



NOTICE OF FINAL SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE EXTENDED NEW YORK CITY WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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In accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (Section 8-0113, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617, and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process, as set forth in Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), is hereby issuing a Final Scope of Work for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the New York City Land Extended Acquisition Program.

A Draft Scope of Work was issued on February 16, 2010. Public meetings to obtain oral testimony on the draft scope were held in Hunter and Delhi, New York on March 23, and March 24, 2010 respectively. The period for submitting written comments remained open until April 5, 2010. The testimony and written comments have been reviewed and the Draft Scope of Work was adjusted where appropriate and incorporated into the Final Scope of Work. The Draft EIS based on the Final Scope of Work will evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project and will present alternatives to the proposed project.

Project Description

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) proposes to continue the watershed Land Acquisition Program (LAP) in the three surface water watersheds that constitute the New York City surface water supply system through the year 2022; the three watersheds are the Delaware, Catskill, and Croton Watersheds. With the expiration of the existing Public Water Supply Permit (WSP) in January 2012, NYCDEP submitted an application for a new 10 year WSP on January 21, 2010, seeking permit approval prior to January 2012 to continue LAP through the year 2022.

The goal of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) Land Acquisition Program (LAP) is to acquire fee simple and conservation easement interests to protect environmentally-sensitive land in the New York City (City) watershed as a part of the City's overall Watershed Protection Program. LAP is a key component of the City's efforts to continue to provide high quality drinking water without filtration of the Catskill-Delaware (Cat-Del) System, which provides water to over 9 million residents

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of the City and nearby communities in New York State. Since its creation in the 1990s, LAP has protected, through acquisition, over 100,000 acres of land in the 1 million-acre Cat-Del System and over 2,000 acres of land in the Croton System. The land and easements acquired are to be maintained in perpetuity as open space for watershed protection. Together with lands protected by the State and other entities, these acquisitions have raised the level of permanently protected land in the Cat-Del System from 24 percent in 1997 to 34 percent today.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared to support the application for the WSP. It is anticipated that the future WSP would continue to authorize land acquisition in the three watersheds for watershed protection purposes, with a substantially greater emphasis on acquisitions in the Catskill-Delaware System.

Copy of the Final Scope of work will be posted on the NYCDEP website at <http://www.nyc.gov/dep> and is available for review at the repositories listed below and

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