

1 **Waterfront, Parks & Environment Committee**

Item # 7

2
3 March 4, 2015

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5 Mr. William T. Castro
6 Manhattan Borough Commissioner
7 City of New York Parks & Recreation
8 Arsenal West
9 24 West 61st Street
10 New York, NY 10023

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12 **Re: DeWitt Clinton Park**

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14 Dear Commissioner Castro,

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16 Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is pleased to learn of the planned It's My Park Day for
17 DeWitt Clinton Park this May in conjunction with Clinton Housing Development Corporation
18 and local stakeholders. (CHDC). MCB4 supports this opportunity to help further activate this
19 wonderful 5.83 acre park in our Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhood.

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21 CHDC's Cultivate HKNY unit has a great deal of experience bringing together members of the
22 community to get involved with green spaces in Hell's Kitchen. MCB4 is confident the It's My
23 Park Day will be a great success and it is our hope the event will allow current active users of
24 DeWitt Clinton Park to enlist more volunteers to help transform DeWitt Clinton to an
25 exceptionally beautiful and inviting place and live up to its full potential.

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27 DeWitt Clinton Park has had a small number of very dedicated volunteer gardeners over the
28 years. The planned It's My Park Day will allow these gardeners to showcase their work to their
29 neighbors as well as receive new materials to work with and extra helping hands to get the work
30 done. These dedicated volunteer gardeners have expressed some general concerns about the park
31 which MCB4 hopes to have the opportunity over the upcoming months to discuss with the
32 Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and generate ideas on how to improve DeWitt
33 Clinton Park.

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35 MCB4 is grateful DeWitt Clinton will be receive additional attention through the planning and
36 execution of an It's My Park Day event this year. We look forward to working with DPR,
37 CHDC and the Hell's Kitchen gardening community to beautify and celebrate DeWitt Clinton
38 Park.

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41 Sincerely,

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43 Christine Berthet
44 Chair

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Delores Rubin Co-Chair
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48 cc: Ashleigh Eubanks, Clinton Housing Development Corporation
49 Elliott Sykes, City of New York Parks & Recreation
50 Brad Hoylman, NY State Senator
51 Richard Gottfried, NY State Assemblymember
52 Jerrold Nadler, Congressman
53 Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
54 Corey Johnson, NYC Councilmember

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