

Restoring Oysters in New York Harbor: Proposed installations for the Living Breakwaters Project

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Billion Oyster Project is a nonprofit organization located at Governor’s Island, New York. Our mission is to restore oyster reefs to NY Harbor through public education initiatives.

LIVING BREAKWATERS

Selected by the Rebuild by Design competition launched by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in June 2013, the Staten Island Living Breakwaters Project is an innovative coastal green infrastructure project that aims to increase physical, ecological, and social resilience. The goals of this project are to:

1. protect shoreline and reduce erosion
2. create and enhance marine habitat
3. increase awareness about social resiliency and climate change

METHODS

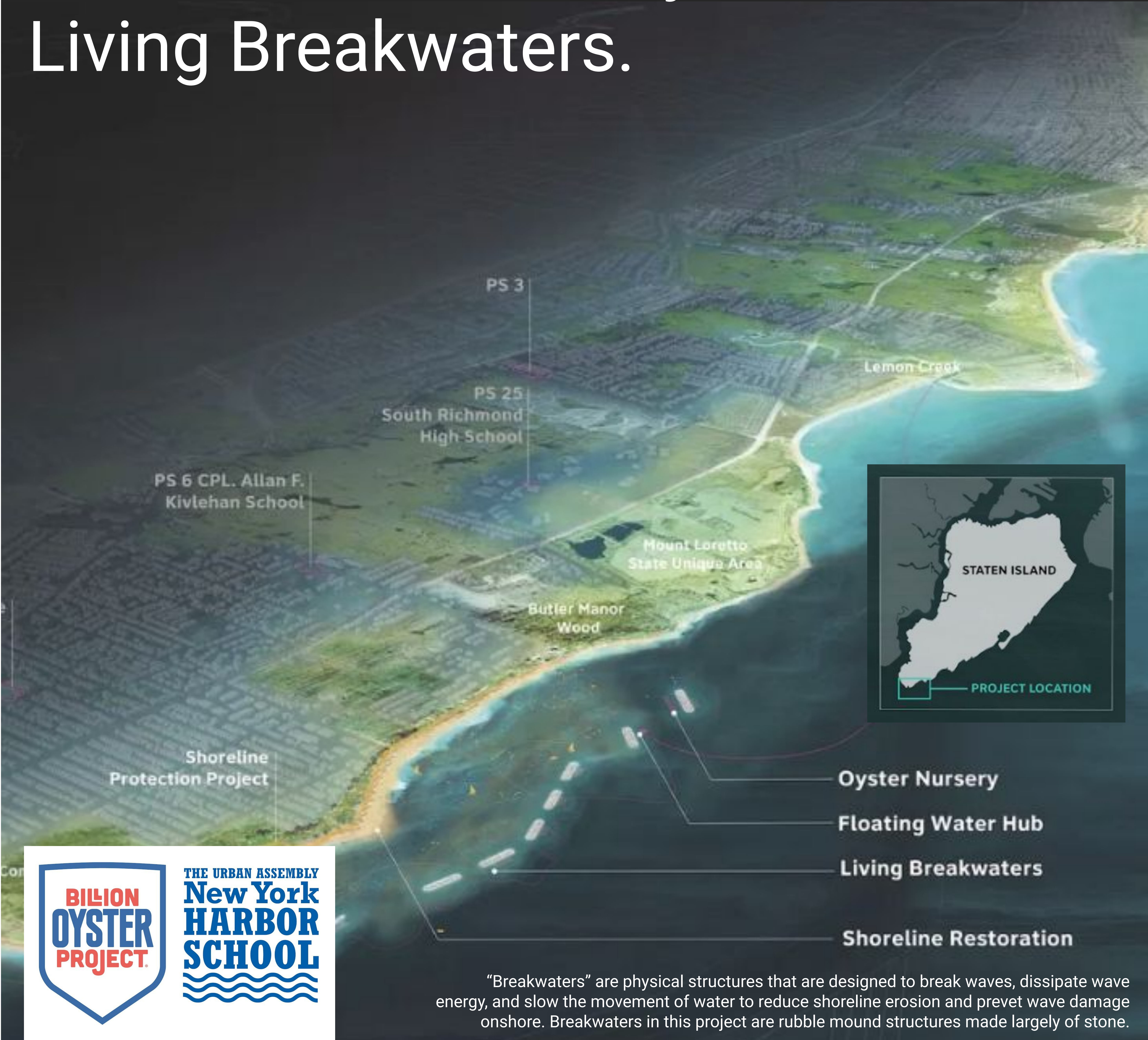
The project design includes 3,200 linear feet of near-shore “breakwaters,” or partially submerged rubble mound structures located between 790 and 1,800 feet from shore. Billion Oyster Projects plans to use the following oyster restoration techniques on the structures:

- loose blank shell
- loose spat-on-shell
- oyster gabions
- ECOconcrete disks
- files containing oysters
- in-situ setting – a relatively new direct setting method that uses a turbidity curtain to contain larvae and maximize setting on preexisting in-water structures



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit the following website:
<https://stormrecovery.ny.gov/living-breakwaters-project-background-and-design>

Billion Oyster Project will design and install oysters and oyster-filled structures on and adjacent to the Living Breakwaters.



“Breakwaters” are physical structures that are designed to break waves, dissipate wave energy, and slow the movement of water to reduce shoreline erosion and prevent wave damage onshore. Breakwaters in this project are rubble mound structures made largely of stone.

INSTALLATION STRUCTURES

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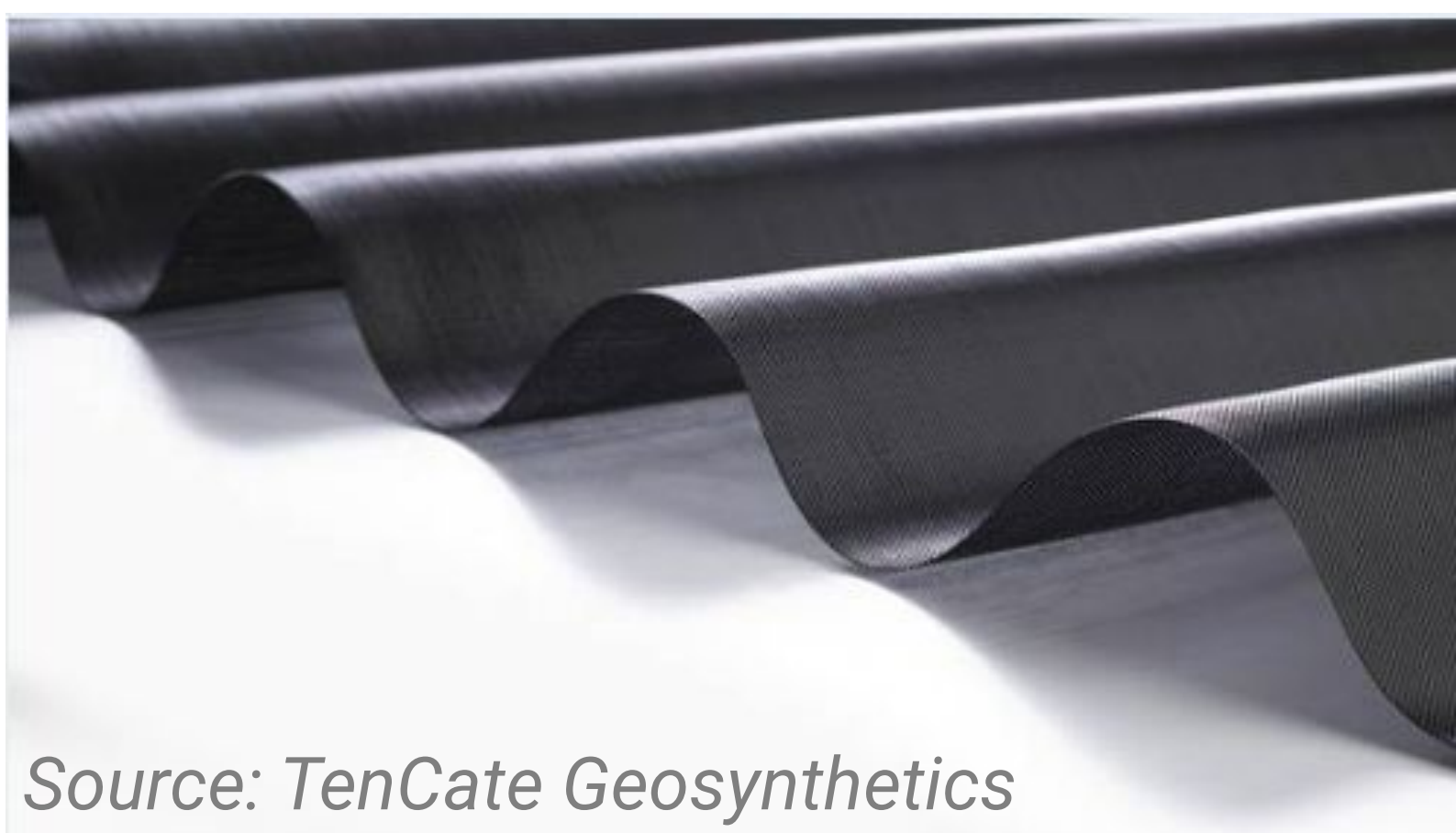
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• In-situ setting



Source: TenCate Geosynthetics

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