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Notice of Completion and Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement

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A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been prepared by the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) for the proposed Citywide Containerization Program (Proposed Program). 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, acting as lead agency, hereby certifies this FEIS as complete.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was issued on July 1, 2026. A public meeting to obtain oral testimony on the DEIS was held on July 28, 2026, via Microsoft Teams. The period for submitting written comments remained open until August 7, 2026. The FEIS incorporates responses to public comments received on the DEIS and additional analysis conducted subsequent to the completion of the DEIS, as applicable.

Copies of the FEIS are available on the DSNY website at <http://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/containerization.page>. Hard copies can be accessed at the designated public repository: DSNY, 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, NY 10013.

Project Description

DSNY is proposing to implement a program to containerize waste at certain buildings with residential units and schools throughout the five (5) boroughs of New York City. Implementation of the Proposed Program would occur in phases with full Citywide implementation anticipated by 2032. Under the Proposed Program, buildings would containerize their refuse as follows for DSNY collection: (1) buildings with 10 to 30 residential units would have the option to use individual bins or stationary on-street containers; and (2) buildings with 31 or more residential units would use stationary on-street containers. Schools in Manhattan Community District (CD) 09 and Brooklyn CD 02 that receive DSNY collection services would utilize separate stationary on-street containers for each waste stream (refuse; organics; metal, glass, plastic, and cartons; and paper/cardboard).

The use of stationary on-street containers and individual bins for waste disposal would allow DSNY to support the City's commitment to street cleanliness and reducing potential food sources for vectors (e.g., rats and vermin). The Proposed Program seeks to improve municipal waste management practices to ensure safe and efficient waste collection, thereby reducing vector food sources and sightings while enhancing neighborhood character and street-side aesthetics in the City.

The Proposed Program has been designed to account for varying building densities and operational needs, including conservative assumptions regarding storage capacity and collection frequency. The Proposed Program is intended to address longstanding issues associated with bagged waste, including sidewalk obstruction, litter, odors, worker safety, stormwater contamination, and attraction of vectors (e.g., rats and vermin).

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 include DSNY, acting as lead agency for the environmental review for the Citywide Containerization Program implementation, as well as consultations with New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT); New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP); New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (NYCLPC); Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) New York City Transit (NYCT); 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 FEIS. As disclosed in the FEIS, the Citywide Containerization Program would not result in any significant adverse impacts. Instead, the Proposed Program would result in a benefit to City residents, Sanitation Workers and visitors. The Proposed Program would support DSNY's commitment to street cleanliness, reduce potential food sources for vectors, and improve municipal waste management practices to ensure safe and efficient waste

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

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