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BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK CONSTRUCTION TO START THIS WEEK

Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation President Regina Myer announced the first phase of the park's construction this week. Phase I, of what will become a world class waterfront park along the East River, began Monday, January 28, and is expected to last up to nine months.

Site preparation and building demolition by Skanska USA, the construction manager, will include the demolition of five pier shed buildings (Piers 1-6), with the exception of those elements that will be incorporated in the park plan; demolition of the Purchase Building and 3 adjacent sheds; demolition of three buildings adjacent to Piers 2, 3 and 6; and the removal of trees, vegetation, and miscellaneous site elements across the entire site. Safety fencing will be put up before the demolition begins late February and the general public will not be allowed access.

When completed, this 1.3 mile, world-class park on the Brooklyn's waterfront will add much-needed open space for Brooklyn and New York City residents. It will reconnect the citizens of Brooklyn to their waterfront, replacing abandoned piers, parking lots and storage sheds with opportunities to play sports, stroll, or just lounge at the water's edge. Brooklyn Bridge Park will contribute to the extraordinary revitalization of waterfront in the New York Harbor, serving as a bridge from the commercial uses of previous centuries to the recreational uses of the future.

Additional information:

Hours of operation

- 7am to 3:30pm, Monday thru Friday.
- Overtime is expected to be limited and only when required.

Traffic/Deliveries

- Deliveries of materials will occur between the hours of 7.30am and 3.30pm.
- In order to minimize construction traffic in the neighborhood, 90% of debris from construction operations will be removed via barge.
- No road closings are anticipated, although temporary lane closures may be required at limited times to complete utility work.

Noise

- All vehicles and machinery will comply with NYC noise regulations. Noise detectors will be located on site.

Security Fencing and Gates

- The entire project site will be secured.
- All staff members will be headquartered at the Skanska Trailer complex located at the Pier # 2 entrance off Furman Street.

- Every employee will have a photo ID badge and "scan in" card issued by Skanska USA, to be used at the Main entrances.
- Main entrances will be equipped with a security camera to monitor all activities.

Lighting

- All existing light poles are to be removed, and lighting will be temporary and minimal, to illuminate each pier and adjoining upland area.

Dust Control

- Dust will be controlled by watering down debris during the demolition of masonry buildings.
- Dust is expected to be minimal on piers since any existing masonry will be demolished while the surrounding shed is still in place.

Hazardous Material Abatement

- The buildings earmarked for demolition contain lead paint and asbestos. Prior to demolition, these materials will be removed from the structures.
- Lead Paint and asbestos material abatement will be performed by licensed contractors, and will be monitored by an independent environmental company to ensure compliance with local laws and best practice.

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For further information regarding this phase of construction, please email brooklynbridgepark@empire.state.ny.us

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