BOX STREET AND NEWTOWN BARGE PARKS
BOX STREET AND NEWTOWN BARGE PARKS: Location
BOX STREET PARK:
- 2.81 acres total
-$8mm funding

NEWTOWN BARGE PARK EXPANSION:
- 2.27 acres total
- $7mm funding
NEWTOWN BARGE AND BOX STREET PARKS

PROJECT SCOPE:

- Environmental investigation
- Surveys and site analysis
- Design
- Demolition
- Remediation
- Construction
BOX STREET PARK:
EXISTING CONDITIONS
NEWTOWN BARGE PARK:
EXISTING CONDITIONS
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EXISTING CONDITIONS
GREENPOINT – WILLIAMSBURG WATERFRONT OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN
5.1 Box Street Park

The proposed Box Street Park, located at 65 Commercial Street at the end of Box Street, will combine active and passive recreation facilities to create a dynamic neighborhood park. This 2.5-acre park will include a much-needed multipurpose field in addition to a shaded picnic terrace that will overlook the Shore Public Walkway and the East River. The picnic terrace will be open to the Shore Public Walkway and its shade structure and seating will create a unique, comfortable gathering space from which visitors may view the water or a game.

The design retains the existing bulkhead wall, which is in good condition and does not currently require extensive repair. The site’s location, at the mouth of Newtown Creek, makes it an appropriate access point for kayaks.

FIGURE 5-4: VIEW OF MULTIPURPOSE FIELD, SHORE PUBLIC WALKWAY, SEATING AREA, AND SHADE STRUCTURE

FIGURE 5-5: CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN FOR BOX STREET PARK
5.2 Newtown Barge Terminal Playground and Greenpoint Playground

These two existing playgrounds, located across the street from each other, are envisioned as two connected pieces of park, one allowing for intensive, paved uses on an upland site and the other providing green play areas and passive recreation activities near the water. The existing Newtown Barge Terminal Playground contains a ball field, handball and basketball facilities. The Greenpoint Playground (located across Commercial Street) contains children's play equipment. The planned expansion of the Newton Barge Playground will allow NYC DPR to further reorganize and expand the recreation activities in the two playgrounds, the children's play area will be expanded into the waterfront site at Newton Barge Playground. The trellis and backstop structures will provide shade for picnicking, viewing games, and strolling.

FIGURE 5-7: EXISTING SITE PHOTO OF NEWTON BARGE TERMINAL AND GREENPOINT PLAYGROUNDS
BOX STREET AND NEWTOWN BARGE PARKS: Timeline

Preliminary Design: Fall 2013

Final Design: Summer 2014

Construction Start: Spring 2015

Construction Complete: 2016
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