

A. INTRODUCTION

This chapter relies on the analysis from the Fresh Kills Park Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) and summarizes the conclusions drawn from that analysis. No additional analysis was warranted for this SEIS as it pertains to Chapter 3, “Socioeconomic Conditions.”

In accordance with the 2001 *New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual* an analysis was performed of changes in population, housing and economic conditions that may occur either directly or indirectly in connection with development of the Fresh Kills Park and whether such changes would generate significant adverse socioeconomic impacts. Fresh Kills Park would result in the development of an approximately 2,163-acre park on the Fresh Kills Landfill site in five designated planning areas with active and passive recreational uses; non-programmed natural areas; and park-related commercial retail and cultural facility space.

B. METHODOLOGY

In accordance with the guidelines for socioeconomic analyses prescribed by the *CEQR Technical Manual*, this analysis considers five specific factors with respect to socioeconomic change as a result of a proposed project or action: (1) direct displacement of residential population on the project site, (2) direct displacement of existing businesses on the project site, (3) indirect displacement of residential population in the socioeconomic study area, (4) indirect displacement of businesses and institutions in the socioeconomic study area, or (5) adverse effects on specific industries not necessarily tied to the project site or to the study area.

C. CONCLUSIONS

The FGEIS analysis concluded that the proposed project would not result, either directly or indirectly, in a significant adverse socioeconomic impact. Because there is no existing or planned residential use on the East Park project site, direct residential displacement would not occur as a result of the proposed project, nor would the proposed project result in the indirect displacement of residents. In addition, because full closure of the landfill would occur in the future without the proposed project, no private employment would exist on the East Park project site. Therefore, there would be no significant adverse impacts as defined under CEQR and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to direct business displacement as a result of the proposed project. The proposed project also would not displace any special or unique manufacturing operations or alter existing economic patterns. For all these reasons, it is concluded that the proposed project would not adversely impact socioeconomic conditions.

These conclusions also apply to the SEIS and the proposed East Park roads.

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