

# THE APA NAMES GOVERNORS ISLAND AS A GREAT PUBLIC SPACE IN AMERICA

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The American Planning Association (APA) has named Governors Island as a Great Public Space on their annual [Great Places in America](#) list. West 8 is proud to have worked with The Trust for Governors Island, Matthews Nielsen Landscape Architects and the New York City community to plan and develop a fully accessible green paradise with breathtaking 360-degree views of the Statue of Liberty, the New York Harbor and the dramatic New York City skyline. The award-winning island oasis preserves its longstanding military history, educates all generations about sustainability and environmental stewardship, serves as a haven for cultural celebrations and safe recreation, and protects against rising sea levels.

The award was presented yesterday, September 25th, on Capitol Hill in Washington DC by APA president, Kurt Christiansen, and congratulatory remarks were offered by New York Congressman Paul Tonko. Following the presentation, the designers were invited to share their Great Places with both chambers of Congress.

“The public spaces recognized this year demonstrate the importance of planning in creating welcoming, multi-use spaces for the entire community to enjoy and come together,” said Christiansen. “Governors Island is a national example of how imaginative resiliency planning can be applied to recreational public spaces.”

The Great Places in America program recognizes the streets, neighborhoods and public spaces in the United States demonstrating exceptional character, quality and planning—attributes that enrich communities, facilitate economic growth, and inspire others around the country. For more information about APA’s Great Neighborhoods, Great Streets and Great Public Spaces for 2019 and previous years, visit the [APA website](#).

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