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Notice of Availability of Final Scope of Work, Completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Hearing

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Project: Citywide Containerization Program
CEQR No.: 25DOS003Y
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Lead Agency: New York City Department of Sanitation
125 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013
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A Final Scope of Work and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) have been prepared by the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) for the proposed Citywide Containerization Program (Proposed Program). 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 6 NYCRR Part 617, and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) procedures, as set forth in Title 62 RCNY Chapter 5 and Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, DSNY has issued a Final Scope of Work (FSOW) and prepared a DEIS for the Citywide Containerization Program.

A Positive Declaration and a Draft Scope of Work (DSOW) for the DEIS was issued on September 17, 2025. A public meeting to obtain oral testimony on the DSOW was held on October 20, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. The period for submitting written comments remained open until October 30, 2025.

A FSOW was prepared, finalizing the scope of analysis for the DEIS. Based on the FSOW, this DEIS was prepared and is certified as complete. Copies of the FSOW and the DEIS may be downloaded from DSNY's website at <http://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/containerization.page>

The FSOW and DEIS will also be available for review by the public at the repository for the Proposed Program's environmental review documents: New York City Department of Sanitation, 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, NY 10013. The DSNY Contact Person for further information regarding the environmental review is:

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Public Hearing

A public hearing has been scheduled for July 28, 2026 via Microsoft Teams from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, using the following link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/219272571493081?p=9Whex9DUHI9nZxy0DJ>

Meeting ID: 219 272 571 493 081

Passcode: Ga3j6mG2

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Phone conference ID: 166 758 25#

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral and written comments on the DEIS. The period for receiving written comments will remain open until August 7, 2026. Emailed comments may be accepted until 5:00 PM, while written comments must be postmarked no later than August 7, 2026 and sent to the DSNY Contact Person listed above. Responses to comments given during the hearing and written comments received will be provided as part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

The public hearing location is accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. Any request for accommodation for interpreter services should be made via email to containerEIS@dsny.nyc.gov a minimum of ten (10) days in advance.

Notification of the public hearing and public comment period will appear in the local newspaper before the hearing, as required.

Project Description

DSNY is proposing to implement a program to containerize waste at certain buildings with residential units throughout the five (5) boroughs of New York City (City) and schools in Manhattan Community District (CD) 09 and Brooklyn CD 02 that receive DSNY collection. Under the Proposed Program, buildings with 10 to 30 residential units would have the option to use stationary on-street containers or individual bins consisting of rigid receptacles with tight-fitting lids, not exceeding 55 gallons in size, for their refuse; buildings with 31 or more residential units would use stationary on-street containers for their refuse; and schools in Manhattan CD 09 and Brooklyn CD 02 would use stationary on-street containers for all waste streams (refuse; organics; metal, glass, plastic, and cartons; and paper/cardboard). The Proposed Program would be implemented in phases Citywide, with full implementation by June 1, 2032. The Proposed Program would support the City's commitment to improving street cleanliness and reducing potential food sources for vectors (e.g., rats and vermin). These changes

align with other City initiatives to increase the use of containers for waste storage and collection, and to create cleaner, more livable, and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods across the City.

The Proposed Program would provide the following benefits:

- Eliminate the curbside placement of plastic bags containing refuse;
- Reduce potential food sources and/or attractants for rats and other vectors;
- Reduce litter, odor, loss of liquids and the potential contamination of stormwater runoff associated with plastic bags and the loss of materials from these;
- Reduce pedestrian and curbside obstructions;
- Contribute to improved public health;
- Reduce workplace injuries; and
- Provide an overall improvement in street cleanliness and neighborhood aesthetics.

Required Approvals

Implementation of the proposed Citywide Containerization Program would involve a discretionary action and local approvals and is therefore subject to CEQR and SEQRA and their implementing regulations. The entities that were involved in the environmental review and approval process for the Proposed Program are:

- DSNY acting as lead agency for the environmental review for the Citywide Containerization Program implementation
- In consultation with several agencies:
 - New York City Department of Transportation;
 - New York City Department of Environmental Protection;
 - New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission;
 - Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit; and
 - New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Probable Impacts of the Proposed Program

A full assessment of potential impacts was undertaken in preparation of the DEIS. As disclosed in the DEIS, the Citywide Containerization Program would not result in significant adverse impacts, but would instead result in a benefit to City residents, Sanitation Workers and visitors. The Proposed Program would support DSNY's commitment to street cleanliness and reducing potential food sources for vectors, improve waste management practices in the City to ensure safe and efficient waste

collection, and create cleaner, more livable, and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods across the City.