THIS IS NEW YORK CITY
Governors Island offers the advantages of the city with the feeling of being a world apart.
In 2003, President George W. Bush transferred 150 acres of Governors Island to the people of New York for $1. The federal government had previously put a price tag of $500M on the Island. Under terms of the transfer, responsibility for managing the Island was charged to the Governors Island Preservation and Education Corporation (GIPEC), a corporation formed jointly by the State and City of New York.
The City's newest resilient park rises up to 70 feet above sea level, opening a full year ahead of schedule. The Island had a record breaking year with almost 800K visitors in 2017.
GOVERNORS ISLAND PRE-2010
Barging eliminated the need for 12,000 dump truck loads in NYC.

Imported 175,000 CY of clean fill by barge from Tilcon Point Quarry.

50,000 CY of Island debris from demolished buildings went into the Hills.
Rain falling on impermeable surfaces is directed to the Oval and sports fields.

Reduced number of storm water outflows from NY Harbor from 129 to 30.

Re-capture of rain water reduces the Island’s need for irrigation.
Added 2,000 trees and nearly 6,000 shrubs

Planted 700 trees and 43,000 shrubs on the Hills

Planted 1,800 trees of over 40 species in Hammock Grove
HURRICANE SANDY
OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

CREATE A YEAR-ROUND SUSTAINABLE CENTER FOR
CREATIVITY, LEARNING & EXPERIMENTATION
Intimate campus of HISTORIC BUILDINGS
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A MIX OF USES THAT ADVANCE OUR VISION

- Cultural Uses
- Hospitality & Convening
- Education
- Commercial Office
- Research & Design
- Facilities
GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. Complement and enhance the park and public spaces and respond to environmental conditions.

2. Connect and establish a harmonious relationship with the park, esplanade and Historic District.

3. Retain and frame views within the Island, and towards New York Harbor, Lower Manhattan and the Brooklyn waterfront.


5. Promote innovative design approaches to achieve a high level of resiliency and environmental sustainability.

6. Encourage flexibility to accommodate a wide range of building types and a mix of uses.
RESILIENCY IS ENGINEERED INTO OUR DNA
Designing a resilient future

Park was already elevated to 100 year floodplain

Development zones to be raised 5-7 feet to match park

Split level promenade to provide public waterfront access
Planning with the future park in mind