

COMMUNITY BOARD 1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JULY 27, 2021

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT, PARKS & CULTURAL

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Duane Park Restoration Project

WHEREAS: Duane Park within Community District 1 is one of New York City’s oldest parks. It is located on Duane Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets; and

WHEREAS: Over time, the park has been diminished through various iterations of redesign, both along the south side and at the western nose; and

WHEREAS: The Friends of Duane Park are working with Signe Neilson, Landscape Architect member of the Public Design Commission and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation on a project to restore the park sidewalks. The project would restore the park to its historical footprint by replacing the sidewalk and westernmost tree that was shaved off in the 1940s-50s to accommodate egg/butter trucks; and

WHEREAS: The Friends of Duane Park have surveyed all of the buildings on the block regarding this project and have strong neighborhood support, as well as conceptual support from NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and NYC Department of Transportation. The restoration project is seeking financial support from the Friends of Duane Park and from elected officials; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 supports the Friends of Duane Park in its effort to restore the park’s historic footprint, restoring the sidewalk on the southern perimeter and the 10th tree on the park’s western nose. It is the preference of CB1 that this footprint be set aside explicitly for park use.