

A natural resources assessment is conducted when a natural resource is present on or near the project site and when an action involves the disturbance of that resource. The *New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual* defines natural resources as water resources, including surface water bodies and groundwater; wetland resources, including freshwater and tidal wetlands; upland resources, including beaches, dunes, and bluffs, thickets, grasslands, meadows and old fields, woodlands and forests, and gardens and other ornamental landscaping; and built resources, including piers and other waterfront structures.

The project site, Fordham University's Lincoln Center campus, comprises most of a two-block area on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. This area of the city is fully developed and has limited potential to provide unique habitat for noteworthy wildlife. Overall, the proposed action does not have the potential to result in significant adverse impacts to natural resources. \*