

## Foreword

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This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Fordham University's proposed Master Plan for its Lincoln Center Campus (the proposed action). Acting on behalf of the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) lead agency, the City Planning Commission (CPC), the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) determined the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed action to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on November 17, 2008. CPC held a public hearing on the DEIS in Spector Hall at 22 Reade Street in Manhattan, on March 4, 2009. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open until March 16, 2009.

This FEIS reflects all relevant substantive comments made on the DEIS since its publication, at the public hearing, and during the public comment period. The comments are summarized and responses are provided in Chapter 26, "Comments and Responses on the Draft Scope of Work and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement." The following principal changes were made:

- Description of the Proposed Project. Chapter 1, "Project Description," has been revised to indicate that there have been modifications to the proposed action that are considered in a new chapter, Chapter 27, "Modifications to the Proposed Action."
- Baseline (Existing and Future Without the Proposed Project) Conditions. Where necessary, the analyses in the DEIS were updated to account for changes in baseline conditions.
- Chapter 5, "Open Space," has been revised to reflect comments received from the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and additional information gathered on some of the open spaces considered in the analysis.
- Chapter 6, "Shadows," has been revised to include additional analysis of impacts on Damrosch Park and its vegetation and on the stained glass windows of St. Paul the Apostle Church in response to comments from the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP).
- Chapter 7, "Historic Resources," has been revised to respond to comments and determinations of State and National Register eligibility made by OPRHP in December of 2008, to include additional discussion of shadow impacts on sun-sensitive historic resources, to reflect comments from the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), and to discuss changes to the Columbus Avenue frontage of Lincoln Center, including creation of the Grove.
- Chapter 11, "Hazardous Materials," has been revised to reflect the Phase II testing that has been completed and approved by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and indicate that the Restrictive Declaration will govern future Phase II testing of sites prior to construction.
- Chapter 15, "Traffic and Parking," has been revised to reflect DCP comments on the off-street parking inventory focusing on the ¼-mile radius, and to reflect street changes associated with the Lincoln Center Promenade in the future conditions analyses.

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- Chapter 16, “Transit and Pedestrians,” has been revised to acknowledge MTA/NYCT’s planned fare increase and service cuts and consider how those cuts would affect the study area. Written and graphic descriptions of available transit services in the area have also been revised.
- Chapter 19, “Construction,” has been revised to reflect additional analysis of potential noise impacts, and additional consideration of traffic mitigation measures.
- Chapter 21, “Mitigation,” has been revised to reflect the results of the additional analysis of shadow impacts on Lincoln Center open spaces and to add that discussions are ongoing regarding potential mitigation measures for significant adverse shadow impact on Damrosch Park and the Grove. If of the necessary mitigation measures are not implemented, the increase in shadows would be considered an unavoidable significant adverse impact on those features.

The chapter has also been modified to indicate that the increased shadow on St. Paul the Apostle Church would be an unmitigated significant adverse impact.

- Chapter 23, “Unavoidable Adverse Impacts,” has been modified to indicate the significant adverse shadow impact on the Church of St. Paul the Apostle would be unmitigated and to identify the potential that the significant adverse shadow impacts on Damrosch Park and the Grove would be unavoidable if no mitigation is implemented.
- Chapter 26, “Comments and Responses on the Draft Scope of Work and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement,” has been added to the FEIS.
- Chapter 27, “Modification to the Proposed Action,” has been added to the FEIS. It describes modifications to the Proposed Action contemplated by CPC and analyzes the potential environmental impacts from the proposed modifications.
- The appendices have been updated and amended to reflect corresponding changes to the technical analyses in the FEIS, to address the modifications under consideration by CPC, and to include the public comments received on the Draft Scope of Work and DEIS.

All changes to the text since publication of the DEIS are marked by double-underlining of the FEIS text. However, no underlining is used in this Foreword, Chapter 26, or Chapter 27 because they are presented for the first time in this FEIS.