

East New York Rezoning Proposal

FOREWORD¹

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the East New York Rezoning Proposal (the Proposed Actions). Acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission (CPC), which is the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) lead agency, the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) determined the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Actions to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on September 18, 2015. Public Notice of completion of the DEIS and a public hearing on the DEIS was published in the *City Record* and in the *New York Post* on December 21, 2015. CPC held a public hearing on the DEIS in Spector Hall at 22 Reade Street in Manhattan, on January 6, 2016. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open until 5:00 PM on January 19, 2016.

This FEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DEIS during the DEIS public hearing and subsequent DEIS comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 25, "Response to Comments." Changes to the text and graphics from the DEIS were made in this FEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments. In addition, this FEIS also reflects all substantive changes to technical analyses resulting from agency reviews, and material changes in conditions since issuance of the DEIS.

Changes between the DEIS and this FEIS include:

- Revisions to Chapter 1, "Project Description" to provide a more detailed description of the ENY Community Plan.
- Revisions to the Chapter 1, "Project Description" to reflect the modified RWDCS, including adding a new projected development site at 1495 Herkimer Street (site 40), and updating the existing status of projected development site 13, which was previously occupied by the Former East New York Savings Bank, a structure that has been demolished subsequent to issuance of the DEIS.
- Revisions to Chapter 2, "Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy," to reflect the modified RWDCS, incorporate additional public policies released subsequent to the issuance of the DEIS, and address public comments received on the DEIS.
- Revisions to Chapter 3, "Socioeconomic Conditions," to reflect the modified RWDCS.
- Revisions to Chapter 4, "Community Facilities and Services," to reflect the modified RWDCS and incorporate new school utilization data.
- Revisions to Chapter 5, "Open Space," to reflect the modified RWDCS and address public comments received on the DEIS.
- Revisions to Chapter 9, "Hazardous Materials," Chapter 10, "Water and Sewer Infrastructure," Chapter 11, "Solid Waste and Sanitation Services," Chapter 15, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change," and Chapter 17, "Public Health," to reflect the modified RWDCS.
- Revisions to Chapter 6, "Shadows," Chapter 7, "Historic and Cultural Resources," and Chapter 8, "Urban Design and Visual Resources," to reflect the modified RWDCS and incorporate additional eligible historic resources identified subsequent to issuance of the DEIS.
- Revisions to Chapter 12, "Energy" to reflect the modified RWDCS and incorporate information from Con Edison's *2014 Annual Report* (released subsequent to issuance of the DEIS).
- Revisions to Chapter 13, "Transportation," to reflect the inclusion of projected development site 40; as well as changes to the Atlantic Avenue improvements, planned bike lanes on Pitkin Avenue, and recently implemented signal timing changes (leading pedestrian intervals) on Atlantic Avenue in the No-Action.

¹ This Foreword is new to the FEIS.

- Revisions to Chapter 14, “Air Quality,” to (1) reflect the modified RWCDs (and associated changes in future traffic conditions); (2) add an (E) designation on the new projected development site 40; and (3) clarify that projected development site 66’s HVAC restrictions will be mandated by a Land Disposition Agreement (LDA) between HPD and the future developer..
- Revisions to Chapter 16, “Noise,” to (1) reflect the modified RWCDs (and associated changes in future traffic conditions); (2) analyze additional projected and potential development sites with a line of sight to the projected development site 66 school playground to determine noise attenuation requirements; (3) add an (E) designation on the new projected development site 40; and (4) clarify that projected development site 66’s noise attenuation requirements will be mandated by a LDA between HPD and the future developer.
- Revisions to Chapter 18, “Neighborhood Character” to reflect the modified RWCDs and address public comments received on the DEIS.
- Revisions to Chapter 19, “Construction,” to reflect the modified RWCDs and associated changes to the RWCDs construction schedule, refinements to the noise modeling methodology, and the identification of additional eligible historic resources.
- Updated conclusions in Chapter 20, “Mitigation,” and Chapter 22, “Unavoidable Adverse Impacts,” in the areas of community facilities, open space, shadows, historic and cultural resources, transportation, noise, and construction to reflect further evaluation of potential mitigation measures conducted between the DEIS and FEIS in coordination between the lead agency (DCP) and other involved agencies.
- Revisions to Chapter 21, “Alternatives” to reflect updated analyses and changes to the Lower Density Alternative, and incorporate a new alternative, the Coalition Alternative, based on a proposal issued by the Coalition for Community Advancement: Progress for East New York/Cypress Hills.
- Revisions to Chapter 23, “Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Actions,” to reflect the modified RWCDs and address public comments received on the DEIS.
- Chapter 25, “Responses to Comments on the DEIS,” which is entirely new to the document.
- Updates to various appendices for consistency with revisions to analyses.
- Appendix I, “Alternatives,” and Appendix J, “Written Comments Received on the DEIS,” which are entirely new to the document.

Except where indicated, all text changes since publication of the DEIS are marked by double underlining in this FEIS. No underlining is used for the Foreword or Chapter 25, “Response to Comments on the DEIS,” both of which are entirely new.