

# History of Hudson River Park in Hells Kitchen/Clinton

City Club of New York

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1800 to 1975 - The rise and fall of commercial maritime activity on Manhattan's West Side waterfront

1975 to 1985 - The Westway proposal and the fight for an alternative

1986 – Initial condition of the Hell's Kitchen/Clinton waterfront

1990 – West Side Waterfront Panel 's vision for Hudson River Waterfront Park

1995 – Hudson River Park Conservancy Concept and Financial Plan with the proposed removal of Piers 92 and 94 as requested by Mayor Guiliani and put under NYC EDC jurisdiction

The Conservancy's Concept and Financial Plan (modified) was the basis for Environmental Impact Statement, General Project Plan, and 1998 Hudson River Park Act

2001 – NYC EDC permits trade shows in Pier 94

2020 – Clinton Cove Park with Pier 97 under construction

2025 – Sunset Studios at Pier 94 (not consistent with the Park, blocking view corridors)

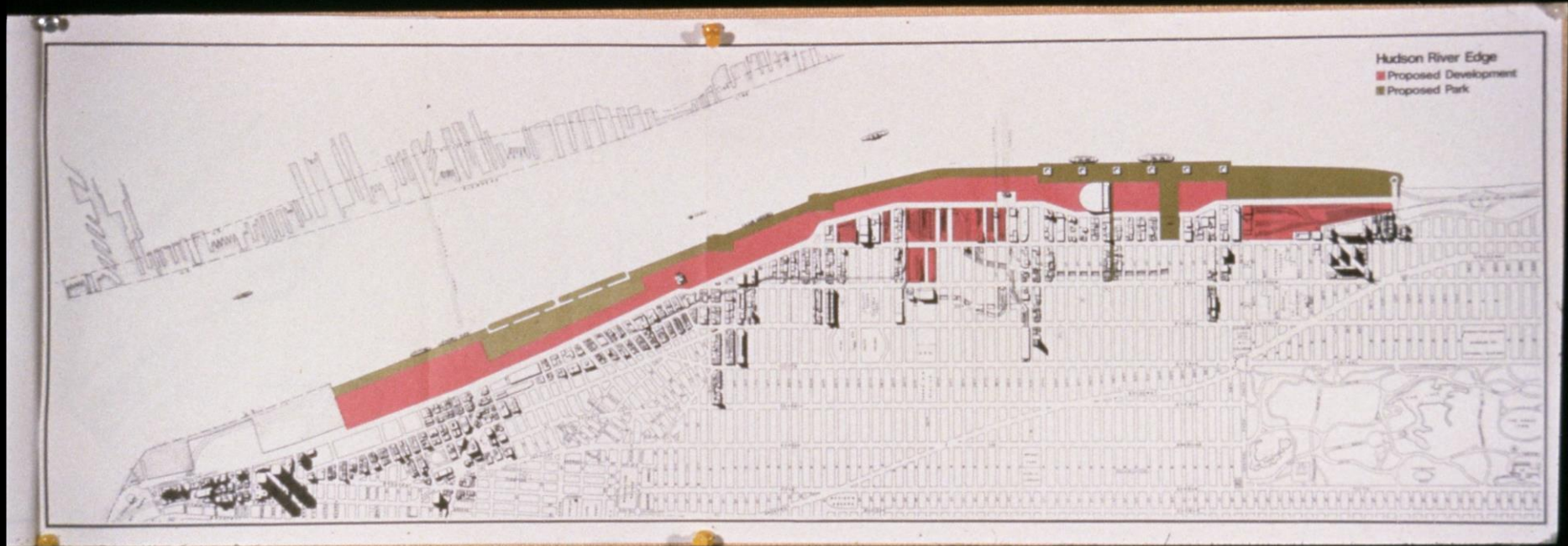


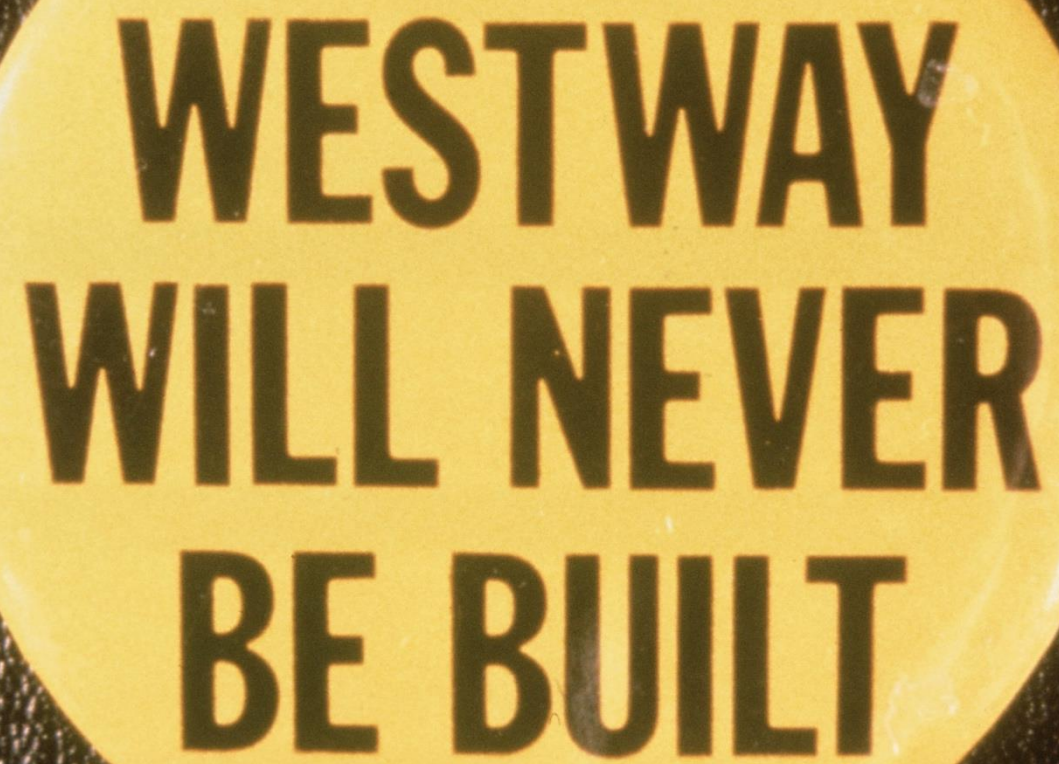












**WESTWAY  
WILL NEVER  
BE BUILT**





# HELP CREATE THE WEST SIDE WATERFRONT PARK

• Draw a Picture of the Park Today • Participate in Public Meetings • Tell Your Ideas

Vote for the 21st Century  
Environmental Quality  
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## 9A RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT WEST SIDE HIGHWAY-BATTERY TO 59TH STREET



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SILENCE = DEATH

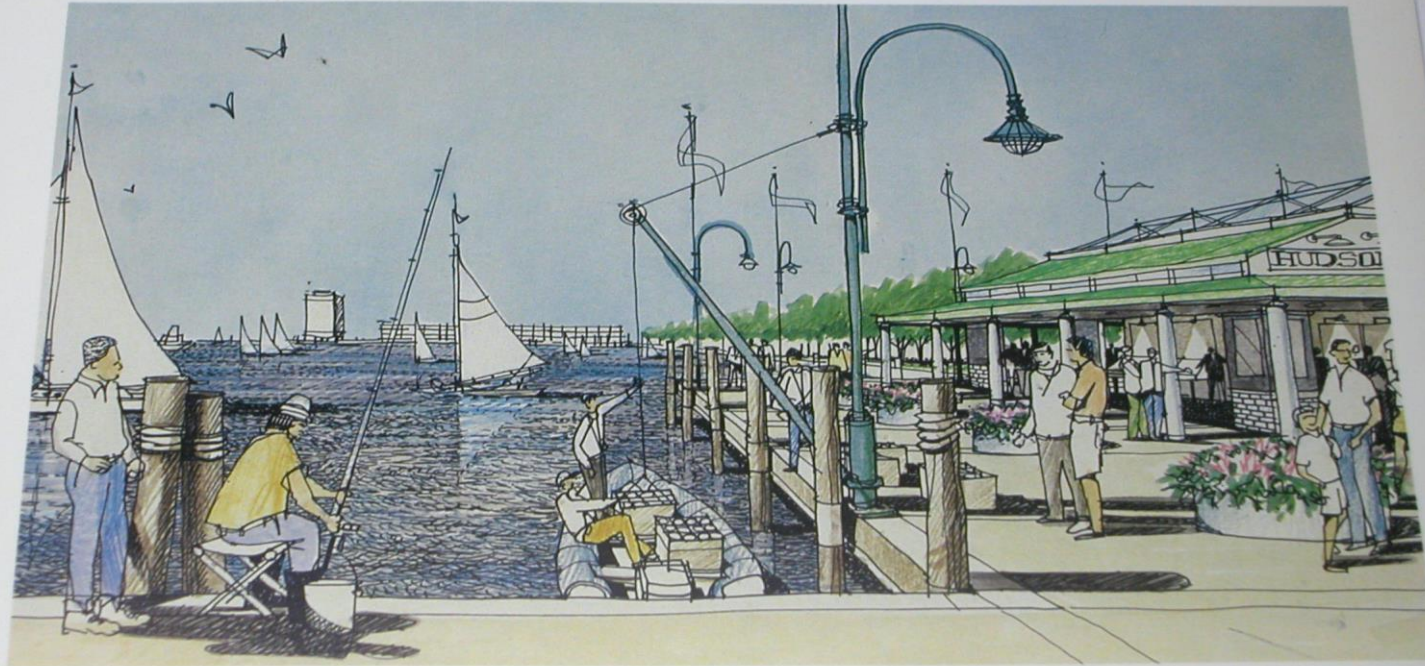




Recommendations of the  
West Side Waterfront Panel

November 1, 1990

## A VISION FOR THE HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT PARK



A Report to  
Governor Mario M. Cuomo &  
Mayor David N. Dinkins





DeWitt  
Clinton  
Park

West 57th  
Street End

Clinton Waterfront

97

← 90 PASSENGER SHIP TERMINAL  
THEIR ENTRANCE!  
EXCUSE! • 9:30 PM  
REAR SHIPS AT ARCADE LEVEL •





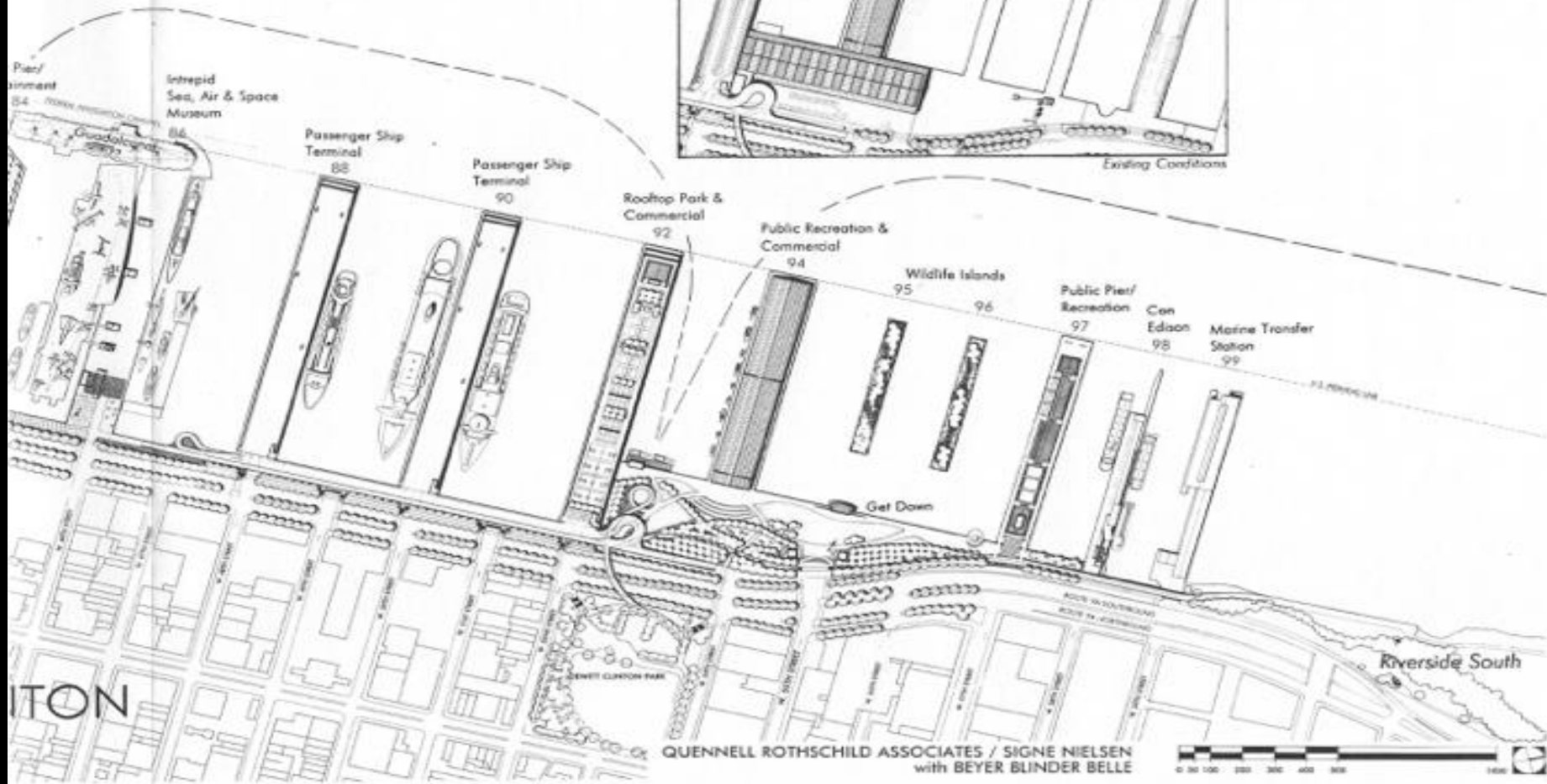
CONCEPT  
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# Hudson River Park

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Mayor, City of New York

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