

FORT TOTTEN — A VERTIPORT FOR LITTLE BAY PARK

One compact round building at the entrance land of Fort Totten, Bayside, Queens. The park stays public. The historic fort is not touched.



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The building

A circle within a circle, built small. The outer circle is a low round building, about two stories — the same height as other buildings by the park. The inner circle is the landing pad: it rises out of the middle of the building on its own round lift and comes back down the same way, its open side facing the water. One curved wing sweeps along the land with café seating, restrooms, and the park's rooms.

How one flight works

The pad rises empty. The aircraft comes in over the water and lands on it. The pad lowers it inside, where passengers get out, out of the weather, while the aircraft charges. The next passengers board inside, the pad rises, and it flies off over the water.

What the park gets

The entrance is upgraded around the building: new landscaping, paths, seating, lighting, and restroom access. The parking lots stay as they are. No park is lost.

The rules it runs by

Electric aircraft only. Flights by reservation. Daytime first, no night flights at the start, low daily limits. Routes over the water, not over homes. Privately paid for. We are not asking the city for a dollar.

The ask

The land is public parkland, so one lawful path has to be named — a lease, a concession, or state action. Under New York law, using parkland for another purpose takes a law passed by the State Legislature in Albany and signed by the Governor. That path, and the studies the city and the FAA need, is what the first meeting is for.

MONEY AND TIME: roughly \$67 to \$117 million, all private. Land is not bought — it stays the public's park. Time: plan on about 6 years (the Albany path plus building); fastest about 4 if the law passes in its first session.

The petition

Neighbors are petitioning for a fair hearing on this proposal. Add your name: "Support Improvements and Upkeep for Little Bay Park" on iPetitions:

<https://www.ipetitions.com/p/support-a-vertiport-at-fort-totten-privately-funded-the-p/>