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127-53 - Special Requirements for Waterfront Public Access Areas

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#Waterfront public access areas# shall be provided pursuant to Sections 62-52 (Applicability of Waterfront Public Access Area Requirements), 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), and 62-70 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, except as modified in this Section, inclusive.

For all such #waterfront public access areas#, as designated on Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter, the minimum seat depth requirement of paragraph (b) of Section 62-652 (Seating) shall be modified to 16 inches.

127-531 - Shore public walkways

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For #zoning lots# #developed# within Parcels 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, a #shore public walkway# shall be provided in the location designated on Map 6 in the Appendix to this Chapter. The applicable provisions of Section 62-53 (Requirements for Shore Public Walkways) and Section 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, shall apply except as modified in this Section:

(a) the circulation and access provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 62-62 (Design Requirements for Shore Public Walkways and Supplemental Public Access Areas) shall be modified as

follows:

(1) the required circulation path within a #shore public walkway# shall be provided at a minimum elevation of 5 feet, 6 inches above the #shoreline#, except that such requirement need not include portions of a circulation path that slope downward to meet the elevation of an existing publicly accessible sidewalk;

(2) where secondary circulation paths are provided, such paths may count as a part of the required circulation path for satisfying the locational requirement of being within 10 feet of the #shoreline# for at least 20 percent of the length of such #shoreline#. However, such secondary circulation paths may comply with the paving requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-656; and

(3) where a #shore public walkway# is on a #zoning lot# that is adjacent to a #waterfront zoning lot# without a #shore public walkway#, the portion of the circulation path that terminates at the common #zoning# #lot line# shall be located within 40 feet of the shoreline;

(b) the minimum width of the screening buffer pursuant to paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of Section 62-62 (Design Requirements for Shore Public Walkways and Supplemental Public Access Areas) shall be four feet. No screening buffer shall be required where there is a pathway connecting a required circulation path towards a publicly accessible sidewalk or entry to a commercial or community facility use; and

(c) the grade level of required planting areas pursuant to paragraph (d)(2) of Section 62-61 (General Provisions Applying to Waterfront Public Access Areas) shall be increased to no more than three feet higher or lower than the adjoining level of the pedestrian circulation path.

127-532 - Upland connections

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For #developments# within Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, #upland connections# shall be provided as specified on Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter. The applicable provisions of Section 62-56 (Requirements for Upland Connections) and Section 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, shall apply except as modified in this Section.

(a) Flexible location zone

For #developments# on Parcels 1, 2 and 3, a single #upland connection# shall be provided pursuant to the following provisions:

(1) If Parcel 1 #develops# before Parcels 2 or 3, a Type 1 #upland connection# shall be provided with a minimum width of 20 feet. The requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 (Types of upland connections) shall not apply and the minimum planting area requirements shall be reduced to 25 percent. Where such #upland connection# is provided without a 20-foot-wide open area, an average maintained level of illumination of not less than one and a half horizontal foot candles (lumens per foot) shall be provided throughout all walkable areas;

(2) If Parcels 1 and 2 are #developed# jointly before Parcel 3, an #upland connection# shall be provided on Parcels 1 and 2, along their southerly boundary, pursuant to the

requirements of Sections 62-561 and 62-64 (Design Requirements for Upland Connections). The 20-foot-wide open area required pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 shall be provided on Parcel 3, along its northerly boundary, at the time Parcel 3 #develops#. In any event, the required open area shall abut such required upland connection;

(3) If Parcel 3 #develops# before Parcels 1 or 2:

(i) where a #development# is comprised predominantly of #uses# other than those listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX or X, an #upland connection# shall be provided on Parcel 3 pursuant to the requirements of Section 62-561 and Section 62-64. If such #upland connection# is provided along the northerly boundary of such Parcel, the required 20-foot-wide open area pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 shall be satisfied on Parcels 1 and 2, along the southerly boundary, at the time these parcels #develop#. However, in any event, the required open area shall abut such required upland connection;

(ii) where a #development# is comprised predominantly of #uses# listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX or X, a Type 1 #upland connection# shall be provided with a minimum width of 20 feet. The requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 shall not apply and the minimum planting area requirements shall be reduced to 25 percent; or

(4) If Parcels 2 and 3 are #developed# jointly before Parcel 1, an #upland connection# shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of Sections 62-561 and 62-64.

For any other sequencing or combination of #developments#, a single #upland connection# shall be provided pursuant to the provisions of Sections 62-561 and 62-64 within the flexible location zone on Map 6.

(b) Minimum standards for interim condition

Where an #upland connection# is designated on two or more parcels and only a portion of such #upland connection# can be constructed pursuant to a specific certification, such portion of the #upland connection# may be provided independently to satisfy the requirements of Section 62-56. Where the New York City Fire Department determines that such requirements conflict with the provision of unobstructed width for fire apparatus access roads pursuant to the New York City Fire Code, the design requirements of Section 62-60 shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to accommodate such fire apparatus access roads requirements. However, all interim conditions shall meet the following requirements:

(1) provide public access from the first upland #street# to the #shore public walkway#; and

(2) for every tree pit required pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of Section 62-64 (Planting) that is not provided, a moveable planter shall be provided.

Such interim condition shall be certified pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of Section 127-542 (Supplemental provisions) and Section 127-61 (Certification for Interim Grading Conditions).

127-533 - Phased development of waterfront public access areas

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When a parcel is undergoing partial #development# or the #zoning lot# corresponding to a parcel is subdivided or reconfigured pursuant to Section 62-812 (Zoning lot subdivision), the City Planning Commission may authorize a phasing plan to implement #waterfront public access area# improvements pursuant to paragraph (c) of Section 62-822 (Modification of waterfront public access area and visual corridor requirements).

However, in Subdistrict B, when partial #development# occurs on the upland portion of Parcels 4, 5 and 7 that is bounded by #publicly accessible private streets# or #streets#, a phasing plan to implement #waterfront public access areas# may be certified pursuant to Section 127-54 (Special Review Provisions), provided that the following requirements are met:

(a) the #waterfront public access area# shall be provided according to the phasing specified in Map 7 (Waterfront Access Plan: Phase I Waterfront Public Access Area Improvements) and Map 8 (Waterfront Access Plan: Phase II Waterfront Public Access Area Improvements). The requirements of Phase I shall apply when #development# occurs on the upland portion of the parcel bounded by #publicly accessible private streets# and other #streets# as shown on Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas). The requirements of Phase II shall apply when #development# occurs on the seaward portion of the parcel bounded by both the #shoreline# and #publicly accessible private streets#; and

(b) any #upland connection# provided pursuant to Phase I shall meet the design requirements of paragraph (b) of Section 127-532 (Upland connections). For portions of the #shore public walkway# that are provided in Phase I, the requirements of Sections 62-53 (Requirements for Shore Public Walkways) and 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS) may be modified to the minimum extent necessary to accommodate a temporary waterfront viewing area.

Such phasing plan shall also be certified pursuant to Section 127-61 (Certification for Interim Grading Conditions).