

26.0 GROWTH-INDUCING ASPECTS

26.1 Introduction

The CEQR Technical Manual (Section 3V-400) states:

SEQRA specifies that the assessment of impacts focus on the growth-inducing aspects of a proposed action. These generally refer to “secondary” impacts of a proposed action that trigger further development. Proposals that add substantial new land use, new residents, or new employment could induce additional development of a similar kind or of support uses.

Therefore this chapter will assess growth-inducing aspects of the proposed action on the study area.

26.2 Evaluation

The proposed project would not introduce a new land use to the area and it would not involve a change in zoning. Therefore, no significant development is expected to occur in the surrounding area as a result of the proposed project.

The proposed project would generate additional employees, patients and visitors. The expected secondary impacts of this include additional utilization of open spaces, mass transit, and public parking facilities in the surrounding area. Since the expansion and renovation plan for the Hospital for Special Surgery would include a cafeteria, this is expected to accommodate the needs brought by the additional population. It is expected that retail stores in the area (such as drug stores) would benefit from the additional population but the needs would not be so large as to require additional retail development.