Newark’s Riverfront is our riverfront!

The Riverfront That Newark Wants
1874–Newark touches the river
2012–Environmental legacy

CAPPED SITE OF DIAMOND SHAMROCK FACTORY, PRODUCER OF AGENT ORANGE AND DIOXIN
History of unrealized visions
Newark’s Passaic Riverfront
Revitalization Initiatives
2008–2010

Super Neighborhood River Walks

New Riverfront Park

Young Riverfront Planners Project

Public Floating Dock

High School Boating Program
Organizing to build a strong constituency for Newark’s riverfront

- Public tours & programs
- Neighborhood information sessions
- Youth education programs
Our goal: **Two cents from two percent.**

Over three years, we want to involve two percent of Newarkers (5600 people) in imagining and remaking their riverfront through workshops, tours, exhibitions, and clean-ups.
What was the river always nasty or at some point it was healthy?

Eidy Sandoval
ribera recuerdos
riverfront memories
ribeirinha memórias

Please write or draw about things you know about the Newark waterfront. Have you been there? Do you remember what happened? When someone says Passaic River, what do you think about?
What is the future of Newark’s riverfront?

Newark Riverfront 3000
NEWARK GOES BACK TO THE RIVER

Welcome to NEWARK

Fun! This Way

What is the future of Newark's riverfront?
NEWARK'S RIVERFRONT

SEARCH:

CATEGORIES
BUILDING THINGS
MAKING THE RULES FOR
DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC PROGRAMS
YOUTH EDUCATION

ARCHIVES
JUNE 2011
MAY 2011
DECEMBER 2010
OCTOBER 2010
SEPTEMBER 2010
AUGUST 2010
JULY 2010
MAY 2010
APRIL 2010
JANUARY 2010
NOVEMBER 2009
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MAY 2009
APRIL 2009

JUNE 30 – WINE ON THE WATER
May 20, 2011, 3:54 pm
Filed under: Public Programs

WINE on the WATER

Join us this summer for an exclusive evening cruise on Newark’s historic Passaic River...

Tickets $40
Wine, cheese, & jazz, plus Newark as you’ve never seen it before.

Limited seats available. Learn more: www.newarkriverfront.com
newarkriverfront@gmail.com
(0732) 783-3017

Thursday, June 30, 2011, 6:00 pm

A Benefit Event for the Newark Riverfront Boat Tour Program

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE via PAYPAL

To benefit Newark Riverfront Revival’s Boat Tour Program, you are invited to join an exclusive evening cruise on the historic Passaic River on Thursday, June 30 at 6 pm. Tickets are limited, so purchase your tickets today!
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A Benefit Event for the Newark Riverfront Boat Tour Program
ahoy! from WINE on the WATER
2 cents from 2 percent
Progress: 2011

Park design meetings: 260
Development Framework meetings: 200
Neighborhood meetings: 340
Boat tours: 1600
Walking tours: 340
School presentations: 350
Riverfront 3000 exhibition: 750

TOTAL = 3840 (69%)
Citywide Resident Statement on Newark Riverfront Development Framework

We, the undersigned residents and organizations of the City of Newark, are vitally interested in the decisions presented by the Newark Riverfront Development Framework. We feel strongly that Newark's riverfront represents a tremendous opportunity for the City, one that will not be realized without the passionate dedication of City residents and informed by a strong sense of justice. We have seen too many riverfront redevelopment proposals, in Newark and elsewhere, that envision the riverfront only as an opportunity to bring new and exclusive amenities to cities in order to facilitate elite-oriented development. Newark has the opportunity to learn from the shortcomings of these projects in order to make a riverfront that is connected to the thriving spirit and culture of Newark and its residents. The riverfront must be available to all people regardless of race or income, and we offer the following ideas in support of this goal.

1. General Principles:
   All Riverfront Planning & Development must be guided by and adhere to the following principles:
   - Maximizes opportunities for public dialogue and meaningful input
   - Enhances the image of, builds pride in, and celebrates the history and people of Newark
   - Welcomes and brings people together from across Newark and beyond
   - Ensures full, easy, and safe public access and experiences
   - Connects and extends (does not separates) the City and its neighborhoods to and along the riverfront
   - Respects the scale and character of the neighborhoods in and around the Riverfront
   - Promotes the restoration of the River and heals the environment
   - Creates jobs for residents and builds our economy

2. Maximize Public Access & Spaces
   The riverfront is a major resource and opportunity to enhance the City's livability and image, provide new opportunities for all Newark residents to gather together, and utilize the birthplace of the City to create new and exciting dynamic place for all.
   - Too many Newark developments in the last 30 years have isolated themselves from the City and its residents by avoiding public entrances on major streets, restricting access to overhead walkways, and prioritizing vehicular access over pedestrians.
   - To avoid this on the riverfront, perpendicular access should be required at regular intervals, spaced a minimum of 700’ apart.
   - Ensure continuous parallel access along the river’s edge by way of a continuous walkway from one end to the other.
   - Looking toward the water, views of should be of parks and water, not buildings or parking lots
   - Pedestrian-friendly, tree-lines walkways should flank roads like Raymond Blvd along the waterfront
   - In the past, the physical design and management practices of Newark open spaces have worked, sometimes explicitly and sometime subtly, to exclude users deemed undesirable.
   - Through physical design, programming, and management, new riverfront parks must welcome all Newarkers.

3. Grow the Riverfront as an Extension of the City
   The riverfront must be an extension — socially, economically, and spiritually — of Newark, not a community unto itself.
   - Integrate and Connect the Riverfront with the City fabric and create opportunities for residents and local businesses.
   - Wherever possible, reinforce mixed-income communities
   - We support mandatory affordable housing set-asides — a minimum of 20% — for any new housing near Newark Penn Station.
   - Create greenways to connect the riverfront to neighborhoods and parks

SIGNED (see attached signature page)

KEEP OUR RIVERFRONT FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY, KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIVEABLE & AFFORDABLE FOR RESIDENTS

I agree with the attached Ironbound Riverfront Framework Petition being circulated by the Ironbound Community Corporation - Individual Signers Below - Please print your name, and then sign your name, and add your address:

1. Elizabeth Castillo 269 1/2 Elm St
   Signature
   Address

2. Elizabetha Pizarro 35 Simo Village Ct
   Signature
   Address

3. Jonathan Leon 164 Walnut St
   Signature
   Address

4. Jason Castello 164 Walnut St
   Signature
   Address

5. Raul Cosme Roman 185 Myrtle Ave
   Signature
   Address

6. Irene Arce 586 Newark Pl
   Signature
   Address

7. William Mercado 2236 Praterstown
   Signature
   Address

8. Melissa Miranda 501 Elm St
   Signature
   Address

9. Deborah Humphreys 31 Elm St
   Signature
   Address

10. Peter Cline 230 Grafton Ave
    Signature
    Address

11. Michael Merced 41 Kershaw St Apt 2F
    Signature
    Address

12. Tiffany Taylor 186 South St Apt 1
    Signature
    Address

13. Ana Garcia 318 11th St
    Signature
    Address

Please return petitions to Ironbound Community Corporation, 179 Van Buren St, first floor, or email to nzak@ironboundcc.org.
Building public improvements to bring life to the riverfront
the Newark Riverfront

5 miles
77 property owners
A Green Park Along The River

What is the Ironbound Waterfront Plan?

The Ironbound Waterfront Plan calls for a green park along the Passaic River in Newark. The plan includes areas for environmental education for children, new soccer and baseball fields, and areas for bike riding, and walking. Our neighborhood has much less park space than other neighborhoods its size. We hope that city, county, and state officials will join us to take advantage of this major opportunity to get more green space for recreational use.

The green ribbon stands for the park – the river stands for the river. Wear this to show your support for a park along the river. For more information about the Ironbound Waterfront Plan and what you can do to make it a reality, call the Ironbound Community Council: (973) 589-3353.
THE FUTURE OF NEWARK’S RIVERFRONT IS YOURS.

The Division of Planning & Community Development invites you to join the discussion about making the rules for the development of the Newark Riverfront.

WHAT
For decades, Newarkers have discussed vision of our waterfront, including a riverfront trail, new parks, and opportunities for development. At this meeting, you will hear about what it will take to make these visions into reality. The city is helping to guide the development of the riverfront, from the North Ward to the downtown.

WHERE
Tuesday, December 17, 6:30-8:30 pm

For more information, please call Waterfront Planner Damon Rich at (973) 733-5918.

MAYOR CORY A. BOOKER AND THE NEWARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

HELP DESIGN NEWARK’S FIRST RIVERFRONT PARK!

The Division of Planning & Community Development and The Trust for Public Land invite residents to learn about and discuss ideas for creating Newark’s first Riverfront Park.

WHAT
Building on the City of Newark’s commitment to creating beautiful parks along Newark’s Passaic Riverfront, the City of Newark and The Trust for Public Land have entered into a partnership with IKEA to complete a design for 7.5 acres between Jefferson and Oxford Streets along Newark’s Passaic Riverfront. This discussion will provide an opportunity to meet the project team, share preliminary thoughts, and offer your knowledge and opinions as the design process begins.

WHERE
Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 6:30-8:30 pm

City Hall First Floor Rotunda, 500 Broad Street

For more information, please call Waterfront Planner Damon Rich at (973) 733-5918.
COMING SOON

THE FUTURE OF NEWARK’S RIVERFRONT

Newark Riverfront Park Phase One

www.newarksriver.wordpress.com

Mayor Cory A. Booker
AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.
AND THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

This postcard was created by students from St. Vincent Academy (Ameaka Brown, Shyela Boyd, Tony Carter, Niejah Fisher, Amira Rogers, Tevin Rouse, Danielle Walker, Ashley Woolfork) with help from Damon Rich and Erika Hill.
Welcome!
Bienvenido!
Bem-vindo!
Newark Walks to the Water!

Saturday, June 2, 10:30 am
Meet on front steps of City Hall, 920 Broad St

Join other Newarkers & the Shabazz Marching Band to walk from Newark City Hall to the riverfront!

We'll have supplies to paint signs to carry and represent your neighborhood or organization!

To learn more & RSVP
www.newarksriver.wordpress.com
(201) 563-2834
newarkriverfront@gmail.com

Celebrate the opening of Essex County Riverfront Park!
Saturday June 2, 2012
Raymond Blvd and Brill St
M1 bus to Ferry & Chrystie Streets, then walk 2 blocks north Bring lawnchairs & blankets!

10:30 am  Walk to the Water
Join other Newarkers & the Shabazz Marching Band to walk from Newark City Hall (920 Broad St) to the riverfront!

11 am  Eighth Annual Passaic River Paddle Relay Race
See the finish of the race!

12:30 pm  Community Dedication
Commemorate the efforts of many to create the new park, with remarks by historian Dr. Clement Price.

1:30 pm  Riverfront Jamboree
Fun & free activities like capoeira, tennis, yoga, art-making, face-painting, Double Dutch & Zumba!

4:30–7 pm  Evening Performances
Jazz & Blues, Spoken Word, DJ & Dancing.

Essex County Riverfront Park

Organized by Friends of Riverfront Park, Newark Riverfront Revival, Essex County Parks System, Councilman Augusto Amador, & Assemblyman Albert Coutinho.
Thanks to support from NY-NJ Habitat Estuary Program, Seidler Chemical Company, The Trust for Public Land, Sovereign Bank, & Fernandes Steak House.

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Perforated metal railing (prefabricated)

Dock Rules / 'No Fish, No Swim, No Crab'

Prefabricated non-perforated metal railing / waterjet cut to create "cutout" graphics.

Esplanade railing fence and structure:
Refer to landscape dwg for detail

Section
Scale: 1" = 1' 0"

Elevation
Scale: 1" = 1' 0"
The Passaic River, one of New Jersey's longest and most polluted rivers, has a long history of contamination. Between 1950 and 1969, a factory at 80 Lister Avenue produced Agent Orange, used in the Vietnam War. This factory was responsible for dumping millions of pounds of Agent Orange into the river, causing severe damage to the ecosystem.

Agents Orange was an herbicide used to kill vegetation, and it contained two toxic chemicals: 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. The 2,4,5-T component of Agent Orange is a powerful herbicide that can kill plants at very low concentrations. However, it is also a carcinogen and can cause cancer in humans.

Today, the Passaic River is still considered a Superfund site, and the cleanup process has been ongoing for over 30 years. The river has been designated as a National Priority List site due to the severe contamination caused by Agent Orange and other industrial pollutants.

The Passaic River's contamination has had a significant impact on the surrounding communities. Many residents have experienced health problems, and the river remains polluted with mercury and other toxins. The cleanup process has been slow and expensive, and there is still much work to be done to restore the river to its natural state.

In 2012, the federal government announced that the Passaic River cleanup had reached a tipping point, and the river was being designated as a Superfund site. This designation will allow for more funding and resources to be directed towards the cleanup process. However, much more work needs to be done to fully clean up the river and restore it to its natural state.
**Babbach Smelting and Refining Works**

Between the 1840s and 1870s, a factory stood on part of Riverfront Park and Riverbank Park that collected scrap and copper from the lead mines in Pennsylvania and used a process to extract silver and gold. A diagram shows the factory with a smelting process using high heat to melt metals and rocks. Dense smoke was released, and people worked in dangerous conditions. A house later known as the Babbach House was built close to the factory, and in an explosion, bricks came flying in the air. The factory was eventually closed.

**The Morris Canal**

The path behind you follows the route of a canal built in the 1850s to connect the coal mines of Pennsylvania to New Jersey and New York City. It was an engineering marvel in its day, involving gravity, sluices, and waterwheels. In Newark today, Raymond Boulevard and the Newark City Subway are built on the bed of the old canal. The canal was dug to move coal, and the path that goes through Riverfront Park was used by the canal before being filled in the 1920s.

**Who Lived Here Before?**

Leni Lenape

The first known people to inhabit this land called themselves Leni Lenape, or “original people.” They lived in the New Jersey hills to the east, and often traveled to the Passaic River to hunt and fish. Lenape groups traveled as Arapeshes and fished on the river in dugout canoes, caught fish, turtles, birds, and shellfish, and hunted deer, turkey, and bear in surrounding woodlands.
For 80 years, Newarkers have dreamed of a riverfront park on this spot. Thanks to those whose vision, dedication, advocacy, and hard work have brought the dream to life.

I've known rivers: I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins. My soul has grown deep like the rivers. — Langston Hughes
LIFE AFTER DEATH FOR THE PASSAIC?

Polluters are resisting a cleanup, but their day of reckoning is coming

A half-century has passed since workers at Diamond Shamrock were ordered to dump dioxin into the Passaic River in Newark, and then to march out at low tide and knock down the toxic mud piles with rakes so that no one would know.

And as polluters clean up their messes in places like the Hudson River and the Great Lakes, the Passaic remains an industrial dead zone, where fishing and swimming are off limits, and even boats are a rarity.

RIVER OF DREAMS

To most people, the Passaic River is a filthy backwater, a casualty of the industrial revolution, hopelessly lost. But not for a band of hardy activists who have been working furiously on an immigration reform bill that is expected to be introduced this week.

A deal that breaks immigration logjam

Eight U.S. senators — Democrats and Republicans — have been working furiously on an immigration reform bill that is expected to be introduced this week. Editorial writer Linda Ocasio spoke with one of the eight, Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), about what to expect. An edited transcript appears below:

Q. What are the basics of the new bill for people who entered the country illegally?

A. In broad strokes, an undocumented person who arrived here before Dec. 31, 2011, would have to register with the government and pass a criminal background check. They’d get temporary-status work permits and the opportunity to travel to their home country. They cannot be a public charge. They’d have to learn English for permanent residency, and pay taxes.

SEN. ROBERT MENENDEZ

DREAMers get a special, accelerated pathway to citizenship. They came here as children, they have no allegiance to any other country, we’ve invested in all they know. And we’ve invested in
Planning a long-term vision for public and private improvements.

Regulate private development
Prioritize public investment
"Special Waterfront Zone"
2004 Land Use Element

2004 Future Land Use

Residential:
- R-LD: Low density detached single-family residential
- R-MD: Medium density detached and semi-detached single- & two-family residential
- R-HD: High density detached and attached one-to-three-family and townhouse residential
- R-LM: Low-rise multi-family residential
- R-HM: High-rise multi-family residential

Commercial:
- C-N: Neighborhood commercial
- C-C: Community commercial
- C-R: Regional commercial
- C-SC: Shopping center commercial

Industrial:
- I-L: Light industrial
- I-M: Medium industrial
- I-H: Heavy industrial

Special Purpose:
- S-M: Mixed Use - Residential and Nonresidential
- S-GEM: Government, Education and Medical
- S-OR: Office research
- S-A: Airport support
- S-W: Waterfront uses
- S-P: Parks and open space
- S-C: Cemeteries
- S-D: Downtown commercial
- S-T: Transitional
Newark Riverfront Development Framework

10/20/09

City of Newark
Department of Economic & Housing Development
Division of Planning & Community Development

In Consultation With:
HGA Advisors, Inc., and
Walske Roberts & Terry
Density

Current zoning imposes no guidelines as to density of future development.

Consider:
Should action be taken to set density guidelines?
If so, what density will best promote the vision of the area’s future?

A. Existing / No change
   PRO Maintains flexibility for future development
   CON

B. Medium Density
   PRO Creates uniform allowed density
   CON Limits development potential

C. Density Steps Down to River
   PRO Creates sense of openness on riverfront
   CON Creates potential for “wall of buildings” between upland neighborhood and riverfront

Other Ideas?

REQUIRED CITY ACTION
Zoning
Density controls
Public Access & Redevelopment Plan
June 2012

City of Newark
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Adam Zipkin, Deputy Mayor for Economic & Housing Development
Damon Rich, Chief Urban Designer