



NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Project: In-City Water Supply Resiliency

CEQR No. 15DEP029Q

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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 State Revolving Loan Fund Program, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as Lead Agency, is hereby issuing a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a Draft Scope of Work for a DEIS, and a schedule for public meetings to receive comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the In-City Water Supply Resiliency project. The Lead Agency Letter was issued on August 7, 2015.

Program Description

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 purpose of the proposed In-City Water Supply Resiliency project is to rehabilitate and modernize DEP's groundwater system to ensure its viability to meet DEP's water supply needs as a supplement to DEP's upstate surface water supplies. No new wells would be installed as part of the Proposed Project, nor would DEP seek to increase the capacity of existing wells. 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.

Public Meetings

Public meetings are scheduled to be held to receive oral comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the DEIS. Notification of the public hearings will appear in local newspapers. These meetings will be held on the following dates and times with informal information and listening sessions taking place one hour prior to the meeting times listed at the same location:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Theodore Roosevelt Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York 11501

Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM
The Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center
172-17 Linden Boulevard
St. Albans, NY 11434

These hearing locations are accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. American Sign Language interpreter services may also be made available upon written request to the DEP contact person named below, no less than 10 days prior to the hearing.

Written comments should be sent to the contact person listed at the end of this Notice and will be accepted until **July 10, 2017**. A Final Scope of Work, incorporating changes based on relevant comments received, will be issued. The Draft Scope of Work is available on the DEP website at: www.nyc.gov/dep/environmentalreviews, and at the repositories listed in the attachment. Additional hard copies are available upon written request to the Contact Person listed below.

Contact Person

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New York City Department of Environmental Protection
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Attached:

Repository List
Distribution List
Draft Scope of Work

**In-City Water Supply Resiliency
Draft Scope of Work Repository List**

Repository List

New York City Department of Environmental Protection
Attn: Sangamithra Iyer, P.E.
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11th Floor
Flushing, New York 11373

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

**In-City Water Supply Resiliency
Draft Scope of Work Distribution List**

Involved and Interested Agencies and Parties

New York State Assembly
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
New York State Department of Health
New York State Department of State
New York State Department of
Transportation
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation
New York State Senate
New York City Clerk
New York City Council
New York City Department of City Planning
New York City Department of Health and
Mental Hygiene

New York City Department of Parks and
Recreation
New York City Department of Transportation
New York City Landmarks Preservation
Commission
New York City Office of Environmental
Coordination
New York City Queens Borough President
New York City Queens Community Board
Chairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Geological Survey
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate

Addisleigh Park Civic
Albertson Water District
Bayville Village Water Department
Bethpage Water District
Brinkerhoff Action Association
Cambria Heights Civic Association
Carle Place Water District
Cathedral Gardens Water District
Concerned Citizens of Laurelton
Eastern Queens Alliance and Springfield/
Rosedale Civic Association
Farmingdale Village Water Department
Federated Blocks of Laurelton
Franklin Square Water District
Freeport Village Water Department
Garden City Park Water District
Garden City Village Water Department
Glen Cove City Water District
Glenwood Water District
Greater Allen AME Church
Greater Triangle Civic Association
Hempstead Village Water Department
Hempstead Water Department
Plainview Water District

Hicksville Water District
Jericho Water District
Locust Valley Water District
Long Beach City Water Purification
Long Island Commission On Aquifer
Protection (LICAP)
Long Island Water Conference
Manhasset Lakeville Water District
Massapequa Water District
Mill Neck Water System
Mineola Village Water Department
Nassau County Department of Health
Nassau County Department of Public Works
Nassau County Legislature
Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioner's
Association
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

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 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