

APPENDIX A
Agency Correspondence



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October 9, 2007

Rachael Shatz
Planning & Environmental Review
Empire State Development Corporation
633 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

Dear Ms. Shatz:

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Patrick Blanchfield
New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development
100 Gold Street
New York, New York 10038

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

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Jack Homkow
Director of Environmental Affairs
Dormitory Authority of the State of New York
One Penn Plaza
New York, New York 10021

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

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Mr. Vincio Donato
Chairperson
Queens Community Board 1
36-01 35th Avenue
Queens, NY 11106

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

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Jeff Mulligan
Executive Director
Board of Standards and Appeals
40 Rector Street, 6th Floor
New York, New York 10006

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

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Marilyn Lee
New York City Economic Development Corporation
110 William Street
New York, New York 10038

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

Dear Ms. Lee:

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Herve Carrie
Environmental Coordinator
Program Management Unit
New York City Department of Design and Construction
30-30 Thomson Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101-3045

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

Dear Mr. Carrie:

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Ms. Jean Pietrusiak
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York Natural Heritage Program
Information Services
625 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-4757

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

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Mr. James Gilmore
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 2 – New York City
Hunters Point Plaza
4720 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101-5407

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

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Mr. David A. Stilwell
Field Supervisor
United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
3817 Luker Road
Cortland, NY 13045

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

Dear Mr. Stilwell:

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October 15, 2007

Dara Braitman
The Louis Berger Group, Inc
One Seaport Plaza
199 Water Street, 23rd floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

Dear Ms. Braitman:

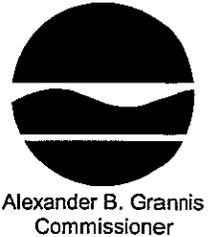
The Planning & Environmental Review Department of the New York State Urban Development Corporation, d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) has received the request for information regarding planned development projects in the vicinity of the proposed Dutch Kills Redevelopment project. Please be advised that the Department is not aware of any planned development projects in which ESDC is involved in the vicinity of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Rachel Shatz
Director, Planning & Environmental Review

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources
New York Natural Heritage Program
625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-4757
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October 25, 2007

Dara Braitman
Louis Berger Group
1 Seaport Pl, 199 Water St, 23rd flr
New York, NY 10038

Dear Ms. Braitman:

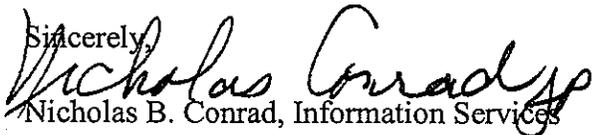
In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Re-development - Dutch Kills Project - Mixed Use Project, area as indicated on the map you provided, located in Queens, New York City.

We have no records of known occurrences of rare or state-listed animals or plants, significant natural communities, or other significant habitats, on or in the immediate vicinity of your site.

The absence of data does not necessarily mean that rare or state-listed species, natural communities or other significant habitats do not exist on or adjacent to the proposed site. Rather, our files currently do not contain any information which indicates their presence. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted. For these reasons, we cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of rare or state-listed species, or of significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental assessment.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

This response applies only to known occurrences of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities and other significant habitats maintained in the Natural Heritage Data bases. Your project may require additional review or permits; for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at the enclosed address.

Sincerely,

Nicholas B. Conrad, Information Services
NY Natural Heritage Program

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cc: Reg. 2, Wildlife Mgr.



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114th Precinct - New York City Police Department
Community Policing Unit
34-16 Astoria Boulevard
Queens, New York 11103

RE: Dutch Kills Redevelopment Plan Environmental Review

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Please advise as to whether the proposed project would result in an impact to police services in the area. Feel free to contact me at (212) 612-7966 for additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

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Bureau of Operations
Technology Division
Fire Department, City of New York
9 Metrotech Center
Brooklyn, NY 11201

RE: Impact to Fire Services

To Whom It May Concern at the Bureau of Operations:

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Office of Management Analysis and Planning
 Resource Analysis Section - Room 1408
 One Police Plaza
 New York, New York 10038

Nicole M.B. Rodriguez
 Project Manager
 Department of City Planning
 22 Reade Street, Room 4E
 New York, NY 10007-1216

Dear Nicole M.B. Rodriguez:

I am writing in response to your recent correspondence regarding the staffing levels and response times of the 114th Precinct.

The Department appreciates your concern regarding this matter and we can assure you that decisions regarding personnel allocation are made fairly and equitably. The Department uses of both quantitative and qualitative measures to allocate personnel and every effort is made to deploy our resources in a manner consistent with the overall goal of reducing crime and improving the quality of life of all City residents. As a result of this process the 114th Precinct has a total uniformed staffing level of 214 personnel and the average time to respond to an emergency is 5.95 minutes.

While we would like to increase the number of police officers working in each precinct within the City, we must allocate personnel in keeping with available resources. Since 2001 the Department head count has declined by nearly 4,700 officers from our peak head count of nearly 41,000.

Even though we have experienced a decrease in uniformed staffing levels, the Department has utilized its limited resources to police more effectively. We are unable to predict future staffing count of Precincts as far ahead at 2017.

Thank you for providing me with your concerns regarding this matter. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

for John Gerrish
 Deputy Chief
 Commanding Officer
 Office of Management
 Analysis and Planning



FIRE DEPARTMENT

9 METROTECH CENTER

BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11201-3857

PATRICK McNALLY
Chief of Operations
Bureau of Operations

Room 7W-4

April 07, 2008

Mr. Tika Gurung
Department of City Planning
Technical Review Division, Room 3N
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007-1216

Re: Dutch Kills Rezoning
CEQR No. 08DCP021Q
ULURP# Pending
Borough of Queens

Dear Sir:

The Fire Department, Bureau of Operations has no objection to and no requirements regarding the rezoning of a portion of Queens Community District 1 bounded by 36th Avenue to the north, Northern Boulevard to the east, 41st Avenue to the south, and 23rd Street to the west. It is understood that this rezoning is to encourage moderate and high density development near public transportation by removing restrictions on residential development.

The New York City Fire Departments current staffing level in this area is adequate to provide fire and emergency protection for its occupants at its current level and any future level that may be anticipated.

This is not an approval for any construction proposal, as plans have not been submitted to this office.

If you have any questions, please call Captain George Becker at (718) 855-8571.

Very truly yours,


Patrick McNally
Chief of Operations

Cc: Ms. Nicole M.B. Rodriguez
Department of City Planning
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