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Mr. Stephen A. Watts, Environmental Program Specialist 2
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Re: Willets Point Off-Site Sewer Improvement Project, Queens County—Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit Application (Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES—Surface Discharge)
Application ID: 2-6302-00908/00003

Dear Mr. Watts:

By issuing this **Public Participation Plan (PPP) Certification Document**, NYCEDC concludes the public participation aspect of the Construction Dewatering and Discharge SPDES Permit, and certifies that the requirements and tasks described in the project's PPP, and subsequent Enhanced PPP, have been completed.

The attached report serves as the Public Participation Plan's Certification Document, and includes a written summary of the outreach conducted under the original and Enhanced PPP:

It is noted that the questions/comments raised during outreach activities or received during the Public Information Meetings and during the public comment period from stakeholders or the public at large have been recorded, and the corresponding responses to these questions/comments have been provided as part of the Certification Document (see Appendix E). As required, this Certification Document, including its appendices, will become part of the permit application and will be made available to the public at the document repositories for a period of four (4) months after the issuance of the Final SPDES Permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen James Holley".

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**Willets Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project:
Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT**

Submitted By: New York City Economic Development Corporation

January 25, 2012

Willetts Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project: Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit Public Participation Plan

CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT

Introduction

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is proposing to construct a new sanitary sewer line and a new storm water sewer line in the Willetts Point area of Queens (the proposed project). Once constructed, these new sanitary and storm water sewer lines would be turned over to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which would own, operate, and maintain these public sewers.

As part of NYCEDC's permit application (*State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Industrial Application Form NY-2C For New Permits and Permit Modifications to Discharge Industrial Wastewater and Storm Water*) to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for a SPDES Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit for the construction of the proposed sanitary and storm water sewers, a public participation plan (PPP) was prepared in accordance with *Commissioner Policy-29 (CP-29) Environmental Justice and Permitting*. The PPP was submitted to NYSDEC for review in October 2011 and NYCEDC was directed to proceed with the outreach plan pursuant to the submitted PPP. In addition, NYCEDC determined that additional outreach activities would be undertaken for the project's SPDES permit application under an Enhanced PPP that was developed and submitted to NYSDEC in early December 2011.

By issuing this **Public Participation Plan Certification Document**, NYCEDC concludes the public participation aspect of the SPDES Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit, and certifies that the requirements and tasks described in the project's original and Enhanced PPP have been completed. The remainder of this document describes how the public participation and outreach tasks outlined in the original and Enhanced PPP were completed.

Completion of the Public Participation Plan

The original PPP for this permit included a number of activities and six (6) primary outreach Tasks that were to be undertaken to inform stakeholders about the proposed project and the SPDES Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit being sought from NYSDEC. The draft PPP for this project was submitted to NYSDEC for their review in October 2011 and NYCEDC was directed to proceed with the outreach plan pursuant to the submitted PPP. The PPP was further enhanced in December 2011 to include additional activities to supplement those identified in the original PPP. The methods employed to fulfill the requirements of the various outreach Tasks identified in the original and Enhanced PPP are presented in the sections below.

Task #1: Identify Affected Area

As described in the October 2011 PPP (see **Appendix A**), the affected area for the project for outreach purposes was identified in consultation with NYSDEC, and was established as the study area for this project, as an approximately 1-mile radius from the project site. Consideration of the uses and resident populations within this area ensured that potential Environmental Justice (EJ) concerns and effects were captured, that outreach would be undertaken to an appropriate area, and that interested entities (stakeholders) were identified, in particular stakeholders representing the area's minority and low-income populations, also known as EJ communities.

Task #2: Identify Stakeholders and Create a Contact List

Stakeholders who would potentially be affected by the dewatering and discharge during project construction were identified, and included the following groups:

- Residents/neighborhood groups who reside or are active in the vicinity of the proposed project and that potentially would be affected by the construction of the proposed sanitary and storm water sewer lines;
- Community Boards (CBs)—Queens CB3, CB4, and CB7, and local community and civic organizations,
- Adjacent property owners and businesses fronting the construction site along 126th Street between Northern Boulevard and 36th Avenue, local business groups, and any contacts recommended by these groups;
- Neighborhood religious establishments;
- Elected officials; and,
- Appropriate state and local government personnel.

The outreach contact list for the project was assembled, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses (if available) of individuals and organizations (as described above) with potential interest in the proposed sewer project and SPDES permit. As part of the Enhanced PPP, this list was expanded to include additional stakeholders identified as the public participation process moved forward. These included: any persons who attended the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting who provided a mailing address; any person or organizations that submitted written comments (by letter or email) on the sewer project and SPDES permit application prior to the finalization of the Enhanced PPP; the adjacent local businesses who received project notices by hand for the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting; and the Urban Justice Center, as they had previously represented businesses in the area. **Appendix A: PPP, Attachment A** shows the original outreach contact list that was developed for this project. **Appendix B**, contains the final Expanded Outreach Contact List for this project, including the additional stakeholders that were identified during the course of the public participation process. Deletions were made from the original list based on mailings that were returned as undeliverable from the first general mailing sent out in October 2011.

Task #3: Prepare Written Information

Written information about the proposed project and the environmental permit review process was prepared for posting and distribution to the public and area stakeholders. The following written materials were prepared and made available to the public as part of this outreach effort via one or more of the following methods: postings to the NYCEDC website, general project mailings, and hard copies for public review at the project's Document Repositories (see Task #4, below):

- Public Participation Plan (PPP), October 2011 (see **Appendix A**)
- Enhanced PPP Amendment letter (see **Appendix C**)
- Project Fact Sheet (a copy of the bilingual—English/Spanish—Project Fact Sheet is included in **Appendix A, Attachment B.**)
- Project Notice mailings and Newspaper Meeting Notices (see **Appendix D**)
- SPDES Permit Application
- NYSDEC Technical Fact Sheet (prepared by NYSDEC)
- Draft NYSDEC SPDES Permit (prepared by NYSDEC)
- Environmental Justice Analysis
- Responses to Questions/Comments made at the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting which not answered at the meeting (see **Appendix E**).

Task #4: Establish Document Repositories/Distribute Project Information

In accordance with the PPP, easily accessible document repositories were established in or near the outreach area (defined above) at locations close to the proposed project. The locations of the project's Document Repositories are shown in **Appendix A, Attachment D**, and included four (4) local libraries, and the offices of Queens CB3, CB4, and CB7. Additionally, project information was made available on the NYCEDC website at the following address: <http://www.nycedc.com/willettpoint>

The locations of the document repositories were included in the Project Fact Sheet that was distributed and posted on the NYCEDC website, as well as in the Project Notice mailings.

The contents of the repositories were updated regularly, and were checked to ensure that no documents were missing. A list of document contents was prepared and updated, to help keep the repositories organized.

The project mailings occurred on October 27, 2011 and December 2, 2011, and each included a Project Notice letter and Project Fact Sheet; the December 2011 mailing also included the bilingual (English/Spanish) text of the Newspaper Notices to be published for the December 19, 2011 follow-up meeting.

The PPP (October 2011), Project Fact Sheet, and Draft SPDES Permit, and NYSDEC Technical Fact Sheet were all made available in advance of the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting, on the NYCEDC website and at the project's seven local Document Repositories. The initial placement of project materials in outreach binders occurred on October 28, 2011, when the binders, containing a copy of the October 2011 PPP, the bilingual Project Fact Sheet, and a placeholder for the Draft SPDES

Permit were hand delivered to the Document Repositories. Once it was received from NYSDEC, the Draft SPDES Permit and NYSDEC Technical Fact Sheet were sent to the Document Repositories on November 7, 2011.

Subsequently, additional project information, including copies of the SPDES Permit Application, the Environmental Justice Analysis, the Enhanced PPP Amendment letter, and responses to questions/comments made at the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting that were not answered at the meeting, were made available to the public on the NYCEDC website, and at the project's seven local Document Repositories. These additional materials were delivered to the repositories by hand on December 2, 2011.

These materials have all been made available for public review in outreach binders at each of the project's seven local Document Repositories, as well as on the NYCEDC website, and will remain available until 4 months after the issuance of the SPDES Permit, as required by NYSDEC. This PPP Certification Document will also be included in the materials available for public review at the Document Repositories once it has been submitted to, and accepted by, NYSDEC.

Task #5: Conduct Public Information Meeting

In accordance with the PPP, a Public Information Meeting was held to provide information about the construction of the proposed sanitary and storm water sewer lines and the associated NYSDEC permitting process.

The first Public Information Meeting was held on November 9, 2011 at 6 PM, at the Al Oerter Recreation Center, located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355, a local indoor venue that is a familiar location to area residents. Subsequently, a follow-up Public Information Meeting was held at the same location at 6:15 PM on December 19, 2011.

Stakeholders were invited to both of the Public Information Meetings, and NYCEDC and consultant team staff members were available to receive and answer questions from the public about the sewer project and SPDES permit application.

Meeting logistics were publicized approximately 2 weeks ahead of each of the meeting dates, in order to give the public ample notification. The meeting notices for the November 9, 2011 meeting were published in the Queens edition of the *New York Daily News* in English and Spanish, as well as in *El Diario La Prensa* in Spanish. The meeting notices for the December 19, 2011 follow-up meeting were published in the *New York Post* in English and Spanish, as well as in *El Diario La Prensa* in Spanish. Copies of the newspaper meeting notices that were published are included in **Appendix D**.

In addition, and as specified in the PPP (and described above in Task #5), Project Notices were sent to all interested stakeholders on the Contact List announcing each of the project's Public Information Meetings. The Project Fact Sheet (written in English and Spanish) was also sent to the local organizations and all other stakeholders identified on the Contact List for posting at those locations. Copies of

the Project Notice and Project Fact Sheet were also distributed by hand, in accordance with the PPP, to businesses immediately fronting the construction site along 126th Street between Northern Boulevard and 36th Avenue, adjacent to the project site in advance of the November 9, 2011 meeting. Copies of the Project Notice and Project Fact Sheet were mailed to these businesses as well as all other stakeholders identified on the original and expanded Contact Lists in advance of the December 19, 2011 follow-up meeting. Copies of the Project Notice and newspaper Meeting Notices for both meetings are included in **Appendix D**.

As specified in the original and Enhanced PPP, an agenda was prepared and available for attendees at each of the public information meetings.

Task #6: Prepare Participation Plan Outreach Summary/Certification Document

This report satisfies Task #6 of the PPP, and serves as the participation plan's Certification Document, confirming that the permit applicant (in this case NYCEDC) has complied with the provisions of the PPP, and includes a written summary of the outreach conducted under the original and Enhanced PPP.

Appendix E contains copies of the Meeting Agendas for each of the Public Information Meetings that were prepared for the meeting attendees.

In addition, **Appendix E** contains written summaries of the substantive questions/comments raised during each Public Information Meeting, and provides corresponding responses to those comments. In some cases, the responses provided at the meetings were modified or expanded upon in the summaries in order to provide the public with clear and comprehensive information about the project. **Appendix E** also contains the names of attendees at the two Public Information Meetings (see copies of the meeting sign-in sheets), in addition to the Responses to Questions/Comments made at the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting which were not answered at the meeting (and have been made available at the Document Repositories and on the NYCEDC website).

This Certification Document, including its Appendices, will become part of the permit application and will be made available to the public at the document repositories upon its completion, and will remain at the seven local project Document Repositories for a period of 4 months after the Final SPDES Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit is issued by NYSDEC, in compliance with NYSDEC policy. *

Appendix A:
Public Participation Plan
(October 2011)

January 25, 2012

**Willets Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project:
Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit**

Public Participation Plan

Submitted By: New York City Economic Development Corporation

October 19, 2011



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Willets Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project: Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit Public Participation Plan

Introduction

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is proposing to construct a new sanitary sewer line and a new storm water sewer line in the Willets Point area of Queens (the proposed project). NYCEDC is sponsoring the construction of these proposed sanitary and storm water sewer improvements. However, once constructed, these new sanitary and storm water sewer lines would be turned over to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which would own, operate, and maintain them. These will be public sewers, and are being designed and sized to convey existing and anticipated future flows from the immediate Willets Point Development area (developed as per the Special District zoning), as well as from adjacent areas.

The proposed sanitary and storm water sewer systems will provide new public sanitary sewer service for the Willets Point area, and will replace an inadequately sized storm water sewer and outfall to help alleviate chronic flooding that occurs in the Willets Point area. The proposed sewer infrastructure project, which is being undertaken as part of the City's economic development initiatives for the Willets Point area, is ensuring that these new sewers are sized to accommodate anticipated flows from future development in the immediate Willets Point District, assuming build-out according to the Special District zoning now in place, as well as adjacent areas.

The construction of the new sanitary and storm water sewers will require the following permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC): *State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Industrial Application Form NY-2C For New Permits and Permit Modifications to Discharge Industrial Wastewater and Storm Water*. This construction permit is required for the construction of these sewers, to allow for dewatering of groundwater that is anticipated to be required and discharged during the construction of these new sewer lines. No additional permitting is required for the operation of the new sewer lines once they are constructed.

The construction permit being sought from NYSDEC for these infrastructure improvements requires that the permit applicant develop and execute a public participation plan (PPP) targeting the local community, and conduct outreach as part of the environmental permit review process. Because both sewer improvements are being sponsored by NYCEDC and will be constructed in the Willets Point area, the PPP has been developed to address both the construction of both sewers and the associated NYSDEC permit. A brief description of the NYSDEC policy concerning public participation in the permitting process is given below.

Role of Public Participation in the Permit Review Process

In January 2004, the NYSDEC issued *Commissioner Policy-29 Environmental Justice and Permitting* (CP-29), to address Environmental Justice concerns and ensure community participation in the NYSDEC environmental permit review process. When a proposed action for which a NYSDEC permit is sought may affect a minority or low-income community (an “environmental justice area”), CP-29 requires applicants for permits to actively seek public participation throughout the environmental permitting review process. Public participation in the NYSDEC environmental permit review process means a program of activities that provides opportunities for stakeholders to be informed about and involved in the review of a proposed action.

Specifically, CP-29 states that where a potential environmental justice area is identified, the applicant shall submit a written Public Participation Plan (PPP) as part of its permit application. To fulfill NYSDEC permitting requirements for the construction of these proposed sanitary and storm water sewer lines this PPP has been prepared; one public information meeting will be conducted, as part of the permit application process.

Public Participation Plan

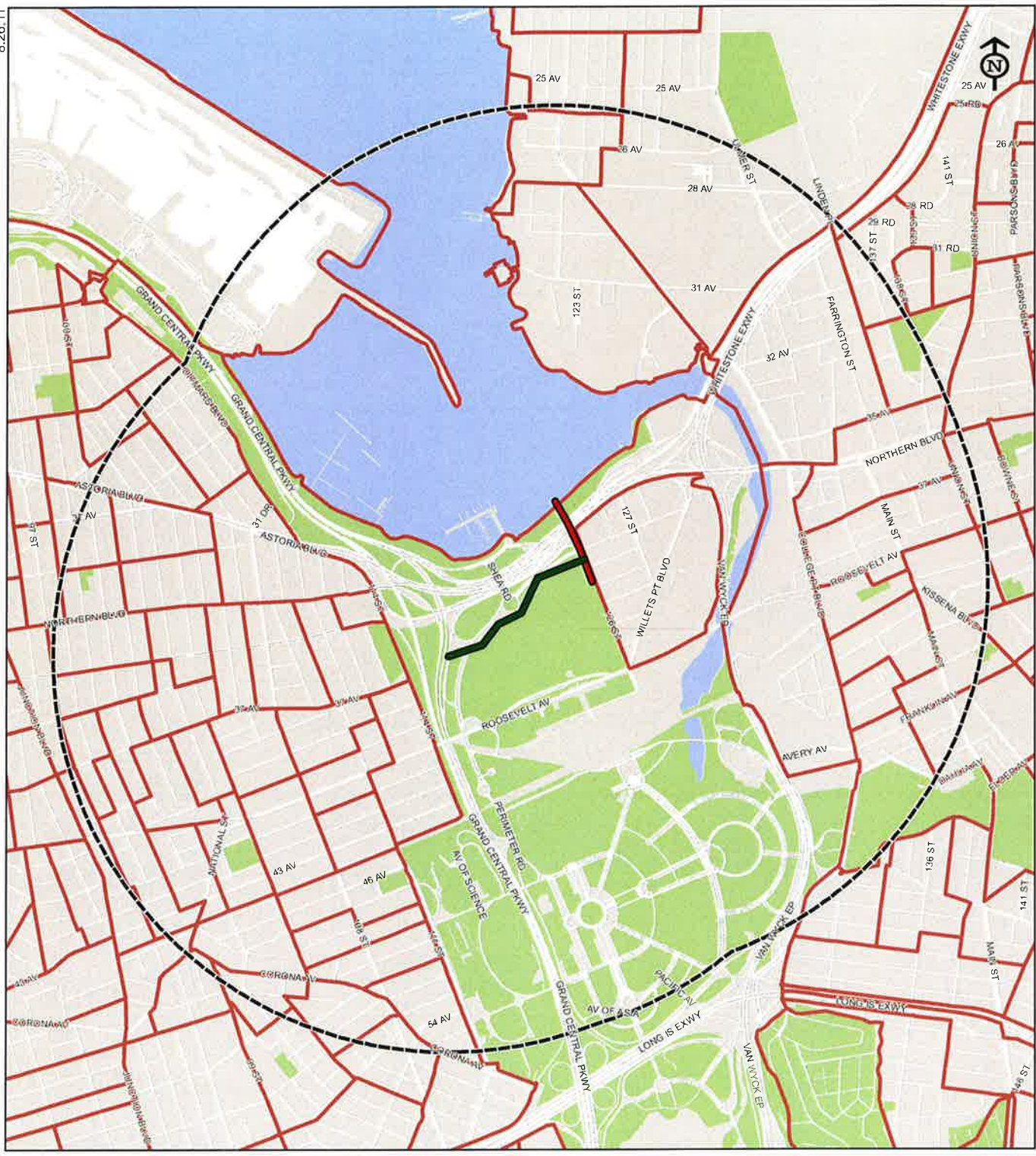
The PPP for this permit includes a number of activities and tasks that will be undertaken to inform stakeholders about the proposed project and the construction permit being sought from NYSDEC. This will provide stakeholders access to information about the proposed sewer improvements and their associated construction permit, and encourage dialogue.

Task #1: Identify Affected Area





The outreach area for the proposed project has been established in consultation with NYSDEC. Because of the project’s location (adjacent to CitiField on the predominantly industrial and isolated Willetts Point peninsula), an approximately 1-mile radius from the project site has been selected to ensure that potential environmental justice concerns and effects are captured, and that outreach to an appropriate area and interested entities (stakeholders) is undertaken. The selected outreach area (shown in **Figure 1**) is where the potential effects and benefits from the construction of these proposed sewer improvements would be most likely to be realized. This area will serve as an initial component in identifying stakeholders. While particular emphasis will be placed on identifying stakeholders representing the area’s minority and low-income populations for outreach during the public participation process, other populations will also be included in the outreach activities.

Task #2: Identify Stakeholders and Create a Contact List

Stakeholders in the proposed project have been identified. This was done in coordination with staff from NYCEDC and NYSDEC. For this project the 1-mile radius around the two proposed sewer lines touches portions of Queens Community Boards 3, 4, and 7. The stakeholders for this plan will include:



Proposed Sewers

-  Sanitary
-  Storm
-  1-Mile Study Area
-  2000 Census Block Group Boundaries



Public Participation Plan Outreach Area
Figure 1

- Residents/neighborhood groups who reside or are active in the vicinity of the proposed project and that potentially would be affected by the construction of the proposed sanitary and storm water sewer lines;
- Community boards, local community and civic organizations, adjacent property owners and businesses fronting the construction site along 126th Street between Northern Boulevard and 36th Avenue, local business groups, and any contacts recommended by these groups;
- Neighborhood religious establishments;
- Elected officials;
- Appropriate state and local government personnel.

An outreach contact list has been assembled, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses (if available) of individuals and organizations (as described above) with potential interest in the proposed action. If necessary, this list will be updated to include new stakeholders identified as the public participation process continues. **Attachment A** shows the outreach contact list that has been developed.

Task #3: Prepare Written Information

Written information about the proposed project and the environmental permit review process has been prepared for posting and distribution to the public and other stakeholders. Materials prepared for posting or distribution have been written in clear language, avoiding legal or overly technical terminology. Important points in the written materials will be highlighted.

The following written materials have been prepared and will be made available to the public as part of this outreach effort:

- Project Fact Sheet (see **Attachment B**.)
- Project Notice mailings and newspaper Meeting Notices (see **Attachment C**)
- Public Participation Plan
- Draft NYSDEC SPDES Permit

Task #4: Establish Document Repositories/Distribute Project Information

Easily accessible document repositories will be established in or near the outreach area (defined above). Locations close to the proposed project and easily accessible by stakeholders have been chosen, including local libraries and community board offices. The locations of these repositories are shown in **Attachment D**.

The repositories will contain a copy of the written information prepared for the proposed project's PPP—copies of the Project Fact Sheet and the draft NYSDEC SPDES permit application. The contents of the repositories will be updated regularly, and will be checked to ensure that no documents are missing. A list of document contents will be prepared and updated, to help keep the repositories organized. These materials will be available for public review from the notice date for the public information meeting (approximately 15-days in advance of the meeting), until 15 days after the PPP Certification Document is completed (see Task #6, below).

The locations of the document repositories will be included in the Project Fact Sheet and in the Project Notice mailings that will be distributed publicly.

Task #5: Conduct Public Information Meeting

One public information meeting will be held at a publicly accessible location in Flushing to provide information about the construction of the proposed sanitary and storm water sewer lines and the associated NYSDEC permitting process. Stakeholders will be invited to the meeting, and NYCEDC and consultant team staff members will be available to receive and answer questions from the public about the project.

The meeting will be scheduled after consulting Community Board calendars and with municipal and agency officials. This will help to avoid conflicts with important meetings or events that are regularly held or already scheduled within the community. The public information meeting will be held after the initial draft permit application has been submitted to NYSDEC for review, but prior to NYSDEC making its decision on the permit application.

The public information meeting will be held on November 9, 2011. The meeting will be held at the Al Oerter Recreation Center, located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355 (Phone: 718-353-7853), a local indoor venue that is a familiar location to area residents.

Meeting logistics will be publicized approximately 15-days ahead of the meeting date, in order to give stakeholders ample notification. The meeting notice will be published in the Queens edition of the *New York Daily News* in English and Spanish, as well as in *El Diario La Prensa* in Spanish. The text of the newspaper meeting notice that will be published is included in Attachment C.

Project Notices will be sent to all interested parties on the Contact List (see Attachment A) announcing the project's Public Information Meeting. The Project Fact Sheet (written in English and Spanish) will also be sent to the local organizations and all other stakeholders identified on the Contact List for posting at those locations. Copies of the Project Notice and Project Fact Sheet will also be distributed by hand to businesses immediately fronting the construction site along 126th Street between Northern Boulevard and 36th Avenue, adjacent to the project site. Copies of the Project Notice and newspaper Meeting Notices are included in Attachment C. The Project Notice concerning the public meeting includes:

- the name of the project sponsor;
- the name and location of the proposed project;
- the description of why the meeting is being held;
- the time and place of the public information meeting;
- a short description of why the public should attend;
- a brief description about the information that will be discussed; and
- contact information for any questions about the public information meeting.

An agenda will be prepared and distributed when the public information meeting is held. Attendees will also be informed of where they can obtain answers to any

questions they may have after the meeting has concluded. Outreach documents related to this off-site sewer project, as well as information regarding the redevelopment of Willets Point, will be available at the following website:

<http://www.nycedc.com/willetspoint>

Task #6: Prepare Participation Plan Outreach Summary/Certification Document

A written summary of the outreach conducted under the PPP will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC. This report will serve as the participation plan's Certification Document, and will include:

- A summary outlining the implementation of the PPP;
- Methods used to engage the public and solicit outreach;
- Time and date of the public meeting;
- Any substantive concerns/issues raised during informal outreach activities or during the public information meeting;
- Descriptions of how the issues raised were addressed;
- A description of any unresolved or outstanding issues;

The Certification Document will also have several appendices, which will include:

- Copies of written information such as the Project Notice, and the published Meeting Notices;
- Meeting minutes from the public information meeting; and
- Names of attendees at the public information meeting [copy of sign-in sheet(s)].

The written Certification Document that will be prepared will confirm that the applicant (in this case NYCEDC) has complied with the provisions of the PPP, and will include a summary detailing the activities that occurred pursuant to the plan. The Certification Document will become part of the permit application and will be made available to the public at the document repositories for 15 days following the completion of the Certification Document. *

**Wilets Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project:
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Public Participation Plan
Attachment A – Preliminary Contact List**

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Attachment A – Preliminary Contact List**

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Attachment A – Preliminary Contact List

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Attachment A – Preliminary Contact List

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**Willetts Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project:
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Attachment B – Fact Sheet**

Attached is a copy of the Fact Sheet that has been developed for the outreach for this project, as part of the project's PPP. The Fact Sheet is written in English and Spanish.

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WILLETS POINT OFF-SITE SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING AND DISCHARGE PERMIT PROJECT FACT SHEET



Figure 1: Approximate location of proposed sewer lines
Figura 1: Ubicación aproximada de las líneas de alcantarillado propuesto

PROYECTO DE MEJORAMIENTO DE ALCANTARILLADO FUERA DEL SITIO DE WILLETS POINT: PERMISO DE CONSTRUCCIÓN DE EXTRACCIÓN Y DESCARGA FOLLETO DE INFORMACIÓN

ISSUES/PROJECT GOALS

There are currently no sanitary sewers serving the Willets Point neighborhood. In addition, the existing storm sewer extending beneath 126th Street between Roosevelt Avenue and the Flushing Bay, and the corresponding sewer outfall are not sized appropriately to accommodate the storm water flow from within the Willets Point area and is cause for chronic flooding.

The City's development plan for the 62-acre Willets Point Development District (the "District" or "Development Area") contemplates the creation of a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood. To support the redevelopment of the District, certain infrastructure improvements are necessary including construction of a sanitary sewer and reconstruction of the existing storm sewer and outfall. These sewer improvements will provide a connection point into the City's sewer system for future sewers constructed within and adjacent to the District.

The project's goals include improving the sewer infrastructure and capacity of the Willets Point area; improving water quality by constructing sewers which will collect and convey storm and sanitary flows from the Willets Point neighborhood; allowing for treatment of sanitary flows by conveying flows to a treatment plant; alleviating chronic flooding; and supporting the City's efforts to redevelop the District. The project supports *PlaNYC*'s goal of improving the quality of the City's waterways and its guidance to pursue upgrades to sewer infrastructure by optimizing the existing sewer system and expanding the sewer network.

THE SOLUTION – NEW SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is proposing to construct new sanitary and storm water sewer mains in the Willets Point area of Queens (the proposed project), as shown in **Figure 1**. These will be public sewers, and are being designed and sized to convey flows from the immediate Willets Point District (accommodating development under the Special District zoning), as well as adjacent areas. Once constructed, these sewer lines would be owned, operated, and maintained by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The proposed sewer mains will provide new public sanitary sewer service for the Willets Point area, and will replace an inadequately sized storm water sewer and outfall to help alleviate chronic flooding that occurs in the Willets Point District. The proposed sewer infrastructure project is being undertaken as part of the City's economic development initiatives for the Willets Point District.

The proposed sanitary sewer will be at least 36-inches in diameter and will run from approximately 100-feet south of the intersection of 34th Avenue and 126th Street westward across Flushing Meadows Corona Park to an existing manhole just east of the Grand Central Parkway. The proposed sewer will connect to an existing gravity sewer which crosses beneath the Grand Central Parkway and will convey flow, ultimately to an existing pump station in Corona, Queens, just west of the Grand Central Parkway.

The existing storm sewer and outfall must be reconstructed from approximately 125-feet south of 35th Avenue to the Flushing Bay. The reconstructed sewer would connect to the existing storm sewer beneath 126th Street near 35th Avenue. The reconstructed storm sewer would be a pile supported 7.5-foot wide by 5-foot high box culvert type and would include associated chambers/structures.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION

The sanitary sewer could be pile supported, micro-tunneled, jacked, or directionally drilled, as approved by DEP. The construction permit being sought from NYSDEC assumes pile supported (cut and cover) construction, which would entail the greatest amount of dewatering. This work will also include heavy cleaning and relining of the existing sanitary sewer from the park service road west to 114th Street. Construction of the storm sewer would include: removal and reconstruction of a portion of the Flushing Bay esplanade; replacement of existing adjacent water main; and filling the existing 60-inch diameter sewer. Construction work for both sewer mains will include, maintaining, protecting and/or relocating existing public/private utility infrastructure; restoration of roadways, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, etc; dewatering of groundwater and stormwater from sewer trenches; maintenance of traffic on local roads, and adjacent streets/ramps; and maintenance of Citi Field access. It is anticipated that both sewers will be constructed simultaneously. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2011 and to be completed by April 2013. To minimize disruption to the adjacent Citi Field, work will primarily be completed during the months of the Mets off-season (October-April).

It is estimated that there would be an average of 20-25 workers on the storm sewer project and approximately 20 workers on the sanitary sewer cut and cover project. This could increase to as many as 40 daily workers depending on the chosen construction method for the sanitary sewer project. There would also be about 12 to 15 trucks per day for each sewer project (a total of 24 to 30 trucks per day). It is not anticipated that these trucks would use local roads.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

NYCEDC is seeking a *State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Industrial Application Form NY-2C For New Permits and Permit Modifications to Discharge Industrial Wastewater and Storm Water* from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the construction of the proposed sewers. This permit requires that the permit applicant develop and execute a public participation plan (PPP) as part of an environmental justice analysis targeting the local community, and conduct outreach as part of the environmental permit review process. A PPP has been prepared and this Fact Sheet is part of that effort.

Outreach documents related to this off-site sewer project, as well as general information regarding the redevelopment of Willets Point, can be found at the following website: <http://www.nycedc.com/willetspoint>.

ASUNTOS/METAS DEL PROYECTO

Presentemente no hay alcantarillas sanitarias sirviendo el área de Willets Point. Además, la cloaca pluvial que actualmente se extiende bajo la 126th Street, entre Roosevelt Avenue y la Bahía de Flushing, y su desemboque correspondiente no miden el tamaño adecuado para manejar el desagüe de aguas de tormentas perteneciendo a el área de Willets Point y es la causa de repetidas inundaciones.

El plan de desarrollo de la Ciudad para los 62 acres del Distrito de Desarrollo de Willets Point (el "Distrito" o "Zona de Desarrollo") contempla la creación de un barrio activo con usos mixtos. Para apoyar el desarrollo del Distrito, ciertos mejoramientos de infraestructura son necesarios incluyendo la construcción de una cloaca sanitaria y la reconstrucción de la cloaca pluvial actual y su correspondiente desemboque. Estas mejoras de la alcantarilla proporcionarán un punto de la conexión en el sistema de alcantarillado de la Ciudad para futuras alcantarillas construidas dentro y adyacente al Distrito.

Los objetivos del proyecto incluyen mejorar la infraestructura y la capacidad de las alcantarillas del área de Willets Point; mejorar la calidad de agua a través de la construcción de alcantarillas que recibirán y manejarán los desagües sanitarios y de aguas de tormentas procedentes del vecindario de Willets Point; tratar los desagües sanitarios a medios de conducirlos a una planta de tratamiento; disminuir las inundaciones crónicas; y apoyar los esfuerzos de la Ciudad de desarrollar el Distrito. El proyecto apoya el objetivo del *PlaNYC* de mejorar la calidad de las aguas marítimas de la Ciudad y su consejo de mejorar la infraestructura cloacal optimizando el sistema actual y expandiéndolo.

LA SOLUCIÓN – INFRAESTRUCTURA NUEVA DE CLOACAS

La Corporación de Desarrollo Económico de la Ciudad de Nueva York (NYCEDC) propone construir nuevas cloacas sanitarias y pluviales en el área de Willets Point en Queens (el proyecto propuesto), ilustradas en la **Figura 1**. Estas alcantarillas serán públicas, y serán diseñadas y medidas adecuadamente para manejar desagües procedentes del Distrito de Willets Point (acomodando el desarrollo bajo la zonificación del Distrito Especial) y de sus alrededores. Una vez construidas, estas alcantarillas serían la propiedad de, y operadas y mantenidas por el Departamento de Protección Ambiental de la Ciudad de Nueva York (DEP).

Las alcantarillas propuestas proveerán un nuevo servicio de cloacas sanitarias para el área de Willets Point, y reemplazarán el servicio de cloaca pluvial y el correspondiente desemboque para disminuir las inundaciones repetidas que afectan el Distrito de Willets Point. El proyecto propuesto de infraestructura cloacal esta encargado como parte de las iniciativas de desarrollo económico de la Ciudad para el Distrito de Willets Point.

La alcantarilla sanitaria propuesta medirá 36 pulgadas en diámetro y se extenderá, empezando desde unos 100 pies al sur de la intersección de 34th Avenue y la 126th Street, hacia el oeste y atravesando Flushing Meadows Corona Park hasta una boca de acceso existente situada al este del Grand Central Parkway. La cloaca propuesta conectará a una alcantarilla de gravedad que cruza por debajo del Grand Central Parkway y conducirá los desagües hasta la estación de bomba hidráulica en Corona, Queens, al oeste del Grand Central Parkway.

La cloaca pluvial actual y su correspondiente desemboque tienen que ser reconstruidos desde aproximadamente unos 125 pies al sur de la 35th Avenue hasta la Bahía de Flushing. La cloaca reconstruida conectaría a la cloaca pluvial que actualmente corre por debajo la 126th Street, cerca de la 35th Avenue. La cloaca pluvial reconstruida sería un tipo de ataraja de caja apoyada por montes que mediría 7.5 pies de anchura por 5 pies de altura e incluiría cámaras y estructuras asociadas.

CONSTRUCCIÓN DE CLOACAS

La alcantarilla sanitaria puede ser soportada por montones, micro-tunelada, alzado con gato, o taladrado direccionalmente, como se apruebe por el DEP. El permiso de construcción solicitado del NYSDEC asume construcción soportada por montones (de método corte y cobertura), lo que supondría la mayor cantidad de deshidratación. Este trabajo también incluirá limpieza fuerte y reasistamiento de la alcantarilla sanitaria actual desde la carretera de servicio del parque al oeste, hasta la 114th Street. La construcción de la cloaca pluvial incluiría: eliminación y reconstrucción de una parte de la explanada de la Bahía de Flushing, reemplazamiento del tubo de agua principal adyacente existente, y llenando la cloaca existente de 60 pulgadas de diámetro. La construcción de ambas alcantarillas incluirá, mantener, proteger y/o mover la infraestructura pública/privada actual; restorar calles, aceras, alumbramiento, jardinería, etc; desagüe de las aguas subterráneas y pluviales de las zanjas cloacales; mantenimiento y manejo de tráfico en carreteras locales y calles/rampas adyacentes; y mantenimiento de acceso a Citi Field. Se prevé que ambas alcantarillas se construyen simultáneamente. La construcción se espera que comience en el otoño de 2011 y concluirá en abril de 2013. Para minimizar la interrupción de la adyacente Citi Field, el trabajo principalmente se completará durante los meses de baja temporada de los Mets (octubre a abril).

Se estima que habrá un promedio de 20 a 25 trabajadores asistiendo con el proyecto de cloaca pluvial y aproximadamente 20 trabajadores en el proyecto de alcantarillado sanitario. Estas proyecciones pueden incrementar a 40 trabajadores por día dependiendo de la forma de construcción escogida para el proyecto de alcantarillado sanitario. También habría aproximadamente 12 a 15 camiones por día por proyecto de alcantarillado (un total de 24 a 34 camiones por día). No se prevé que estos camiones utilizarían las calles locales.

ALCANCE PÚBLICO

NYCEDC solicita un permiso de *State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Industrial Application Form NY-2C For New Permits and Permit Modifications to Discharge Wastewater and Storm Water* del Departamento de Conservación Ambiental del Estado de Nueva York (NYSDEC) para la construcción de las propuestas alcantarillas. Este permiso requiere que el solicitante desarrolle y ejecute un plan de participación público (PPP) como parte de un análisis de justicia ambiental dirigido a la comunidad local, y divulgar al público, como parte del proceso de revisión ambiental para el permiso. Un PPP se ha preparado y este folleto de información es parte de ese esfuerzo.

Documentos de divulgación público relacionados con este proyecto de alcantarillado fuera de sitio, además de información sobre el desarrollo de Willets Point, se pueden encontrar en la página web siguiente: <http://www.nycedc.com/willetspoint>.

INFORMATION/INFORMACIÓN

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

Documents pertaining to this project will be available for public review at the website shown on the previous page, and at the following locations. Please call ahead for the hours of each location. To be added to the mailing list for the sewer project, please send an e-mail to: WilletsPointOff-siteSewerImprovements@nycedc.com.

DEPOSITOS DE DOCUMENTOS

Los documentos que pertenecen a este proyecto estarán disponibles para revisión pública en el sitio Web que aparece en la página anterior, y en los lugares siguientes. Por favor llame antes para saber el horario de cada lugar. Para ser añadido a la lista de envío para el proyecto de alcantarillado, por favor envíe un mensaje de correo electrónico a: WilletsPointOff-siteSewerImprovements@nycedc.com.

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The Project Notice that will be mailed out, and the Public Information Meeting Notices that will be published in local newspapers, that have been prepared as part of the PPP outreach materials for this project are included in this Attachment.



New York City Economic Development Corporation

October 19, 2011

Re: **Project Notice—Willets Point Off-site Sewer Improvements**
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation State Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System Permit Application
Proposed Temporary Discharge of Treated Groundwater and Stormwater to Flushing Bay
Public Information Meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is proposing to construct a new sanitary sewer line and improve existing undersized storm sewers serving the Willets Point area of Queens. Project activities will require temporary discharges of treated groundwater and stormwater from excavations during construction.

A New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit is required for proposed discharges to the Flushing Bay. DEC has identified areas in the vicinity of these proposed discharges as Potential Environmental Justice Areas subject to Commissioner Policy 29 (CP-29) related to Environmental Justice and Permitting.

NYCEDC will be holding an Informational Session to discuss the permit application and to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide comments on the application. The Informational Session will be held at the AI Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue in Queens, NY from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

In addition to the attached Project Fact Sheet and Notice, documents associated with the proposed project and SPDES permit application will be made available for public review at the following locations:

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<http://www.nycedc.com/willetspoint>

Please email WilletsPointOff-siteSewerImprovements@nycedc.com with any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

Dmitri Konon, PE
Senior Vice President Capital Program

**Public Information Meeting Notice text (English and Spanish versions)
to be published in: *New York Daily News*, Queens Edition & *El Diario La Prensa***

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) invites you to an Informational Session at the AI Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue in Queens, NY from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Wednesday November 9, 2011.

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This session will include an informational presentation regarding the permit application submitted by NYCEDC, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments related to the permit application.

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) invita al público a una sesión de información en el AI Oerter Recreation Center, 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Queens, NY, de las 6 a las 8 de la tarde, Miércoles, 8 de noviembre 2011.

NYCEDC propone construir cloacas sanitarias y mejorar las cloacas actuales para aguas de tormenta en la zona de Willets Point, Queens. Las actividades del proyecto requieren descargas temporarias de aguas subterráneas y aguas de tormenta tratadas producidas por las excavaciones durante la construcción. Información adicional acerca este proyecto se puede encontrar en una hoja informativa en www.nycedc.com/willetspoint. NYCEDC ha solicitado a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 2 Office autorización para estas descargas bajo un permiso de la State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES). Esta sesión se conviene para conformar con DEC Commissioner's Policy CP-29, Justicia Ambiental y Permisos.

Esta sesión incluirá una presentación informativa sobre la solicitud de la NYCEDC para el permiso, seguido de una oportunidad de hacer preguntas y recibir comentarios en relación con la solicitud del permiso.

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**Appendix B:
Expanded Outreach Contact List**

January 25, 2012

**Willetts Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project:
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**Public Participation Plan
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Note: Additions to the original Preliminary Contact List included in the October 19, 2011 PPP are shown **highlighted in yellow**; deletions from the original list (from mailings that were returned as undeliverable) are shown as red text with **strikethroughs**.

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Wenzhou Taoist Associates Temple
102-05 44th Avenue #A
Corona, NY 11368
718-505-2939

Mitchell Linden Civic Association
25-11 Union Street
Flushing, NY 11354
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Temple of Mercy Charity Corporation
135-23 37th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354
718-661-4160

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Society of Shao Lin Temple
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Flushing, NY 11355
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College Point Civic Association
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Free Synagogue of Flushing
41-60 Kissena Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11355
718-961-0030

Corona Gardens Civic Association
Mr. George Aguirre
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Newtown Civic Association
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Elmhurst, NY 11373

Bowne Street Community Church
143-11 Roosevelt Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354
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Calvary World Mission Church
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Happy Buddha Precious Temple
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Han-Ghil Presbyterian Church
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Flushing, NY 11368
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New Hope Baptist Church
105-11 Northern Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11368
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Full Gospel New York Church
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Flushing, NY 11354
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Jesus Resurrection Full Gospel Church of NY
39-08 Janet Place
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-961-6130

New Life Christian Church
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75-20 Astoria Blvd. Suite 140
Jackson Heights, NY 11370
Tel: 718-898-8500
Fax: 718-898-8599
Email: info@queenschamber.org

Urban Justice Center

123 William Street 16th Floor
New York, NY 10038
Attn: Edward W. De Barbieri
Staff Attorney, Community Development Project

Willets Point United, Inc.

Attn: Jake Bono
P.O. Box 560191
College Point, NY 11356

Adjacent Property Owners (Non-City)

Block 1823 lot 60 (126-05 36th Avenue, Flushing, NY)

Owner: New York 128 Realty Corp.

65-70 173rd Street
Fresh Meadow, NY 11365

Block 1823 lot 1 (126-02 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY)

Co Owner: George Romano

16 Fountain Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778

Co Owner: Joseph Romano

16 Fountain Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778

~~**Co Owner:** Georgeann Romano-Petty~~

~~347 Soundview Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778~~

~~**Co Owner:** George Rocco Romano~~

~~347 Soundview Road
Rocky Point, NY 11778~~

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Block 1822 lot 1 (34-09 126th Street, Flushing, NY 11368)

~~Owner: Mucho Media, LLC~~

~~34-09-126th Street~~

~~Flushing, NY 11368~~

Adjacent Businesses

Parts Authority

Attn: Arvin Bissessar

126-02 Northern Boulevard

Corona, NY 11368

Stadium Auto Glass

Attn: Jay

126-02 Northern Boulevard

Corona, NY 11368

Merah Auto Body & Glass

Attn: Zach

35-01 126th Street

Corona, NY 11368

Delia Express

Attn: Rosa

35-11 126th Street

Corona, NY 11368

Luis Villagra

Carma Tires and Muffler

126-05 36th Avenue

Flushing, NY 11368

**PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER 9, 2011 PUBLIC
INFORMATION MEETING (& PROVIDED A MAILING ADDRESS)**

Joseph Ardizzone

WPBAED

126-96 Willetts Point Boulevard

Willetts Point, NY 11368

Attn: Property Owner

126-30 35th Avenue

Flushing, NY 11368

Robert LoScalzo

169-06 22nd Avenue

Whitestone, NY 11357

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New Pamir
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35-01 126th Street
Corona, NY 11368

New Pamir
Attn: Mir
35-01 126th Street
Corona, NY 11368

GOVERNMENT AGENCY

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC)
Division of Environmental Permits
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Long Island City, NY 11101-5407
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Appendix C:
Enhanced PPP Amendment Letter
(December 2011)

January 25, 2012



New York City Economic Development Corporation

December 02, 2011

Mr. Stephen A. Watts
Environmental Programs Specialist 2
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Permits
1 Hunters Point Plaza
47-20 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101-5407

Re: Willets Point Off-Site Sewer Improvement Project, Queens County—Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit Application (Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES—Surface Discharge)
Application ID: 2-6302-00908/00003

Dear Mr. Watts:

The New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will be enhancing the outreach plan for the Willets Point Sewer Project SPDES Permit Application. The Enhanced Public Participation Plan (PPP) and outreach for this project will include the following components/activities:

1. In order to enhance outreach for the project EDC will hold a Follow-up Public Information Meeting, at a location within the outreach study area. Interpreter services will be provided at the follow-up meeting.
2. The follow-up meeting will be held on December 19th, at the same location as the November 9, 2011 meeting was held (Al Oerter Recreation Center, 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Queens, NY) and will be noticed (in English and Spanish) on December 5, 2011 in the *New York Post*, which gives 14 days advance notice of the follow-up meeting. An additional notice for the follow-up meeting written in Spanish will appear in *El Diario/La Prensa* on the next possible publication date. We expect that the second Spanish notice will be published on or about December 7, 2011.
3. The Preliminary Contact List that appeared in the published PPP, as Attachment A, will be expanded to include: any persons who attended the Public Information Meeting on November 9, 2011, that provided a mailing address; any person or organizations that submitted written comments (by letter or email) on the sewer project and SDPES permit application prior to this letter; the adjacent local businesses who received project notices by hand for the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting; and the Urban Justice Center, as they have previously represented businesses in the area.
4. In addition to the newspaper advertisements, the text of the newspaper notices for the Follow-up Public Information Meeting will be mailed to all of the parties on the expanded Contact List, as suggested by NYSDEC. In addition, the follow-up mailing will include a Project Notice similar to the notice sent in the original mailing, as well as a copy of the Project Fact Sheet. This follow-up mailing will be sent by regular USPS 1st class mail.

5. EDC is requesting that the official comment period for the draft SPDES Permit (now set to conclude on December 12, 2011) be extended to January 9, 2012 (21 days after the date of the Follow-up Public Information Meeting), to allow additional time for submission of public comments and preparation of the Certification Document for the project.
6. The materials in the project Document Repositories (local libraries identified in the PPP, Queens CB3, CB4, and CB7 offices, and the EDC website) have been supplemented to include copies of the permit application.
7. The project Document Repositories will also be supplemented to include copies of the Environmental Justice analysis, this letter to NYSDEC outlining the PPP enhancements, and the responses to questions/comments made at the Public Information Meeting held on November 9, 2011, that were not answered at the meeting. The comments/questions that were answered at the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting will be summarized and included in the Certification Document, per the published PPP.
8. The following will be noted at the Follow-up Public Information Meeting:
 - The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the project, permit the public to ask additional questions about the proposed work, and provide comments relative to the SPDES Permit Application.
 - Meeting attendees and other members of the public can make comments on the SPDES Permit Application and draft SPDES Permit to the NYSDEC until January 9, 2012.
 - The project's Document Repositories are maintained for 4 months after the SPDES Permit is issued, and that the repositories will be updated to include responses to any comments relative to the application not answered at the meeting, the Certification Document, and the SPDES Permit, once it is issued, so that these materials are available to the public for their information and reference.
9. The comments and responses of both Public Information Meetings will also be provided in the Certification Document.

This letter serves to supplement the previously published PPP for the subject project's SPDES Permit Application, prepared in conformance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29 related to Environmental Justice and Permitting. Copies of this letter will be included in the project Document Repositories, as indicated above. We understand that NYSDEC agrees with EDC's approach to the enhancement of the original Public Participation Plan (PPP) for this project.

EDC would like to thank you and your colleagues for your assistance and direction as we continue to move forward through this process.

Sincerely,



Dmitri Konon, P.E.
Senior Vice President, Capital Program

cc Michelle Moore (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation)

**Appendix D:
Project Notice Mailings & Newspaper Meeting Notices**

January 25, 2012



New York City Economic Development Corporation

October 19, 2011

Re: Project Notice—Willets Point Off-site Sewer Improvements
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation State Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System Permit Application
Proposed Temporary Discharge of Treated Groundwater and Stormwater to Flushing Bay
Public Information Meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is proposing to construct a new sanitary sewer line and improve existing undersized storm sewers serving the Willets Point area of Queens. Project activities will require temporary discharges of treated groundwater and stormwater from excavations during construction.

A New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit is required for proposed discharges to the Flushing Bay. DEC has identified areas in the vicinity of these proposed discharges as Potential Environmental Justice Areas subject to Commissioner Policy 29 (CP-29) related to Environmental Justice and Permitting.

NYCEDC will be holding an Informational Session to discuss the permit application and to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide comments on the application. The Informational Session will be held at the AI Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue in Queens, NY from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Wednesday November 9, 2011.

In addition to the attached Project Fact Sheet and Notice, documents associated with the proposed project and SPDES permit application will be made available for public review at the following locations:

LIBRARIES

Queens Library—Corona Branch

38-23 104th Street
Corona, NY 11368
Tel: 718. 426.2844

Queens Borough Public Library—Flushing Branch

41-17 Main Street, #3
Flushing, NY 11355
Tel: 718.661.1200

Queens Library—Mitchell Linden Branch

29-42 Union Street
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718. 539-2330

Queens Library—Langston Hughes Community Library & Cultural Center

100-01 Northern Boulevard
Corona, NY 11368
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ON-LINE WEBSITE

Outreach documents related to this off-site sewer project, as well as information regarding the redevelopment of Willets Point, will be available at the following website:

<http://www.nycedc.com/willetspoint>

Please email WilletsPointOff-siteSewerImprovements@nycedc.com with any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

Dmitri Konon, PE
Senior Vice President, Capital Program

**Public Information Meeting Notice text (English and Spanish versions)
to be published in: *New York Daily News*, Queens Edition & *El Diario La Prensa***

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) invites you to an Informational Session at the Al Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue in Queens, NY from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Wednesday November 9, 2011.

NYCEDC is proposing to construct a new sanitary sewer line and improve existing undersized storm sewers serving the Willets Point area of Queens. Project activities will require temporary discharges of treated groundwater and stormwater from excavations during construction. Additional information about this project can be found in a fact sheet at www.nycedc.com/willetspoint. NYCEDC has submitted a permit application to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 2 Office requesting authorization of these discharges under a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. This meeting is being held in order to conform with DEC Commissioner's policy CP-29, Environmental Justice and Permitting.

This session will include an informational presentation regarding the permit application submitted by NYCEDC, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments related to the permit application.

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) invita al público a una sesión de información en el Al Oerter Recreation Center, 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Queens, NY, de las 6 a las 8 de la tarde, Miércoles, 8 de noviembre 2011.

NYCEDC propone construir cloacas sanitarias y mejorar las cloacas actuales para aguas de tormenta en la zona de Willets Point, Queens. Las actividades del proyecto requieren descargas temporarias de aguas subterráneas y aguas de tormenta tratadas producidas por las excavaciones durante la construcción. Información adicional acerca este proyecto se puede encontrar en una hoja informativa en www.nycedc.com/willetspoint. NYCEDC ha solicitado a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 2 Office autorización para estas descargas bajo un permiso de la State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES). Esta sesión se conviene para conformar con DEC Commissioner's Policy CP-29, Justicia Ambiental y Permisos.

Esta sesión incluirá una presentación informativa sobre la solicitud de la NYCEDC para el permiso, seguido de una oportunidad de hacer preguntas y recibir comentarios en relación con la solicitud del permiso.

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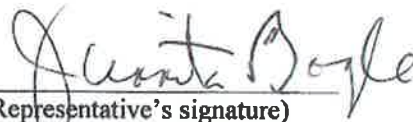
NOTICE OF SALE

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application

Date: 11/04/2011
Applicant: NYC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP
110 WILLIAM ST
NEW YORK, NY 10038-3901
Facility: NYC EDC WILLETS POINT REDEVELOPMENT
IRON TRIANGLE
QUEENS, NY

Application ID: 2-6302-00908/00003
Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Industrial SPDES - Surface Discharge

Project is located: in QUEENS COUNTY

Project Description: The Department has made a tentative determination to approve this application for a new permit for a proposed discharge of up to 0.144 million gallons per day of treated groundwater into Flushing Bay (Class I) via NYCDEP Outfall BB-602 from a treatment system consisting of a settling tank, bag filters and activated carbon units at the applicant's project site located in the Willets Point area of Queens where the applicant will construct new sanitary and storm sewers.

Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

This project is subject to the Department's Environmental Justice Policy and an enhanced public participation plan has been prepared and accepted as a component of application completeness. As part of the plan, a document repository has been established near the project area that contains application and project related materials. Information on the repository location and other outreach components of the plan is available from the identified DEC contact.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination: A final environmental impact statement has been prepared on this project and is on file.

SEQR Lead Agency: NYC Office of the Mayor
State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination: Cultural resource lists and map have been checked. No registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified at the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Coastal Management: This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29): The proposed action is subject to CP-29. An enhanced public participation plan was submitted by the applicant and has become part of the complete application.

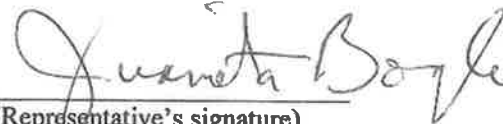
Availability For Public Comment: Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 12/09/2011 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person: STEVE A WATTS, NYSDEC, 47-40 21ST ST, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101-5407, (718) 482-4997

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New York City Economic Development Corporation

December 02, 2011

**Re: Follow-Up Public Information Meeting
Project Notice—Wilets Point Off-site Sewer Improvements**
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation State Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System Permit Application
Proposed Temporary Discharge of Treated Groundwater and Stormwater to Flushing Bay

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is proposing to construct a new sanitary sewer line and improve existing undersized storm sewers serving the Willets Point area of Queens. Project activities will require temporary discharges of treated groundwater and stormwater from excavations during construction.

A New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit is required for proposed discharges to the Flushing Bay. DEC has identified areas in the vicinity of these proposed discharges as Potential Environmental Justice Areas subject to Commissioner Policy 29 (CP-29) related to Environmental Justice and Permitting.

NYCEDC held an Informational Session on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, and will be holding a follow-up Informational Session to discuss the permit application and to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide comments on the application. The follow-up Informational Session will be held at the AI Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue in Queens, NY from 6:15 PM until 8:15 PM Monday, December 19, 2011.

In addition to the attached Project Fact Sheet and the text of the notices that will be published in the New York Post newspaper in English and Spanish and supplemental publishing in El Diario la Prensa newspaper in Spanish, documents associated with the proposed project and SPDES permit application have been made available for public review at the following Project Document Repositories:

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Queens Library—Corona Branch

38-23 104th Street
Corona, NY 11368
Tel: 718. 426.2844

Queens Borough Public Library—Flushing Branch

41-17 Main Street, #3
Flushing, NY 11355
Tel: 718.661.1200

Queens Library—Mitchell Linden Branch

29-42 Union Street
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718. 539-2330

Queens Library—Langston Hughes Community Library & Cultural Center

100-01 Northern Boulevard
Corona, NY 11368
Tel: 718.0651.1100



New York City Economic Development Corporation

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Queens Community Board 3

82-11 37th Avenue, Suite 606
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Phone: 718.458.2707
Fax: 718.458.3316
Email: communityboard3@nyc.rr.com
Chair: Ms. Grace Lawrence
District Manager: Ms. Giovanna A. Reid

Queens Community Board 4

46-11 104th Street
Corona, NY 11368
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Fax: 718.760.5971
Email: cb4q@nyc.rr.com
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District Manager: Mr. Richard Italiano

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Flushing, NY 11355
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Fax: 718.463.3891
Email: qn07@cb.nyc.gov
Chair: Mr. Eugene T. Kelty, Jr.
District Manager: Ms. Marilyn Bitterman

ON-LINE WEBSITE

Outreach documents related to this off-site sewer project, as well as information regarding the redevelopment of Willets Point, are available at the following website:

<http://www.nycedc.com/willetspoint>

Please email WilletsPointOff-siteSewerImprovements@nycedc.com with any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dmitri Konon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dmitri Konon, P.E.
Senior Vice President, Capital Program

**Follow-up Public Information Meeting Notice text (English and Spanish versions)
to be published in:**

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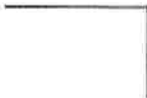
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\$377,600	5	\$58,000	\$87,240	\$151,650	\$52,000	\$2,500
\$377,600	6	\$58,000	\$104,370	\$151,650	\$52,000	\$2,500
\$400,100	1	\$63,000	\$73,620 to \$74,490	\$157,275	\$54,000	\$2,600
\$400,100	2	\$63,000	\$85,150	\$157,275	\$54,000	\$2,600
\$400,100	3	\$63,000	\$97,810	\$157,275	\$54,000	\$2,600
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- **Meeting Agendas**
- **Summary of Questions/Comments & Responses
from the November 9 & December 19, 2011 Meetings**
- **Meeting Sign-In Sheets**

**Willets Point Off-site Sewer Improvement Project:
Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit**
***Proyecto de Mejoramiento de Alcantarillado
Fuera del Sitio de Willets Point:
Permiso de Construcción de Extracción y Descarga***

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
*REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN PÚBLICA***

Date/Time: November 9, 2011 6-8 PM

**Location: Al Oerter Recreation Center
131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355**

**Meeting Agenda
*Agenda de la Reunión***

- 1. Introductions & Welcome (Introducciones y Bienvenida)**
- 2. Meeting Procedures (*Procedimientos de la Reunion*)**
- 3. Brief Project Presentation (*Breve Presentación del Proyecto*)**
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The answers to questions or comments raised at this Public Information Meeting which were not answered and are relevant to the Construction Dewatering and Discharge Permit will be available at the website shown below, and at the project's local Document Repositories located at area libraries and at the offices of Community Boards 3, 4, and 7. These responses will be available approximately 2 weeks after the meeting. Outreach documents related to this off-site sewer project, as well as information regarding the redevelopment of Willets Point, are also available at the following website:

<http://www.nycedc.com/willetpoint>

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN PÚBLICA

Date/Time: December 19, 2011 6:15-8:15 PM

Location: Al Oerter Recreation Center
131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355

Meeting Agenda
Agenda de la Reunión

- 1. Introductions & Welcome (Introducciones y Bienvenida)**
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Notes/Notas:

Comments on the SPDES Permit Application and draft SPDES Permit will be accepted by the NYSDEC until January 9, 2012. The project information in the Document Repositories will be available to the public for 4 months after the SPDES Permit is issued, and will include the SPDES Permit, and the Public Participation Plan Certification Document.

Comentarios sobre la Solicitud del Permiso SPDES y el Permiso SPDES Borrador serán aceptadas por el NYSDEC hasta el 09 de enero 2012. La información del proyecto en los Repositorios de Documentos estará disponible al público por 4 meses después de que el Permiso SPDES se emite, e incluirá el Permiso SPDES, y el Documento de Certificación del Plan de Participación Pública.

Questions or concerns discussed at this Public Information Meeting and the previous November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting will be summarized in a Certification Document and available at the Document Repositories.

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Public Information Meeting – November 9, 2011
Summary of Comments**

On November 9, 2011, a Public Information Meeting was held by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to provide information about the construction of the proposed sanitary and stormwater sewer lines and the associated New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Stormwater Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit which is required for dewatering activities that will occur during construction of the sewers. Summarized below are the questions and/or comments raised at the Public Information Meeting that are relevant to the SPDES permit and were addressed during the course of the meeting. Questions and/or comments and the corresponding responses may have been modified and/or expanded upon in the summaries in order to provide the public with clear and comprehensive information about the project.

Responses to Questions/Comments made at the November 9, 2011 Public Information Meeting that were not answered at the meeting (and are not included below) were made available at the Document Repositories and on the NYCEDC website on December 2, 2011. Those responses are attached as part of Appendix E of this Certification Document.

Comment 1: How are comments being recorded?

Response: Three note-takers are present at the meeting to record oral comments. Spanish translation services are also available.

Comment 2: Is NYSDEC present at this meeting?

Response: No. NYSDEC has been involved in the permit application and public participation process and has provided oversight and approval of the Public Participation Plan, document repositories, and Project Fact Sheet.

Comment 3: This project/permit has nothing to do with Willetts Point.

Response: Although the proposed sewers are outside of the Willetts Point neighborhood, they will be sized to accommodate stormwater and sanitary flows from the neighborhood.

Comment 4: EDC only cares about eminent domain. How does this permit apply to current property owners if our property is being taken?

Response: The proposed sewers will serve Willetts Point.

Comment 5: There is currently a large amount of stormwater in the area.

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Response: The storm sewer and outfall are proposed to relieve chronic flooding at Willetts Point.

Comment 6: How will the proposed storm sewer be connected to the existing storm sewer?

Response: The existing storm sewer and outfall must be reconstructed from approximately 125 feet south of 35th Avenue to the Flushing Bay. The reconstructed sewer would connect to the existing storm sewer beneath 126th Street near 35th Avenue.

Comment 7: Is it a separate storm sewer that is being proposed?

Response: Yes.

Comment 8: Will spurs be put in?

Response: At this time the improvements do not include spurs. The improvements include the reconstruction of the existing storm sewer, beneath 126th Street between the Flushing Bay and approximately 35th Avenue, as well as construction of a new sanitary sewer from 126th Street to an existing sanitary sewer just east of the Grand Central Parkway.

Comment 9: There are a ton of pipes in the Citi Field parking lot.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 10: What is the depth of the proposed sewers?

Response: The proposed sewers will be installed at a depth up to approximately 15 feet from the surface.

Comment 11: How will the water be pumped out?

Response: The stormwater and groundwater which accumulates within the excavated trenches would be removed using pumps.

Comment 12: Will contamination/hazardous materials be taken into account?

Response: Yes, the water will be treated in accordance with State standards prior to any discharge to Flushing Bay.

Comment 13: Will pedestrian and vehicular access along 126th Street be maintained?

How will the construction affect existing street lights, capacity, traffic, and transit?

Response: Yes, vehicular and pedestrian access to businesses along 126th Street will be maintained in accordance with the stipulations provided by the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination (OCMC) regarding this sewer improvement project. In accordance with the DOT stipulations, EDC would provide travel lanes and would be responsible for maintaining street lights and traffic signals during construction. Barriers, cones, signs, and other elements to maintain the safety of the roadway for motorists and pedestrians would be implemented. Buses would travel on the same routes as before.

Comment 14: What is the size of the proposed pipe?

Response: The reconstructed storm sewer would be a pile supported 7.5-foot-wide by 5-foot-high box culvert type and would include associated chambers/structures. The proposed sanitary sewer will be 36 inches in diameter.

Comment 15: Materials are at the site suggesting that construction has started.

Response: Work underway is being completed pursuant to permits already obtained.

Comment 16: What will happen to the existing sidewalk? How will the customers who use the sidewalk be accommodated during construction?

Response: A portion of the existing sidewalk along the east side of 126th Street needs to be removed to accommodate construction of the sewers, as well as two-way traffic on one side of the barrier. Construction would be phased to accommodate maintaining, protecting, and/or relocating existing public/private utility infrastructure; road widening; and relocating traffic lanes. Some tree removal would also be necessary and would be restored. The speed limit would be maintained during construction. Barriers, cones, signs, and other elements to maintain the safety of the roadway for motorists and pedestrians would be implemented. Traffic signals would also be maintained.

Comment 17: The groundwater is contaminated according to NYSDEC's own reports. How will treatment be ensured prior to discharging to Flushing Bay?

Response: The groundwater and stormwater to be discharged to the Flushing Bay would be treated in accordance with State standards prior to being discharged to a water body. The permit application discloses the treatment process. NYSDEC must sign off on the treatment process before the permit is approved.

Comment 18: What data were used to determine contaminant levels in the soil and groundwater?

Response: Contaminant levels were based on groundwater samples.

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Comment 19: How long will construction take?

Response: Construction is expected to take approximately two years, with work primarily occurring during the months of the Mets off-season (from October to April). Construction would take place during an approximately 6-month period each year.

Comment 20: Construction traffic will affect business operations.

Who is responsible (i.e. who will pay) if business is lost due to loss of access or if customers are discouraged from accessing the business due to the construction?

Response: Vehicular and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during construction. The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination has provided stipulations for maintaining pedestrian and vehicular access throughout construction. Access to area businesses will remain uninterrupted during work on the project. The contractor is responsible for placing signs to inform the general public about access routes.

Comment 21: Where (i.e. at what location) will construction start?

Response: Construction work will start at Flushing Bay and progress south towards 36th Avenue.

Comment 22: You currently can't pass on Willet Points Boulevard. There are trailers that come in and out from the roadway all day.

Response: Construction of the proposed sewers should not impede business operations along Willets Point Boulevard as there is no proposed work occurring in that area.

Comment 23: The current project is to accommodate Citi Field and Citi Field should pay for it.

Response: The sewer improvements are not directly associated with Citi Field, as Citi Field has its own sewer system. The proposed sewer improvement project would accommodate stormwater and sanitary flows from the Willets Point area and would provide sanitary sewers in an unsewered area. The project would provide ancillary benefits to existing sewer systems and surrounding area, such as reduced flooding.

Comment 24: Local businesses along the affected roadways were not notified of the public information meeting.

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Response: Pursuant to the PPP, EDC hand delivered meeting notices to businesses immediately adjacent to the work area.

Comment 25: Has the contract for the proposed sewer construction work been awarded and to whom?

Response: Yes, to Cruz Contractors, LLC.

Comment 26: Was it an open bid process for the proposed construction work?

Response: The Contractor was procured through a competitive process through EDC's Construction Manager.

Comment 27: When the water is treated, to what extent will contaminants be removed?

Response: As described in the draft permit and subject to NYSDEC's approval, the effluent will meet the State's discharge standards and will be treated and discharged to Flushing Bay. The permit would indicate the amount of contaminants that would be discharged to the Bay.

Comment 28: Does groundwater have different levels of contamination than the soil? Is intermingling possible?

Response: Yes, groundwater and soil could have different levels of contamination. The existing groundwater is contaminated and will be treated prior to any discharge to the Bay. Contaminant levels in soil could potentially affect the contaminant level of groundwater in the immediate area.

Comment 29: The Willets Point Redevelopment is currently in litigation. If there is a possibility that the redevelopment will not happen, why move ahead with the permit action before that issue is resolved?

Response: The sewer improvement project will provide relief from chronic flooding and a new sanitary sewer in an area not currently served by sanitary sewers, which would result in a water quality benefit to Flushing Bay.

Comment 30: What is the process for submitting comments and questions on the permit action?

Are you accepting written comments on the proposed sewer work? What is the deadline for submitting comments?

Response: Three note-takers are present at this meeting to record oral comments. Spanish translation services are also available. Responses to any questions or comments not fully answered or addressed at the meeting will be posted to EDC's website approximately two weeks following the meeting. A summary of all substantive

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comments and responses will be included in the Certification Document prepared as part of the permit application. Written comments will be accepted by NYSDEC for 30 days following the notice of the permit application, which is anticipated to be published on November 11, 2011. (*Note—Pursuant to the Enhanced PPP, EDC requested NYSDEC extend the public comment period until January 9, 2012*)

Comment 31: How will construction affect street plowing in the area?

Response: The same plowing service that is provided currently would be provided during construction.

Comment 32: How can a complaint be made if an injury/accident happens as a result of construction machinery/tools?

Response: Concerns/complaints regarding construction should be made to the community liaison at Hunter Roberts Construction Group—Thomas Voutsas 646-739-4695.

Comment 33: What was the study area for environmental justice?

Response: The study area for the Environmental Justice Analysis was defined to include all census block groups substantially within 1 mile of the proposed sewer locations. The study area includes portions of the following Queens neighborhoods: College Point in the northern portion, Downtown Flushing on the east, a small portion of Queensboro Hill in the southeastern corner, and Corona on the west. The proposed sewer locations are immediately surrounded by waterways, roadways, Citi Field, and Flushing Meadow Park. A substantial portion of the study area in the center is occupied by Citi Field and Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Residential uses are generally limited to locations west of 114th Street in the Corona portion of the study area and east of College Point Boulevard and south of Roosevelt Avenue in Downtown Flushing, and in the Queensboro Hill portion of the study area. (*Note—Pursuant to the Enhanced PPP, the Environmental Justice Analysis is available at the Document Repositories, as well as on the EDC website*)

Comment 34: Will existing Willetts Point businesses (including businesses not located within the Phase One development area) be permitted to connect to these sewers once they have been constructed?

Response: Yes, existing Willetts Point businesses could connect to the sewer systems once they are completed, pending the submission and approval of the appropriate materials required by New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

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Comment 1: The permit application, which is the subject of this meeting, was not made available for public review. The permit application should be made available for public review and the public information meeting re-held.

Response: The permit application is available at the repositories, as well as EDC's website (www.nycedc.com/willettspoint). As part of an enhanced Public Participation Plan, a follow-up public information meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 6:15PM at the Al Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355. Additionally, as part of the public comment period prior to issuance of the permit by DEC, the application and the draft permit are available for review at DEC's office through January 9, 2012.

Comment 2: Document repositories may not have been provided. Commenter visited the Langston Hughes branch of the Queens Library and the representative there did not know of the permit documents, but called EDC to have the draft permit faxed.

Response: The following documents are available at the following seven repositories identified in the meeting notice, Project Fact Sheet and Public Participation Plan: the Project Fact Sheet, the draft DEC SPDES Permit, the DEC Fact Sheet, the Public Participation Plan, and the SPDES permit application. The document repositories are located at the following locations: Queens Library—Corona Branch, Queens Library—Mitchell Linden Branch, Queens Library—Flushing Branch, Queens Library—Langston Hughes Community Library & Cultural Center, Queens Community Board 3 Office, Queens Community Board 4 Office, and Queens Community Board 7 Office.

Comment 3: Why weren't any of the present meeting attendees personally notified of the public information meeting?

Response: EDC developed the stakeholders list identified in the Public Participation Plan which was approved by DEC. These stakeholders included resident/neighborhood groups that are located or are active in the vicinity of the proposed project and that potentially would be affected by the construction of the proposed sanitary and storm water sewer lines; community boards, local community and civic organizations, environmental and business groups and any contacts recommended by these groups; neighborhood religious establishments; elected officials; appropriate state and local government personnel; non-city owned property owners and businesses immediately adjacent the construction area. The meeting notice and fact sheet were sent by First Class Mail via the United States Postal Service to all stakeholders, with the exception of businesses immediately adjacent the construction area, which were delivered the meeting notice and fact sheet by hand.



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Additionally, notice of the meeting was published in The Daily News and El Diario la Prensa newspapers on October 25, 2011, and October 27, 2011, respectively. An additional public information meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 6:15PM at the Al Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355. Notification of the December 19, 2011, public meeting will be made by First Class Mail via the United States Postal Service to the above stakeholders, as well as an additional list of parties, as approved by DEC. The list of parties notified of the second public meeting is available at the depositories and online. Notice of the meeting will also be published in the New York Post in English and Spanish, as well as El Diario la Prensa in Spanish.

Comment 4: What is the adverse impact associated with this permit action? According to NYSDEC's environmental justice policy, identification of an adverse impact is what triggers the need for a public participation plan.

Response: There are no significant adverse environmental impacts anticipated as a result of activities that would be undertaken under this permit, as documented in the EJ analysis prepared for this permit application. NYSDEC's policy provides guidance for the permitting of projects with the potential to create a significant adverse impact in Potential Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas, as defined in NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29 (CP-29). EJ areas are identified using US Census information, following the guidelines outlined in CP-29. With respect to the potential for significant environmental impacts, the NYSDEC examines, in particular, the potential for a proposed project's construction to result in quality of life impacts on the adjacent and surrounding community, and takes these potential effects into consideration when establishing the appropriate area to be examined for EJ analysis and outreach purposes. The types of potential effects on EJ areas include, among other things, trucking activity and noise during construction, as well as the disturbance and transport of known contaminated soils during construction. With respect to the NYSDEC environmental permit review process, the Public Participation Plan developed for this project's SPDES permit application outlined a program that provides a means for stakeholders to be informed about and involved in the review of a proposed action and allows for an opportunity for concerns to be addressed and to promote actions that might minimize any potential effects on the surrounding community.

Comment 5: What is the level of contamination present in the water that will be discharged to Flushing Bay and where can this information be found?

Response: Groundwater samples obtained in relation to this SPDES permit can be found in the permit application, which is available for review in the repositories and at DEC. Any water that is to be discharged will be treated and discharged at levels compliant with the Clean Water Act, state and federal regulations, and the Division of Waters Technical and Operational Guidance Series documents and in accordance with the DEC permit. The proposed treatment method is anticipated to include settling tanks; an oil/water separator; and, bag and carbon filters.

Comment 6: When/How will the public know when the permit is issued?

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Response: The public can review the status of the permit at the following DEC website:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/envapps/>

Comment 7: Does the permit application disclose the levels of contaminants present in the groundwater consistent with NYSDEC's prior claims of contamination in the area?

Response: Groundwater samples obtained in relation to this SPDES permit are available in the permit application.

Comment 8: What are the specific contaminants that will be discharged to Flushing Bay?

Response: Groundwater which is dewatered from excavations will be treated and discharged at levels compliant with the Clean Water Act, state and federal regulations, and the Division of Waters Technical and Operational Guidance Series documents. Pollutants levels to not be exceeded are identified in the draft permit. Any effluent discharge will meet the State's standards for discharge to a water body. The proposed treatment method is anticipated to include settling tanks; an oil/water separator; and, bag and carbon filters.

Comment 9: Per DEC requirements, there are supposed to be multiple meetings. When will the next meeting be held?

Response: EDC developed the Public Participation Plan, which was approved by DEC, outlines that one public meeting be held. To enhance the public outreach for this project, a follow-up public information meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, at 6:15PM at the AI Oerter Recreation Center located at 131-40 Fowler Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355.

Comment 10: What information is actually at the information repositories?

Response: The following documents are available at the following seven repositories identified in the meeting notice, Project Fact Sheet and Public Participation Plan: the Project Fact Sheet, the draft DEC SPDES Permit, the DEC Fact Sheet, the Public Participation Plan, and the SPDES permit application. The document repositories are located at the following locations: Queens Library—Corona Branch, Queens Library—Mitchell Linden Branch, Queens Library—Flushing Branch, Queens Library—Langston Hughes Community Library & Cultural Center, Queens Community Board 3 Office, Queens Community Board 4 Office, and Queens Community Board 7 Office.

Comment 11: When does the 30-day public comment period begin/end?

Response: The public comment period began on Friday, November 11, 2011 and will end on January 9, 2012.

Comment 12: Why is there no sign/billboard by the proposed sewer area signaling the site of the proposed construction?

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Response: At the time that this comment was made at the November 9, 2011 public meeting, a sign identifying the sewer project was being manufactured. Work on the sign has since been completed and the sign was installed at the site on November 28, 2011.

Comment 13: Are you aware of the “Keep it in Queens” initiative? Priority for construction jobs is supposed to be given to local contractors.

Response: The City and EDC are precluded by law from selecting construction companies based on where their business is located.

Comment 14: Who was allowed to bid on the proposed construction work?

Response: In accordance with the contract between EDC and EDC’s Construction Manager (CM), for Willets Point Offsite Infrastructure, EDC’s CM (Hunter Roberts Construction Group) identified 10 contractors which were prequalified and invited to bid on proposed construction work.

Comment 15: When (i.e. on what date) was the contract for sewer installment work awarded?

Response: July 13, 2011

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A follow-up Public Information Meeting was held as part of an Enhanced Public Participation Plan by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) on December 19, 2011. The meeting was held to provide information about the construction of the proposed sanitary and storm water sewer lines and the associated New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Stormwater Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit which is required for dewatering activities that will occur during construction of the sewers. Summarized below are the questions and/or comments raised at the Public Information Meeting on December 19, 2011, which were addressed during the course of the meeting, and which are relevant to the SPDES permit. Questions and/or comments and the corresponding Responses may have been modified and/or expanded upon in the summaries in order to provide the public with clear and comprehensive information about the project.

Comment 1: Why weren't the businesses relocated prior to construction activities taking place?

The existing businesses will not benefit from the sewer project because many will not survive the adverse effects associated with traffic and access expected to result from construction.

EDC should have relocated the existing businesses before the construction work began because it is adversely affecting existing business operations and jobs. Business has been down since the construction activities began. Customers do not want to do business in a construction area.

Traffic is already a problem in the area. The construction will worsen existing traffic conditions. The permit should be denied.

Response: Vehicular and pedestrian access to businesses along 126th Street will be maintained throughout construction. There will be no construction impacts on 127th Street. The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination has provided stipulations for maintaining vehicular access throughout construction. In accordance with the DOT stipulations, EDC would maintain travel lanes and would be responsible to maintain street lights and traffic signals.

Comment 2: The City neglected to provide sewers to the existing Willetts Point residents for many years. Now all of a sudden the City has money to install sewers.

Response: The proposed sewers will benefit Willetts Point.

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Comment 3: This is a construction project and as such it will cause traffic backups.

Response: The construction of the proposed infrastructure project has been coordinated with the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination. DOT has provided stipulations for maintaining vehicular and pedestrian access throughout the construction period. In accordance with the DOT stipulations, EDC would maintain travel lanes and would be responsible to maintain street lights and traffic signals.

Comment 4: Willets Point suffers from many infrastructure problems, including collapsed roads as a result of the weight of trucks, and storm water sewers that do not function properly and cause flooding.

Response: The proposed sewers are intended to relieve existing flooding and sewer infrastructure problems in Willets Point.

Comment 5: The proposed sewers are for Citi Field.

Citi Field is having problems with its own sanitary sewer system and that is why Citi Field is smaller than Shea Stadium was. The proposed sewer work is for the Mets.

Response: The sewer improvements are not directly associated with Citi Field, as Citi Field has its own sewer system. The proposed sewer improvement project would accommodate storm water and sanitary flows from the Willets Point area and would provide sanitary sewers in an unsewered area. The project would provide ancillary benefits to existing sewer systems and surrounding area, such as reduced flooding.

Comment 6: How will the new sewers be connected to the existing sewer infrastructure?

Response: The proposed sanitary sewer will be at least 36-inches in diameter and will run from approximately 100-feet south of the intersection of 34th Avenue and 126th Street westward across Flushing Meadows Corona Park to an existing sewer just east of the Grand Central Parkway. The proposed sewer will connect to an existing 24-inch gravity sewer which crosses beneath the Grand Central Parkway and will convey flow, ultimately to an existing pump station in Corona, Queens, just west of the Grand Central Parkway. The existing storm sewer and outfall must be reconstructed from approximately 125-feet south of 35th Avenue to the Flushing Bay. The reconstructed sewer would connect to the existing storm sewer beneath 126th Street near 35th Avenue.

Comment 7: Not constructing during the Mets season is evidence of discrimination against the people of Willets Point.

Response: The schedule was developed to reduce the potential for disruptions relating to the sewer construction.

Comment 8: There are 1,700 people that work in Willets Point and most are minority. It is against the law to perform construction that is going to cause damage to a minority community.

Response: Comment noted. The environmental justice analysis which was prepared in consultation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) shows that the project will not result in significant adverse impacts to minority or low-income populations in the area.

Comment 9: EDC should have published meeting notices on its website. The people of Willets Point were not fully informed.

Response: Outreach was coordinated through NYSDEC, in compliance with the project's published Public Participation Plan (PPP). Notices for the November 9, 2011 public information meeting pertaining to the permit action were published in the *Daily News* and *El Diario/La Prensa*. EDC worked with NYSDEC to identify a list of stakeholders which included neighborhood and business groups in the environmental justice study area. Public information pertaining to the permit action was placed at repositories listed on the Project Fact Sheet. Public information materials were also mailed to the stakeholders pursuant to the PPP and Enhanced PPP. Additional notices for this follow-up meeting held on December 19, 2011, were placed in the *New York Post* and *El Diario/La Prensa*. In addition, the "Public Participation Plan Enhancement Letter" was posted on EDC's website, as well as being made available at the project's seven local Document Repositories.

Comment 10: Why can't construction be performed behind Willets Point instead of along 126th Street where there are existing businesses?

Response: The sanitary sewer has to run westward from 126th Street across Flushing Meadows Corona Park to an existing sewer just east of the Grand Central Parkway. The existing storm sewer and outfall must be reconstructed from approximately 125-feet south of 35th Avenue to the Flushing Bay. The reconstructed sewer would connect to the existing storm sewer beneath 126th Street near 35th Avenue.

Comment 11: It is an outrage that the Mayor did not visit Willets Point to address the people's concerns over the infrastructure and related projects.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 12: Willets Point is at a lower elevation than the Grand Central Parkway.

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Response: The sanitary sewer system was designed as a gravity-fed system (which is not dependent on surface elevations) to direct flows from Willetts Point to an existing sewer near the Grand Central Parkway.

Comment 13: Who prepared the Environmental Justice Analysis that stated that the project would not result in significant adverse impacts? Did NYSDEC perform its own environmental justice analysis or is the agency relying completely on the one that was prepared on behalf of EDC?

Response: An analysis was prepared on behalf of EDC by AKRF, in accordance with NYSDEC guidelines, and has been submitted to NYSDEC.

Comment 14: According to NYSDEC's environmental justice policy (CP-29), it is the obligation of NYSDEC to prepare its own analysis.

Response: EDC cannot speak on behalf of NYSDEC. The public is invited to submit comments directly to NYSDEC.

Comment 15: EDC has attributed certain benefits to the infrastructure project such as to support the City's effort to create a mixed-use development at Willetts Point and at the same time has said that the infrastructure project is not associated with the adverse effects of the redevelopment. How does EDC justify this? The public should be entitled to ask NYSDEC to acknowledge the adverse effects of the redevelopment.

Response: EDC cannot speak of behalf of NYSDEC. The public is invited to submit comments directly to NYSDEC. The sewers will provide immediate benefits such as relief from chronic flooding and improved water quality in the Flushing Bay.

Comment 16: Why didn't this project occur 25 or 40 years ago?

Response: EDC cannot speak to what did or did not occur 25 or 40 years ago.

Comment 17: Existing businesses are suffering from the construction activities and EDC should have determined what the damage/cost to existing businesses was going to be.

Response: Comment noted. Work underway is being completed pursuant to permits already obtained by EDC. ConEd is also completing utility relocation work under already obtained permits. During construction, the project area will remain continuously accessible to both vehicles and pedestrians as provided for in the stipulations approved by NYCDOT.

Comment 18: How will EDC ensure that the discharge does not exceed the effluent limits imposed by the permit?

What happens if the discharge monitoring shows an exceedance of permitted contaminant levels?

Are the proposed treatment systems accustomed to treating water that is highly contaminated or is the particular treatment system being proposed unusual?

Is it a unique and difficult problem to solve in terms of addressing contamination in the groundwater in this particular case?

Is there a way to test the treatment system?

Response: Discharge monitoring and reporting requirements are part of the SPDES permit requirements and will occur as frequently as NYSDEC determines is necessary. The purpose of discharge monitoring is to ensure that the contaminant levels do not exceed the permit limits. Should discharged contaminant levels exceed permit limits, discharge operations into Flushing Bay would be temporarily halted and the treatment system would be evaluated. Subsequently, upgrades to the treatment system could be made to address any observed exceedance. The proposed treatment system contains industry standard treatment processes (i.e. oil and water separator, bag filters to address any solids and metals, and carbon units to address volatile organic compounds and/or semi-volatile organic compounds) that have been designed to address the levels of contaminants specific to this site.

Comment 19: If EDC could not obtain this NYSDEC permit and were not permitted to discharge to Flushing Bay could it still build the sewers?

Response: Yes, currently EDC has permits to perform all work associated with construction of the storm and sanitary sewer improvements. EDC has begun some construction work pursuant to previously obtained permits. When dewatering is needed, it could be performed pursuant to a permit already obtained through the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and discharges would occur to a DEP regulated sewer instead of Flushing Bay, if a NYSDEC SPDES permit was not obtained.

Comment 20: Is dewatering occurring now?

How is EDC doing construction if no dewatering is occurring?

Response: Dewatering is not occurring now under EDC's auspices in the area. Ongoing construction activities do not require dewatering, and are being completed by EDC pursuant to previously obtained permits. It should be noted that there is construction work being done at 126th Street and 34th Avenue on behalf of Con Edison, which holds its own dewatering permits. Cruz Contractors, LLC is the contractor for Con Edison for this work.

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Comment 21: Cruz Contractors is the contractor for EDC so are they excavating at the intersection of 126th Street and 34th Avenue because of Con Edison or are they there on EDC's account?

Response: Cruz Contractors, LLC is the contractor for Con Edison's utility relocation project at 126th Street and 34th Avenue, as well as the project that is the subject of this permit request. Con Edison's utility relocation work is being completed to facilitate the construction of the sewer.

Comment 22: At 126th Street there is a company putting pipes down more than 100 feet below ground but no water is coming out.

Response: The work being completed by EDC in the area involves pipe piles, and is being conducted pursuant to previously obtained permits. This work does not require dewatering.

Comment 23: What are the benefits of the proposed sewers for the people of Willets Point?

Response: The proposed sewers will alleviate chronic flooding in the area, achieve improvements to water quality in the Flushing Bay, and would provide sanitary sewers in an unsewered area.

Comment 24: Are the people of Willets Point going to end up homeless?

Response: The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of EDC's application for a NYSDEC SPDES permit to allow dewatering and discharge to Flushing Bay.

Comment 25: What is the deadline for submitting comments?

Response: Comments related to the NYSDEC Stormwater Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit application associated with the Willets Point Off-site Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project should be submitted in writing no later than January 9, 2012, to Steve A. Watts, NYSDEC, 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY, 11103-5407 (718-482-4997).

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