

Construction Dewatering for the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project

Fact Sheet

What is the proposed project? The East Side Coastal Resiliency Project (ESCRP) has been designed to alleviate the potential for flooding that occurs in the eastern coast of Manhattan and make the area more resilient to coastal storms and inundation from sea level rise, including the construction of a coastal flood protection system, pedestrian bridges, park reconstruction and supporting infrastructure improvements in the eastern coast of Manhattan from Montgomery Street to East 15th Street (NYCDDC Project ID SANDRESM1). NYCDDC has already obtained permits from NYSDEC for portions of the project within Tidal Wetlands. To facilitate construction of ESCRP, the New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) has determined that construction dewatering is required for replacement and construction of sewers and appurtenances related to the ESCRP and has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for dewatering and groundwater pumping operations, which requires a New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit as well as a Water Withdrawal permit. A Public Participation Plan has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29). The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about the project and to involve the community during the SPDES permit application review process.

Why does NYCDDC need to construct the ESCRP in the eastern coast of Manhattan from Montgomery Street to East 15th Street? The existing infrastructure for management of stormwater is old and insufficient. This project will provide much needed drainage for the proposed project area. The new infrastructure will improve vehicular and pedestrian conditions, while reducing the potential for future flooding impacts and will support neighborhood resiliency with respect to coastal storms, while providing enhanced infrastructure that will support post-storm recovery efforts.

How might the ESCRP affect the surrounding community? Community impacts will be temporary in nature and all related to construction. NYCDDC and its contractors propose to control all dust, rodent, noise and vibration during the construction period. NYCDDC will be available to answer all questions for any issues related to special needs access, service delivery coordination (e.g. trash collection), and any property damage. Traffic impacts are expected during construction; however, NYCDDC will take all the necessary measures to minimize disruptions to property access, schools, as well as access to transportation facilities, community facilities, and emergency services.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Attend the upcoming online public meeting scheduled for July 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm to learn about the project, submit comments, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project.
- Submit comments in writing, by phone or email to the NYCDDC Community Construction Liaison identified below.

Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- Visit the online document repository at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/contracts/public-participation-plan.page> to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact the Community Construction Liaisons Sonia Quinones: (347)628-8724 squinones@ddccr.com or Joyce Xin: (929)844-0408 jxin@ddccr.com for information on the project, instructions on how to attend the online public meeting.

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application? NYSDEC Region 2 Headquarters, 47-40 21st St., Long Island City, NY 11101, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (718) 482-4997; email: DEP.R2@dec.ny.gov