

Construction of Storm and Sanitary Sewers in Willow Avenue

Fact Sheet

What is the Proposed Project? The Proposed Project will: improve approximately 1,500 feet of streets and sidewalk to current New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) standards; install a new drainage collection system; and upgrade and replace existing sanitary sewers and water mains. To implement the proposed project, the New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for dewatering and groundwater pumping operations, which requires a New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. This permit is to construct the Storm and Sanitary Sewers in Willow Avenue, Staten Island (NYCDDC Project ID SER20079). A Public Participation Plan has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29). The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about the project and to involve the community during the SPDES permit application review process.

Why does NYCDDC need to upgrade the infrastructure in Staten Island Willow Avenue? The existing infrastructure is old and insufficient. This project will provide much needed street drainage for the Proposed Project Area. The reconstructed streets and new infrastructure will improve vehicular and pedestrian conditions, while reducing the potential for future flooding impacts and will support neighborhood resiliency with respect to coastal storms, while providing enhanced infrastructure that will support post-storm recovery efforts.

How might the upgrades affect the surrounding community? Community impacts will be temporary in nature and all related to construction. NYCDDC and its contractors propose to control all dust, rodent, noise and vibration during the construction period. NYCDDC will be available to answer all questions for any issues related to special needs access, service delivery coordination (e.g. trash collection), and any property damage. Water service interruptions will only be during the day, and advance notice will be provided to all affected homeowners. Traffic impacts are expected during construction; however, NYCDDC will take all the necessary measures to minimize disruptions to property access, schools, as well as access to transportation facilities, community facilities, and emergency services.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Attend the upcoming video/teleconference scheduled for April 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm to learn about the project, submit comments, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project.
- Submit comments in writing, by phone or email to the NYCDDC Community Construction Liaison identified below.

Where can I get more information about the proposed expansion?

- Visit the online document repository at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/contracts/public-participation-plan.page> to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project.
- Contact the Community Construction Liaison, Jeffrey Carlson: Phone at (718) 938-9898 or by email at willowavecel@gmail.com for information on the project, instructions on how to attend the video/teleconference.

Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application? NYSDEC Region 2 Headquarters, 47-40 21st St., Long Island City, NY 11101, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (718) 482-4997; email: DEP.R2@dec.ny.gov