



**NOTICE OF POSITIVE DECLARATION, INTENT TO
PREPARE A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT, LEAD AGENCY DECLARATION, DRAFT
SCOPE OF WORK AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Project: Kensico - Eastview Connection Project

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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) is hereby issuing a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a Lead Agency Determination, a Draft Scope of Work for a DEIS and the schedule for a public hearing to take comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the Kensico - Eastview Connection (KEC) Project.

Public Hearing

A virtual public hearing is scheduled to be held via Zoom to receive oral and written comments on the Draft Scope of Work for the DEIS on:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
6:00-8:00 PM

To register for this virtual hearing and receive the Zoom link, please go to:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/kensico-eastview-connection.page>

Written comments on the Draft Scope of Work will be accepted until April 21, 2021 and a Final Scope of Work, incorporating changes based on relevant comments received, will be issued. Responses to comments given during the hearing and written comments received will be provided as part of the Final Scope of Work.

The Draft 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 Reservoir and the CDUV Facility and the construction of two new shafts;
- A potential construction drop pipe 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 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 Draft 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.

Lead Agency Determination

DEP believes that it is the appropriate lead agency, and DEP wishes to undertake a coordinated review with all involved agencies. Please notify the contact person listed below within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice if there are any objections to DEP assuming lead agency status. If no objections are heard within that time frame, DEP will continue to act as lead agency for the purposes of this environmental review.

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Attached: Distribution List
 Draft Scope of Work

Kensico – Eastview Connection Project
Draft 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
The Assembly of the State of New York
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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 State
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 Department of Planning
Westchester County Airport
Westchester County Department of Correction
Westchester County Department of Health
Westchester County Legislature
Westchester County Water District #3
Westchester Joint Water Works
Town of Mount Pleasant
Town of Greenburgh
Gate of Heaven Cemetery
Mount Eden Cemetery
Valhalla Union Free School District
Hawthorne Country Day School