

Proposed South Beach Infrastructure Upgrades Fact Sheet

What is the Proposed Project? The Proposed Project will: improve 4.4 miles of streets and sidewalk to current NYCDOT standards; install a new drainage collection system; and upgrade and replace existing sanitary sewers and water mains. To implement the proposed project, the New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for dewatering and groundwater pumping operations, which requires a New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. This permit is to construct the South Beach Infrastructure Upgrades (DDC Contract HWR1132B) in South Beach, Staten Island. A Public Participation Plan has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29). The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform and give the public about the project and the opportunity to comment during the SPDES permit application review process.

Why does DDC need to upgrade the infrastructure in the South Beach Neighborhood? Hurricane Sandy flooded the South Beach Neighborhood. This project will provide much needed street drainage for the Proposed Project Area. The reconstructed streets and new infrastructure will improve vehicular and pedestrian conditions, while reducing the potential for future flooding impacts and will support neighborhood resiliency with respect to coastal storms, while providing enhanced infrastructure that will support post-storm recovery efforts.

How might the upgrades affect the surrounding community? Community impacts will be temporary in nature and all related to construction. DDC and its contractors propose to control all dust, rodent, noise and vibration during the construction period. DDC will be available to answer all questions for any issues related to special needs access, service delivery coordination (e.g. trash collection), and any property damage. Water service interruptions will only be during the day, and advance notice will be provided to all affected homeowners. Traffic impacts are expected during construction; however, DDC will take all the necessary measures to minimize disruptions to property access, schools, as well as access to transportation facilities, community facilities, and emergency services.

How can I participate in the permit review process? Comments may be provided in writing, or by calling the DDC or DEC contacts below for information on meetings, comment period dates, and submitting any oral comments.

Where can I get more information about the proposed expansion?

- Visit the DDC field office and repository at 114 McClean Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314 and on the web at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/contracts/HWR1132B-public-participation-plan.page> - Contact the DDC Field Office Construction Community Liaison, Carrie Agar, at the field office located above, or by phone at 718-273-0042
- Call or write to the DDC Field Office Construction Community Liaison, Carrie Agar, at 114 McClean Avenue, Staten Island 10314, 718-273-0042, email: southbeachcl@gmail.com.

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application? NYSDEC, Division of Environmental Permits, NYSDEC Region 2 Headquarters, 47-20 21st St., Long Island City, NY 11101, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (718) 482-4997; email: DEP.R2@dec.ny.gov