

## Manhattan

## Final Newsletter - July 2021

# Reconstruction of E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street/Baruch Plaza

## Between Lexington and Third Avenues

## Project ID #HWBARUCH

### DDC Completes Work on E.25<sup>th</sup> Street Baruch Plaza

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) has substantially completed the reconstruction of the permanent plaza along E. 25th Street between Lexington and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues.

The enhancements on this project included numerous public and private utility upgrades, such as, new distribution water main, hydrants, catch basins and chute connections, electrical conduits, gas and steam main upgrades and traffic signal facilities.

This project also included the reconstruction of roadways along the intersections of E.25<sup>th</sup> Street, Third and Lexington Avenues. The plaza sidewalks were designed with a specific design pattern. New Bump-outs/curb extensions were installed along the corners to increase pedestrian flow and keep pedestrians safer. Vault work was performed within the Baruch College vertical campus, in conjunction with the building of the monumental steps.

In addition, new amenities were added to the plaza, such as, stainless steel benches, new trash receptacles, bollards, granite seat walls with skateboard deterrents, enhanced lighting, including 2,382 engraved and non-engraved pavers. The green screen and planter areas were planted, and were overseen by a licensed arborist, with the approval by the NYC Parks Department. The newly installed landscaping has brought 15 newly planted trees, a multitude of perennials and vines. The planter areas also have rodent deterrents, which will provide a protective barrier in all the planting areas. These amenities are in place and are available to the public.

The newly reconstructed plaza has transformed the neighborhood by providing a permanent pedestrian space, a beautiful setting to the kips bay community.

### Thank you!

The Department of Design and Construction would like to thank the residents, businesses, elected officials, Baruch College and Community board 6, for their cooperation and patience throughout this project as we reconstructed the permanent plaza for all the community to enjoy.

There are ongoing punch list items along the plaza which will be completed over the summer July/August 2021.



The plaza with amenities looking west from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.



There are 15 planter areas throughout the plaza.

### Community Construction Liaison (CCL)

The DDC has assigned **Diane Guskin**, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact **Diane** for any project related inquiries/concerns you may have:

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Construction Newsletters for this project are distributed to the Community, Manhattan Community Board 6, and the Flatiron BID.