



The Western Rail Yards in Context

Pier 76
160,000SF

33/34

SITE
Western Rail Yard
570,000SF

Eastern Rail Yard
570,000SF

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The City/MTA Timetable

The Rail Yards
Agreement signed
between City and MTA
on September 28, 2006
requires:

start immediately	Planning & Design Guidelines and Technical Study
6 months after signing = c. March 2007	Complete the Western Rail Yards Planning & Design Guidelines and Technical Study
2 months later = c. May 2007	MTA to request proposals from developers for both Rail Yards
3 months later = c. August 2007	MTA completes evaluation of offers and presents to Selection Committee
45 days later = c. October 2007	Selection Committee recommends developer(s)
no deadline	MTA Board approves developer(s)
no deadline	MTA negotiates agreements with developer(s)
no deadline	ULURP (a process that requires an Environmental Impact Study and City Council approval)

Previous Plans for the Rail Yards

(a partial list)

- **1956** – Webb & Knapp/Zeckendorf: a “center of commerce, recreation and communication” including a **1750-ft “Freedom Tower”**
- **1964** – U.S. Steel: **Mitchell-Lama housing** and a “central shopping space”
- **1974** – Trump Enterprises: “**luxury and upper-middle class housing**”
- **1996** – Mayor Giuliani: Yankee Stadium
- **2000-2005** – New York Jets: **West Side Stadium**
- **2001** – Manhattan Borough President Fields: **housing and office**
- **1995-2002** – Hell’s Kitchen Neighborhood Association:
 - “Developing Strategies”
 - **2004** – The Newman Real Estate Institute: **convention center “Flip”**
 - **2004** – Regional Plan Association: three alternative designs for mixed-use development
 - **2005** – Madison Square Garden: “Hudson Gardens” mixed-use development
 - **2003-2006** – HKNA Plan: **convention center expansion, housing, office, hotel**



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Future Context: The City's Plan for Development Near the Rail Yards





A Site That Matters to West Siders

- Prime undeveloped property in our neighborhood
- Connects Chelsea, Hell's Kitchen, Hudson River
- What do West Siders want in the plan?