

NEWS: Empire Fulton Ferry Park Closes for Renovations

Empire Fulton Ferry will close as of January 1, 2010 as construction gets underway to implement a series of exciting park improvements. This section of Brooklyn Bridge Park will be home to Jane's Carousel, a gift of Jane and David Walentas. The magnificent restored 1922 carousel will be housed in a beautiful pavilion designed by Pritzker-Prize winning architect Jean Nouvel, making the carousel available for use in all seasons. Additional improvements to the Empire Fulton Ferry landscape include:

- extension of the park lawn to the south across the current alignment of New Dock Street
- installation of stormwater retention tanks to irrigate the park's natural features
- installation of park furnishings including railings, benches, picnic tables and bike racks
- installation of lighting so that the park will be open after dark for the first time since its opening in 1979, and
- Re-grading of the park to improve drainage

Scheduled Re-Opening: Spring 2011

We appreciate everyone's patience while we make these improvements to Empire Fulton Ferry and we are working diligently to open Pier 1 of Brooklyn Bridge Park as early in 2010 as possible.

For further information and project updates, please go to:

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