

City Record – Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 5-07 of the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Review (CEQR) and 6 NYCRR 617.8 (State Environmental Quality Review) that the City of New York - Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) as CEQR lead agency, has determined that a targeted Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is to be prepared for the Resilient Edgemere Initiative Rezoning (CEQR No. 21HPD009Q). The CEQR lead agency hereby requests that the applicant prepare or have prepared, at their option, a targeted Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.9(b), Sections 6-08 and 6-12 of Executive Order No. 91 of 1977 as amended (City Environmental Quality Review).

The project involves an application by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) for proposed Zoning Map Amendments, Zoning Text Amendments, amendments to the Edgemere Urban Renewal Plan (“URP”), and Urban Development Action Area (“UDAA”) designations, Urban Development Action Area Plan (“UDAAP”) approval, disposition of City-owned property, acquisition of real property, and a mayoral zoning override to partially waive parking requirements on certain sites that will affect all of portions of 31 tax block lots in Edgemere, Queens, which encompasses a portion of Community District 14. The Edgemere area is generally bounded by Beach 35th Street to the east, rockaway Freeway and Rockaway Beach Boulevard to the south, Beach 50th Street and Beach 51st Street to the west, and Jamaica Bay to the north.

These actions are intended to mitigate long term flood risk and create affordable housing opportunities and expand neighborhood amenities alongside investments in coastal protection infrastructure and parks.

For area-wide rezonings not associated with a specific development, a ten-year period is typically the length of time within which area-wide zoning map changes would be acted upon. Therefore, an analysis year of 2031 is assumed for environmental analysis purposes. The Proposed Project is subject to public review under the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), Section 200 of the City Charter. The New York City Charter (the Charter) requires certain actions that are reviewed by the City Planning Commission (CPC) to undergo a ULURP. Key participants in the ULURP process are the Department of City Planning (DCP) and the CPC, the local community board, the Queens Borough President, the City Council and the Mayor.

A public scoping meeting will be held virtually on January 19, 2021* at 4:00 p.m. This meeting can be accessed by going to the following link: <https://zoom.us/join> and entering the following information:

Edgemere Scoping Hearing – Main Session

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Written comments on the Draft Scope of Work will be accepted by the lead agency until the close of business on January 29, 2021 and may be sent to JulianaM@hpd.nyc.gov.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Statement, Positive Declaration, and Draft Scope of Work will be made available for download at HPD's environmental review webpage:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/environmental-review.page>. Public comments are requested with respect to issues to be addressed in the targeted DEIS.

* Please note: An earlier version of this notice misidentified the year as 2020.