

A. INTRODUCTION

The *New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual* methodology calls for detailed community facility assessments when a project may have an impact on the provision of public or publicly funded community services and facilities. The manual also provides thresholds that can be used to make an initial determination of whether a detailed study is necessary to determine potential impacts. Because the proposed Fresh Kills Park would not add any residential units to the area, it would not meet the threshold for analysis of public schools, libraries, health care facilities, and day care centers. With respect to police, fire protection, and hospitals services, CEQR guidelines require a detailed assessment only when a project would have a direct effect on those services (i.e., would physically alter a fire station or police precinct house, whether by displacement or other physical change). The proposed project would not directly affect any police precinct houses, fire stations, or hospitals. Therefore, a detailed assessment of these services is not required. However, for the purposes of providing a more comprehensive analysis of the proposed project's effects on community services, this chapter describes the police and fire protection that serve the project site and examines the potential for impact (see Figure 4-1). As described in greater detail below, the proposed project would not result in any adverse impacts on community facilities.

B. EXISTING CONDITIONS**POLICE SERVICES**

The project area straddles the area served by two police Precincts: the 122nd Precinct of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the 123rd Precinct of the NYPD (see Figure 4-1). The 122nd Precinct is located on the South Shore of Staten Island in the Town of New Dorp. With headquarters located at 2320 Hylan Boulevard, the 122nd Precinct is geographically the largest precinct within the NYPD. The precinct covers 27 square miles and serves the mid-island communities of Bloomfield, Bulls Head, New Springville, Willowbrook, Emerson Hill, Dongan Hills, Grant City, and South Beach. There is also a sub-precinct of the 122nd Precinct located on Richmond Avenue just south of Richmond Hill Road. The 123rd Precinct is located in the Town of Tottenville, with headquarters at 116 Main Street. The 123rd Precinct is geographically the second largest precinct within the NYPD, covering approximately 17.5 square miles and serving the communities of southern Staten Island south of Richmond Avenue.

FIRE PROTECTION

The four companies of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) that will serve the area and the type of equipment are:

- 1st Engine Company—Engine Company 167 (345 Annandale Road)
- 1st Ladder Company—Ladder Company 87 (345 Annandale Road)

- 2nd Engine Company—Engine Company 154 (3730 Victory Boulevard)
- 2nd Engine Company—Ladder Company 86 (1400 Richmond Avenue)

Units responding to a fire are not limited to those closest to it. Typically, a total of three engine companies and two ladder companies respond to each call. Engine companies carry hoses, while ladder companies provide search, rescue, and building ventilation functions. FDNY calls on units in other parts of the City as needed.

C. THE FUTURE WITHOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT: 2016 AND 2036

Absent the proposed project, it is anticipated that the project site will remain a closed landfill. No other development is expected on the project site absent the proposed action. With respect to community facilities, a new NYPD police station is expected to be completed at Richmond Avenue north of the project site.

D. THE FUTURE WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT: 2016 AND 2036

POLICE SERVICES

The NYPD typically adjusts its allocation of personnel as the need arises. Increased allocations are considered when changes in demand become apparent. It is NYPD policy not to make adjustments in advance of planned or potential development. Each year, the precinct may be assigned new recruits, but there may also be losses due to transfers and promotions. Adjustments to the size and deployment of the police force based on budgetary factors or other policy decisions may be made by 2016 and 2036.

By 2016 and 2036, the new visitor and worker population introduced as a result of the proposed actions could increase the demand for police protection. However, NYPD would continue to evaluate its staffing needs and assign personnel based on a variety of factors, including demographics, calls for service, and crime conditions. As shown on Figure 4-1, there is an NYPD sub-precinct directly adjacent to the park. In addition, the proposed park would include an estimated 50 full-time park enforcement patrol officers, with an additional 11 officers in the summer season that would provide additional policing services for the project. As indicated in a letter from the NYPD dated March 29, 2007, it is not expected that the proposed project would result in an undue impact on NYPD operations. In addition, a fourth precinct facility near the intersection of Richmond Avenue and Forest Avenue is currently in the design phase and construction is expected to be complete in 2010.¹ There would be no direct displacement of existing NYPD facilities by 2036 with the proposed actions and, with continued adjustments in deployment of personnel and equipment, there would be no significant adverse impacts on NYPD operations.

In addition, it should be recognized that the roads being proposed as part of the project would have the added benefit of allowing emergency responders to quickly respond to emergencies without having to travel around the perimeter of Fresh Kills. The landfill roads would provide

¹ Letter from John P. Gerrish, Deputy Chief, Commanding Officer of the Office of Management Analysis and Planning, NYPD to AKRF dated March 29, 2007.

emergency responders with a more direct route between Richmond Avenue and the West Shore Expressway.

FIRE PROTECTION

Like NYPD, FDNY does not allocate personnel based on proposed or potential developments, but responds to demonstrated need. In 2016 and 2036, it is expected that FDNY would continue to evaluate the need for personnel and equipment and make necessary adjustments to adequately serve the area. The FDNY has conducted a preliminary review of the proposed project and has confirmed its ability to support it in a letter dated January 24, 2007.¹ The Fire Department would continue to evaluate area operations over time. Therefore, no significant adverse impact on fire protection services is expected.

In addition, as noted above, the new roads proposed as part of the project would provide a more direct route between Richmond Avenue and the West Shore Expressway, allowing emergency responders to respond more quickly to emergencies.

CONCLUSIONS

POLICE SERVICES

The proposed project would not result in direct effects on the physical operations of, or access to and from, any NYPD precinct house. It is NYPD policy not to make adjustments in advance of planned or potential development; the NYPD would continue to evaluate its staffing needs and assign personnel based on a variety of factors, including demographics, calls for service, and crime conditions. Therefore, with continued adjustments in the deployment of personnel and equipment, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to police protection services. In addition, the roads being proposed as part of the project would help decrease response times by providing a more direct route between Richmond Avenue and the West Shore Expressway.

FIRE PROTECTION

The proposed development program would not result in any direct effects to FDNY facilities. FDNY does not allocate personnel based on proposed or potential development, and it is expected that FDNY would continue to evaluate the need for personnel and equipment and make necessary adjustments to adequately serve the area. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to fire protection services. Also, as noted above, the roads being proposed as part of the project would help decrease response times by providing a more direct route between Richmond Avenue and the West Shore Expressway. *

¹ Letter from Patrick McNally, Chief of Operations, FDNY to AKRF dated January 24, 2007.