

ACME FISH EXPANSION

Foreword¹

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Acme Fish Expansion project. Acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission (CPC), which is the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) lead agency, the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) determined the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Actions to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on October 30, 2020. Public Notice of completion of the DEIS and a public hearing on the DEIS was published in the City Record and in the *New York Post* on February 1, 2021, and in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on February 3, 2021. CPC held a public hearing on the DEIS on February 17, 2021 at 10 AM, which was held remotely in support of the City's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open through March 1, 2021.

This FEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DEIS during the DEIS public hearing and subsequent DEIS comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 22, "Response to Comments on the DEIS." Written comments on the DEIS are included as a new Appendix F. In addition, this FEIS also reflects all substantive changes to technical analyses resulting from agency reviews, and material changes in conditions since issuance of the DEIS.

Principal changes between the DEIS and this FEIS include:

- The Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination (MOEC) issued an update to the *CEQR Technical Manual* in December 2020, subsequent to issuance of the DEIS for the Proposed Actions. As such, this FEIS has been updated to cite the 2020 *CEQR Technical Manual* throughout, and to reflect its revised methodology, as applicable.
- Subsequent to issuance of the DEIS, the Applicant updated the anticipated start date for construction of the Proposed Development. As such, the Analysis Year has been updated throughout the FEIS document to 2025 (from 2024 in the DEIS).
- Revisions to Chapter 1, "Project Description" to reflect the change in the Analysis Year, updated square footage for the proposed Public Access Area (PAA), as well as other consistency edits.
- Revisions to Chapter 2, "Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy," to reflect the updated Analysis Year, updated PAA square footage, as well as an additional No-Build site identified subsequent to issuance of the DEIS.
- Revisions to Chapter 4, "Open Space," to reflect the updated Build Year and PAA square footage, as well as the additional No-Build site identified subsequent to issuance of the DEIS.
- Revisions to Chapter 9, "Water and Sewer Infrastructure" to reflect the updated Analysis Year and PAA square footage, and current Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plants (WPCPs) monthly flows (released subsequent to issuance of the DEIS).
- Revisions to Chapter 10, "Transportation," to reflect the updated Analysis Year of 2025.

¹ This Foreword is new to the FEIS.

- Revisions to Chapter 11, “Air Quality,” to (1) reflect the updated Analysis Year (and associated changes in future traffic conditions); and (2) reflect updated vehicle classification methodology described in the 2020 CEQR Technical Manual.
- Revisions to Chapter 13, “Noise,” to reflect the updated Analysis Year (and associated changes in future traffic conditions).
- Revisions to Chapter 16, “Construction,” to reflect the updated Analysis Year of 2025.
- Updated conclusions in Chapter 17, “Mitigation,” and Chapter 18, “Alternatives,” to reflect the updated Analysis Year of 2025 and updated transportation analysis.
- Text edits to Chapter 3, “Socioeconomic Conditions,” Chapter 5, “Shadows,” Chapter 6, “Historic and Cultural Resources,” Chapter 7, “Urban Design and Visual Resources,” Chapter 12, “Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change,” and Chapter 15, “Neighborhood Character,” to reflect the updated Analysis Year and PAA square footage where applicable, and other consistency edits.
- Chapter 22, “Responses to Comments on the DEIS,” which is entirely new to the document.
- Updates to various appendices for consistency with revisions to analyses.
- Appendix F, “Written Comments Received on the DEIS,” which is entirely new to the document.

Except where indicated, all text changes since publication of the DEIS are marked by double underlining and ~~striethroughs~~ in this FEIS. No underlining is used for the Foreword or Chapter 22, “Response to Comments on the DEIS,” both of which are entirely new.