



**NOTICE OF THE COMPLETION OF THE DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
IN-CITY WATER SUPPLY RESILIENCY PROJECT**

Project: In City Water Supply Resiliency

CEQR No. 15DEP029Q

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Acting as Lead Agency, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is hereby certifying this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the In-City Water Supply Resiliency Project as complete. While a DEIS is not required for this project, DEP is conducting a voluntary environmental review to identify and disclose any potential adverse significant environmental impacts from renewal of the existing permit and the potential future implementation of temporary treatment systems at DEP's existing well stations.

The DEIS has been completed in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) (Section 8-0113, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) as set forth in 6NYCRR Part 617, the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process, as set forth in 62 RCNY Chapter 5 and Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, and the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), as required by the New York State Revolving Loan Fund Program.

For the Draft Scope of Work for the Environmental Impact Statement, public hearings were conducted on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at the Theodore Roosevelt Legislative Building in Mineola, Nassau County, New York and on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center in St. Albans, Queens County, New York to accept comments on the Final Scope of Work. Written comments were accepted until July 10, 2017. Testimony from the public hearings and written comments were reviewed. The Draft Scope of Work was edited and amended where appropriate and a Response to Comments was prepared. The Final Scope of Work and Response to Comments document were published on October 11, 2017 and posted on the NYCDEP website.

The DEIS is being circulated for public review with this Notice of Completion. Dates for public hearings on the DEIS will be determined by DEP. The public comment period will remain open until at least 10 days after the last public hearing. Details on how to view or obtain a copy of the DEIS are listed at the end of this notice.

Program Description

The New York City (City) water supply system was developed to deliver an abundant and reliable supply of clean drinking water to the City. DEP is currently responsible for supplying clean drinking water to over eight million City residents and one million upstate customers in sufficient quantity to meet present water demands and to maintain the water supply system to meet future water demands. DEP has owned, maintained, and operated a groundwater supply system in southeastern Queens since 1996. The Queens Groundwater system is comprised of 44 well stations, which house a total of 68 water supply wells. These wells collectively have a permitted capacity of up to a five-year running average of 22,568 million gallons per year or 62 million gallons per day (mgd) with a 24,807 million gallon maximum in any single year or 68 mgd.

Since the acquisition of the system from the Jamaica Water Supply Company, DEP has reduced the utilization of these assets in its distribution supply. DEP has not used the groundwater system for drinking water purposes since 2007. However, DEP has retained the system in order to have a supplemental supply to the City's upstate surface water system in times of drought and unforeseen system outages or emergencies. As a result, DEP renewed its Water Supply Permit with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in 2008. DEP intends to renew this permit when it is up for renewal in the end of 2017.

The Proposed Project is the renewal of the existing Water Supply/Water Withdrawal permit and the potential implementation of temporary treatment systems at DEP's groundwater wells to allow for the operation of the existing groundwater supply system in response to a water supply shortage due to drought or planned and/or unplanned infrastructure outages. The proposed project would include an evaluation of necessary upgrades to support the use of the well stations for potable water supply at the currently permitted capacity.. No new wells would be installed as part of the Proposed Project, nor would DEP seek to increase the capacity of existing wells. For a more detailed description of the proposed project, please refer to the DEIS.

The DEIS will be available for review on the DEP website (http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental_reviews/in-city-water-supply-resiliency.shtml). The DEIS will also be available for review by the public at the repositories listed in the attachment. To obtain a hard copy of the DEIS or to submit written comment, please contact the Project Manager listed below. Public hearings will be scheduled to receive comments on the DEIS. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral and written comments on the DEIS. The public comment period will remain open for a minimum of an additional 10 days after the close of the public hearings. Notification of the public hearings will be sent to all parties receiving this Notice of Completion and will appear in regional and local newspapers at least 14 days before the hearing. This will be followed by preparation and circulation of the Final EIS (FEIS), which will include written responses to address public comments made on the DEIS. Written comments should be sent to the contact person listed at the end of this Notice.

Significant Impacts and Mitigation

A full assessment of potential impacts was undertaken in preparation of the DEIS. The impact analyses did not identify any potential significant adverse impacts. The DEIS was undertaken to fully disclose the complex issues associated with the proposed action.

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Attached:

Repository List
Distribution List
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**In-City Water Supply Resiliency
Draft Environmental Impact Statement of Work Repository List**

Repository List

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Manhasset Public Library
Second Floor, Reference Desk
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Manhasset, New York 11030

**In-City Water Supply Resiliency
Draft Environmental Impact Statement of Work Distribution List**

Involved and Interested Agencies and Parties

New York State Assembly	New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	New York City Department of Transportation
New York State Department of Health	New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
New York State Department of State	New York City Office of Environmental Coordination
New York State Department of Transportation	New York City Queens Borough President
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation	New York City Queens Community Board Chairs
New York State Senate	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New York City Clerk	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
New York City Council	U.S. Geological Survey
New York City Department of City Planning	U.S. House of Representatives
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	U.S. Senate

Addisleigh Park Civic	Glenwood Water District
Albertson Water District	Greater Allen AME Church
All Our Energy	Greater Triangle Civic Association
Bayville Village Water Department	Hempstead Village Water Department
Beach to Bay Civic Association	Hempstead Water Department
Bethpage Water District	Hicksville Water District
Brinkerhoff Action Association	Jericho Water District
Cambria Heights Civic Association	Locust Valley Water District
Carle Place Water District	Long Beach City Water Purification
Carter Community House	Long Island Clean Air Water and Soil
Cathedral Gardens Water District	Long Island Commission On Aquifer Protection (LICAP)
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	Long Island Water Conference
City of Long Beach	Manhasset Lakeville Water District
Clergy United for Community Empowerment	Massapequa Water District
Concerned Citizens of Laurelton	Mill Neck Water System
Eastern Queens Alliance and Springfield/Rosedale Civic Association	Mineola Village Water Department
Farmingdale Village Water Department	Nassau County Department of Health
Federated Blocks of Laurelton	Nassau County Department of Public Works
Franklin Square Water District	Nassau County Executive
Freeport Village Water Department	Nassau County Water Resources Board
Garden City Park Water District	Nassau County Legislature
Garden City Village Water Department	Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioner's Association
Glen Cove City Water District	

Natural Resources Defense Council
Nature Conservancy
New York American Water
New York City Clerk
New York Public Interest Research Group
Old Westbury Village Water Department
Oyster Bay Water District
Plandome Village Water District
Plainview Water District
Port Washington Water District
Queens Village Civic Association
Residents For A More Beautiful Port
Washington
Rockville Centre Village Water Department
Rosedale Civic Association
Roslyn Water District
St. Clare's Church
Sands Point Village Water Department
South Farmingdale Water District
Split Rock Water Supply
Spring/Jam Block Association
Springfield Gardens Civic Association
Suffolk County Executive
Suffolk County Water Authority
Town of Hempstead
Town of Hempstead Water Department
Town of North Hempstead
Village of Flower Hill
Water Authority of Great Neck North
Water Authority of Western Nassau County
Water for Long Island
Wayanda Civic Association
West Hempstead Water District
Westbury Water District
Williston Park Village Water Department