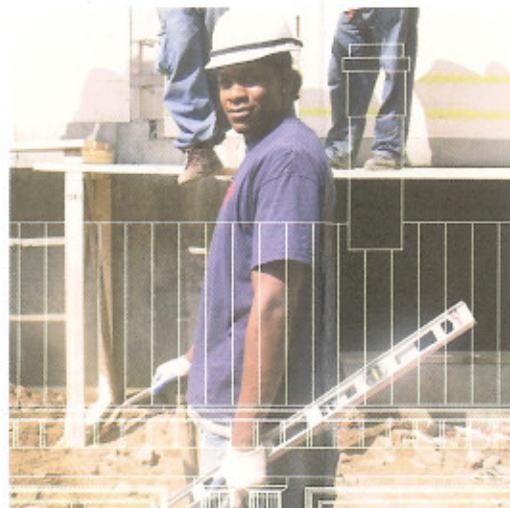
In considering this issue, I consulted extensively with officials at all levels of government, including the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, EPA, the NYS Department of Health and NYPD. All were uniform in their concern over public access to such a critical aspect of the New York City drinking water system.

I assure you that we are committed to work with the Croton FMC, the Jerome Park Conservancy, local residents, elected officials and the Parks Department to develop a plan that accommodates, to the degree feasible, your interest in the Jerome Park Reservoir as a community asset.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Lloyd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Emily Lloyd
Commissioner, NYCDEP



For application materials or additional information, contact

**BuildingWorks
Pre-Apprenticeship Training
New York District Council
of Carpenters**

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New York, NY 10014
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Quality Training

With the assistance of committed professional staff, our participants have graduated from BuildingWorks Pre-Apprenticeship Training, and enrolled in union-based apprenticeship programs. They have built careers in the construction and environmental remediation trades making livable wages to support themselves and their families. Much of our training takes place on-site at the New York District Council of Carpenters Labor Technical College, embracing a non-traditional approach to adult learning that combines life skills, industry related math and writing, health and safety training, and carpentry with hands-on experience. Graduates from BuildingWorks Pre-Apprenticeship work as Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, Stationary Engineers, Operating Engineers, Painters, Laborers, and Elevator Engineers. In addition, graduates have earned entry level environmental technician and environmental remediation positions.

The BuildingWorks Advantage

- Intensive 17-week pre-apprenticeship training in construction and environmental remediation
- Most instructors journey and master level carpenters or environmental technicians
- Training sponsored by the New York District Council of Carpenters Labor Technical College
- Potential to earn 13 combined licences and certificates
- Hands-on experience
- Career guidance
- Job placement assistance
- Completely tuition-free training
- Lunch and transportation provided daily
- Set of starter tools provided upon completion of training

BuildingWorks Success

Hundreds of participants have already graduated from our program. Each year, approximately 87% of our graduates find work within the first 6 weeks after graduation (results vary according to market demands).

BuildingWorks Community Partners

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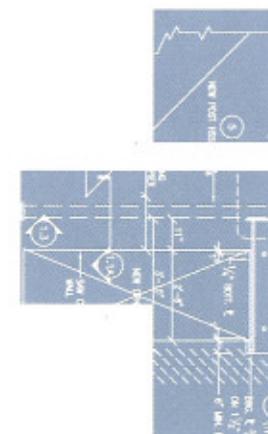
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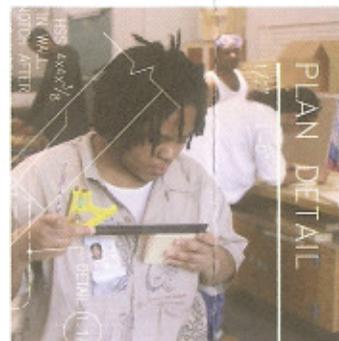
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BuildingWorks Pre-Apprenticeship Training is made possible by grant number 5 U45 ES006179-15 from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), NIH in partnership with UMDNJ-School of Public Health, and the NY/NJ Cooperative Agreement for Worker Health and Safety Training.



BuildingWorks

**Skills Training in Construction and
Environmental Remediation**



BuildingWorks Pre-Apprenticeship Training is a full-time program that runs from 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. The program is divided into three general parts:

- Professional Studies
- Environmental Remediation
 - Health and Safety Training
 - Environmental Field Technician Training
- Construction Skills
 - Shop and Hands-On Carpentry

BuildingWorks participants must complete all three portions of the training in order to graduate.

Professional Studies

These courses prepare BuildingWorks participants for the workplace demands of both the construction and environmental remediation industries. BuildingWorks participants are coached through the application process for apprenticeships and job opportunities. They are also given insights to help them successfully navigate the workplace once they are employed in their field. These courses include:

- Physical Fitness
- Career Guidance
- Industry Related Math and Writing
- Environmental Justice
- Computer Literacy
- Select Life Skills Training

Environmental Remediation

These courses prepare BuildingWorks participants in the areas of worker safety, the handling of hazardous materials, and abatement. Upon successful completion, these health and safety courses earn participants federal and state level licences or certificates. These courses include:

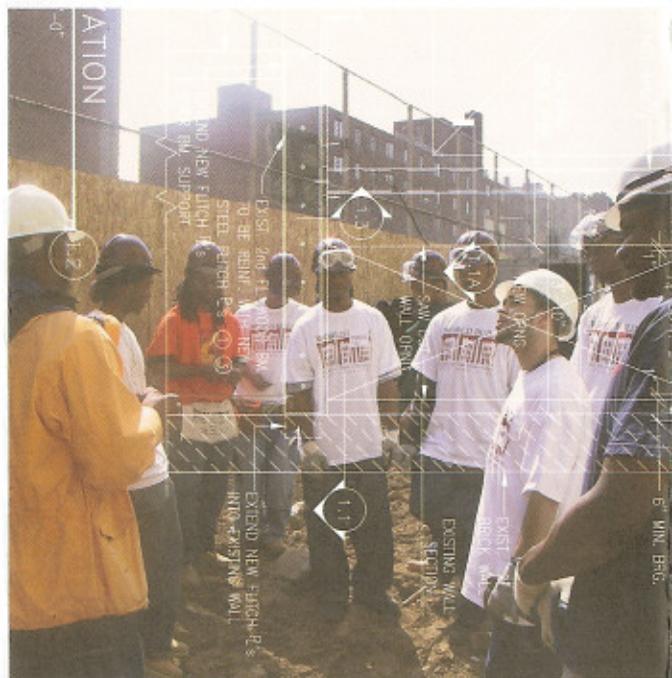
- Ergonomics
- Hazardous Waste Worker
- Lead Abatement
- Asbestos Abatement
- Confined Space
- OSHA 10 Hour Construction Safety
- Mold Awareness
- Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Site Sampling and Monitoring

Health and Safety Training is the core curriculum for any BuildingWorks participant interested in becoming an environmental field technician. Licensing and/or testing fees are included as part of the training at no cost to BuildingWorks participants.

Construction Skills

Under the supervision of master level carpentry instructors, these courses provide BuildingWorks participants with practical experiences working with hand tools in a structured environment.

Through partnerships with Habitat for Humanity and Christmas in April, BuildingWorks students gain valuable experience working on residential construction projects. Each year, BuildingWorks participants contribute to the creation of affordable housing initiatives through community participation and sweat equity.



Program Requirements

In order to participate in BuildingWorks Pre-Apprenticeship Training, you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- have a High School Diploma or GED
- meet federal income guidelines
- be either underemployed or unemployed
- be physically able to do the work
- complete an application with one of our community-based partners
- be able to provide requested documentation
- have math and reading skills at the 8th grade level
- attend a program orientation
- be able to pass a drug test
- be available to attend the pre-apprenticeship training full time
- be committed to completing the entire, full-time, training program



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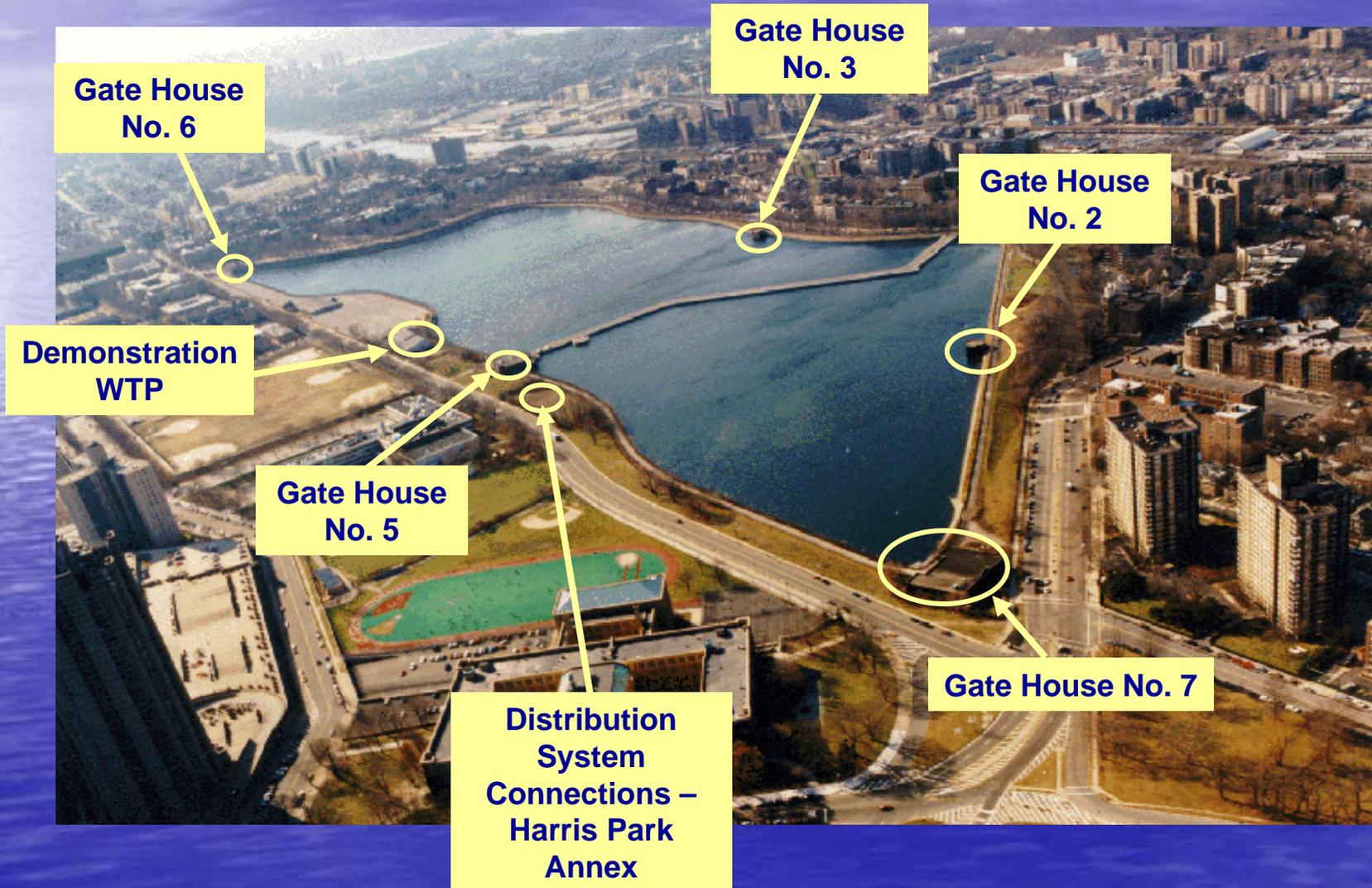


**Presentation to
Facilities Monitoring Committee
on Status of Planned Construction
at Jerome Park Reservoir
June 21, 2007**

Presentation Outline

- Site Overview
- Brief Description of Work at Each Facility
- Mitigation
- Working Period Timeline

Jerome Park Reservoir Overview



Gate House No. 5

- Rehabilitation of interior/exterior, masonry, windows, ventilation, etc. (ongoing)
- Install Chlorine Scrubber (~ 2008/2009)

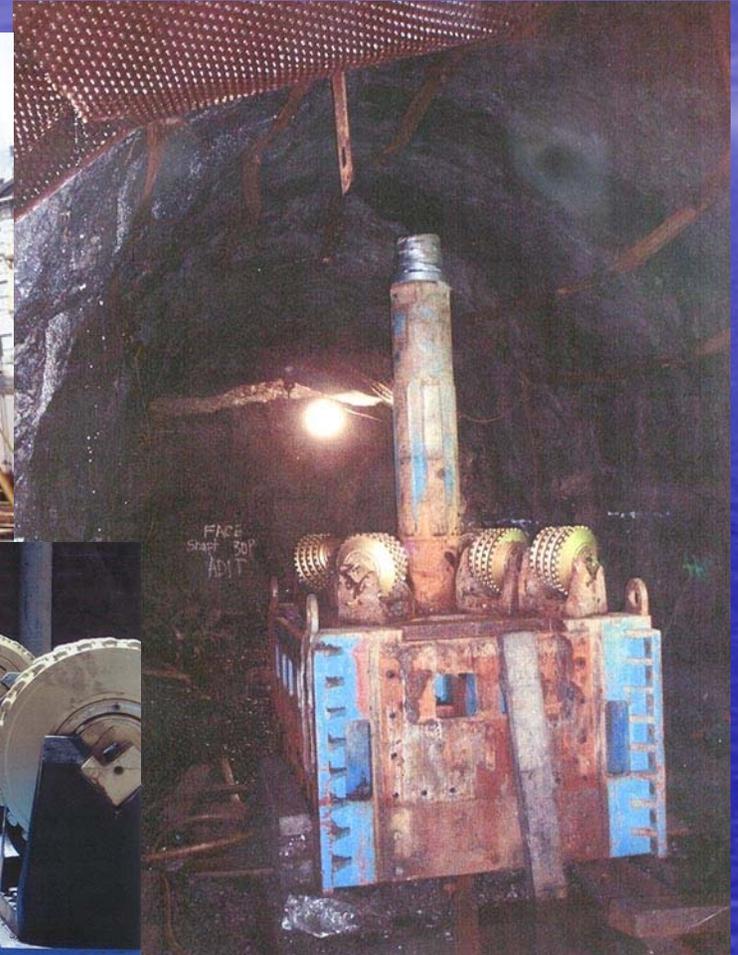


Harris Park Annex

- Construction of Shaft and Meter Chamber (~2008/2011 Intermittent)
- Connections to Water Mains (~2010)
- Connections to Treated Water Tunnels (~2008/2009)



Raise Bore Equipment



Gate House No. 7

- Rehabilitate interior and exterior (~2011/2012)
- Connections to Water System (~2011/2012)



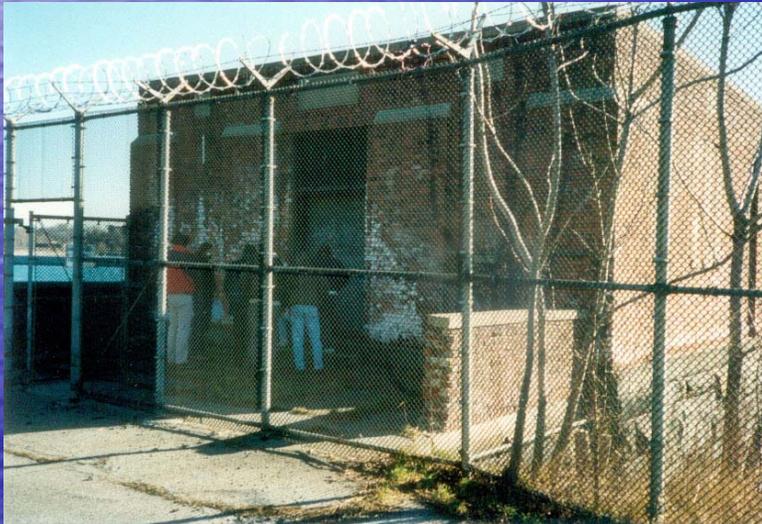
Gate House No. 2

- Rehabilitation of interior and exterior (~2009/2010)



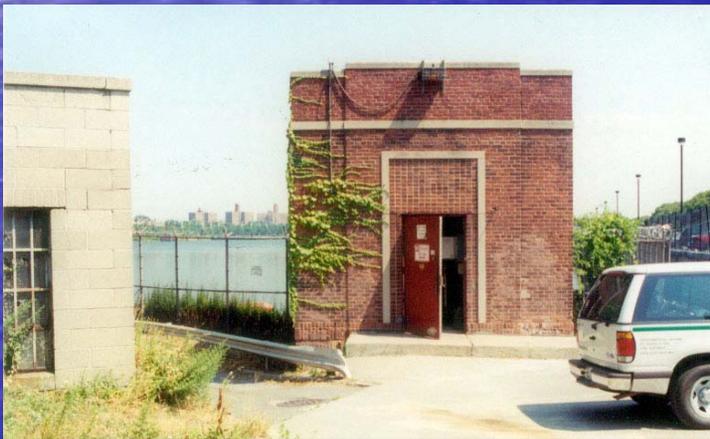
Gate House No. 3

- Rehabilitation of interior and exterior (~2009/2010)



Gate House No. 6 and Microtrainer Building

- Decommissioning Gate House No. 6 (~2009/2010)
- Rehabilitation of interior/exterior (~2009/2010)
- Demolition of Microtrainer Building (~2009/2010)



Gate House No. 6



Microtrainer Building

Demolition of Demonstration WTP



- Work Period: 10/07 – 3/09

Jerome Park Reservoir

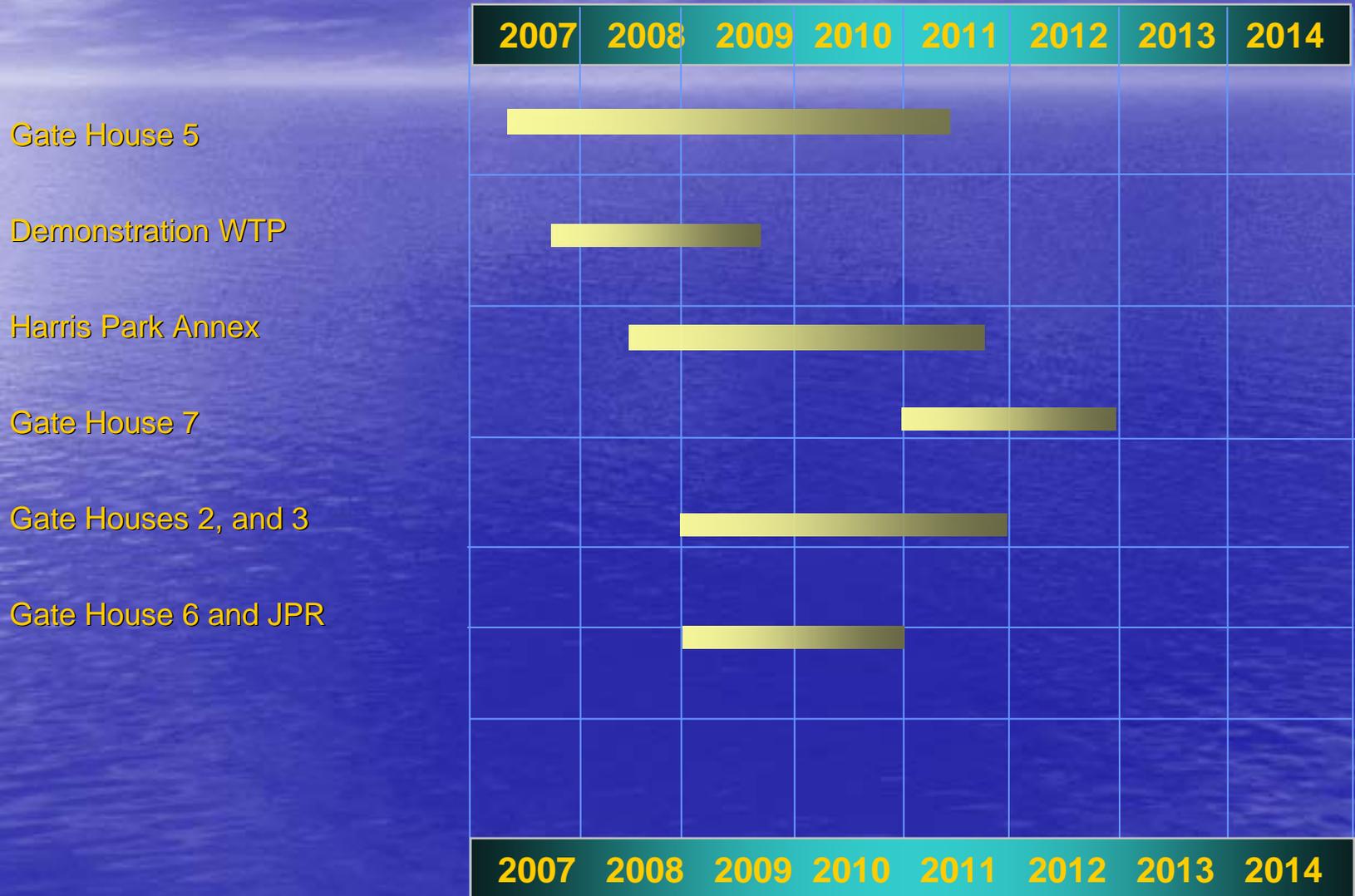
- Reservoir Wall Repairs (~2009/2010)
- Construction of Access Ramp to South Basin (~2009/2010)
- Dewatering System Repairs (~2009/2010)



Mitigation Measures

- Work hours: 7 AM to 6 PM – except at Harris Park Annex
- No blasting for rock excavation – only mechanical or chemical removal
- Noise limitations: the greater of 65 dBa or increase of 3 dba over ambient
- Sound barrier to minimize noise outside construction site; noise monitor near site
- Air pollution – comply with Local Law 77 – ultra low sulfur diesel fuel; new engines or exhaust filters
- Dust control required, same as WTP site

Working Period Timeline – All Projects





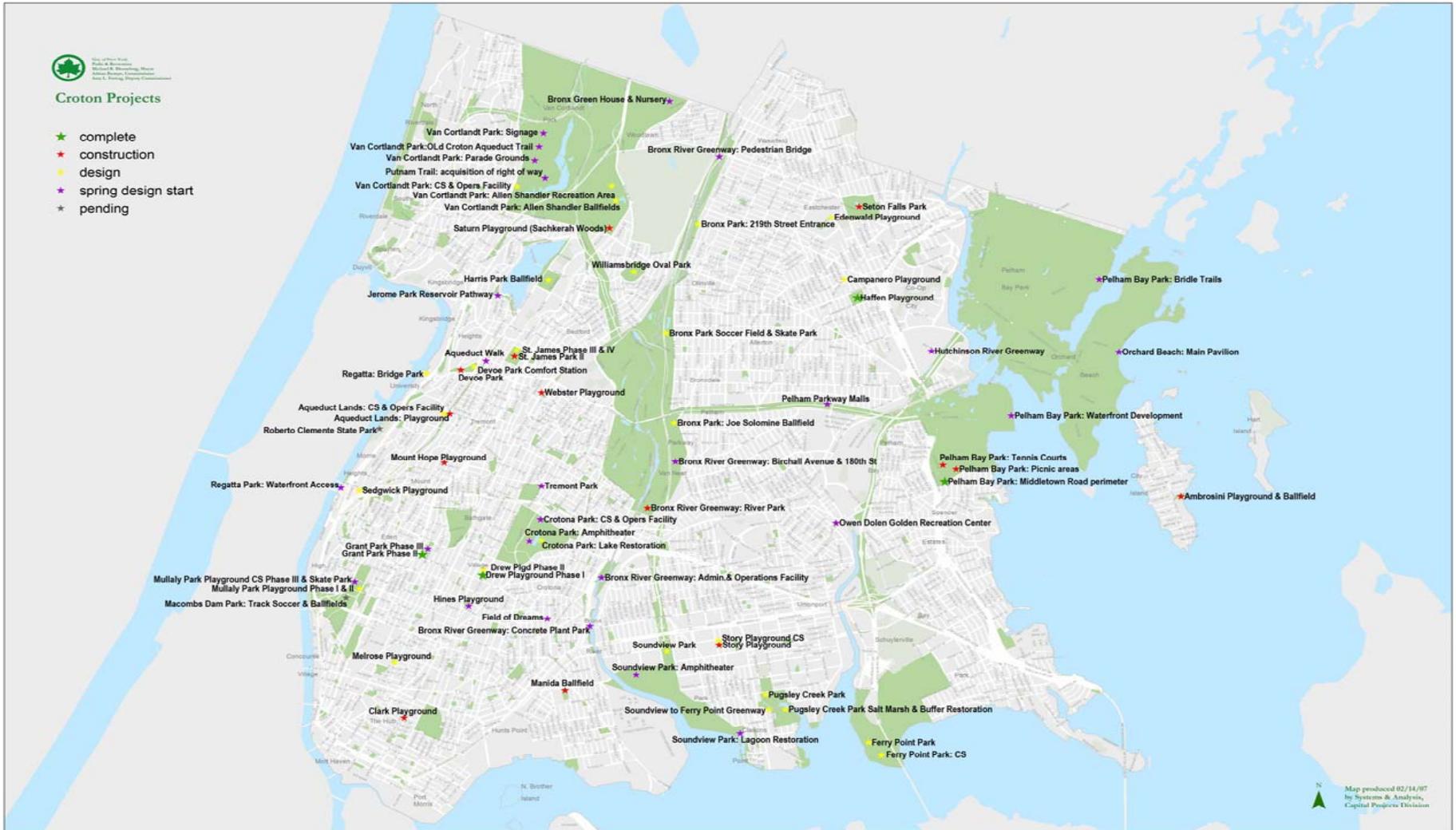
New York City
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Questions and Answers

The Croton Program

Croton Projects Map



The Croton Program

Croton Program Values

⌘ *The Croton projects follow core Croton Program Values which include having:*

- 📄 Projects that are transformative in their effect.
- 📄 Projects that are designed in conformance to the American Disabilities Act.
- 📄 Projects that are welcoming to a diverse public (disabled, aged, etc.).
- 📄 Projects that are sustainably designed for water retention within the sites.

The Croton Program

Project Types

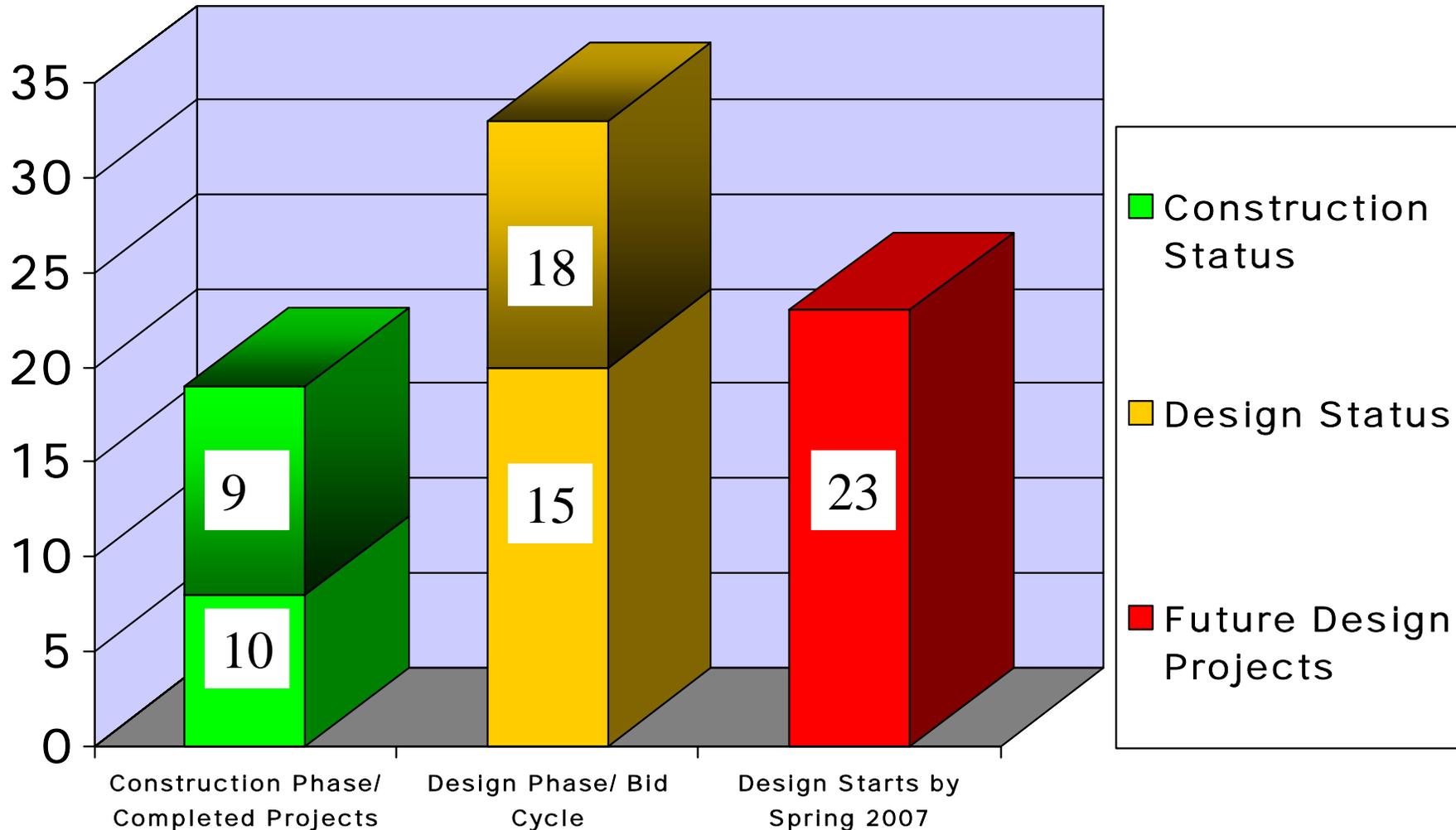


⌘ The Croton projects fall into four categories:

- (1) Greenways
- (2) Waterfront Access
- (3) Regional Recreational Facilities
- (4) Neighborhood Parks

The Croton Program

Croton Projects Overview



Completed Construction Projects: *Grant Park (Phase II)*

⌘ Past Conditions
("Before")



⌘ Current Conditions
("After")



Completed Construction Projects: *Haffen Park*

⌘ Past Conditions
("Before")



⌘ Current Conditions
("After")



Completed Construction Projects: *Drew Park Phase I*

⌘ Past Conditions
("Before")



⌘ Current Conditions
("After")



Completed Construction Projects: *Pelham Bay Park Tennis Courts & Parking Lot*

⌘ Past Conditions ("Before")



⌘ Current Conditions ("After")



Current Construction Projects: *Van Cortlandt Park Sachkerah Woods*

⌘ Past Conditions ("Before")



⌘ Current Conditions ("After")



Current Construction Projects: *River Park*

⌘ Past Conditions
("Before")



⌘ Current Conditions
("After")



Current Construction Projects: *Seton Falls*

⌘ Past Conditions
("Before")



⌘ Current Conditions
("After")



Transformative Projects: *Story Playground*

⌘ Story Playground - Existing Conditions



⌘ Story Playground - Schematic

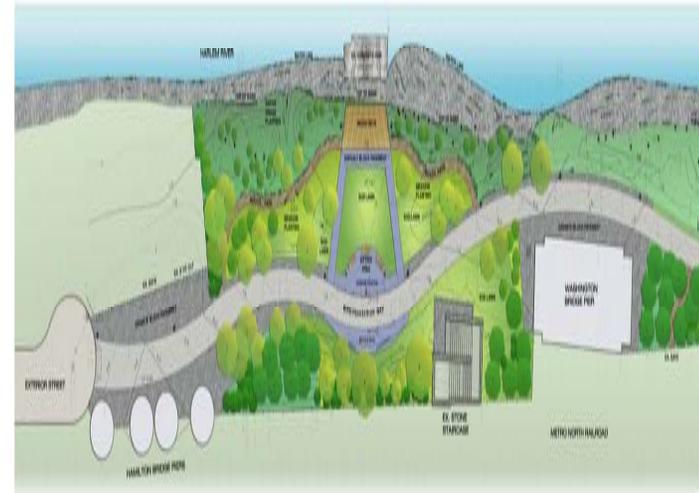


Transformative Projects: *Bridge Park*

⌘ Bridge Park - Existing Conditions



⌘ Bridge Park - Schematic



Area Enlargement
Scale: 1" = 20'-0"



Croton Filter Project: Report on Jobs & Training

June 2007

As part of DEP's extensive community outreach efforts in the Bronx, the following standard reporting form was developed to track job training and hiring initiatives:

General Statistics

- ◆ Total number of applicants who have applied for jobs and/or training: **1001** (of which **921** are deemed active). This is an increase of **76** applicants from last month.
- ◆ Total number who reside in the Bronx : **856**
- ◆ Total number who have either been hired or accepted for training: **171**
- ◆ Percent of total applicants who are in training or working: **18%** of all active applicants, **21%** of non-union applicants, and **26%** of non-union Bronx applicants.

GED Courses

- ◆ Total number of applicants who require a GED for apprenticeship programs and/or jobs: **227** (**197** from the Bronx)
- ◆ Number of applicants from original list accepted into 2 GED classes: **35**, of whom **26** completed the class and are ready to sit for the exam that DEP will provide.
- ◆ Number of applicants awaiting future GED classes: **34** (as of June 20, 2007)
- ◆ Number of applicants in need of courses or training prior to GED eligibility: **Unknown**. DEP is developing a more comprehensive applicant list that will include more specific questions about literacy and educational background.

Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

- ◆ Number of applicants accepted into any pre-apprentice program. **62**. (2 in OAI, 4 in current Project HIRE class, 26 accepted into DEP-funded Project Hire class, which began June 18th, and 30 in City Tech/Carpenter's Union class).
- ◆ Number of pre-apprenticeship trainees now union apprentices: **0**. (Courses have yet to finish, however 2 have been interviewed for DEP positions.

Project HIRE

- ◆ Total number of applicants potentially eligible for Project HIRE: **720**.
- ◆ Number of applicants enrolled in 1st Project HIRE class: **26**.
- ◆ Number of applicants awaiting 2nd Project HIRE class: **0**. DEP will fill the first class before working to fill the second.

Workers On-Site

- ◆ Number of workers at Croton during March: **264**
- ◆ Of those, how many live in the Bronx: **42**
- ◆ Bronx residents as percent of total Croton workforce during March: **16%**
- ◆ Total number of New York City workers at Croton during March: **117 (44%)**
- ◆ Number of applicants for Croton jobs whose resumes were not suitable for Croton but whose resumes (or the applicants themselves) were sent by DEP to another project or employer: **Unknown**. DEP has forwarded appropriate resumes to a number of other, relevant entities and will quantify this process for future updates.