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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Launch of First Experimental Oyster Reefs in NY Harbor *First Phase of Ambitious Research Project Starts Off Governors Island*

**NEW YORK** – The media is invited to join a partnership of scientists, government agencies, and non-profit groups on the eastern shore of Governors Island as they begin the first phase of an ambitious research project to determine if it is possible to restore oysters reefs to NY Harbor. Project partners, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Hudson River Foundation, the NY/NJ Baykeeper and the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School, will discuss the research project and its importance to the region. The media will witness an Army Corps vessel and crane placing the rock and shell material which form the base of the experimental reef. The media will also be able to view live oysters growing in aquaculture tanks on Governors Island and talk with project scientists and partners.

- When:** October 6, 2010, 11:30am.  
**What:** Launch of Oyster Research Project, Construction of experimental oyster reefs  
**Where:** Governors Island, East Shore along Buttermilk Channel  
**Partners:** Hudson River Foundation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York/New Jersey Baykeeper, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Urban Assembly New York Harbor School  
**Transportation:** Governors Island Ferry from Battery Maritime Building (Downtown Manhattan). Ferry leaves Manhattan at 11:00am. Return ferry leaves Governors Island at 1:00pm and 2:00pm.  
**Visuals:** Dropping of rock and shell from US Army Corps vessel for reef creation, tour of new oyster aquaculture facility, interviews with project partners and scientists

**Interested media please confirm by phone/e-mail the advisory contact(s)**

**Oyster Restoration Research Project (ORRP)**  
**Governors Island Oyster Reef Installation and Press Event**  
Governors Island, Wednesday October 6, 2010

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<b>10:45</b>	Battery Maritime Building: All attendees arrive and check in (directions attached)
<b>11:00</b>	Ferry departs Manhattan for Governors Island
<b>11:15</b>	Make way from Governors Island ferry landing to Building 12 (transportation provided if needed)
<b>11:30</b>	Press Conference
<b>12:00</b>	Rock and shell drop observation and project partner interviews
<b>12:45pm</b>	Depart for EcoDock or return to catch 1:00pm ferry to Manhattan
<b>1:00pm</b>	Gather at EcoDock to tour oyster aquaculture facility and hear from project scientists and partners
<b>1:00pm</b>	Return ferry to Manhattan
<b>1:45pm</b>	Make way from EcoDock to Ferry to Manhattan
<b>2:00pm</b>	Return Ferry to Manhattan

**Speaker schedule:**

<b>11:30am</b>	Clay Hiles, Executive Director, Hudson River Foundation
	Colonel John R. Boulé II, New York District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
	Debbie Mans, Executive Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper
	Nate Dudley , Principal, Urban Assembly New York Harbor School

**Directions to the Governors Island Ferry:**

The Governors Island Ferry departs from the Battery Maritime Building located adjacent to the Staten Island Ferry in Lower Manhattan. The ferry terminal is accessible as follows:

*By Subway:* 1 Train to South Ferry Station; 4 or 5 to Bowling Green; W or R to Whitehall St. Station

*By Bus:* M1 M6, M9 and M15

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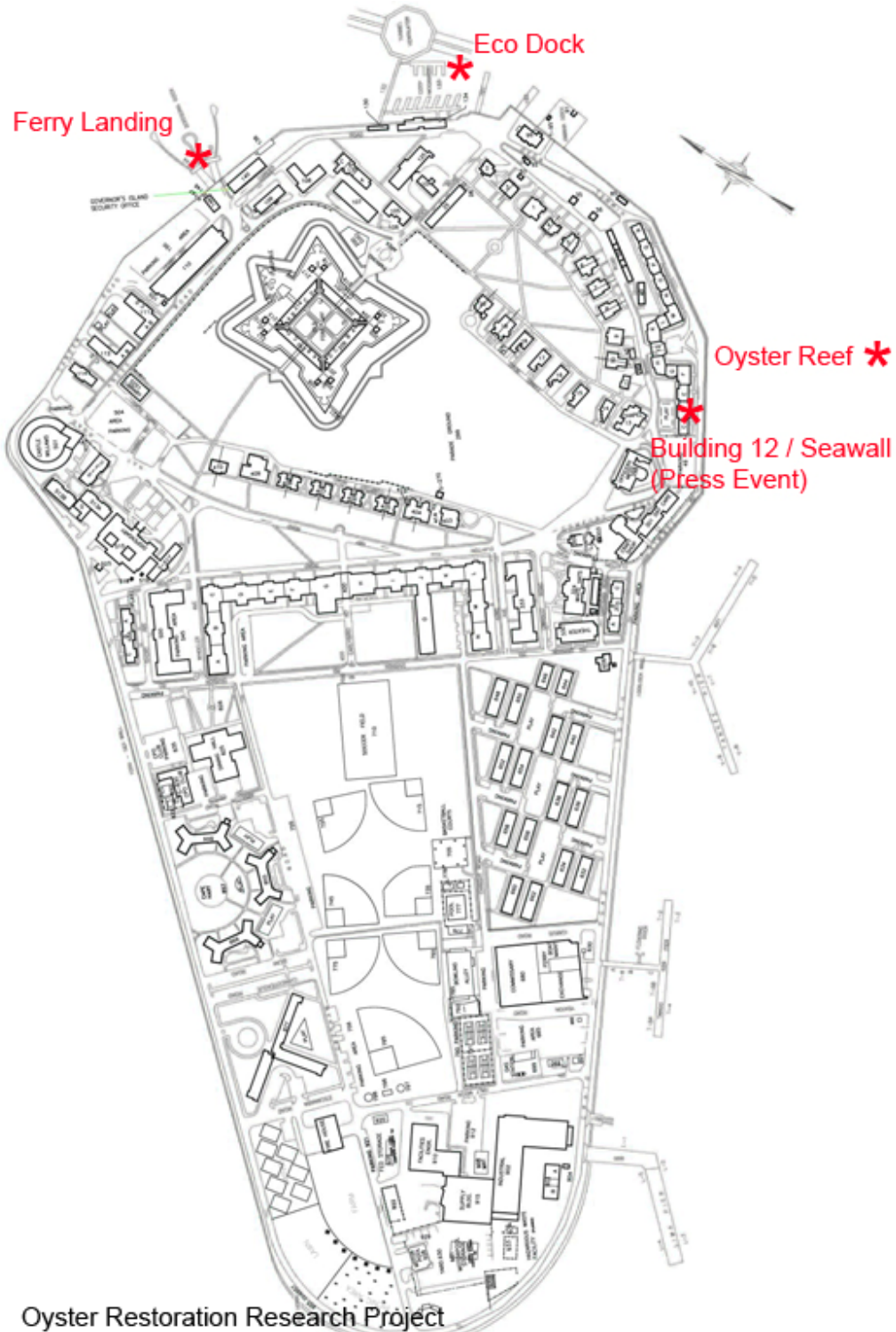
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