Publicly Accessible Waterfront Spaces (PAWS) User Guide

General Introduction to PAWS

The Publicly Accessible Waterfront Spaces (PAWS) database was created by the Department of City Planning (DCP) to capture information on New York City's publicly accessible waterfront spaces that are not included in the *Selected Facilities and Program Sites* database because many of them are under private ownership, but require DCP approval pursuant to Zoning. The majority of the spaces in PAWS were constructed in conjunction with private waterfront developments, pursuant to the NYC Zoning Resolution. The database includes completed spaces as well as spaces that are under construction (in progress) or have been approved even though construction of the waterfront space has not commenced. The publicly accessible spaces in the PAWS database do not include parks or open spaces under the jurisdiction of NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, or the National Park Service, which are contained in the NYC Waterfront Parks Shapefile, available for download on the DCP "Bytes of the Big Apple" website .

Most entries in the PAWS database are created from information based on certain waterfront-related Land Use applications. The database lists the Zoning Resolution section number[1] on which this application is based, and the application number(s) for the waterfront-related action(s). Through DCP's LUCATS (Land Use and CEQR Application Tracking System) website, more information about those applications can be obtained.

Additional spaces, e.g. West Harlem Piers Park, which did not require DCP approval, were also added if information was obtained from responsible agencies, DCP's borough offices, or by research.

Specifics about PAWS

The Publicly Accessible Waterfront Spaces (PAWS) data is stored in a Microsoft Access 2007 database named **PAWS** (PAWS.accdb). The database is comprised of six objects:
- two tables (**MasterTable** and **RelatedItem**),
- two forms (**MainForm** and **RelItemForm**),
- one report (**SampleReport**), and
- one query (**SampleQuery**).

Tables: **MasterTable** and **RelatedItem**

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[1] Waterfront Zoning Resolution section numbers have changed since the 2009 waterfront text amendment was adopted. Both the initial section numbers and the amended section numbers can be found in the database depending on the submission date of the application.

MasterTable is the main table which contains 79 records for the 79 PAWS spaces each coded with a unique ID field (PAWS_ID) assigned by DCP. Each of these records lists the land use application ID of the main land use application associated with a specific waterfront space, selected information extracted from the application, if it required DCP approval, and other detailed information about the waterfront space.

MasterTable

Table Layout and Field Description (data type, size and format of fields can be viewed in Access)		
Field Name	**Data Type**	**Description**
PAWS_ID	Text	ID number assigned to the waterfront space by Department of City Planning
Application_ID	Text	Land Use Application ID number of the main application that is associated with the waterfront space
PAWS_Name	Text	Name of the waterfront project/space
Public_Access_Requirement	Text	Type of requirement and provision of the waterfront space
Location	Text	Address or location of the waterfront space
Description	Memo	General description of the waterfront project/space
Boro	Number	1-digit borough code
Borough	Text	2-character abbreviated borough name
Borough_Name	Text	Full borough name
CD	Text	3-digit Community District Code
Boro_CD	Text	Code identifying Borough and CD
Reach_ID	Text	Code identifying Comprehensive Waterfront Plan reach in which the waterfront space is located
Zoning	Text	NYC Zoning District(s) in which the waterfront space is located
Construction_Status	Text	Construction status of the waterfront space
Construction_Status_Code	Number	1-digit code identifying construction status of the waterfront space

Waterfront_Text_Amendment	Text	Waterfront Text Amendment date associated with the waterfront space
Photo	Attachment	Photo of the waterfront space
CEQR_Number	Text	City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) application number
CPC_Report	Hyperlink	Hyperlink address to the CPC Report associated with the waterfront project/space
SpecialDist_WAP	Text	Special District or Waterfront Access Plan area in which the waterfront space is located
LUCATS_Description	Text	Description of the land use application in Land Use & CEQR Application Tracking System (LUCATS)
Applicant	Text	Applicant(s) of the land use application
Property_Owner	Text	Private owner or public agency having jurisdiction of the waterfront space
Ownership_Type	Text	Type of ownership of the waterfront space
Ownership_Type_Code	Number	1-digit code identifying whether ownership of the waterfront space is public or private
Agency_Maintenance	Text	Name/type of agency that operates or maintains the waterfront space
Zoning_Resolution_Section	Text	Zoning Resolution Section(s) under which the waterfront space is provided
Restrictive_Declaration_ID	Text	Restrictive Declaration ID number registered on Automated City Register Information System (ACRIS) at DOF's website or at DCP's Counsel's Office
Date_Received	Text	Date the land use application was received by City Planning Commission
Date_Chair_Certification	Text	Date the land use application was certified/approved by DCP Chair
Date_CPC_Approval	Text	Date the land use application was approved by City Planning Commission
Date_LUCATS_Completed	Text	Date the land use application was terminated in LUCATS
Notes_Special	Memo	Special notes on the waterfront space
Visual_Corridors	Yes/No	Are #visual corridors# required or provided?

Visual_Corridors_Total	Number	Number of #visual corridors#
Seating	Yes/No	Is seating required or provided?
Lighting	Yes/No	Is lighting required or provided?
Trees	Yes/No	Are trees required or provided?
Other_Planting	Yes/No	Are other type of plants (shrubs, etc.) required or provided?
Entry_Gates	Yes/No	Are there entry gates?
Dedicated_Bike_Path	Yes/No	Is a dedicated bike path required or provided?
Bike_Racks	Yes/No	Are bike racks required or provided?
Ground_Floor_Retail	Yes/No	Is there ground floor retail?
Piers	Yes/No	Are there #piers#?
Ferry_WaterTaxi	Yes/No	Is there water taxi or ferry service?
Boat_Launch	Yes/No	Is there a boat launch?
Public_Access_Easement	Yes/No	Is a public access easement required or provided?
Guardrails	Yes/No	Are guardrails required or provided?
Public_Art	Yes/No	Is there public art?
Interpretive_Displays	Yes/No	Are there interpretive displays?
Trash_Receptacles	Yes/No	Are trash receptacles required or provided?
Handicapped_Accessible	Yes/No	Is handicapped accessibility required or provided?
Emergency_Access	Yes/No	Is emergency access required or provided?
Publicly_Accessible_Walkway	Yes/No	Is a publicly accessible walkway required or provided?
Shore_Public_Walkway	Yes/No	Is a #shore public walkway# required or provided?

SPW_Ft	Text	#shore public walkway# in linear ft
SPW_Sf	Number	#shore public walkway# in square ft
Upland_Connections	Yes/No	Are #upland connections# required or provided?
Upland_Connections_Total	Number	Number of #upland connections#
Upland_Connections_Sf	Number	Total #upland connections# in square ft
Supplemental_Public_Access_Area	Yes/No	Is #supplemental public access area# required or provided?
SPAA_Sf	Number	Total #supplemental public access area# in square ft
Total_WPAA_Sf	Number	Total #waterfront public access area# in square ft
Adjacent_Waterway	Text	Body of water the public space is adjacent to
Hours_Operation	Text	Hours of operation of the waterfront space
Signage	Yes/No	Is signage required or provided?
Signage_Description	Text	Description of signage

Note: The symbol # surrounding a set of words indicates a #defined term# in the Zoning Text.

RelatedItem is a table which contains basic information on the land use application(s) that are related or tied to the main land use applications listed in MasterTable.

The relationship between MasterTable and RelatedItem is "One-To-Many", joined by the ID field. A record in MasterTable may be related to multiple records in RelatedItem.

The data type, size and format of the fields of the tables can be viewed in the software in the table's Table Design window (right-click on the table in the Navigation Pane and choose Design View on the drop-down context menu). A blank field indicates that the information is not collected or is not applicable.

RelatedItem

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Field Name	**Data Type**	**Description**
PAWS_ID	Text	ID number assigned to the waterfront space by Department of City Planning
Application_ID	Text	Land Use Application ID number of the main application to which the related land use application is tied
Related_Application_ID	Text	Land Use Application ID number of the related application that is tied to the main land use application
PAWS_Name	Text	Name of the waterfront project/space
CPC_Report	Hyperlink	Hyperlink address to the CPC Report of the related land use application
LUCATS_Description	Text	LUCATS description of the related land use application
Zoning_Resolution_Section	Text	Zoning Resolution Section(s) that pertains to the related land use application

Forms: **MainForm** and **RelItemForm**

MainForm is an Access object designed to allow users to view many data fields on one screen and to easily move from one record to the next by using the Record bar at the bottom of the screen. This form also has four Page tabs: General Information, Related Actions, Features/Amenities, and Special Notes. Click each tab to view its specific information.

Note: When a field is in the Yes/No format, the "Yes" value appears on the form as a check mark in the field's Check Box, while the "No" value appears as blank

RelItemForm is a form which is inserted as a subform in MainForm under the Related Actions tab. This subform links the ID field in MasterTable to the ID field in RelatedItem in a One-To-Many relationship. By clicking the Related Actions tab, users can view information about the land use application(s) tied to the main application listed at the top of the MainForm.

<u>Report:</u> **SampleReport**

SampleReport is a simple Access report listing the publicly accessible waterfront spaces in PAWS sorted by borough and construction status. This report uses SampleQuery (see below) as its Record Source. Click the Open Report command button on MainForm to view the report.

<u>Query:</u> **SampleQuery**

SampleQuery is a simple Access query which selects those fields to be used for SampleReport.