

This document is the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Willets Point Development Plan. The Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) was certified as complete by the City's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development as lead agency under City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) and made available for public review in April 2008. Concurrently with the ULURP public hearing, a public hearing was held on the DGEIS on August 13, 2008. The public comment period for submission of comments extended from April 18, 2008 through August 25, 2008.

This FGEIS reflects all relevant substantive comments made on the DGEIS during the public comment period. All comments received at the hearing and all comments submitted in writing to the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), Department of City Planning (DCP), or the lead agency were considered in the preparation of this FGEIS. The comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 29, "Response to Comments on the DGEIS." This FGEIS reflects all substantive changes made during public review, as well as any changes to the proposed Plan that were made subsequent to the issuance of the DGEIS. Subsequent to publishing the DGEIS, the following principal changes were made:

- In order to allow the existing 72-inch water main that runs beneath Willets Point Boulevard to remain in place, the proposed Plan's illustrative site plan has been modified to maintain the current alignment of Willets Point Boulevard. The DGEIS considered two potential locations for the convention center – one in the northeastern portion of the District and a second in the southeastern portion of the District. Maintaining the current alignment of Willets Point Boulevard eliminates the potential for the convention center to be located in the southern location, thus limiting it to the northern portion of the District.
- A number of sustainable features have been incorporated into the proposed Plan since the DGEIS was certified. These sustainable features, which are reflected in the Special District text as well as the illustrative site plan, are described in Chapter 1, "Project Description."
- As part of the expanded sustainability efforts, the Special District text has been revised to allow for the development of a water reclamation facility in the District by special permit from the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA). Although such a facility is not included as part of the illustrative site plan and would be subject to subsequent environmental review, a description of the facility has been added to Chapter 1, "Project Description," and other chapters of the FGEIS where appropriate.
- The parking component of the anticipated development on Citi Field Lot B described in the DGEIS has been relocated to a surface parking area known as Lot D located on the south side of Roosevelt Avenue. All FGEIS analyses have been revised accordingly.

* This chapter is new to the FGEIS.

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- Further detail on the proposed Plan's affordable housing component (income eligibility) has been added to Chapter 1, "Project Description," and Chapter 4, "Socioeconomic Conditions."
- Additional detail on the business relocation assistance and workforce training services offered to displaced businesses and employees has been added to Chapter 4, "Socioeconomic Conditions."
- Where necessary, the analysis in the DGEIS was updated to account for changes in the baseline background assumptions.
- Chapter 28, "Potential Effects of Acquisition and Relocation," has been added to the FGEIS. The chapter discloses, to the extent possible at this time, the effects of relocating any businesses for which relocation sites have been identified.
- Chapter 29, "Response to Comments," has been prepared to address the substantive oral and written comments on the DGEIS. These comments are included as Appendix K.
- Appendix I, "Municipal Services Alternative – Infrastructure Analysis," has been added to the FGEIS. Key conclusions from this study have been incorporated into Chapter 24, "Alternatives."
- A quantitative traffic analysis for eight critical intersections during the peak construction period has been added to Chapter 21, "Construction Impacts."
- Updates were made to Chapter 12, "Hazardous Materials," to reflect Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) completed since issuance of the DGEIS.
- As a result of comments from the public, a discussion of the potential effects of climate change on the proposed Plan has been added to Chapter 14, "Infrastructure."

Where appropriate, the FGEIS text was revised in response to comments or changes in the project. Revisions made by the addition of new text are indicated by double underlines. Revisions resulting in deletions from the DGEIS are not shown. No double-underlining was used in this Foreword, in Chapters 28 or 29, or in Appendices I, J, or K, which are presented for the first time in this FGEIS.

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