



Pier 26 at Hudson River Park opened to the public in the fall of 2020, an immersive ecological and social experience on a disused maritime pier.



Pier 26 stretches 850 feet from shore. The ecologically programmed pier also has flexible recreation spaces with the 900-person capacity great lawn and a Sport Court providing a new recreation and leisure destination for Manhattan.



Stretching out from the maritime scrub ecozone, a steel walkway structure hovers just eight feet above the rocky tidal zone at low tide. During high tide, the lapping water splashes waves up and over its edges.



Visitors move through the woodland forest, one of the first ecological zones along Pier 26, and the start of an immersive journey through transitions—from upland to lowland, from land to water—across a diverse milieu of authentic ecological experiences.



While the design of Pier 26 allows for a limitless amount of programming opportunities for organized activity, the park also holds space for those visitors with more solitary pursuits in mind.



Joggers run along the Social Deck, a single massive sustainable Kebony wood structure traversing every ecozone in the park, from the start of the woodland forest to the rocky tidal zone and out over the Hudson River Estuary.



Pier 26 is a hotspot for socializing and people-watching throughout the day. Each section features custom furnishings, perfect for gatherings of all sizes.

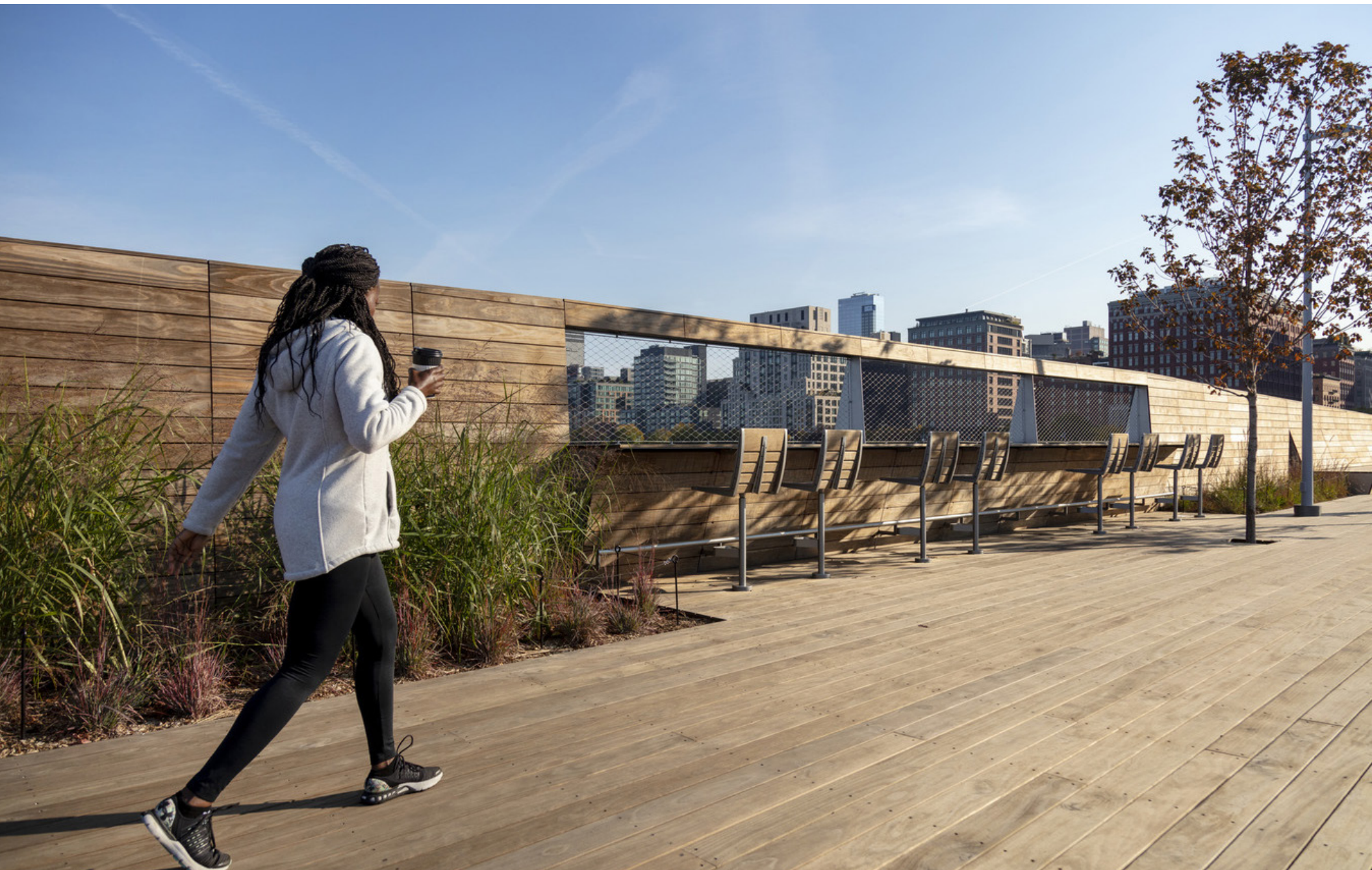


A large multi-use Sport Court bursts energetically from the midpoint of the pier, its surface and surrounding netting specified in eye-catching shades of marine blue. The Court hosts organized school and intramural events, community workout classes, and informal play.





The design team created an immersive ecological experience at Pier 26 by embedding a multiplicity of activities and seating opportunities within the estuarine environment.



Constructed of sustainable Kebony, the social deck runs the full length of the pier and wraps up to form a wind break along the northern edge. Seating opportunities abound, including these rows of bar-height stools perfect for morning coffee breaks.



Pier 26 is a working estuarium where researchers can study the invisible dynamics of the Hudson River Estuary. The park also hosts engaging tours and field trips with educational activities for students, making research accessible to people of all ages.



Pier 26 is a place of enjoyment and education for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The welcoming porch swings framed by the sheds in the heart of the maritime scrub ecozone are the perfect place for visitors to come together.



The viewing deck evokes a sense of wonder and exhilaration—ensuring that new memories will endure and shape future stewardship of our precious environment.



The rocky tidal ecozone at the end of the pier has quickly become a haven for a variety of algae, plant, and animal life, with numerous wildlife species sighted within the constructed riverscape just days after it was completed.



The pier's rich layering of ecologies and social spaces establish an unmistakable sense of place and inspire deeper exploration of the lands we inhabit, the waters we depend upon, and the people who form our communities.