



**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND
PUBLIC HEARING**

Project: Kensico - Eastview Connection Project

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Commissioner

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A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the proposed **Kensico - Eastview Connection (KEC) Project**. Acting as lead agency and in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (Section 8-0113, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617, and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process, as set forth in Title 62 RCNY Chapter 5 and Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, and the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), as required by the State Revolving Fund Loan Program, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection is hereby certifying this DEIS as complete.

A Positive Declaration and a Draft Scope of Work for the DEIS was issued on March 3, 2021. A public meeting to obtain oral testimony on the draft scope was held on April 7, 2021 via Zoom. The period for submitting written comments remained open until April 21, 2021. A Final Scope of Work (FSOW) was issued on December 17, 2021, finalizing the scope of analysis for the DEIS. Based on the FSOW, this DEIS was prepared and is certified as complete.

The DEIS is being circulated for public review with this Notice of Completion. For a hard copy of the DEIS, please contact the person listed at the end of this Notice. The DEIS will also be available for review by the public at the repositories (see attachment) and on the DEP website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>.

Public Hearing

A public hearing has been scheduled for December 7, 2022 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral and written comments on the DEIS. The public comment period will remain open until Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Responses to comments given during the hearing and written comments received will be provided as part of the Final EIS.

The public hearing will be held in-person and via Zoom. To register for the hearing via Zoom and receive the Zoom link, please go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>.

The in-person meeting will be held at:

Town of Mount Pleasant Town Hall Board Room
One Town Hall Plaza
Valhalla, NY 10595

The DEIS is available on the DEP website at:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>.

Hard copies are available upon request.

The public hearing location is accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. Any request for accommodation for interpreter services should be made via e-mail to the DEP contact person noted below a minimum of ten (10) days in advance.

Notification of the public hearing and public comment period will appear in the local newspaper before the hearing, as required. Written comments should be sent to the contact person listed at the end of this Notice. The public comment period will be followed by the FEIS.

Project Description

DEP proposes to construct a new tunnel between the Kensico Reservoir and the Catskill/Delaware Ultraviolet Light Disinfection (CDUV) Facility. The UV Facility is located on City-owned property (“the Eastview Site”) within the Town of Mount Pleasant in Westchester County, New York. The Proposed Action would be comprised of the following major components:

- A new approximately 2-mile-long, deep rock tunnel between the Kensico Reservoir and the CDUV Facility and the construction of new shafts;
- Subsurface utility easements along the tunnel corridor;
- Construction of a new KEC Screen Chamber;
- Construction of connecting tunnels to the new screen chamber and modifications to the existing Dike Grade Tunnel;
- Consolidation of the electrical supply to the Kensico Campus and construction of a new electrical building;
- Redevelopment of the Kensico Campus including the relocation of Westlake Drive, regrading of the overall site, a new DEP Police booth, and other security improvements;
- Modifications to the chemical feed system at Delaware Shaft 18;
- Modifications to the existing Catskill Upper Effluent Chamber (UEC) located within and adjacent to the Kensico Reservoir;
- Construction of a new Eastview Connection Chamber and interconnection to the CDUV Facility;
- Management of excavated material from construction;
- Shoreline stabilization efforts along Kensico Reservoir south of the UEC; and
- Mitigation as needed for the project.

The KEC tunnel would provide an additional means of conveying water between the Kensico

Reservoir and the CDUV Facility. Completion of this project would enhance operational resiliency and redundancy for the water supply system.

The KEC Project (including its environmental review) must be completed prior to the construction of a cover over the Hillview Reservoir. The KEC Project is required by and must be constructed in accordance with the terms of the Hillview Consent Decree and Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York on May 15, 2019. Completion of the KEC Project would increase flow to the CDUV Facility and improve DEP's ability to maintain Hillview Reservoir water surface levels within normal operating limits during single-basin operations at Hillview Reservoir.

Required Approvals

The KEC project will require several discretionary actions, including approval by the State, federal, County, and local entities. For a full list of potentially required permits and approvals, please refer to the DEIS.

Significant Impacts and Mitigation

A full assessment of potential impacts was undertaken in preparation of the DEIS.

There is a potential for significant adverse impacts to natural resources, specifically forested areas and wetlands, and temporary significant adverse traffic impacts. DEP's proposed mitigation plan would address anticipated significant adverse impacts to natural resources. The Proposed Action would provide mitigation for the loss of 9.3 acres of forested area at the Kensico Campus with off-site forest restoration. Similarly, off-site wetland mitigation would fully address the loss of 2.33 acres of wetland impacts due to the Proposed Action. DEP's proposed mitigation plan would also address anticipated temporary significant adverse impacts to traffic and transportation through the retiming of signals at two intersections and pavement restriping at a third.

As stated above, copies of the DEIS will be available for review at the repositories listed in the attachment to this Notice, and the DEIS will be posted on the DEP website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>. Written comments on the DEIS can be mailed or e-mailed to the DEP contact person noted below.

On behalf of DEP, the Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis has determined that the proposed action is a Type I action and that it may have potential significant effects on the environment. Based on preliminary analyses, DEP has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement should be prepared to fully disclose the complex issues associated with the proposed project.

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Attached: Distribution List
Repository List
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (via web link below)
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>

**Kensico – Eastview Connection Project
DEIS Distribution List**

Involved and Interested Agencies and Parties

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives
The Assembly of the State of New York
Federal Emergency Management Agency
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
New York City Office of Environmental Coordination
New York City Public Design Commission
New York State Assembly
New York State Attorney General
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Department of Health
New York State Department of State
New York State Department of Transportation
New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
New York State Senate
Westchester County
Westchester County Department of Planning
Westchester County Airport
Westchester County Department of Correction
Westchester County Department of Health
Westchester County Legislature
Westchester County Water District #3
Westchester Joint Water Works
Town of Mount Pleasant
Town of Greenburgh
Town of North Castle
Gate of Heaven Cemetery
Mount Eden Cemetery
Valhalla Union Free School District
Hawthorne Country Day School

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DEIS Repository List**

List of Repositories

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Town of Mount Pleasant Town Hall
Town Clerk – Emily Costanza
One Town Hall Plaza,
Valhalla, NY 10595

Town of Mount Pleasant Branch Library
Library Director – John Fearon
125 Lozza Drive
Valhalla, NY 10595

Town of Greenburgh Town Hall
Town Clerk – Judith Beville
177 Hillside Avenue
Greenburgh, NY 10607

Town of North Castle Town Hall
Town Clerk – Alison Simon
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