



## NOTICE OF FINAL SCOPE OF WORK

### **Project: Kensico - Eastview Connection Project**

**CEQR No.: 21DEP020U**

**December 17, 2021**

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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, and 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 Final Scope of Work for a DEIS for the Kensico - Eastview Connection (KEC) Project.

### **Public Hearing**

A virtual public hearing was held via Zoom to receive oral and written comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the DEIS on **April 7, 2021**. Written comments on the Draft Scope of Work were accepted until **April 21, 2021**.

The Final Scope of Work is available on the DEP website at:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>

Hard copies are available upon request.

### **Project Description**

DEP proposes to construct a new tunnel between the Kensico Reservoir and the Catskill/Delaware Ultraviolet Light Disinfection (CDUV) Facility. The UV Facility is located on City-owned property (“the Eastview Site”) within the Town of Mount Pleasant in Westchester County, New York. The Proposed Action would be comprised of the following major components:

- A new approximately 2-mile-long, deep rock tunnel between the Kensico Campus and the KEC Eastview Site;
- A new uptake shaft (Shaft 2C) at the KEC Eastview Site for the KEC Tunnel;
- A new downtake shaft (Shaft 1C) and vent building at the Kensico Campus for the KEC Tunnel;
- A potential construction drop pipe alternative along the tunnel alignment;
- Subsurface utility easements along the tunnel corridor;

- Construction of a new KEC Screen Chamber;
- Construction of connecting tunnels to the new screen chamber and modifications to the existing Dike Grade Tunnel;
- Consolidation of the electrical supply to the Kensico Campus and construction of a new electrical building;
- Redevelopment of the Kensico Campus including the relocation of Westlake Drive, regrading of the overall site, a new DEP Police booth, and other security improvements;
- Modifications to the chemical feed system at Delaware (Del) Shaft 18;
- Modifications to the existing Catskill Upper Effluent Chamber (UEC) located within and adjacent to the Kensico Reservoir;
- Construction of a new Eastview Connection Chamber and interconnection to the CDUV Facility;
- Management of excavated material from construction;
- Shoreline stabilization efforts along Kensico Reservoir south of the UEC; and
- Mitigation as needed for the project.

The KEC tunnel would provide an additional means of conveying water between the Kensico Reservoir and the CDUV Facility. Completion of this project would enhance operational resiliency and redundancy for the water supply system.

The KEC Project (including its environmental review) must be completed prior to the construction of a cover over the Hillview Reservoir, in accordance with the terms of the Hillview Consent Decree and Judgment entered in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York on May 15, 2019. Completion of the KEC Project would increase flow to the CDUV Facility and improve DEP's ability to maintain Hillview Reservoir water surface levels within normal operating limits during single-basin operations at the reservoir pursuant to the Hillview Consent Decree and Judgment's mandates. Extended periods of single-basin operation of the Hillview Reservoir are anticipated during construction of the cover required under the Hillview Reservoir Consent Decree and Judgment.

### **Required Approvals**

The KEC project may require several discretionary actions, including approval by the state, federal, county, and local entities. For a full list of potentially required permits and approvals, please refer to the Final Scope of Work.

### **Statement of Potential Significant Effect(s)**

On behalf of DEP, the Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis has determined that the proposed action is a Type I action and that it may have potential significant effects on the environment. Based on preliminary analyses, DEP has concluded that an Environmental Impact

Statement should be prepared to fully disclose the complex issues associated with the proposed project.

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Attached:      Distribution List  
                    Final Scope of Work

**Kensico – Eastview Connection Project**  
**Final Scoping Document for the DEIS**  
**Distribution List**

**Involved and Interested Agencies and Parties**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Senate  
U.S. House of Representatives  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
New York City Office of Environmental Coordination  
New York City Public Design Commission  
New York State Assembly  
New York State Attorney General  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
New York State Department of Health  
New York State Department of Transportation  
New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation  
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
New York State Senate  
Westchester County  
Westchester County Airport  
Westchester County Department of Correction  
Westchester County Department of Health  
Westchester County Department of Planning  
Westchester County Department of Public Works  
Westchester County Legislature  
Westchester County Water District #3  
Town of Mount Pleasant  
Town of Greenburgh  
Town of North Castle  
Gate of Heaven Cemetery  
Mount Eden Cemetery  
Valhalla Union Free School District  
Hawthorne Country Day School