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Developer Donates \$1.3M to Future Downtown Playground

September 20th: New York City real estate developer Kent Swig has donated \$1.3 million to complete the financing necessary to build a new park at Burling Slip between Front and South Streets, the *New York Sun* reported.

Swig, whose companies own about 4 million square feet of commercial and residential space in Lower Manhattan, made the donation in honor of his deceased twin brother, Robert.

The new play space, called Imagination Playground, is being designed by architectural firm the Rockwell Group and will cost \$2 million to build. "It will add to the quality of life for everyone that lives in the financial district," Swig told the *Sun*. Swig approached Community Board 1 wanting to donate to the community, and the community board suggested the playground project. "We thought an introduction to David Rockwell and Imagination Playground was a great fit," CB1 Chairperson Julie Menin told the *Sun*.