

## SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS ON NYC'S WATERFRONT TEXT AMENDMENT

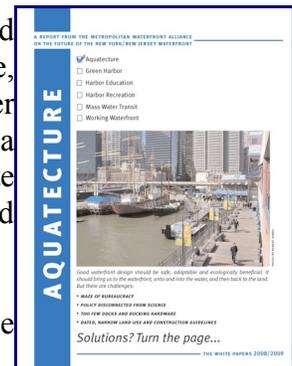
Thank you to the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) for calling attention to this text amendment. Queens Civic Congress Executive Vice President Patricia Dolan who chair our Land Use and Planning Committee, recommends all QCC members review this proposal and check with their community board. The Department of City Planning website indicates that the City Planning Commission referred its proposed Waterfront text amendment\* ([N 090239 ZRY](#)) to waterfront community boards, and all borough boards and borough presidents for review and comment on December 15, 2008. Comments are to be submitted by February 23, 2009. The City Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing on the proposal. In accord with the City Charter, following the Commission's vote, the City Council will have up to 50 days to review the proposed text amendment.

Below find the comments from MWA and links to their white paper (for informal purposes) and City Planning's "[slide show](#)" - Corey Bearak

The [City Planning Commission](#) is updating design requirements for public access areas at the waterfront. Community boards around the city are now reviewing and discussing the proposal, which expands on waterfront zoning text adopted by NYC in 1993.

The new requirements would not change the amount of required waterfront access, but would enhance the quality of the public space, requiring it to be greener, with high-quality seating, lighting and other design elements. A single set of flexible standards would promote a variety of landscape design, including edge treatments; would facilitate amenities such as docks, boat launches and play areas; and would improve connections between the water's edge and upland streets.

To read the MWA's White Paper on Aquatecture, which discusses these and other ideas, click on the image at right.



\* [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/waterfront/proposed\\_text\\_amendment.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/waterfront/proposed_text_amendment.pdf)

[View the slide show presentation outlining the department's proposal.](#)