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SQUEEZE IS ON IN BROOKLYN NAVY YARD

Solar-Powered Trash Compactors Make Borough Debut

BROOKLYN (April 24) – Days after Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced *PlaNYC: A Greener, Greater New York*, the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp. today showed how it is creating a more sustainable industrial park with the arrival of two solar-powered, waste-compacting garbage cans. The innovative trash cans are the first in the borough.

“In keeping with the Bloomberg Administration’s commitment to sustainability, the Brooklyn Navy Yard is doing its part to increase energy efficiency in the industrial sector,” said Andrew Kimball, President & CEO of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp. “We will undertake additional measures in the coming months intended to transform the Navy Yard into America’s ‘greenest’ industrial park.”

Using the sun's energy to power highly efficient motors, the compactor compresses the volume of refuse down to one-eighth its original size. The units enhance air quality by requiring less frequent garbage pickups than ordinary trash cans, thus reducing truck emissions and fuel consumption. On average, the compactors reduce garbage collection frequency by approximately 70 percent.

Among the BNYDC’s other green initiatives:

- The new 89,000-square-foot Perry Avenue building will apply to U.S. Green Building Council for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver rating. It will be the first LEED-certified building in the Navy Yard and the first, multi-tenanted industrial facility built to LEED Silver standards in the United States.
- All of the new development at the BNY, including the current 401,900-square-foot expansion, will be LEED-certified buildings
- “Turby” on the Perry Avenue Building to generate power for part of the building
- Transition to hybrid vehicles
- Installation of ENERGY STAR roofs
- Installation of double-insulated, industrial grade rated windows
- Installation of high-efficiency steam controllers

- Replacement of low-efficiency steam main
- Installation of low-wattage compact fluorescent bulbs
- Transitioning to “green” cleaning chemicals
- Replacement of water system
- Low-“VOC” paint (Volatile Organic Compounds)

PlaNYC: A Greener, Greater New York is a sweeping program containing 127 separate initiatives. PlaNYC is designed to achieve Mayor Bloomberg’s sustainability goals for the City, including: housing an additional 1 million New Yorkers affordably; increasing access to parks, playgrounds and open spaces; reclaiming brownfields; developing critical backup systems for our aging water network to ensure reliability; providing additional reliable power sources and upgrading our existing power plants; reducing water pollution so we can open our waterways for recreation; and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 30%.

About the Brooklyn Navy Yard

BNYDC is the not-for-profit corporation that manages the Brooklyn Navy Yard on behalf of its owner, the City of New York. BNYDC leases space in the Yard, promotes local economic development, develops underutilized areas and oversees modernization of the Yard’s infrastructure. The corporation’s board of directors is comprised of leaders of Brooklyn’s economic development community. It is chaired by Alan H. Fishman, Chairman of Meridian Capital Group, LLC.

Established in 1801, the Brooklyn Navy Yard served as one of America’s preeminent military facilities for more than 150 years. Closed by the federal government in 1966, the City of New York subsequently assumed ownership and re-opened the Yard as an industrial park. The Navy Yard now operates at 99 percent capacity. The Navy Yard currently houses more than 230 private-sector firms that provide approximately 5,000 jobs, half of which are held by Brooklyn residents.

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