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Barretto Point Park Expands with more than an Acre of Additional Waterfront

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Vincent Sapienza joined NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP today to announce that a 1.2-acre parcel has been added to Barretto Point Park, bringing the total acreage of the park to 12.2 acres. This new section was transferred from DEP to NYC Parks in February 2018 and is now open to the public as a grassy area with picnic tables and views of the East River and Manhattan skyline.

Prior to being transferred to NYC Parks, the land was remediated by DEP under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Restoration Program. The remediation plan included excavation, soil removal, new soil cover and a demarcation layer to prevent intermixing of sub-base and subgrade layers. To ready the area for public use, Parks' staff cleared and mowed the site, installed picnic tables, a mulched path and fencing.

"In a city as dense as New York, it is a rare occasion to be able to create new parkland," said **DEP Commissioner Sapienza**. "We are so happy to be a part of expanding Barretto Point Park and to see this beautiful waterfront property put to good use."

"We are thrilled to expand this beloved waterfront park," said **Commissioner Silver**. "Bronxites now have more greenspace to unwind, picnic and play. We know how much New Yorkers love the floating pool, so we've been working with DEC to keep the pool here at Barretto while ensuring there is no negative impact on aquatic life."

"Expanding Barretto Point Park and keeping the floating pool through 2022 are welcome news for our community," said **Congressman José Serrano**. "As a longtime champion of expanding access to greener and cleaner spaces in urban areas, I'm glad to see an additional 1.2 acres of unused space turned into public parkland. Thanks to this effort, Bronx families will be able to continue enjoying access to a larger outdoor space, free recreational activities, and a cleaner air. The environmental condition of the Bronx has improved tremendously over the years and it will continue to do so with the collaboration of local, state and federal officials."

"The newly created waterfront open space at Barretto Point Park will bring many new amenities for the enjoyment and use of South Bronx residents," said **Eric A. Goldstein, attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council**. "This much-needed additional green space is not only the result of the good work of DEP Commissioner Sapienza and Parks Commissioner Silver, but tireless advocacy from local group Mothers on the Move on behalf of this community."

"Mothers on the Move (MOM) is happy that we are moving in the right direction and hope to continue working with the Parks Department," said **MOM Executive Director Wanda Salaman**.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends

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more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 in the upstate watershed. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$20.7 billion in investments over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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