

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

Public Participation Plan

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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

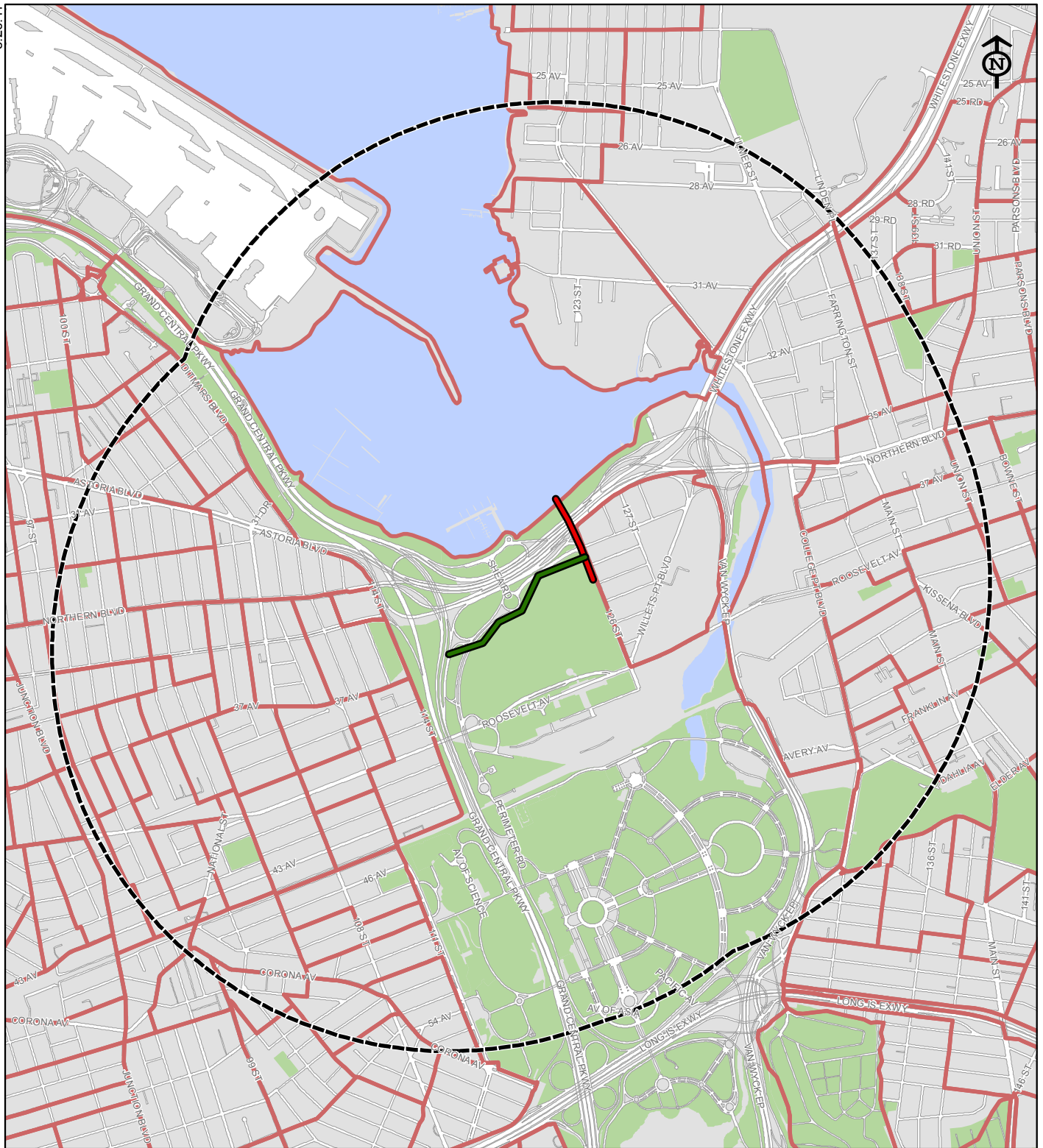
The PPP for this permit includes a number of activities and tasks that will be undertaken to inform stakeholders about the proposed project and the construction permit being sought from NYSDEC. This will provide stakeholders access to information about the proposed sewer improvements and their associated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

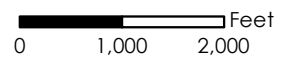
Task #2: Identify Stakeholders and Create a Contact List

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



- 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/willetpoint>

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. *

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Attachment A – Preliminary Contact List**

COMMUNITY BOARD OFFICES

Queens Community Board 3

82-11 37th Avenue, Suite 606
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Phone: 718.458.2707
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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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Chair: Mr. Anthony Moreno
District Manager: Mr. Richard Italiano

Queens Community Board 7

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Flushing, NY 11355
Phone: 718.359.2800
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COMMUNITY & RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

East Elmhurst/Corona Civic Association
29-49 Gilmore Street
East Elmhurst ,NY 11369
Phone: 718-799-9142

Mitchell Linden Civic Association
25-11 Union Street
Flushing, NY 11354
Website: www.mitchell-lindencivic.org

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Email: joef@collegepointcivic.org

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North Queens Homeowners & Civic Assn.
Ivan C. Lafayette, Trustee
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Newtown Civic Association
88-04 43rd Avenue
Elmhurst, NY 11373

Fu Yen True Buddha Temple
43-10 National Street
Corona, NY 11368
718-639-2456

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

Temple of Mercy Charity Corporation
135-23 37th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354
718-661-4160

Society of Shao Lin Temple
132-11 41st Avenue
Flushing, NY 11355
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Free Synagogue of Flushing
41-60 Kissena Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11355
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China Buddhist Associates
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Flushing, NY 11354
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Flushing, NY 11354
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St. Leo Religious Education Center
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Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-699-8565

Calvary World Mission Church
135-25 Northern Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11354
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Happy Buddha Precious Temple
135-37 37th Avenue
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PO Box 680100
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Corona, NY 11368
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109-20 Rev. Edward E Jarvis Drive/34th Avenue
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-639-9066

New York Church of Christ
37-10 111th Street
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-429-6647

Christian Church
102-07 43rd Avenue
Corona, NY 11368
Tel: 718-476-0754

Latin American Pentecostal Church
106-01 Martense Avenue
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-699-3389

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Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-760-7516

Methodist Church of Corona
42-15 104th Street
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-779-2188

Han-Ghil Presbyterian Church
42-15 108th Street
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-397-0155

New Hope Baptist Church
105-11 Northern Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-457-2817

Full Gospel New York Church
130-30 31st Avenue, #4
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-321-7800

Jesus Resurrection Full Gospel Church of NY
39-08 Janet Place
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-961-6130

New Life Christian Church
131-02 40th Road, Suite 3
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-888-7220

Iglesia Bautista Canaan
39-08 104th Street
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-639-1877

Iglesia Misionera De Jesus
112-31 Roosevelt Avenue
Flushing, NY 11368
Tel: 718-507-4789

New York Hua Lian Tsu Hui
40-66 College Point Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354
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McProvisions for Human Services, Inc.
109-20 34th Avenue
Corona, NY 11368
Tel: 347-935-0582

Amerigroup Community Care
102-06 Roosevelt Avenue
Flushing, NY 11368
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Corona East Elmhurst NAACP
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Corona, NY 11368
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Malaysia Association America
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Episcopal Community Services of Long Island
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Queens Chamber of Commerce

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Jackson Heights, NY 11370
Tel: 718-898-8500
Fax: 718-898-8599
Email: info@queenschamber.org

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

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

Owner: Mucho Media, LLC
34-09 126th Street
Flushing, 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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Fax: (718) 482-4975

**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.

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

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

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.

LIBRARIES/BIBLIOTECAS

<p>Queens Library— Corona Branch 38-23 104th Street Corona, NY 11368 Tel: 718.426.2844</p>	<p>Queens Library— Langston Hughes Community Library & Cultural Center 100-01 Northern Boulevard Corona, NY 11368 Tel: 718.651.1100</p>	<p>Queens Library— Mitchell Linden Branch 29-42 Union Street Flushing, NY 11354 Tel: 718.539-2330</p>	<p>Queens Borough Public Library—Flushing Branch 41-17 Main Street, #3 Flushing, NY 11355 Tel: 718.661.1200</p>
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COMMUNITY BOARD OFFICES/OFICINAS DE LA JUNTA COMUNITARIA

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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

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Attachment C – Notices**

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:

LIBRARIES

Queens Library—Corona Branch

38-23 104th Street
Corona, NY 11368
Tel: 718.426.2844

Queens Library—Mitchell Linden Branch

29-42 Union Street
Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718. 539.2330

Queens Borough Public Library—Flushing Branch

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

Queens Library—Langston Hughes Community Library & Cultural Center

100-01 Northern Boulevard
Corona, NY 11368
Tel: 718. 651.1100



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Sincerely,

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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.

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 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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Queens Library—Mitchell Linden Branch

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Queens Borough Public Library—Flushing Branch

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