

FOREWORD¹

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the Webster Avenue Rezoning (“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 September 24, 2010. A public notice addressing the hearing on the DEIS was published in the New York City Record on December 27, 2010 and in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Notice Bulletin on December 29, 2010 and was placed in a local newspaper, New York Post, on December 20, 2010. The City Planning Commission (CPC) held a public hearing on the DEIS at Spector Hall, at the Department of City Planning located at 22 Reade Street, New York, New York, on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The period for the public to submit written comments remained open until Tuesday, January 19, 2011.

This Final EIS reflects all substantive comments made on the DEIS since its publication, at the public hearing, and during the subsequent comment period. The comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 3.10, “Responses to Comments on the Draft Scope of Work and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.” Changes to the text and graphics from the DEIS were made in this Final EIS, as necessary, in response to these comments. Unless otherwise indicated by a footnote, and excluding this Foreword, Chapter 3.10, and Appendix E, which are new to the FEIS, all changes to text since publication of the DEIS are marked by double-underlining for text that is new to this Final EIS and ~~strikethrough~~ for text that is deleted from the DEIS in preparation of the Final EIS.

The principal changes between the DEIS and Final EIS for the Webster Avenue Rezoning are as follows:

- Chapter 1.0, “Executive Summary,” has been modified for purposes of clarity and to reflect the current status of the EIS document.
- Chapter 3.2, “Water and Sewer Infrastructure,” has been revised to include a Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) Concept Plan which is intended to illustrate opportunities for development lots within rezoning areas and general large scale developments to incorporate onsite stormwater source controls during site planning and building design phases of project development.

Stormwater calculations have also been revised in Chapter 3.2, “Water and Sewer Infrastructure,” to reflect updates to the catchment areas of two of the projected development lots. A review by NYCDEP determined that Block 3360 Lot 62 is Hunts Point combined, not Direct Drainage and Block 3360 Lot 50 is Direct

¹ This Foreword is new to the FEIS.

Drainage, not Hunts Point. This update affected Tables 3.2-2, 3.2-3, 3.2-6, 3.2-7 and 3.2-8, as well as all references within the text to these numbers.

- Chapter 3.3, “Transportation,” Figures 3.3-6A and 3.3-6B have been replaced to ensure greater legibility in publication.
- Chapter 3.10, “Responses to Comments on the Draft Scope of Work and Draft Environmental Impact Statement,” lists and includes Lead Agency responses to comments on the Draft Scope and DEIS. The comments include oral comments made during the Draft Scope public meeting on May 19, 2010 and September 1, 2010 and the DEIS public hearing held January 5, 2011, as well as written comments received through the close of their respective comment periods.
- Appendix E, “Public Comment Letters on Draft Scoping Document and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS),” has been added and includes written comments on the Draft Scope and DEIS that were received through the close of their respective comment periods.