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## **Reimagining Red Hook as the Most Bicycle Friendly Community in New York City:**

### **A Three-Part Design Competition Sponsored by The Forum for Urban Design**

Located in the southwest corner of Brooklyn, Red Hook is a historic waterfront neighborhood that is underserved by public transportation. While this situation has contributed to the unique character of the community, it has resulted in sporadic economic development.

The Forum's simple proposal is this: rather than overwhelm the area with traditional transportation infrastructure (and thus usher in a wave of outsized development), transform the community by making bicycling the **predominant** method of mobility for residents. Not only could bicycling connect residents to the rest of New York City, it would create recreational activities in an area underserved by well-designed public space and parks, and draw people to Red Hook from around the city to enjoy bicycle-related activities and neighborhood amenities. In other words, transforming Red Hook into the most bicycle friendly neighborhood in New York could foster a uniquely sustainable development pattern.

In keeping with the Forum's mission of fostering a multi-disciplinary approach to urban design, the competition had three components: architecture, urban planning, and development. Entrants were charged with **1.** designing a comprehensive bicycle locking station near the elevated Smith/9th Street F/G train station, **2.** connecting this bicycle locking garage or "loft" to the neighborhood via dedicated bike lanes and other bike amenities throughout Red Hook, and **3.** conducting a feasibility study and development timeline.

The Forum received 60 submissions, each one included 10 images a video and a statement. On display are the six finalists (including the winner) and honorable mentions.

#### **The Jury:**

**Vishaan Chakrabarti**, Executive Vice President of Planning and Design, Related Companies

**Judith Kunoff**, Chief Architect, New York City Transit

**Jonathan Marvel**, Principal, Rogers Marvel Architects

**Aaron Naparstek**, journalist and community organizer, Streetsblog

\***Philip Nobel**, Architecture and Design Critic, *Metropolis* magazine

**Ryan Russo**, Director of Pedestrian and Bicycle Programs, NYC DOT

**Oliver Schaper**, Senior Design Associate, Gensler

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**Andrea White**, Executive Director of Bikestation

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