



NYC DOT Harper Street Asphalt Plant

Project Fact Sheet

- **Project:** NYCDDC Contract HWHARPER-3 – Harper Street Asphalt Plant
- **Applicant:** New York City Department of Design and Construction
- **Facility:** 131-21 Northern Boulevard, Queens, NY 11368
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** 2-6302-00138/00039
- **A Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)**

What is the Proposed Project?

The proposed project will include the demolition and reconstruction of the Harper Street Asphalt Plant and the installation of new storm sewers, sanitary sewers, hydrodynamic separators, and a sanitary holding tank. Since work will be performed below the groundwater table, dewatering activities may be required. A State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit and Long Island Well Permit are required to install and operate a temporary construction dewatering system to discharge pumped, treated groundwater into the Flushing Bay Creek. The dewatering system may be operated 24 hours a day, as the excavated trenches may need to be kept dry overnight. This site has historically been used as an asphalt plant, and will remain as an asphalt plant after reconstruction through this project.

Why does the New York City Department of Design and Construction need to dewater for the installation of new sewer and utility lines in the street?

Dewatering activities are necessary if excavation work occurs below the groundwater table. The installation of pipes and sewers requires the ground below it to be dry. For example, any concrete that is poured needs to be cured, which is only allowable in a dry environment. Additionally, any gravel or soil that is used to fill the excavation needs to be compacted.

How might the project affect the surrounding community?

Any community impacts related to construction will be temporary in nature. Considering all work will be performed within the Harper Street Asphalt Plant and all water will be discharged into the Flushing Bay Creek, little to no impact is expected on the surrounding community. NYCDDC and its Design Consultants (including Stantec and AMC Engineering) propose to control all dust, rodent, noise, and vibration during the construction period. A representative will be available to answer questions relating to the project (see “where can I get more information about the proposed project” section, below)

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Attend the upcoming virtual public meeting, scheduled for a time to be determined after consulting with NYSDEC, to learn about the project, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project.
- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit by comments in writing, by phone or email to the project contact person identified below.



Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- The online document repository has application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project. The link can be found below:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/ddc/contracts/public-participation-plan.page>
- Contact Mr. Mat Malinowski by email at: mateusz.malinowski@stantec.com, by phone: (212) 366-5600, or in writing at: 475 5th Avenue 12th Floor, New York, NY 10017 for information on the project, instructions on how to attend the upcoming virtual public meeting, or to find out about the status of the permit application and public comment period.

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application?

- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits.

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