

FAQ

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What is the timeline for installation of + POOL?

Friends of + POOL is in the process of establishing the best private/public partnership with the City of New York that will ensure + POOL is available to all New Yorkers. Once the City gives permission to use a site in the harbor, the design team will finalize site-specific design documents for + POOL and its upland services building (1 year); seek city, state and federal permits (1-2 years) and begin construction (1-2 years). Of course all phases are funding permitted.

How will + POOL be funded?

Friends of + POOL is currently discussing public funding options with various city agencies and elected officials. The organization is also privately fundraising through a variety of individual, foundation and corporate sponsors and continues to crowdfund through its ongoing Tile by Tile campaign.

How will + POOL work?

Like a giant strainer dropped into the rivers, + POOL will filter bacteria and contaminants through the concentric layers of filtration materials that make up the walls of the pool itself – leaving only clean, safe and swimmable river water. The Olympic-size pool will filter over 600,000 gallons of river water daily, making a measurable contribution towards cleaning the city's waterways.

What happens to + POOL in the winter months?

The design team is currently exploring options for use in the winter months and operational costs associated with off-season use. A majority of the options being explored, including using solar power to heat the water brought into the pool in the winter months, will depend on permitting.

How is the waste removed?

There are a few options that we're exploring, from catchment cartridges that can be removed and taken to waste treatment; to employing floating wetlands and oyster reefs to aid in waste removal.