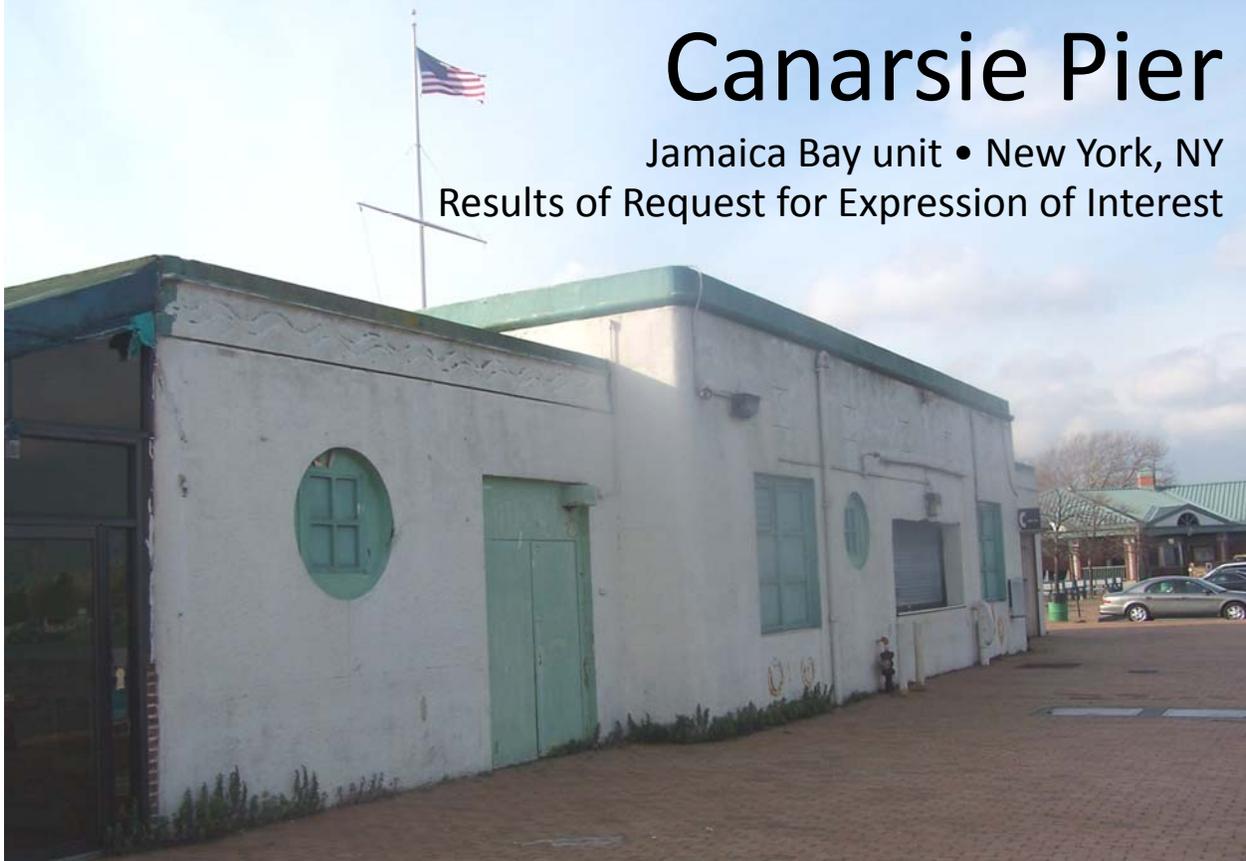




## Canarsie Pier

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Results of Request for Expression of Interest



The National Park Service (NPS) issued a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) for the re-use of one 5,477 square-foot building on Canarsie Pier, located in the Brooklyn borough of New York City along the south side of Belt Parkway at exit 13 and Rockaway Parkway. The building identified for potential re-use was previously operated as a restaurant and seasonal snack bar.

The purpose of the RFEI was to solicit responses for further consideration and to help form future public solicitations for uses of the facility.

The RFEI was posted on April 6, 2010 and was open until June 24, 2010. Four site tours were held, one on each of the following dates: May 7, 8, 26 and 27. Approximately 30 people attended these site tours.

In response to the RFEI, the NPS received suggestions from three sources but no submissions that fully meet the RFEI submission guidelines or expressed an interest in occupying the building. The three suggestions were from local residents and provided input about the type of activities they would like the NPS to develop or allow at the Pier.

The NPS received no input about why it received no full submissions in response to the RFEI. The questions asked at the site tours indicate, however, that the uncertainties and challenges surrounding the site may have discouraged people from putting effort into a response. Especially problematic is the

structural problems of the pier's pilings which the US Army Corps of Engineers has identified. The pier's condition has not yet been fully assessed, and therefore the NPS does not yet know the extent of the repairs that will be needed. The NPS has also not yet identified funding for the assessment and repairs. Due to these factors, the NPS cannot forecast when repairs to the pier will be completed.

The NPS will take the following next steps with regard to the subject building on Canarsie Pier:

1. The NPS will continue to seek funding to conduct a complete condition assessment of the pier.
2. Once the condition assessment is complete the NPS will seek funding to make the recommended repairs.
3. The NPS will ensure that the three suggestions submitted in response to the RFEI are included as input to the General Management Plan (GMP), which is currently underway and which will provide guidance to the park for the next 20 years. The GMP will, among other things, identify acceptable uses for structures throughout the park, including at Canarsie Pier. The GMP will also guide the NPS in its planning for commercial services within the park. As future commercial opportunities are considered for Canarsie Pier, the park will be guided by the GMP and will take into consideration the economic climate of the timeframe in which any projects involving the building would occur.
4. The NPS will continue to conduct the maintenance necessary to ensure public safety.
5. Substantial repairs to the pier must precede any modifications to the existing building.
6. The park permits seasonal mobile food and beverage vendors to serve the park visitors at Canarsie Pier. The NPS will encourage vendors to continue providing these visitor services and will look into options for expanding such services.

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