

Socrates Sculpture Park Mapping ULURP

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing an amendment to the City Map that has been in the making since 2006. The proposed amendment involves the establishment of Socrates Sculpture Park, the elimination of two city-owned mapped but unbuilt streets, the establishment of Public Place, and the acquisition of one privately owned lot in the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens Community District 1.

The project site is located on the East River waterfront and is bounded by Vernon Boulevard to the east, the Costco retail commercial development to the south, the East River to the west, and vacant commercial/industrial waterfront to the north. Additionally, the project site is bisected by a privately-owned construction yard (Block 501 Lot 12 that divides the site into a southern and northern portion.

The project site includes an area of over 276,000 square feet and includes Block 501, Lots 1, 16, 31, 60, 101, 112 and Block 499, Lot 51. Except for Block 501 Lot 31, the project area encompasses city-owned property. The area within an approximate 600-foot radius of the project site is predominantly characterized by low-rise industrial/manufacturing buildings with commercial and residential uses interspersed. Additionally, there are a number of grandfathered commercial and light manufacturing uses in the area including the Costco site.

DPR has supported the establishment of Socrates Sculpture Park since the mid-1980s. The park was conceived by a local artist who worked with community members to clear the abandoned illegal dumping on the site. The intent was to create an outdoor working and exhibit space for artists, and to provide waterfront open space for the local community.

The proposed map amendment would officially establish Socrates Sculpture Park on the City Map. Additionally, the application also includes, the elimination of portions of two City owned mapped but unbuilt streets, the establishment of Public Place and the acquisition of one privately owned lot that will be incorporated into the established park. With these changes the park would consist of 6.35 acres.

The Broadway Extension is city owned, mapped to a width of 75 feet and is unimproved. It is being eliminated from the City Map and the northern portion will be mapped as parkland and the southern portion will be mapped as Public Place.

31st Avenue is city owned, mapped to a width of 80 feet and is unimproved. It is also being eliminated from the City Map and will be mapped as parkland.

In connection with this mapping application, the City has entered into an agreement to acquire the privately owned Lot 31 in exchange for the development rights attributable to the mapped Public Place to be located on the southern half of the Broadway extension. Lot 31 has served as the park entrance pursuant to an agreement with the private owner since 1996. Lot 31 will be mapped as parkland and will continue to serve as the entrance to the Park. It will also be developed with a new facility that will serve as both educational and administrative space for Socrates Sculpture Park staff.

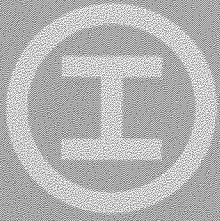
As part of the ULURP public review process, Community Board 1 unanimously approved the application, and both the Queens Borough President and the City Planning Commission issued a favorable recommendation.

SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK CITY MAP CHANGE









SOCRATES
SCULPTURE
PARK

- Founded in **1986** (celebrating 30 years!)
- NYC Park maintained, operated and programmed by Socrates Sculpture Park, Inc
- More than **150,000 visitors** in 2015
- Presented **1,000+ artists**
- Partner with more than **40 civic, arts, and community organizations**
- Serve over **40,000 people** through public programming and education
- **Open 365 days** a year
- **ADMISSION & EVERY PROGRAM IS FREE**



**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. _____ Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: Jose Lopez

Address: 830 5th Avenue, NY, NY

I represent: Dept of Parks and Recreation

Address: _____

▶ Please complete this card and return to the Sergeant-at-Arms ◀

**THE COUNCIL
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Appearance Card

I intend to appear and speak on Int. No. 358 Res. No. _____

in favor in opposition

Date: MAY 2, 2016

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: DOHN HATFIELD - SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK

Address: 47 VESTRY ST

I represent: SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK

Address: 32-01 VERNON BLVD.

▶ Please complete this card and return to the Sergeant-at-Arms ◀