

Rheingold Rezoning FEIS

FOREWORD

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Rheingold Rezoning project (the Proposed Action). Acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission (CPC), which is the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) lead agency, the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) determined the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed project to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on May 31, 2013. Public Notice of completion of the DEIS and a public hearing on the DEIS was published in the *City Record* on August 29, 2013, and in the *New York Post* on August 23, 2013. CPC held a public hearing on the DEIS in Spector Hall at 22 Reade Street in Manhattan, September 11, 2013. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open until September 23, 2013.

This FEIS addresses all substantive comments made on the DEIS during the DEIS public hearing and subsequent DEIS comment period. Those comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 23, “Response to Comments.” Changes to the text and graphics from the DEIS were made in this FEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments. In addition, this FEIS also reflects all substantive changes to technical analyses resulting from agency reviews, and material changes in conditions since issuance of the DEIS.

Changes between the DEIS and this FEIS include:

- Updated analysis and conclusions in Chapter 4, “Community Facilities,” to reflect the New York City Department of Education’s *Enrollment, Capacity, and Utilization Report* for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Updated conclusions in Chapter 16, “Mitigation,” in the areas of elementary schools and open space, to reflect the updated analysis and conclusions in Chapter 4, “Community Facilities” and that mitigation measures were identified between the DEIS and FEIS for the significant adverse elementary school and open space impacts.
- Chapter 23, “Responses to Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement,” which is entirely new to the document.
- Appendix 3, “Written Comments Received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement,” which is entirely new to the document.

Except where indicated, all text changes since publication of the DEIS are marked by underlining and ~~striketroughs~~ in this FEIS. No underlining is used for the Foreword or Chapter 23, “Response to Comments on the DEIS,” both of which are entirely new.