

According to the *CEQR Technical Manual*, a historic resources assessment is recommended if there is the potential to affect either archaeological or architectural resources. Actions that could affect archaeological resources and that typically warrant an assessment are those that involve above-ground construction resulting in ground disturbance, or below-ground construction, such as excavation. Actions that trigger an architectural resources assessment include new construction, demolition, or significant alteration to any building, structure, or object; a change in scale, visual prominence, or visual context of any building, structure, or object or landscape feature; construction, including but not limited to, excavation, vibration, subsidence, dewatering, and the possibility of falling objects; additions to or significant removal, grading, or replanting of significant historic landscape features; screening or elimination of publicly accessible views; and the introduction of significant new shadows or significant lengthening of the duration of existing shadows over a historic landscape or on a historic structure with sunlight-dependent features.

The proposed action would include construction on a vacant 4.3-acre city-owned parcel located to the northwest of the existing Hunts Point WPCP site and construction staging on a 1.2-acre portion of adjoining Lot 901. The proposed action would also include the construction of carbon addition facilities at the northeast corner of the plant. Construction of the digesters and the carbon addition facilities would involve below-ground construction in areas that have been previously disturbed. In letters dated May 12, 2000 and September 8, 2006, the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (NYCLPC) determined that the project site, including the additional 4.3-acre parcel and the 1.2-acre construction staging area, has no archaeological significance. Therefore, the proposed action would not result in significant adverse impacts on archaeological resources.

No known architectural resources (i.e., National Historic Landmarks, properties listed on or determined eligible for listing on the State or National Registers of Historic Places, or New York City Landmarks and Historic Districts or properties determined eligible for landmark designation) are located on the project site or in the immediate area. In addition, no potential resources (i.e., properties that appear to meet the criteria for listing on the registers or for landmark designation) were identified in a field survey of the project area conducted in February 2005. NYCLPC (in letters dated May 12, 2000 and September 8, 2006) determined that the project site has no architectural significance. In a letter dated November 17, 2006, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation determined that the proposed action will have no impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Therefore, the proposed action would not have any potential significant adverse impacts on historic resources, and no further analysis is warranted. \*