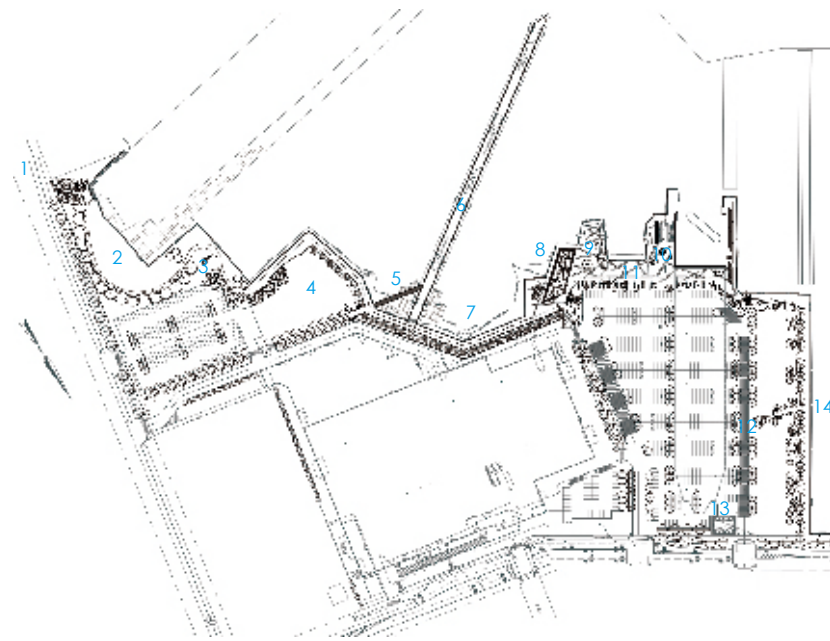


## Erie Basin Park

**Location:** New York, USA **Designer:** Lee Weintraub Landscape Architecture LLC  
**Photographer:** Collin Cooke Studio **Completion date:** 2008 **Site area:** 26,305 sqm



1. Entry Pergola
2. West Facing Lawn
3. The Mound
4. Picnic Lawn
5. Blue Light Bridge/Columbia Street Allee
6. Pier 4
7. South Esplanade
8. Bosque
9. Ferry Arrival Plaza
10. Salvage Gardens
11. Chock Garden
12. Dwight Street Allee
13. Graving Dock Ghost
14. West Esplanade

Lee Weintraub first came to Red Hook in 1987, and led a community design process that resulted in the design of the Coffey Street Pier and the development of Valentino Park. In 2003 they returned to Red Hook; an incredibly compelling place, filled with the memory of the waterfront as a place of commerce and production. Invited by the Ikea Corporation to design a new waterfront park, Erie Basin Park comprises approximately a mile of green park, esplanade and plaza spaces. Incorporated into the fabric of the park are remains of the site's former occupancy - the New York Ship Yard. Four inactive cranes will be stabilised and will serve as heroic markers and powerful reminders; remains of a dry dock are expressed in planting and in pavement. The park language interprets the industrial archeology of the ship yard into a series of linked moments that use landscape to tell a powerful story.

The Client of Erie Basin Park was the Ikea Corporation. LWLA's responsibility was to help Ikea overcome the contentious relationships that they had encountered in attempting to build in the New York/Westchester Region. With the client's counsel, the open space improvements including a 26,305-square-metre park and streetscape improvements were proposed. As the process developed, these were the lynchpin for the project's approval by the City and the adjacent community. LWLA used both it's design skills and it's community design skills to help facilitate the review and approvals process.

### Award description:

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Right: Sculptural kiosk and crane

