



PortSide NewYork summary of major news of May 14, 2024:

Port Authority and NYC land swap of Red Hook, Brooklyn and Howland Hook, Staten Island ports

As of 5/16/24 7:35pm

Our area of Red Hook is about to be replanned. On Tuesday 5/14/24 there was a morning press event in the Red Hook Container Terminal with the Mayor, Governor, President/CEO of the NYC EDC and Port Authority leaders. We were there. The City will take over Port Authority property in Brooklyn, swapping it for City property on Staten Island at the Howland Hook containerport, and the City will provide up to \$2 billion in projected tax revenue from commercial buildings to support replacement of the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Midtown. The NYC EDC is announced as new manager and planner of this stretch of Brooklyn waterfront running south from Brooklyn Bridge Park, from Pier 7 at Atlantic Avenue through Atlantic Basin to Wolcott Street in Red Hook.

- [Video of event](#) and [transcript](#)
- [Mayor's Office press release](#)

### What's the plan?

This is part of a City (Mayor and EDC) plan branded 'Harbor of the Future.' There is a promise to modernize the containerport with \$95MM for upgrading piers 7,8, and 10, adding an electrified gantry crane, investing NYS funds in a new cold storage warehouse so the imported produce is trucked around less, adding micromobility services (not defined as to what and how) and addressing last mile traffic by using the marine highway. (See our blogpost on that [here](#).) FYI, the Port Authority condemned Piers 9A and 9B last September (trapping a vintage engine of ours out there), which is why the #9 is missing in the pier numbering sequence above.

Non-port uses were discussed a lot with talk of "creating a vibrant, new, mixed-use neighborhood."

### How?

The planning process is not fully clear yet. A Task Force, headed by Congressman Dan Goldman was announced as the means of taking community input. What's not clear is the timeline for the property changing hands from the State to the City, which effects whether or not the City ULURP process is used. ULURP plans are binding; Task Force discussions are not. ULURP allows for more community input. The State has a means to do the planning called a General Project Plan (GPP). If the master plan is done via a GPP, as they were with Atlantic Yards, there is no ULURP. If the new Master Plan is done while it is City property, we think a ULURP process is triggered.

[Brownstoner explanation of ULURP](#)

[Dept of City Planning explanation of ULURP](#)

## Who? Political Jurisdictions

These are complicated! One NYS Assemblymember Charles Falls has the piers, and two others, Marcela Mitaynes and Jo Anne Simon have the land!

- 1 US Congress - Dan Goldman
- 1 NYS Senate - Andrew Gounardes
- 3 NYS Assembly Charles Falls, Marcela Mitaynes, Jo Anne Simon
- 2 City Council - Alexa Avilés, Shahana Hanif
- 1 Borough President - Antonio Reynoso
- 1 community board - CB6
- 2 neighborhoods: Red Hook and Columbia Waterfront District

Most media reporting regurgitated the press event and press release with little or no analysis. The exceptions or media where we appear are listed directly below. Congressman Nadler press release criticizing the plan [here](#). He represented the port piers until redistricting when Dan Goldman was elected.

- Daily News editorial [Port Authority betrays Brooklyn as it skips town](#).
- The Real Deal [City nabs control of Red Hook waterfront, plans redevelopment](#)
- CBS Channel 2. [NYC wants to revitalize 120 acres of waterfront in Brooklyn. Here's how it plans to do it](#). Our ED Carolina Salguero was interviewed on the Mary Whalen.
- NY Post. [NYC to shell out \\$80M on Brooklyn pier repairs, 'planning' for massive port overhaul](#). This misquoted Salguero and mistated the time Jim Tampakis has been in Red Hook. He has had a family business here for 50 years, not 3 years of residency.

### **Info about property swap as of 5/16/24**

Official video of event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMVe5Z970IY>

Mayor's Office press release <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/373-24/mayor-adams-governor-hochul-nycedc-port-authority-plan-transform-brooklyn-marine#/0>

Port Authority Press Release

<https://www.panynj.gov/port-authority/en/press-room/press-release-archives/2024-Pres-Releases/governor-hochul--mayor-adams--port-authority-announce-plan-to-tr.html>

NYC Mayor's Office - Red Hook Fly Through (Youtube graphic) - On May 14, 2024 it is listed as posted 4 weeks ago <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3B8KfnkyD4>

NYC EDC webpage <https://edc.nyc/project/brooklyn-marine-terminal> - uses an old Atlantic Basin photo when the Intrepid's submarine Growler was here (circa 2007?)

Congressman Jerrold Nadler Press Release is critical of the deal

[Nadler Criticizes the City, State and Port Authority's Short-Sighted Decision to Divest from the Red Hook Container Port.](#)

## **MEDIA COVERAGE as of 5/16/24**

Daily News editorial

<https://www.nydailynews.com/2024/05/15/sink-this-pier-plan-port-authority-betrays-brooklyn-as-it-skips-town/>

Patch.com

### **NYC Will Redevelop Acres Of BK Coastline, Make Modern Marine Terminal**

<https://patch.com/new-york/brooklyn/nyc-will-redevelop-arces-bk-coastline-make-modern-marine-terminal>

“In addition, Mayor Adams announced that the city has submitted grant applications for over \$350 million in federal funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Transportation to help transform Brooklyn Marine Terminal by replacing the defunct Piers 9A and 9B with a new marginal pier for greater capacity to handle international containers and micro-freight.” This is the only place we spotted that talks about fate of Piers 9A and 9B. PortSide has a vintage engine stranded on 9B.

CBS channel 2 – Carolina Salguero interviewed on Mary Whalen

### **NYC wants to revitalize 120 acres of waterfront in Brooklyn. Here's how it plans to do it.**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/red-hook-brooklyn-waterfront-development/>

The Real Deal

### **City nabs control of Red Hook waterfront, plans redevelopment**

<https://therealdeal.com/new-york/2024/05/14/new-york-city-acquires-brooklyn-port-eyes-development/>

NY Post

### **NYC to shell out \$80M on Brooklyn pier repairs, ‘planning’ for massive port overhaul**

<https://nypost.com/2024/05/14/us-news/nyc-to-shell-out-80m-on-brooklyn-pier-repairs-planning-for-massive-port-overhaul/> misquoted Salguero. Error in # of years Tampakis has been here.

**Streetsblog** - [Kevin Duggan](#)

Not published yet. Carolina Salguero interviewed

Daily News

### **Brooklyn’s Red Hook Marine Terminal takes step toward mixed-use future: Hochul, Adams**

<https://www.nydailynews.com/2024/05/14/brooklyn-red-hook-marine-terminal-takes-step-toward-mixed-use-future-hochul-adams/>

Bloomberg

### **New York City Nabs Stretch of Brooklyn Coastline to Redevelop**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-05-14/nyc-plans-to-redevelop-brooklyn-coastline-with-greener-port-housing>

Commercial Observer

### **NYC to Take Over Brooklyn Marine Terminal to Give Mixed-Use Facelift**

<https://commercialobserver.com/2024/05/eric-adams-hochul-brooklyn-marine-terminal/>

The New York Times

**New York Announces \$95 Million Revitalization of Port in Red Hook**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/14/nyregion/red-hook-redevelopment-shipping.html>

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

**NYC & NYS deal will transform Brooklyn Marine Terminal**

<https://brooklyneagle.com/articles/2024/05/14/nyc-nys-deal-will-transform-brooklyn-marine-terminal/>

**Brooklyn Marine Terminal to undergo major transformation**

<https://brooklyneagle.com/articles/2024/05/15/brooklyn-marine-terminal-to-undergo-major-transformation/>

La Voce di New York

**Mayor Adams, Gov. Hochul, Port Authority Invest \$95M for Red Hook Port**

<https://lavocedinewyork.com/en/new-york/2024/05/14/mayor-adams-gov-hochul-port-authority-invest-95m-for-red-hook-port/>

BK Reader

[New York Plans \\$80M Overhaul of Red Hook Coastline](#)

6sqft.com

**NYC to redevelop 122-acre stretch of Brooklyn coastline**

<https://www.6sqft.com/nyc-to-redevelop-122-acre-stretch-of-brooklyn-coastline/>

yahoo news

[Brooklyn's Red Hook Marine Terminal takes step toward mixed-use future: Hochul, Adams](#)

Bisnow

[NYC Takes Over 122 Acres Of Brooklyn Waterfront With Eye On Redevelopment - Bisnow](#)

NY1

[NYC economic development official backs Brooklyn port revival - NY1](#)

Brooklyn paper

[City takes ownership of Brooklyn Marine Terminal, planning modern mixed-use transformation](#)

GlobeSt

[NYC to Revitalize Brooklyn Waterfront, Marine Terminal - GlobeSt](#)

MSN

[NYC to shell out \\$80M on Brooklyn pier repairs, 'planning' for massive port overhaul - MSN](#)

WBGO

[Brooklyn Marine Terminal to be transformed | WBGO](#)

Pix11

[NYC plans to redevelop 122-acre stretch of Brooklyn coastline](#)

Time Out

[A modern new port is opening on the Brooklyn coastline](#) – photo incorrectly shows Erie Basin bargeport which is not part of this land swap

[NYC to Take Over Brooklyn Marine Terminal to Give Mixed-Use Facelift](#)

Commercial Observer

SILive.com

[Long-term expansion of Staten Island shipping terminal expected to create high-paying jobs](#)

THE CITY - NYC News

[New Hochul official's dilapidated Brooklyn legacy, Rozario family speaks out | THE CITY](#)

Audacy

[NYC nabs stretch of Brooklyn coastline to redevelop - Audacy](#)

Splash 247

[New York port set for transformation - Splash247](#)

### **Maritime press**

Marine Log

[VIDEO: New York unveils plans to transform Brooklyn Marine Terminal](#)

Journal of Commerce

[NY-NJ port swaps assets with NYC to grow Brooklyn, Staten Island terminals](#)

gCaptain

[Brooklyn Marine Terminal Set for Major Overhaul - gCaptain](#)

The Maritime Executive

[New York Will Invest \\$95M to Expand Brooklyn and Staten Island Port Ops](#)

WorkBoat

[New \\$95 million plan for Brooklyn Marine Terminal](#)