RE-ENVISIONING THE POOL AND RINK AT THE HARLEM MEER
SITE ANALYSIS / EXISTING CONDITIONS
SKATING AT LASKER
OBJECTIVES

• Replace the existing facility
• Repair the damaged landscape and impaired hydrology
• Provide the largest pool and rink possible in the restored site
• Remove a physical and visual barrier
• Develop a design inspired by the scenic landmark
• Build a welcoming, accessible, and environmentally sustainable facility
• Serve more park users year-round
• Expand nature-based recreation
PARK HISTORY & PURPOSE
“The primary purpose of the Park is to provide the best practicable means of *healthful recreation*, for the inhabitants of the city, of all classes. It should have an aspect of spaciousness and tranquility...thereby affording the most *agreeable contrast to the confinement, bustle, and monotonous street-division of the city*...

...Sports, games and parades, in which comparatively few can take part, will only be admissible in cases where they may be supposed to *contribute indirectly to the pleasure of a majority of those visiting the Park*.”

- Frederick Law Olmsted, co-designer of Central Park, 1859.
BUILDING IN THE LANDSCAPE OF THE PARK
RECONNECTING THE HISTORIC WATERCOURSE
SECTION VIEW LOOKING NORTH – NINETEENTH CENTURY
SECTION VIEW LOOKING NORTH – PROPOSED
1: POOL
2: SPLASH PAD
3: MEER PERGOLA
4: BOARDWALK
5: DECK PORCH
6: LIFEGUARD LOCKER ROOMS
7: CONCESSIONS
8: POOL STAFF OFFICES
9: LOCKER ROOMS
10: FAMILY CHANGING ROOMS
11: MECHANICAL WELL

MEZZANINE LEVEL:
12: STAFF LOCKER ROOMS
13: MECHANICAL ROOM
14: ELECTRICAL ROOM
15: MDF ROOM
DECK LEVEL
1: RINK
2: ICE RESURFACER
3: MEER PERGOLA
4: BOARDWALK
5: GATHERING
6: SKATE RENTALS & QUEUING
7: CONCESSIONS
8: TICKETING, INFO & OFFICES
9: LOCKER ROOMS
10: FAMILY CHANGING ROOMS
11: MECHANICAL WELL

MEZZANINE LEVEL:
12: STAFF LOCKER ROOMS
13: MECHANICAL ROOM
14: ELECTRICAL ROOM
15: MDF ROOM
HIGH FENCE
LOW FENCE
LOW FENCE
- SEASONAL

RAILING

PLAN DETAIL
ELEVATION DETAIL
SECTION DETAIL

MESH INFILL

RAILING
A SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY: MAXIMIZE SOLAR CONDITIONS / REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT / NATURAL VENTILATION / REDUCTION OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACES / STORM WATER MANAGEMENT