

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

East River Waterfront
Pier 15 and Esplanade
New York, NY

LIGHTING DESIGNER

Tillotson Design Associates

Suzan Tillotson, Erin DeVries, and Megan Pfeffer

The lighting provides a unique nighttime experience and invokes the magical quality of the water and the urban character of the Lower Manhattan's East River Waterfront. It defines the area at night, providing illumination levels that encourage nighttime pedestrian use and imparting a feeling of safety without detracting from the water view. By washing the continuous girder of the FDR Drive's elevated roadway, the water's edge is indirectly illuminated in a glare and clutter-free manner. Vertical ribs of light at the exterior face of the handrail help to create an iconic image when viewed from the opposite shore.

ARCHITECTS

SHoP Architects

Gregg Pasquarelli, Cathy Jones, Chad Burke,
Dana Getman, and Ben Smoot

Workshop: Ken Smith Landscape Architects

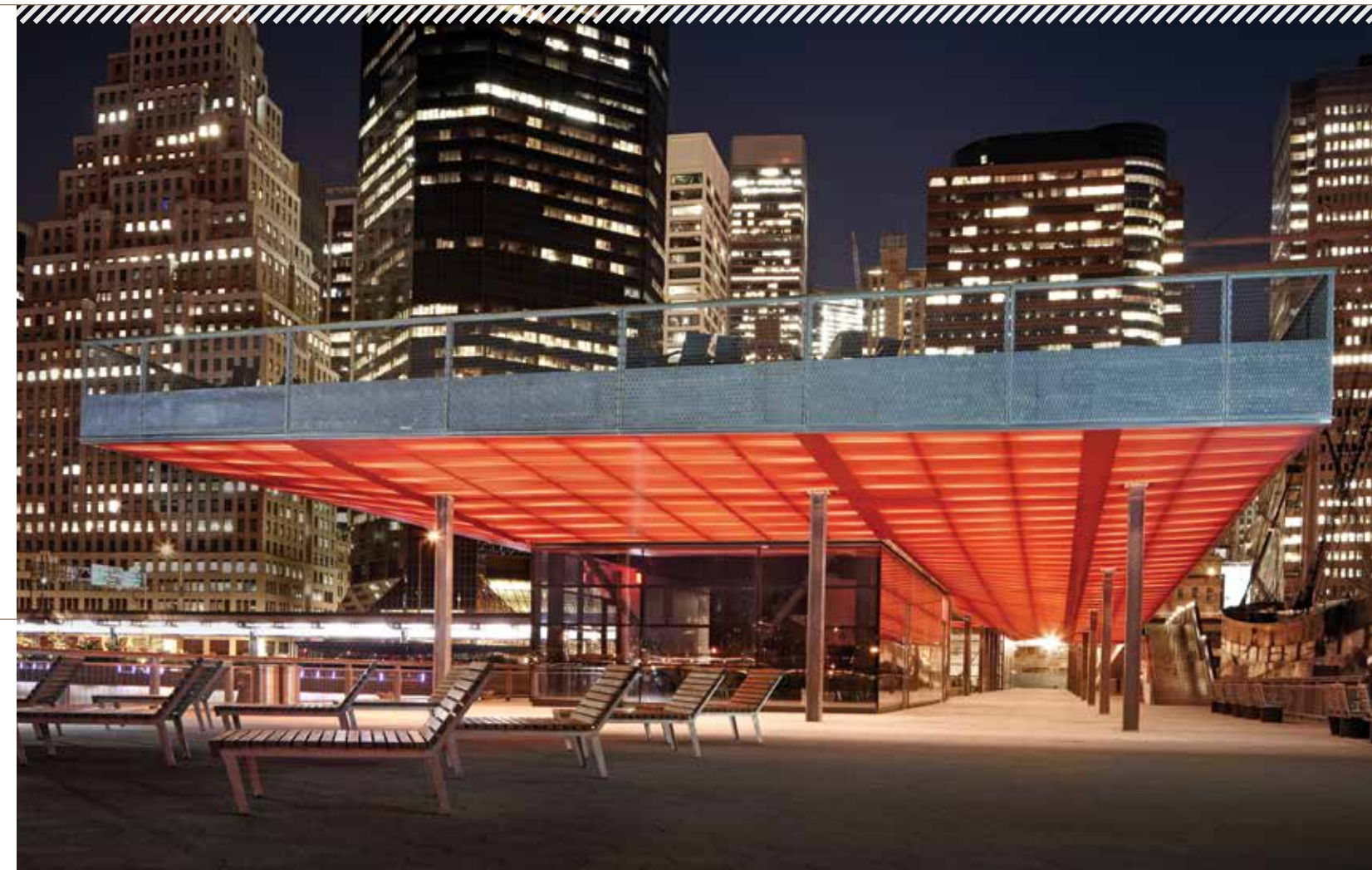
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and John Ridenour

PROJECT OWNER

New York City Economic Development Corporation

PHOTOGRAPHY

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"The lighting design utilized the east facing girder by indirectly illuminating it; creating a ribbon of soft light to guide pedestrians along the waterfront."

— Suzan Tillotson,
Tillotson Design Associates

"The design totally embraced the infrastructure. It was unapologetically urban, yet tough and gritty and beautiful and inspiring. You have an intimate connection to Wall St., Brooklyn and the harbor. This is unabashedly New York. We're celebrating the water and all that surrounds it."

— Amanda M. Burden,
Chair of the New York City Planning Commission
and Director of the Department of City Planning

