

6.0 GROWTH INDUCING ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The term “growth-inducing aspects” generally refers to the potential for a proposed action to trigger additional development in areas outside of the project site or sites (i.e., directly affected area) that would not experience such development without the proposed action. The *CEQR Technical Manual* indicates that an analysis of the growth-inducing aspects of a proposed action is appropriate when an action:

- Adds substantial new land use, new residents, or new employment that could induce additional development of a similar kind or of support uses, such as retail establishments to serve new residential uses; and/or
- Introduces or greatly expands infrastructure capacity.

As detailed in **Chapter 1**, “Project Description,” the purpose of the Proposed Project is to comprehensively plan and develop the beneficial use of approximately 66 acres of undeveloped property in the Charleston neighborhood of Staten Island. The proposed development of the area is intended to achieve the following goals: (i) accommodate community needs including recreational, housing, cultural, educational, and commercial facilities; (ii) preserve and link open space where feasible; and (iii) expand local employment options. The Proposed Project will provide new recreational facilities and public open spaces, a new school, a new public library, a mix of retail and office uses, and opportunities for housing for seniors. The Proposed Project will address a rising demand for additional retail, cultural, educational, and recreational facilities on the South Shore of Staten Island. The Proposed Project, which is considered reasonable worst-case development scenarios (“RWCDs”), developed to assess the possible short- and long-term effects of the Proposed Action and the environmental consequences of this growth, are the subject of this EIS.

The Proposed Project is not expected to induce additional notable growth outside of area to be rezoned and redeveloped (the Development Area). As described in **Chapter 2.1**, the neighborhood surrounding the area consists of a mixed-use neighborhood, and many new separately planned commercial projects are already under construction. This growth is anticipated to occur independent of the Proposed Project, and the new uses introduced by the Proposed Project would not trigger additional development outside of the Development Area.