

Reconstruction of Water Mains, Storm and Sanitary Sewers in Rockaway Beach Boulevard in Far Rockaway

Fact Sheet

What is the Proposed Project? The Proposed Project will: improve approximately one mile of streets and sidewalk to current New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) standards; install a new drainage collection system; and upgrade and replace existing sanitary sewers and water mains. To implement the proposed project, the New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) 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. This permit is to construct the Rockaway Beach Boulevard Infrastructure Upgrades (DDC Project ID: SANDHW13) in Rockaway Beach Boulevard and surrounding area, Queens. 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 DDC need to upgrade the infrastructure in Rockaway Beach Boulevard Neighborhood? The existing infrastructure is old and insufficient. This project will provide much needed street drainage for the Proposed Project Area. The reconstructed streets and 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 upgrades affect the surrounding community? Community impacts will be temporary in nature and all related to construction. DDC and its contractors propose to control all dust, rodent, noise and vibration during the construction period. DDC 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. Water service interruptions will only be during the day, and advance notice will be provided to all affected homeowners. Traffic impacts are expected during construction; however, DDC 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? Comments may be provided in writing, or by calling the DDC or DEC contacts below for information on meetings, comment period dates, and submitting any oral comments.

Where can I get more information about the proposed expansion?

- Contact Community Construction Liaison, Erich DeSuza:
Phone at (347) 771-5846, email sandh13ccl@gmail.com
- Visit the repository at: Queens Library at Arverne located at 312 Beach 54th Street Far Rockaway, NY 11692 **or the** Peninsula Branch of Queens Library located at 92-25 Rockaway Beach Boulevard Rockaway Beach, NY 11693
- Visit the project website:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/contracts/SANDHW13-public-participation-plan.page>

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