

Dear Governor Andrew Cuomo,

Please support passage of Bill S5885A/A08127A, which authorizes the State to use eminent domain to acquire specific parcels of land not yet acquired by the City to complete the full 28-acre Bushwick Inlet Park.

This East River waterfront park was promised to the community of Greenpoint/Williamsburg in 2005 to mitigate the influx of tens of thousands of new residents and dozens of towers created by the City's rezoning resolution. Since then over 15,000 new housing units have been created in our community. In the coming years, another 17,000 housing units are planned just on the waterfront.

The parcel that is the target of this bill – about 7 out of the promised 28 acres – sits dead center in the proposed City park. The owner is threatening to sell to the highest bidder to create a mall or yet another tower in this spot, and the City is completely ignoring our local and state reps, including Senators Dilan and Squadron and Assemblyman Lentol, as well as two of our congresswomen.

The redevelopment of the City Storage site would be a blow to Bushwick Inlet Park, and would also adversely effect East River State Park. Given the City's refusal to act, or to even discuss the issue, we ask that you take action and sign this bill.

Yours in Open Space,

Your Name  
Address