

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 – 7:00PM

The September meeting of the Croton Facility Monitoring Committee took place on September 20, 2007 at the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, 3450 DeKalb Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. Most of the attendees: CFMC representatives, elected officials and their representatives, staff from DEP, its construction manager, design engineer, representatives from CRO 312 contractors, representatives from labor union locals and organizations, and members of the public, are listed on the attached sheet. (*Attachment 1*)

The meeting began at approximately 7:15 PM; an agenda (*Attachment 2*) was available.

Welcome

Greg Faulkner, Chair of Community Board #7 and of the CFMC, called the meeting to order and opened the public segment of the meeting for speakers. He first recognized Assembly Member Dinowitz and Council Member G. Oliver Koppell and asked them if they would like to speak.

Public Session

Assembly Member Dinowitz said that the effort to hire Bronx residents has progressed well during the past year. He said, however, that while jobs are important, costs are also important. When the City Council passed the project in 2004, the cost was projected by NYCDEP to be \$1.4 billion. Then in May 2007 the costs were estimated at \$2.1 billion. That is a 60% increase in three years. Mr. Dinowitz showed the chart he had prepared. He said he found that \$200 million for parks improvements wasn't reflected in the NYCDEP costs, and other items were left out too. Adding these items to the cost expands the numbers to \$2.8 billion, more than doubling the original published costs. In April 2007, \$2.2 billion is what DEP said the project might cost. The NYC Independent Budget Office currently estimates that the project will cost \$2.8 billion, confirming Assemblyman Dinowitz's cost estimate.

Mr. Dinowitz said that millions of gallons of groundwater are going down the drain. He, other elected officials and the community are calling upon the NYC Dept of Investigation to examine the cost of the project and the groundwater waste.

Saul Scheinbach, Community Board 8, said that Community Board #8 passed a resolution in July, urging that the NYC Council investigate costs.

Council Member Koppell said he shares Assembly Member Dinowitz's concerns. He said he has always harbored concerns about the project. He said he will pursue and get a full reporting from NYCDEP regarding the costs of the project. If he is not satisfied with

the NYCDEP's explanation, he may also request an independent review. Mr. Koppell said he spoke to NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn earlier in the day about the Croton Filter Project and the fact that its construction and operations costs will be borne by taxpayers. NYCDEP must, he emphasized, give a full cost accounting.

Chairman Faulkner then recognized the members of the public in the order of their registering to speak.

Kevin Johns said he is a resident of Amalgamated Houses and a worker on the Croton Filter Project for nearly three years. He said he thought the cost overruns were partly due to the ten year delay in building the project. He said the Croton Filter Project will provide drinking water throughout NYC, and that NYCDEP has always provided safe drinking water. Jobs have been mentioned often and Mr. Johns pointed out that he and Chick Donohue (who attended the meeting and spoke later as a representative of Local 147 Tunnel Workers) often spoke about the dangers of construction work. Many of the potential quality of life impacts that the community feared did not materialize. These include air pollution, excessive noise, the collapse of the #4 subway line, and increased rodent activity in the neighborhood. Mr. Johns said the project has been run safely and cleanly.

Abby Bellows, NWBCCC, said she is an activist, helping community residents get jobs. She read a letter from the owner of the American Diner on Bainbridge Avenue. She emphasized that the focus is to get workers into apprenticeships. She said that, while Project HIRE's training program serves as a funnel towards employment, there are not enough Project HIRE applicants because NYCDEP offers no stipend to applicants and there is no guarantee of a job at the end of the training program. Ms. Bellows suggested, as she has at prior meetings, that the Consortium for Workers Education might serve as an alternate training vehicle to Project HIRE.

Mr. Faulkner said he appreciated and agreed with Ms. Bellows' statements.

Bill Moakler, NWBCCC, said that Father Scanlon would like to attend CFMC meetings but cannot because the meetings are held on the same evening of the month as Police Precinct Community Council meetings. He requested that the CFMC consider a change of night for meetings. Mr. Faulkner interjected that the Precinct Community Council might also change its meeting date. Mr. Moakler said the CFMC operated with dedication but that local residents should be members of the CFMC because they are most knowledgeable about the project's impacts. He said that trucks need to be stopped from using local streets as they travel through the neighborhood.

Lyn Pyle, Knox-Gates Neighborhood Association, said she recently spoke with Glenn Goldstein of Emisstar about the Best Available Technology (BAT) for vehicles and equipment being used at Croton. She said that NYCDEP and Emisstar finished on-site testing, finding many improvements in the use and effects of BAT. She said the on site air emissions went from 58 thousand kilograms in January 2007 to 2 kilograms in September 2007 as a result of the use of BAT. Ms. Pyle asked whether concrete and

tunnel muck trucks have been retrofitted. She said that Commissioner Lloyd previously committed to the CFMC that these trucks would have BAT. Ms. Pyle added that while a group has been attending Project HIRE classes, she is disappointed that there has been no set-aside for graduates. She hopes there will be improvement in the rate of hiring and recommends that each union regularly report on its referrals of Bronx residents to the Croton project with a goal of local hires reaching 50% of the Croton workforce.

Chairman Faulkner said he will continue to make jobs the centerpiece of the benefits to the community. Mr. Scheinbach asked questions about the particulate matter numbers used by Ms. Pyle.

Karen Argenti, FIPNA, distributed a letter dated 9/1/07 (*Attachment 3*) which summarized her comments and recommendations about the Croton Filter Project as it relates to Jerome Park. Ms. Argenti said it is hard to understand the costs of the project from the information provided by NYCDEP, and it is difficult to understand the amount of groundwater that NYSDEC will allow the city to discharge. She said that she was unable to find a SPDES permit at NYSDEC and that the SWPPP was dated 2004. She said the difficulty in obtaining information leads her to believe the NYCDEP isn't always truthful. If she obtains a SPDES permit, she believes she could determine whether an Environmental Justice review was performed. She recommended that community residents might assist her to track down this information. She recommended further that the meeting minutes provide relevant attachments.

Anthony Perez Cassino, Community Board #8, praised Ms. Argenti's efforts and the efforts of others to have a pedestrian path around the Jerome Park Reservoir, noting NYCDEP's resistance to the idea. Laura Stockstill, representing Borough President Carrion, said the permit for discharge of groundwater and stormwater must be further discussed.

Sally Regenhard, Woodlawn Taxpayers Association, said that the project has been a boondoggle and the waste of groundwater adds to it. She says that NYCDEP is destroying the environment, not protecting it. Ms. Regenhard called for an independent investigation of the project, not to be performed by the Dept of Investigation. She said the public wouldn't trust a DOI review of NYCDEP's costs. She concluded by saying that this project is destroying natural resources.

Robert Corbett, a community resident, said he wants youth to be off the local streets and given productive activities to keep them out of trouble. He said he works as a member of the Plumbers union.

Joseph O'Brien, representative of Congressman Eliot Engel, said the Congressman believed the City when NYCDEP said the Van Cortlandt Park site would be cheaper than Eastview. If the cost went from \$1.3 billion to \$3 billion and there are additional costs for pumping and treating groundwater at VCP, the Congressman concludes that there must be waste and mismanagement on the project. On behalf of Congressman Engel, Mr. O'Brien called for an investigation by the DOI and requested that the CFMC ask for one.

Pete Sullivan, member of Bronx Community Board #10, said that local jobs are needed at the Croton Filter Project but to build a safe project requires skilled labor. He said he is a member of Local 3, awaiting assignment to Croton. Mr. Sullivan said that people can't be indiscriminately assigned to the project and that the community must give DEP, the contractors and the union locals additional time for the wheels to be put in motion.

Elizabeth Cooke Levy, a taxpayer, resident and parks advocate, said that construction workers would be working on the project whether it were built at Eastview or Van Cortlandt Park. She participated in the environmental review process, went to Albany to oppose the project, and consistently heard that construction in NYC would be cheaper than construction at Eastview. Ms. Cooke Levy has been opposed to the project because it is being built on park land. She asked NYCDEP to provide an explanation of the basis of the original cost statements and explain and defend those costs against current costs.

Chairman Faulkner closed the public session and asked the CFMC if it would approve the minutes of the June 21st meeting. Council Member Koppell moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Scheinbach seconded. Calling the question, the minutes were approved.

Mr. Faulkner asked the contractors working on CRO 312-G, E1, E2 and H to report on their progress to hire local residents. Messrs. Ali Catik, Don Fusco, Matthew McLaughlin and Scott Baker spoke for Skanska/Tully. Ed Yates and Bill Fahey spoke for Schlesinger Siemens. Sal Caramico spoke for Durr Mechanical. Maureen O'Connor of Center Sheet Metal represented one of the project's Bronx based WBE subcontractors.

Mr. Catik said that Skanska has been in NYC for over 80 years, building many of the city's largest, most complex projects. Skanska has a record of being conscious of its connections to the local communities in which its projects are located. Already \$67 million in purchases of goods and services has been committed by the Skanska joint venture to Bronx vendors. Five Bronx residents have been hired in the categories of engineer and craft labor. Skanska is a union contractor. He asked the CFMC to await real progress on the contract since, at present, Skanska is just getting started.

Mr. Yates said his firm too is locally based and has been in business for 24 years. When in full operation, there will be between 150 and 175 people working on the electrical components of the project. He will hire them through Local 3. In addition, Schlesinger Siemens has hired an administrative assistant from the Bronx. Already his firm has purchased a generator from a Bronx company and other items in preparation for construction activities.

Mr. Caramico said Durr Mechanical has been in business for 23 years and is a union contractor. He has already asked unions to refer Bronx employees to the Croton Filter Plant for the work his company will be conducting. His work will not commence for about a year but he is seeking secretarial help for the project and has asked the Community Boards for referrals. He introduced Ms. O'Connor to talk about Center Sheet Metal's part of the project. Center Sheet Metal is based at Hunts Point and uses a

Bronx based workforce of 30 employees. It too is a union contractor, using Local 28 members. Ms. O'Connor said that her subcontract will be worth approximately \$30 million. She distributed handouts for prospective employees to apply for apprenticeship program entry into Local 28, to work at her fabrication facility and for other jobs. She explained that those who complete the apprenticeship program through Local 28 are guaranteed a job. Local 28 offers a stipend to apprentices.

Mr. Koppell asked the contractors how they will be ensuring that Bronx residents get jobs. Mr. Catik said that 20 apprentices from the Bronx of a list of 250 already have joined the union. Mr. Koppell said that an earlier speaker complained that there were no job guarantees for graduates of training programs. Mr. Catik said that it is accurate to note that there are a limited number of opportunities, given a large number of pre-apprentice applicants. Ms. O'Connor said that between 30 and 60 people are brought into the pre-apprenticeship program with one apprentice to three mechanics. Mr. Cassino asked how many of them are Bronx-based. The response was that the employers are doing their best to see that many hires are from the Bronx. When asked about his workforce, Mr. Catik said at the peak of Skanska's work, which is expected to be in the summer of 2008, there will be between 450 and 500 Skanska people on the job.

Mr. Faulkner asked about the NYCDEP list of applicants. He said he wants NYCDEP to provide a regular accounting of how many people move off the list and into a job. Mr. Cassino asked Mr. Catik why Skanska was able to perform the CRO 312 G contract when Perini couldn't. Mr. Catik deferred to NYCDEP. Steve Lawitts, NYCDEP First Deputy Commissioner, said that the matter had been discussed previously at the May 2007 CFMC meeting. He summarized: after discussion and negotiations with the Comptroller, the Mayor's Office of Contracts, NYCDEP, and DOI the Perini-led venture legitimately withdrew its bid after which the city negotiated with the next bidder led by Skanska. The negotiation led to execution of the contract. Mr. Koppell said the CFMC will be monitoring the project to see how good a job Skanska does.

Mr. Faulkner asked the union representatives to speak. They included Paul Luddine, President, Bronx Board of Business Agents/Teamsters Union; Fred LeMoine, Reinforcing Ironworkers & Metallic Lathers Union/Local 46; Maurice McGrath, Local 608/Carpenters Union; Chick Donohue, Sandhogs Union/Local 147; Christopher Sheeran, Steamfitters Union/Local 638; and Paul O'Connor, Plumbers Union/Local 1.

Mr. Luddine said that quality of life issues are very important. The contractors, their employees and NYCDEP have paid attention to such issues as low fuel emissions, establishing a truck wash, ensuring that truck traffic uses designated routes and other requirements. He said the Teamsters believe in the people of the Bronx. His union and others wanted a Project-Labor Agreement on the Croton Filter Project but federal law precluded it. If a Bronx employee is admitted to the rolls of the Teamsters Union, he or she will work everywhere, not just on Bronx projects. He is in touch on a regular basis with Project HIRE staff. His members on site also include stewards who are of color and/or females. Mr. Scheinbach said that at the Croton Filter Project, Bronx workers haven't exceeded 25%. He asked whether, with future construction, the percentages will

be higher. Mr. Luddine said he understood that up to 33% of employees on the project were from the Bronx. There was a discussion among them and with NYCDEP explaining that the number fluctuates but in some months Bronx residents were 29% of all employees and at other times the percentage fell below 25%, depending upon the work underway at the project. Mr. Faulkner reiterated his expectation to know how many Bronx residents employed at the project have come from the NYCDEP list. Rich Friedman, NYCDEP Special Counsel, said NYCDEP would provide the information to the CFMC.

Mr. LeMoine said that on the Kingsbridge Armory project, his group has been working closely with NWBCCC. He said that while nothing is legally binding to commit Bronx residents to work on the job, he has distributed 1800 applications in the community and is making best efforts to recruit local employees. He distributed his testimony and background information on the NY Apprenticeship and Training Council, Construction Industry Partnership of NYC, Construction Skills 2000, Helmets to Hardhats, a list of union affiliates, and a clipping from the NY Building Congress and other industry organizations. Mr Lemoine stated that the the apprentice ratio had been recently changed to 3:1 from 4:1 which increases the need for more apprentices. He added that if the project were built at Eastview, construction workers without autos would not have a chance to work on the project. To be employed successfully, employees need to have construction skills, know they must arrive for work promptly, understand how to manage money and handle their paychecks. Working requires a solid foundation and training, for which pre-apprentice work and apprentice work are necessary. Mr. Cassino thanked the union officials for their remarks, indicating that the unions are to be commended for what they are doing, and that NYCDEP must do a better job of paving the way for local residents to get hired. Mr. LeMoine said that he expects 25% of his union workers at Croton will be Bronx residents and has previously said this to Mr. Friedman of NYCDEP. Mr. Luddine said he and his colleagues will come back to the CFMC as requested as the project proceeds. He added that in NYC 78% of construction projects do not hire union workers and he suggested that the CFMC seek to mandate union projects throughout the Bronx. Mr. Faulkner reflected on the Kingsbridge Armory project, saying that the community has advocated for union workers there but it is not clear that the Kingsbridge Armory development project will use union labor. Mr. Koppell directed the discussion to his advocacy for schools to be built in the Kingsbridge Armory and urged the union officials to contact the Mayor and Chancellor Klein to petition them for much-needed schools in the Armory project.

Mr. McGrath said that 21 graduates of the Project HIRE Brownfields training program who came from NYCDEP's jobs list may join the Carpenters union as apprentices or may go on to other programs. He committed to do everything possible within the law to encourage more Bronx workers at Croton. He said that non-union workers are paid less, have no or inadequate medical insurance, unemployment insurance or other benefits. He also encouraged the CFMC to press for union labor in the Bronx. Mr. Cassino said he hoped that the union officials would appear at the CFMC on a quarterly basis to update the CFMC and the public on progress. He said it's important to put faces to the stories about successes and disappointments on the Croton project. Mr. Faulkner said that the

measurement of success on Bronx hiring will be tested by how many job applicants on NYCDEP's list receive jobs. Mr. Scheinbach asked why the CFMC should be disappointed in the status of NYCDEP's list of job applicants if the applicants don't have the requisite skills for construction jobs. Mr. Luddine responded, saying that a number of the people on NYCDEP's list are indeed not qualified to be hired and that the CFMC must understand that construction work on a project the size and complexity of Croton is dangerous. Mr. Donohue said that the Tunnel Workers Union doesn't have an apprenticeship program. He said that he and his members have worked for NYCDEP for many decades. He credited Richard Fitzsimmons as saying that new members for the Sandhogs union should be recruited from the Bronx wherever possible and that is what the Sandhogs union will do. The union is headquartered in the Bronx. He added that if the project were constructed at Eastview, there would be no local Sandhogs working on the project. He reported that 50 new Sandhog trainees have been recruited for tunneling work and they are being trained in Colorado.

Mr. Cassino asked Mr. Catik how many of his current employees will be transferred by Skanska to work at Croton. Mr. Catik said that at Croton 1/3 of current employees will be assigned and 2/3 will consist of new hires.

Mr. Faulkner thanked the contracting company officials and the union officials for their comments. He asked NYCDEP to update the CFMC on work that transpired during July and August when the CFMC didn't meet.

Deputy Commissioner Anne Canty said she would discuss activities at Jerome Park Reservoir first. The Croton water system was not in service in June. In July when it was brought on line, Chlorine was brought to Jerome Park Reservoir for disinfection. The system will operate through October and then is expected to be out of service again. NYCDEP employees have been retrained in safety procedures. A report on updating public notification procedures may be ready to present at the next CFMC meeting. However, as part of the Gate House renovation, scrubbers will be added to Gate House 5. Mr. Scheinbach asked if Chlorine will be stored in the Gate House when the reservoir isn't being used. Mr. Lawitts said it will not be, and added that the scrubbers will be delivered and installed in late 2008. Mr. Cassino said that Community Board #8 and many community residents want the Jerome Park Reservoir to be a community resource. Mr. Lawitts said that a full explanation was provided to the CFMC in the spring about the security needs of the city and NYCDEP affecting the water supply. He reminded the CFMC about the travel time were a problem detected at Jerome Park Reservoir as opposed to the travel time of a problem detected at an upstate reservoir.

Mr. Lawitts explained to the CFMC that NYCDEP received a permit to dispose of 1.2 mgd of water into the city's drainage system during the excavation and site preparation contract. He said that NYCDEP is reevaluating and will readjust permits for the quantity of groundwater/stormwater that will need to be pumped during the CRO 312 contracts when the facilities will be constructed. In wet weather the amount of pumping is higher; in dry weather the quantity pumped is well beneath the permit amounts. On average, Mr. Lawitts said, NYCDEP is discharging 1/10 of 1% of the total quantity of wastewater in

the NYC system. It has been the finding of NYCDEP's engineers and consultants that this groundwater cannot otherwise be used at the present time. Hector Aponte, Bronx Parks Commissioner, said that, if it were feasible, he would like to see NYCDEP's groundwater used for the Parks Department Greenstreets program and recommended that it be investigated for street sweeping use by DSNY. He suggested the water might also be used for washing trucks prior to their leaving the Croton site instead of using recycled city water. Laura Stockstill asked whether alternatives are adequately being considered, and urged NYCDEP to take another look at solving this problem. Mr. Aponte said that Parks Dept. is adding greywater systems in parks for irrigation and NYCDEP might research whether it can do the same. Mr. Koppell asked NYCDEP to describe how groundwater and stormwater will be used once construction is complete. Arne Fareth, NYCDEP BEDC, said that the final plan for Croton shows continued pumping of groundwater as opposed to its substantial reuse. Mr. Fareth said that about the same quantity of groundwater will be pumped when the treatment plan is operational as is being pumped during its construction, and that this is a typical activity for large infrastructure projects in and outside New York City. Bernard Daly, Croton Project Manager, said that in December 2004 a SPDES general permit for stormwater was obtained from NYSDEC. He said that NYCDEP's Sewer Group, which is not part of BEDC, issued a permit to the Croton project for 1.2 mgd to be discharged into the city's sewers. Mr. Scheinbach asked for a copy of the permits. Mr. Koppell said that alternatives to the discharge must be explored. Mr. Aponte said that he was told that tunnels would be built to contain some of the groundwater and that their construction would also help equalize the groundwater table. Ms. Canty said that in light of the CFMC's concerns, NYCDEP would look at the issue more closely. Mr. Lawitts said that NYCDEP would take the CFMC's comments under advisement and would provide more information about the plan for Croton's stormwater and groundwater at the next CFMC meeting. Mr. Koppell added that combined sewer overflows are a citywide problem and NYCDEP shouldn't be adding to the problem. Mr. Faulkner said that alternative to groundwater/stormwater disposal would be discussed at next month's meeting. Mr. Lawitts said that he would like the topic of costs of the Croton Filter Project on the agenda so that he can describe the costs next month in a format similar to the one used earlier in tonight's meeting by Mr. Dinowitz. Mr. Faulkner agreed.

Mr. Scheinbach said that he understands that other projects discharge groundwater but since the Department of Environmental Protection is the environmental agency, it should be held to a higher standard in its construction practices.

Mr. Cassino said that Community Board #8 voted on a resolution during the summer for an investigation of Croton by an outside agency. He asked if other CFMC members share CB #8's concern. Mr. Koppell said that he wants to hear the discussion about costs at next month's meeting. He expects a comprehensive presentation and will reserve his decision about such a resolution until he has Mr. Lawitts' explanation. Mr. Cassino and Joe Gordon of Mr. Koppell's office asked if the information could be submitted to the CFMC in advance of the next meeting. Ms. Canty said that assembling the information takes time and she didn't believe NYCDEP could commit to having it circulated ahead of time.

Mr. Faulkner said the CFMC would meet on October 18th for a full presentation and discussion. He thanked Don Bluestone, the Director of the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, for use of the space.

Mr. Faulkner called for a motion to adjourn which was made by Mr. Cassino and seconded by Carmen Rosa, Community Board #12. By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.

[Note: NYCDEP's September Jobs and Training Report was not discussed because of the long meeting; however, it was subsequently distributed to the CFMC principals and is attached as *Attachment 4*.]

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Attachment 2

AGENDA
Croton Facility Monitoring Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Mosholu Montefiore Community Center–3450 DeKalb Avenue
Bronx NY 10467 (718)882-4000

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| I. Welcome | Greg Faulkner |
| II. Comments from the Public – Sign up to Speak | 3 Minute Maximum - 30 Minutes. |
| III. Consider, Adopt Minutes of 6-21-07 CFMC Meeting | CFMC Principals |
| IV. CRO 312 Contractor’s Bronx Outreach Plans | Slattery Skanska Tully JV,
Schlesinger Siemens Electrical
LLC, Durr Mechanical Construction
Inc. |
| V. Comments by labor union officials | Local 46 Ironworkers, Metallic
Lathers; Teamsters; Local 740
Millwrights; Local 638 Steamfitters;
Local 1 Plumbers; Locals 1010, 1018
Laborers; |
| VI. Update on DEP Summer Activities | Anne Canty, Dep. Commissioner |
| VII. CFMC Discussion & Set Next CFMC Meeting | Greg Faulkner, CFMC Principals |
| VIII. DEP Report on Jobs & Training | Anne Canty, Deputy Commissioner
Rich Friedman, Sp. Counsel, DEP |
| IX. Adjourn | |

Outstanding Issues Concerning the Jerome Park Community: 091107

1. Construction Timing. When will construction start at the JPR? When will it finish? What are the hours of operation? Who will be working? Where will they enter? What ID will the workers wear? How can the community ascertain whether or not the workers are legitimate and not terrorists? Please develop security protocols (separate and apart from that developed at the CWTP) that will protect the community as well as your facility, as the main reason for not allowing public access is security/terrorism.

2. Truck Deliveries. Which trucks will deliver the equipment? How will they be recognized by the community? What hours will they be using the neighborhood roads? Who will monitor the 3 minute idling limit for trucks? Where is the exact access point?

3. Evacuation Plan. As chlorine will continue to be used at the site during and after construction, where is the Evacuation Plan for the community, the schools and your employees? On June 8 a chlorine gas alarm was triggered in Gate House 5. A level of 2 ppm was detected and 1 of 4 workers was transported to the hospital. The side door to Gate House 3 was opened to the air to allow the gas to dissipate into the surrounding atmosphere. It is important to note that chlorine was also smelled on June 7. The permissible level of chlorine as per OSHA is 1 ppm. Are there increasing levels of notification at greater concentrations of chlorine or is it only a flashing light with no remote notification? As per the Riverdale Press article, there may have been a more serious incident.

4. Current Security Plan.

- Vines are growing on the inner fence.
- Many Large trucks are parking illegally on the street across from Gate House 5.
- An old graffitied truck outside Gate House 3 is not labeled properly (i.e. should say NYC DEP or whoever is making the delivery/repair).
- What other kinds of security will be in place? Should there be a ban on new development projects across from the reservoir (i.e., Perot Place) since a six story building might loom over the tree canopy?

5. JPR recreational pathway. Some thoughts on the new pathway:

- We are interested in a path appropriate for a running, walking, jogging and/or biking between the street and the reservoir wall/fence. This is especially important for us alongside Sedgwick Avenue from Fort Independence Park southward to Reservoir Avenue and continuing around.
- We think signage with appropriate rules of behavior (such the right of way, etc.) would fit nicely into our guidelines.
- Maintenance agreements are mandatory, as this southern and western land is not owned by the Parks Department and the Leventhal agreement is old. Who is going to empty the garbage at the seating areas? Who will cut the grass? We need this in writing and the Community Boards should be signatories of this agreement.

We call on the DEP and Parks to abide by past agreements:

- This new phase of the park upgrade should be able to fit in to the other parts of the project that the NYC Department of Environmental Protection promised our community.
- Removal of the temporary Demonstration Plant should proceed and be replaced with the long awaited **Outdoor Urban Ecology Lab (OUEL)** for the surrounding educational complex. Design Plans for the OUEL should be in someone's files as we had countless hours of meetings.
- Harris Park Annex should be reconditioned from use as a staging area.
- Landscape Architect should design plantings of new land "given" to Parks in 2004 under the new Security details (in Fort Independence Park and along the Sedgwick Avenue edge from Goulden to Reservoir Avenues.

6. Maintenance and Operations of the DEP property outside perimeter:

- Is not cleaned or maintained causing debris to collect, and rats or other pests to search for food. Pest control of rats and swarming small insects is needed.
- Grass is being cut and garbage is picked up, but what is the schedule? Garbage needs more frequent pick up.
- Garbage cans are no longer located near the seating areas (along Sedgwick Avenue from Giles to Fort Independence). No one collects the garbage around the seating areas.

Croton Filter Project: Report on Jobs & Training

August 2007

As part of DEP's extensive community outreach efforts in the Bronx, the following standard reporting form was developed to track job training and hiring initiatives:

General Statistics

- ◆ Total number of applicants who have applied for jobs and/or training: **1027** (*additional, 121 inactive*)
- ◆ Total number who reside in the Bronx : **884** (*700 Non-union, 184 Union*)
- ◆ Total number who have either been hired or accepted for training: **239**
- ◆ Percent of total applicants who have been, or are in training or working: **23.3%** *of all applicants, 30.2% of non-union applicants, and 33.8% of non-union Bronx applicants.*

GED Courses

- ◆ Total number of applicants who require a GED for apprenticeship programs and/or jobs: **260** (*235 from the Bronx*)
- ◆ Number of applicants from original list accepted into 2 GED classes: **65**. *35 in the first class (of whom 26 completed the class) and 30 in the current class.*

Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

- ◆ Number of applicants accepted into any pre-apprentice program. **102**
 - **2** in OAI/MWT (*Office of Applied Innovation and Minority Workers Training*)
 - **5** in Strive
 - **1** in NEW (*Non-traditional Employment for Women*)
 - **63** in Project HIRE. *Of these:*
 - **4** have already graduated
 - **59** have been accepted into the current class, which will end in November 2007.
 - **31** in Carpenters Union program. *Of these:*
 - **21** have graduated, **2** recently began work in DEP's Bureau of Wastewater Treatment .
- ◆ Number of pre-apprenticeship trainees now union apprentices: **5** (*2 from Project HIRE, 1 from Building works, 2 directly applied to Union on recommendation of outreach office.*)
- ◆ Number of applicants with certified training: **12**

Other training

- ◆ Workforce 1: **72 applicants** have gone through career counseling assessment

Workers On-Site

- ◆ Number of workers at Croton during August: **105**
- ◆ Of those, how many live in the Bronx: **16**
- ◆ Bronx residents as percent of total Croton workforce during August: **15%**, *though this percentage will increase as the Croton 312-G contract progresses. There are already 50 workers for the Croton 312-G contract of which 13 or 26% are Bronx workers*
- ◆ Total number of New York City workers at Croton during August: **37 (35%)**