

New York Wheel construction goes live

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The New York Wheel, the 60-story observation wheel that will be the world's tallest when it opens in 2017, received approval from the New York City Council on changes to the overall project.

Revisions were focused on the 950-unit parking garage adjacent to The Wheel which needed to be configured, allowing for additional benefits to utilize natural instead of mechanic ventilation and creating more self-parking, as requested by the community.

On the heels of the approval, live construction cameras at Robbins Reef Lighthouse, located off the North Shore of St. George, will be available for the public to see first-hand the creation of the newest addition to the New York City Skyline.

Live video feed will be available on the New York Wheel website at www.newyorkwheel.com.

"We are grateful to Council Member Debi Rose for her leadership, as well as our other vital community partners who include Staten Island Borough President Jimmy Oddo, Staten Island Community Board 1 and the Department of City Planning in helping us find the optimal changes to enhance the project. This approval today will ensure that construction will continue as scheduled," said New York Wheel President and CEO Rich Marin.

"With today's council vote, The New York Wheel will become the centerpiece for New York Harbor's newest urban getaway, Destination St. George."

The Wheel will be located adjacent to the Staten Island Yankees Stadium and New York City's first premium outlet center, Empire Outlets.

Construction of the \$500 million project will result in over 350 union construction jobs and nearly 500 permanent jobs once complete.

