

Construction of Water Mains, Storm and Sanitary Sewers in Beach 21st Street and Surrounding Area in Far Rockaway

Fact Sheet

What is the Proposed Project? The Proposed Project will: improve approximately one mile 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 Far Rockaway Infrastructure Upgrades (DDC Project ID: SEQ200524) in New Haven Ave. and surrounding area, Queens. A Public Participation Plan has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29). The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public about the project and to involve the community during the SPDES permit application review process.

Why does DDC need to upgrade the infrastructure in the Beach 21st St. Neighborhood? The existing infrastructure is old and insufficient. 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?

- Contact Community Construction Liaison, Georges Paul:

Phone at (347) 619-8870 or (917) 326-9044, Email: beach21ccl@gmail.com

- Visit the DDC field office and repository at:

Wavercrest Gardens Complex, 20-34 Seagirt Blvd., Far Rockaway, NY 11691.

- Visit the project website:

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application? 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