

## Foreword\*

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The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Admirals Row Plaza project was certified as complete by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (ODMED), as lead agency under City Environmental Quality Review, and issued for public review and comment on June 10, 2011. A public hearing on the DEIS was held on September 7, 2011 concurrently with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) public hearing on the project's land use applications held by the New York City Planning Commission at Spector Hall at the New York City Department of City Planning located at 22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007. Oral comments were accepted at that hearing and written comments were accepted throughout the public comment period, which was held open until 5:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2011.

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) reflects revisions made to impact studies and all substantive comments made during the public review period of the DEIS. Notable changes subsequent to publishing the DEIS include the following:

- **Historic and Cultural Resources.** This analysis was revised to reflect the status of the independent National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 review of the federal disposition of the project site and the execution of the final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in Summer 2011 among the federal Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, the New York State Historic Preservation Office, and the United States Army-National Guard Bureau (NGB).
- **Hazardous Materials.** This analysis was revised to reflect the status of the independent remediation of Building 198 by the NGB, which has been completed.
- **Water and Sewer Infrastructure.** This analysis was revised in response to ongoing consultation with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection regarding the project's development and implementation of best management practices.
- **Transportation.** This analysis was revised in response to ongoing consultation with the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding minor adjustments to the pedestrian analysis. In addition, the pedestrian safety table (Table 9-10) and the pedestrian safety analysis were revised to reflect the 2008-2010 calendar year accident data provided by DOT.

In addition to these changes, the FEIS identifies the comments made during the public review period and provides responses in a new chapter, Chapter 19, "Response to Comments." Where appropriate, the text of other chapters of this FEIS was revised in response to comments, revisions in the analyses, or execution of the final MOA. These revisions and changes are indicated by double underlines and ~~strikethroughs~~.

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\* This Foreword is new to the FEIS.