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FOUR YEAR PHASING PLAN DEVELOPED FOR BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK

The Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation announced its four year phasing plan for Brooklyn Bridge Park at a public meeting held at Polytechnic University last night. The plan includes an early park opening with the first sections of the park opening to the public by the end of 2009, and the completion of phase 1 by 2012.

The four year phasing plan is outlined below:

Winter 2009: Work begins on Pier 6 uplands and pier, including a 1.8 acre playground that serves as a major gateway to the park at Atlantic Avenue, concession with roof deck and sand volleyball courts. Also at Pier 1 and the Brooklyn Bridge Plaza area, a major entrance to the park will be constructed at Old Fulton Street and the major lawn areas of Pier 1 designed to create major landscapes facing the Brooklyn Bridge and the NY Harbor.

Summer 2011: Pier 1 uplands and water garden, Uplands of Pier 2 and 3, and Pier 4 will be built. The Uplands will provide full public access across the site, and include the 30-foot wide Greenway connection, boat access and a public boathouse, a tidal pool area with access to the water, a wooden seating area.

Spring 2012: Pier 5 and Pier 5 uplands, which include 5 acres of multi-use active recreation and the picnic peninsula with a concession, barbeque and play area.

The phasing plan also accounts for all available funds originally allocated to the project, as well as an additional \$75 million, for a total amount of \$225 million. As additional funding becomes available, BBPDC plans on prioritizing the construction of Pier 2, the remaining section of Pier 6, the John Street site north of the Manhattan Bridge and Pier 3.

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