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# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL SCOPE, COMPLETION OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

Project: Water for the Future: Upstate Water Supply Resiliency- New Paltz Temporary Transmission Water Main CEQR No. 15DEP006U

September 6, 2017

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was prepared by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the proposed Water for the Future: Upstate Water Supply Resiliency (UWSR) project and issued on September 19, 2016. Public hearings were held on October 20, 24, 25, and 28, 2016 in Ellenville, New York; Yorktown Heights, New York; Newburgh, New York; and Loch Sheldrake, New York respectively, to collect public comments. The public comment period closed on November 14, 2016. Subsequent to the publication of the DEIS, DEP identified an additional element of the UWSR Project. The new project element would involve the development of a new temporary transmission water main to supply the Village and Town of New Paltz (New Paltz). This temporary transmission water main would supply water to New Paltz during those periods when DEP would need to temporarily shut down the Catskill Aqueduct for extended periods, as described in the DEIS for the UWSR Project. DEP has committed to preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate this new element of the project. A Draft Scope of Work for the SEIS was issued on May 26, 2017, a public scoping meeting was held on June 29, 2017 in New Paltz, NY, and the public comment period closed on July 11, 2017.

Acting as lead agency and 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, DEP has issued a Final Scope of Work and prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to evaluate the proposed new element of the UWSR.

The Draft SEIS is being circulated for public review with this Notice of Completion. For a hard copy of the Draft SEIS, please contact the person listed at the end of this Notice. The Draft SEIS will also be available for review by the public at the repositories (see attachment) and on the DEP website (<u>http://www.nyc.gov/dep/upstatewatersupplyresiliency</u>).

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for September 27, 2017 at the location listed below with an informal information and listening session taking place

one hour prior to the meeting time listed at the same location. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral and written comments on the Draft SEIS. Notification of the public hearing will appear in a regional newspaper, as required.

### Wednesday September 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Town of New Paltz Community Center 3 Veterans Drive New Paltz, NY 12561

This meeting location is 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 via mail or email to the contact person listed below. The public comment period will remain open until Tuesday **October 10, 2017**.

#### **Contact Person**

Sangamithra Iyer, P.E., Director Office of Water Supply Infrastructure and Watershed Assessment New York City Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Flushing, New York 11373 Email: WFFComments@dep.nyc.gov

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Attached: Repository List Distribution List Draft SEIS Final Scope of Work and Response to Comments

# Upstate Water Supply Resiliency, New Paltz Temporary Transmission Water Main SEIS Repository List

## **Repository List**

Town of New Paltz Clerk's Office 52 Clearwater Road New Paltz, NY 12561

Village of New Paltz Clerk's Office 25 Plattekill Avenue New Paltz, 12561

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Daniel Michaud 71 Smith Street Kingston, New York 12401

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Sangamithra Iyer 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Flushing, New York 11373 Upstate Water Supply Resiliency, New Paltz Temporary Transmission Water Main SEIS Distribution List

# **Involved and Interested Agencies and Parties**

U.S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New York State Department of Health
New York State Senate
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
New York State Assembly
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Ulster County
Ulster County Health Department
Ulster County Legislature
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