

NEGATIVE DECLARATION (Use of this form is optional)

Statement of No Significant Effect

Pursuant to Executive Order 91 of 1977, as amended, and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review, found at Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York and 6 NYCRR, Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review, the Department of City Planning, acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission assumed the role of lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed project. Based on a review of information about the project contained in this environmental assessment statement and any attachments hereto, which are incorporated by reference herein, the lead agency has determined that the proposed project would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.


Reasons Supporting this Determination

The above determination is based on information contained in this EAS, which finds the proposed action sought before the City Planning Commission would have no significant effect on the quality of the environment. Reasons supporting this determination are noted below.

Historic and Cultural Resources: The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) reviewed the project's potential to impact nearby historic and cultural resources, and in a letter dated April 13th, 2017, indicated that the Project Site was within a 150-feet of 269 Howard Street which is eligible to be listed State and National Register of Historic Places. The proposed development would not be located directly adjacent to 269 Howard Avenue, is approximately 20 feet below the proposed development and is significantly buffered physically by intervening lots which are heavily wooded. The LPC has also indicated that no cultural resource of archaeological significance is associated with the Project Site. As such, the proposed development would not affect the visual character or historic nature of this property. The EAS finds that there is no potential for significant adverse impacts to historic or cultural resources.

Natural Resources: The proposed development includes a storm water collection and drywell storage system, a grading plan, tree preservation plan, and the establishes 69% of the total lot as an area of no disturbance. With these measures in place there is no potential for significant adverse impacts to natural resources associated with the proposed actions.

No other significant effects upon the environment that would require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable. This Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA).

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The above determination is based on information contained in this EAS, which finds the proposed action might have a significant effect on the quality of the environment. The City Planning Commission would have no significant effect on the quality of the environment. Review concerning the determination is noted below.

Historic and Cultural Resources: The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) reviewed the project's potential to impact nearby historic and cultural resources, and in a letter dated April 15th, 2017, indicated that the Project Site was within a 150-foot of 388 Howard Street which is eligible to be listed State and National Register of Historic Places. The proposed development would not be located directly adjacent to 388 Howard Avenue, it is approximately 10 feet below the proposed development and is significantly buffered physically by intervening lots which are heavily wooded. The LPC has also indicated that no cultural resources of archaeological significance is associated with the Project Site. As such, the proposed development would not affect the visual character or historic nature of the project. The EAS finds that there is no potential for significant adverse impacts to historic or cultural resources.

Natural Resources: The proposed development includes a storm water collection and drywell-storage system, a grading plan, tree preservation plan, and the establishes edge of the road lot as an area of no disturbance. With these measures in place there is no potential for significant adverse impacts to natural resources associated with the proposed action.

The City Planning Commission would have no significant effect on the environment that would require the preparation of a final environmental impact statement or findings. The Negative Declaration on this project is consistent with Article 6 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (SEQR).

LEADER	DATE
Department of City Planning, acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission	12/03/2018
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