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Life along the Hudson

Battery Park City has made a grand recovery since 9/11

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Right after 9/11, residents had no choice but to abandon Battery Park City, which stood in the Twin Towers' shadow. Retirees moved elsewhere, families relocated and the flow of Manhattanites into this peaceful oasis abruptly ended.

Yet Battery Park City has rebounded spectacularly, leading a regeneration of growth in the area: Damaged buildings have been repaired or replaced and a spurt of new growth may

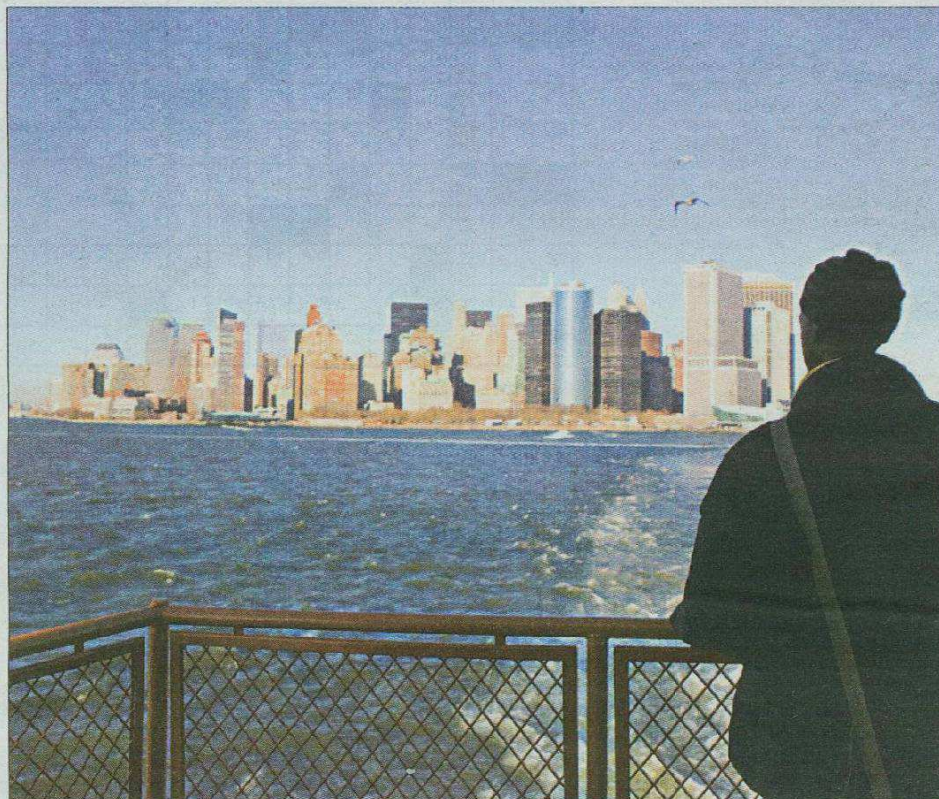
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develop the planned neighborhood to its full capacity.

Many BPC residents will tell you exactly why they moved here: because it is away from the city but still in it.

They also praise its vast park system, excellent schools, and abundance of public art, which many say makes it an idyllic home for families and young professionals looking for a sense of community near the Financial District.

BPC residents do not,



The Staten Island Ferry offers a panoramic view of Battery Park City.

(Photos by Jonathan Scheff)

however, rave about the restaurants or shops. Since the neighborhood lies adjacent to TriBeCa, home to some of the city's best retail and dining, as well as many subway lines, this poses little concern.

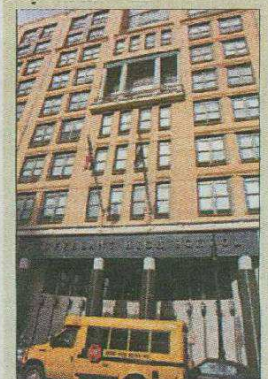
A slow of construction — the new World Trade Center and its rebuilt shopping mall, the Goldman Sachs headquarters, and several other commercial, residential and

mixed-use developments — will also bring in more of the services and amenities that the area lacks.

Pierre Moran, an agent with DJK Residential who has lived in BPC for 20 years, sings the neighbor-

hood's praises.

"You can be right on the water without a road between you," he said. "The sunsets are amazing. It's an oasis of peace and quiet ... It could use a good steak joint, though."



Stuyvesant High School is one of the city's more competitive schools.

The basics

- **Transportation:** The 1, 2 and 3 trains stop along the east side of the neighborhood. Riders can walk or transfer easily to the E, W, 4 and 5 trains. Buses 1, 6, 9, 20 and 22 also serve the area.
- **Crime:** The 1st Precinct patrols the west side of Manhattan's tip, from Houston to South Ferry, including City Hall, the World Trade Center, Battery Park City and Wall Street. In this area, comparing 2001 and 2006, robbery decreased from 192 to 120, as did assault (167 to 90), burglary (426 to 253), grand larceny (2,100 to 1,470) and grand larceny auto (157 to 77). The numbers of murder and rape cases was the same in each year, at one and five, respectively.
- **Schools:** PS 89 (PK-5) and PS 289 (6-8), both at 201 Warren St., 212-571-5659; Stuyvesant High School, one of the city's most prestigious and competitive schools (9-12, 345 Chambers St., 212-312-4800); PS 234 (K-5, 292 Greenwich St., 212-233-6034); and Wildcat Academy Charter High School (8-12, 17 Battery Place, 212-209-6036).
- **Post Office:** Church Street Station (90 Church St.)