



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Eric Adams, Mayor

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Daniel R. Garodnick, Chair

# 133-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

File generated by <https://zr.planning.nyc.gov> on 2/22/2025

---

## 133-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

---

LAST AMENDED

5/8/2013

The “Special Southern Roosevelt Island District” established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare. These general goals include, among others, the following specific purposes:

- (a) to provide opportunities for the development of an academic and research and development campus in a manner that benefits the surrounding community;
- (b) to allow for a mix of residential, retail and other commercial uses to support the academic and research and development facilities and complement the urban fabric of Roosevelt Island;
- (c) to establish a network of publicly accessible open areas that take advantage of the unique location of Roosevelt Island and that integrate the academic campus into the network of open spaces on Roosevelt Island and provide a community amenity;
- (d) to strengthen visual and physical connections between the eastern and western shores of Roosevelt Island by establishing publicly accessible connections through the Special District and above-grade view corridors;
- (e) to encourage alternative forms of transportation by eliminating required parking and placing a maximum cap on permitted parking;
- (f) to provide flexibility of architectural design within limits established to assure adequate access of light and air to the street and surrounding waterfront open areas, and thus to encourage more attractive and innovative building forms; and
- (g) to promote the most desirable use of land in this area and thus conserving the value of land and buildings, and thereby protecting the City’s tax revenues.

---

## 133-01 - Definitions

---

LAST AMENDED

5/8/2013

Definitions specifically applicable to this Chapter are set forth in this Section and may modify definitions set forth in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS). Where matter in italics is defined both in Section [12-10](#) and in this Chapter, the definitions in this Chapter shall govern.

### Base plane

The definition of #base plane# is hereby modified to mean elevation 19.0, which elevation reflects the measurement in feet above Belmont Island Datum, which is 2.265 feet below the mean sea level at Sandy Hook, N.J.

### Development parcel

The “development parcel” is all of the property located within the boundaries of the #Loop Road#, as shown in the Appendix to this Chapter. The #development parcel# shall be deemed a single #zoning lot# for the purpose of applying all regulations of this Resolution.

Loop Road - East Loop Road, North Loop Road, South Loop Road, West Loop Road

The “Loop Road” shall be comprised of the “East Loop Road”, the “North Loop Road”, the “South Loop Road”, and the “West Loop Road”, as shown in the Appendix to this Chapter. All such roads shall be deemed separate #streets# for the purpose of applying all regulations of this Chapter and shall not generate #floor area#.

---

### **133-02 - General Provisions**

---

LAST AMENDED  
5/8/2013

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply within the #Special Southern Roosevelt Island District#. The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Chapter. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and other regulations of this Resolution, the provisions of this Chapter shall control.

---

### **133-03 - District Plan and Maps**

---

LAST AMENDED  
5/8/2013

The regulations of this Chapter are designed to implement the #Special Southern Roosevelt Island District# Plan.

The District Plan includes the following maps:

Map 1 – Special Southern Roosevelt Island District, Development Parcel and Loop Road

Map 2 – Public Access Areas.

The maps are located in Appendix A of this Chapter and are hereby incorporated and made part of this Resolution. The maps are incorporated for the purpose of specifying locations where the special regulations and requirements set forth in this Chapter apply.

---

### **133-04 - Applicability of Article III, Chapter 6**

---

LAST AMENDED  
5/8/2013

The provisions of Article III, Chapter 6 (Accessory Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations) shall not apply in the #Special Southern Roosevelt Island District#. In lieu thereof, a maximum of 500 #accessory# parking spaces shall be permitted, which may be made available for public use.

However, bicycle parking shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section [36-70](#).

---

### **133-05 - Applicability of Special Regulations Applying in the Waterfront Area**

---

LAST AMENDED  
5/8/2013

The provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 (Special Regulations Applying in the Waterfront Area), shall not apply in the #Special

Southern Roosevelt Island District#. In lieu thereof, the area between the #shoreline# and the western #street line# of the #West Loop Road# and the area between the #shoreline# and the eastern #street line# of the #East Loop Road# shall be used exclusively for open recreational uses, and shall be accessible to the public at all times.