



It was a delight and honor for the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation (BBPDC) to host the Waterpod at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 5 on August 4 - 18, 2009. Unlike other host sites where the Waterpod docked, Brooklyn Bridge Park is under construction and BBPDC is working diligently to open the first phases of the 85-acre park. We appreciated Mary, John, and the rest of the Waterpod crew's patience and understanding in abiding by the strict rules we needed to enforce to ensure their safety and that of the many visitors that took part in the public programs offered on the pod while here on Pier 5.

As one of the first, albeit temporary, cultural tenants at Brooklyn Bridge Park, the Waterpod presented values and ideas that were strongly allied with BBP. Brooklyn Bridge Park will be the first large park in New York City to incorporate innovative and up-to-the-minute sustainable practices in both its design and operation. These include storm water management, reuse of salvaged granite, wood, and other building materials, and restoration of the ecological habitat, particularly at the river's edge. The Waterpod's mission to explore the challenges presented by increasing global environmental concerns is echoed in pragmatic ways in Brooklyn Bridge Park's conceptualization and implementation. Like the intent of the Waterpod creators, BBPDC envisions that our park-goers will come away from their visits with a stronger connection to the natural world and a heightened sense of their role as a steward of the environment. And, like the Waterpod, we want you to have fun!

We encourage the fans of the Waterpod to visit Brooklyn Bridge Park when it is open in early 2010. Here are a few ways to keep in touch with us:

- Visit us online and join our mailing list: [www.brooklynbridgeparknyc.org](http://www.brooklynbridgeparknyc.org)
- Join the Brooklyn Bridge Park group on Facebook:  
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=10328384058>

Thanks for visiting Brooklyn Bridge Park!