



Proposed College Point Infrastructure Upgrades Fact Sheet

What is the proposed project? The proposed project will: upgrade and replace existing water mains, sanitary sewers and storm sewers in the College Point area adjacent to Flushing Bay. To implement the proposed project, AMC Engineering has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) on behalf of the New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC), for dewatering and groundwater pumping operations, which require a New York State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. This permit is required to construct the College Point Infrastructure Upgrades (DDC Project Number SE-807) in College Point, 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 and give the public an opportunity to provide comments during the SPDES permit application review process.

Why does the DDC need to upgrade the infrastructure in the College Point neighborhood? The project involves replacing the old, cast iron water mains installed in 1923 with new, more durable ductile iron pipes. The old, combined sewer system will be removed and replaced with separate stormwater and sanitary sewer systems, to prevent overflow and flooding during storms. The upgrades in the sewer system will improve drainage and help prevent sewage overflow into Flushing Bay.

How might the upgrades affect the surrounding community? Community impacts will be temporary in nature and all related to construction. DDC and its contractors (including AMC Engineering and EIC Associates, Inc.) 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 advanced 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?

- Visit the DDC field office at 14-34 110th Street, 3rd Floor, College Point, NY 11356
- Visit the DDC project website: http://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/contracts/public-participation-plan.page
- Contact the Community Liaison, Michelle Perez, at the field office located above, by phone at (917) 284-5283, or email at collegeptblvdccl@gmail.com
- Visit the document repository at Queens Library at Poppenhusen located at 121-23 14th Ave, College Point, NY 11356

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application? NYSDEC Region 2 Headquarters, 47-20 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Phone: (718) 482-4997, email: dep.r2@dec.ny.gov.