

5.0 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter assesses the Proposed Action's potential effects on existing and planned community facilities. Community facilities are defined by CEQR as "public or publicly funded facilities, such as schools, hospitals, libraries, day care centers and fire and police protection." A community facilities analysis is used to evaluate the ability of community facilities to provide publicly funded services that meet current and future demands as a result of the Proposed Action.

The Proposed Action would co-locate operations for three DSNY district garages at one location. In addition to the new garage, a salt shed would be developed at the existing MN 1 Garage. No CEQR-defined community facilities are located at or immediately adjacent to the proposed sites.

5.2 METHODOLOGY

According to the *CEQR Technical Manual*, actions that would add fewer than 100 residential units to an area generally do not need to consider impacts to community facilities unless the Proposed Action would have a direct effect on a community facility resource. The demand for community services typically comes from introduction of new residents in an area. Moreover, if an action would physically alter a community facility, by displacement, direct effect or other physical change, an assessment would be required.

Based on the thresholds in the *CEQR Technical Manual*, a detailed analysis of community facilities is not required for the Proposed Action since it would neither physically alter nor displace any community facilities. Additionally, the Proposed Action would not result in an increase in residential population in the study area and therefore, there would be no indirect effects on public schools, libraries, health care facilities or day care centers in the study area.

Existing community facilities were identified through a review of several data sources including the NYCDPC and field surveys. The *CEQR Technical Manual* suggests varying study areas for the analysis according to the service areas of the facilities. For purposes of this assessment, community facilities were identified within a one-quarter mile radius consistent with the land use and socioeconomic study areas.

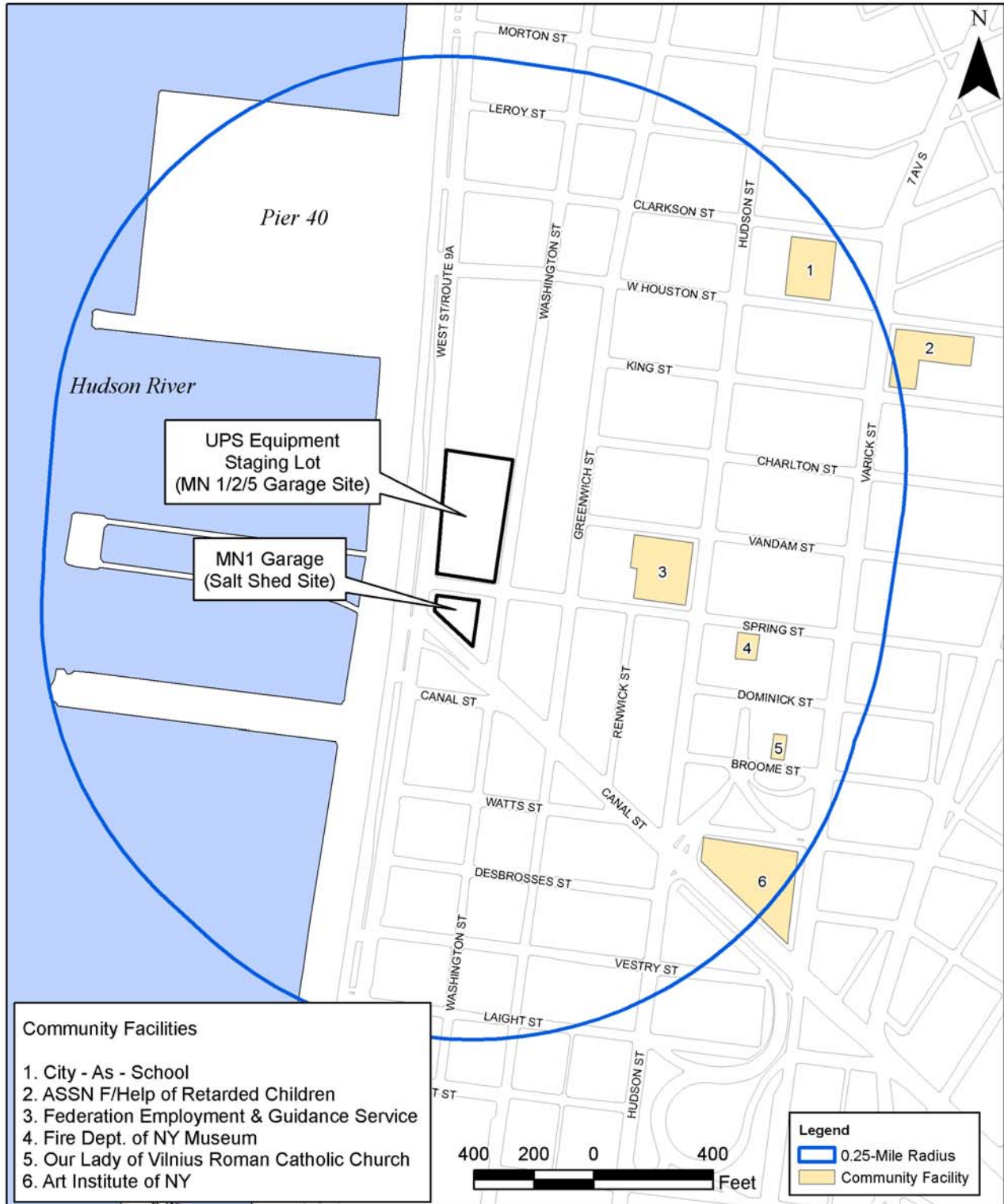
5.3 EXISTING CONDITIONS


Six community facilities have been identified within a quarter-mile of the study area. These facilities are listed in Table 5-1 and shown in Figure 5-1. Community facilities in the study area consist mostly of schools (six) and mental health facilities and services (eight). The schools, including the Metropolitan College of New York and the Art Institute of New York, have a total student enrollment of over 5,300. The eight mental health facilities and service programs provide assistance to approximately 1,275 individuals.

The nearest community facility to the Proposed Action is the Federation Employment & Guidance Service facility located at 80 Vandam Street, approximately 500 ft east of the UPS Equipment Staging Lot site. This facility includes a mental health clinic, a psychiatric rehabilitation center, a preschool and a training center.

Table 5-1. Community Facilities - One-Quarter Mile Radius of the Proposed Action

Name	Use	Location	Capacity/ Use	Oversight Agency
Primary and Secondary Schools				
1. City-As-School	Junior/Senior High School – Public	16 Clarkson Street	1,236 Enrollment	NYC Department of Education
Colleges and Other Post-Secondary Institutions				
6. Art Institute of New York	Propriety – Degree Granting Institution	75 Varick Street	1,468 Enrollment	NYS Department of Education
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Facilities				
4. Fire Department of New York Museum	Other Fire Department of New York Facility	278-84 Spring Street	NA	Fire Department of New York
Mental Health Facilities				
3. Federation Employment & Guidance Service - Manhattan Continuing Day Treatment Program	Mental Health Clinic/Day Treatment	80 Vandam Street	225 Cert. Caseload	NYS Office of Mental Health
Federation Employment & Guidance Service Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation Treatment	Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation	80 Vandam Street	42 Cert. Caseload	NYS Office of Mental Health
Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Services				
2. ASSN F/Help of Retarded Children	Clinic/Day Treatment	200 Varick Street	27 Cert. Caseload	NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
	Day Training/Preschool Program	200 Varick Street	263 Cert. Caseload	NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
	Day Training/Workshop	200 Varick Street	270 Cert. Caseload	NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
3. Federation Employment & Guidance Service	Day Training/Preschool Program	80 Vandam Street	20 Cert. Caseload	NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
	Day Training/Workshop	80 Vandam Street	175 Cert. Caseload	NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
Houses of Worship				
5. Our Lady of Vilnius	Roman Catholic Church	Broome Street	NA	NA



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	<p>City of New York Department of Sanitation</p>	<p>Existing Community Facilities</p>

The Project study area is serviced by the 1st Precinct of the NYPD. The 1st Precinct's headquarters is located at 16 Ericsson Place, just outside of the study area proper. The command boundaries are generally located from Houston Street to the north, Broadway to the east, Battery Park to the south and the Hudson River to the west. There are approximately 170 full time officers in the 1st Precinct.

The study area is served by FDNY Ladder Company No. 8. This ladder company serves the Tribeca neighborhood of lower Manhattan, generally bounded by Spring Street to the north, Wooster Street to the east, Beach Street to the south and the Hudson River to the west.

5.4 FUTURE WITHOUT THE PROPOSED ACTION (FUTURE NO BUILD)

Based upon review of the *Citywide Statement of Needs, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007*, there are currently no known plans or documented changes to community facilities and services within the primary and secondary study areas. Therefore, facilities and services would be similar to those generally described for the existing conditions.

Future staffing levels of the NYPD and FDNY are assessed periodically by the departments and the City, and are adjusted as needed to meet adequate service levels. Therefore, the actual staffing levels in the Future Without the Proposed Action in 2012 are not known. New development in the primary and secondary study areas would be expected to bring about 1,160 new residential units in 16 buildings (Figure 3-4). It is expected that the availability and capacity of police and fire services would remain adequate in the future, consistent with the population and growth demands that might take place.

The MN 1/2/5 Garage would not be constructed at the UPS Equipment Staging Lot. Instead, the site would be developed as commercial space with the UPS staging operations occupying the lower level of the building. MN 1 Garage operations would continue at the current site; MN 2 and 5 would continue to operate out of the Gansevoort/Pier 52.

The Future No Build condition would introduce a worker population of approximately 1,389 employees to the study area (~~Section~~Chapter 4.4.2). As a temporary, daytime population, significant demands on community facilities and services such as schools, hospitals, libraries, day care centers and fire and police protection would not be expected. Given the location of the building across from the developing Hudson River Park and Pier 40, some increased use of these facilities might result, particularly during the midday hours and to a lesser extent following the close of business.

It is not expected that the increased employment would lead to a significant increase in the permanent residential population in and around the study area. The additional 1,389 jobs would represent an increase of only about 1.5 percent compared to the jobs in the two zip codes covering the study area (excluding other new jobs that may be created in the interim). Moreover, the site is accessible via West Street/Route 9A and mass transit is available several blocks away.

In the Future No Build condition, there would be no significant adverse impacts to community facilities and services.

5.5 FUTURE WITH THE PROPOSED ACTION (FUTURE BUILD)

The Proposed Action would not directly affect or displace any existing or planned community facility or service organization. The two sites being located in a manufacturing zone immediately adjacent to West Street/Route 9A and Canal Street are not in proximity to a resource where any such impacts could occur. Nor would operations of the garage and the salt shed cause any impacts to community facilities or services. The operations would be comparable in use to existing functions of the MN 1 Garage, although at a greater level of activity with the two additional garages. As discussed in Chapter 17, the peak numbers of truck and vehicle movements into and out of the garage are limited to a few blocks around the

site, and these are not near any community facilities where disruption could result. Potential impacts to parks and open space (i.e., Canal Park and Hudson River Park) are addressed in Chapter 6.

The Proposed Action would not add any permanent residential population to the study area. The total number of employees actually present on a peak day (over three shifts, taking into account absences) would be about 158. All of these jobs would be relocated from the three Sanitation districts. No new employment would be required to operate the garage and salt shed. Therefore, there would be no increased demand on community facilities and services. Such demand under the Proposed Action would be expected to be less than under the Future No Build condition, which would have an influx of approximately 1,389 employees to a commercial building built on the UPS Equipment Staging Lot.

Since the Proposed Action would not result in an increase in population, additional NYPD or FDNY services would not be required. Nor would the location, number and scale of the two buildings require an adjustment in their respective service area coverage.

Therefore, it can be concluded that the Proposed Action would not result in a significant adverse impact to community services.