

Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency

Foreword¹

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency zoning text amendment (the “Proposed Action”). The New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) is proposing a zoning text amendment to update the Special Regulations Applying in Flood Hazard Areas (Article VI, Chapter 4) of the New York City Zoning Resolution (ZR). The New York City Planning Commission (CPC), serving as lead agency, determined the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Action to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on October 16, 2020.

Public notices of the DEIS public hearing were published in the *City Record*, the *Environmental Notice Bulletin*, the *New York Post*, *El Diario*, and the *Manhattan Times* on January 15, 2021. CPC held a public hearing on the DEIS on February 3, 2021, which was held remotely via NYC Engage Portal in support of the City’s efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. Comments were accepted at that hearing and throughout the public comment period, which remained open through February 16, 2021.²

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 27, “Response to Comments.”** Written comments on the DEIS are included in a new **Appendix F**. Changes to the text 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.

Principal changes between the DEIS and this FEIS include:

- The Mayor’s Office of Environmental Coordination (MOEC) issued an update to the *City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual* in December 2020, subsequent to the issuance of the DEIS for the Proposed Action. As such, this FEIS has been updated to city the 2020 *CEQR Technical Manual* throughout, and to reflect its revised methodology, as applicable.
- Revisions to **Chapter 1, “Project Description”** to clarify and expand on elements of the Proposed Action, as well as consistency edits.
- Revisions to **Chapter 2, “Land Use, Zoning, & Public Policy”** to expand on several public policies: Sustainability & OneNYC, the Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP) and Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, and Special Districts.
- Revisions to **Chapter 7, “Historic & Cultural Resources”** to clarify and expand on elements of the Proposed Action.
- Revisions to **Chapter 9, “Natural Resources”** to clarify and expand on elements of the Proposed Action.
- Revisions to **Chapter 10, “Hazardous Materials”** to expand on elements of the Proposed Action.
- Revisions to **Chapter 21, “Mitigation”** for consistency with previous chapters.

¹ This chapter is new to the FEIS.

² This application was referred for information and review by the affected community boards and borough presidents in accordance with the procedures for referring Zoning Resolution amendments as described in the Rules of the City of New York and Section 200 of the Charter.

- Revisions to **Chapter 26, “Irreversible & Irretrievable Commitment of Resources”** to include a preliminary screening.
- **Chapter 27, “Response to Comments,”** which is entirely new to the document.
- **Appendix L, “Written Comments Received on the DEIS,”** which is entirely new to the document.

Except where indicated, all text changes since publication of the DEIS are marked by double underlining and ~~striketroughs~~ in this FEIS. No underlining is used for the **Foreword** or **Chapter 27, “Response to Comments,”** both of which are entirely new.