

This Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Shops at the Armory project responds to all substantive comments made on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that was accepted as complete by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development as lead agency under the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process. A DEIS was prepared for the proposed actions, and a Notice of Completion for the DEIS was issued on May 14, 2009. CPC held a public hearing on the DEIS in Spector Hall at 22 Reade Street in Manhattan, on September 9, 2009. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open until September 21, 2009.

This FEIS reflects all relevant substantive comments made on the DEIS since its publication, at the public hearing, and during the public comment period. The comments are summarized and responses are provided in Chapter 24, “Responses to Comments on the DEIS.” The following principal changes were made:

- Chapter 6, “Historic Resources,” and Chapter 8, “Neighborhood Character,” have been revised to reflect comments on the project from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.
- Chapter 9, “Hazardous Materials,” has been revised to reflect the results of a supplemental investigation, reported in *Supplemental Groundwater Investigation Report, Kingsbridge Armory* (Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, P.C., June 2009).
- Chapters 13, “Traffic and Parking,” 14, “Transit and Pedestrians,” 15, “Air Quality,” 16, “Noise,” 19, “Mitigation,” and 21, “Unavoidable Significant Adverse Impacts,” have been revised to reflect comments from the New York City Department of Transportation.

All changes to the text since publication of the DEIS are marked by double-underlining of the FEIS text. However, no underlining is used in this Foreword or Chapter 24 because they are presented for the first time in this FEIS. Where appropriate, the FEIS text was revised in response to comments or changes in the project. These revisions and changes are indicated by double underlines. *

* The Foreword is new to the EIS.