



LEAD AGENCY DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

May 16, 2017

Jerome Park Reservoir Aqueduct Rehabilitation

CEQR No: 17DEP022X

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As a part of the overall plan to upgrade the infrastructure of the Croton Water Supply System, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) is proposing a project known as the Jerome Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation (JRAQ-REH) to improve the water quality, site safety, and maintain the functionality of the Jerome Park Reservoir (JPR).

The JPR in the Kingsbridge Heights section of the Borough of the Bronx, New York City. It is bounded on the north and west by Sedgwick Avenue, on the east by Goulden Avenue, and on the south by Reservoir Avenue. The JPR is located east of Interstate Highway 87, the Major Deegan Expressway, and west of Jerome Avenue. The JPR property (Block 3246, Lot 1) falls within the Bronx Community District 8.

The general project elements include:

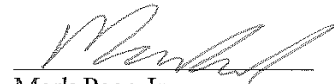
- Abandonment and securing of part of the below ground portions of the Old Croton Aqueduct along the eastern portion of the JPR
- Abandonment and securing of the eastern outfall basin
- Repair of the eastern wall of the JPR
- Repair of the dam inlet archway and wing walls near Gatehouse No. 7
- Repair of the retaining wall adjacent to the Lehman College parking lot
- Installation of a fence and guiderail along the south eastern portion of the JPR
- Drainage improvements
- Roadway improvement

The NYCDEP Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis (BEPA) has concluded that the proposed action is classified as an Unlisted Action and is conducting a coordinated environmental review. In accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), authorized by Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations as set forth in

6NYCRR Part 617, the New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process as set forth in 62 RCNY Chapter 5 and Executive Order 91 of 1977 and its amendments, and the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) as required to obtain financing under the State Revolving Fund Program, NYCDEP believes it is the appropriate lead agency and assumes responsibility for conducting the CEQR review for the above referenced action. We request that involved agencies contact this office within 30 days from this notification should there be any objection to NYCDEP assuming lead agency for this environmental review.

Attached is the environmental assessment statement and associated environmental analyses for this project. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Sangamithra Iyer at (718) 595-3585 or siyer@dep.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,



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