

Foreword

This document is the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Fresh Kills Park project. The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the proposed project was accepted as complete by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) as lead agency on June 5, 2009. This SEIS has been prepared specifically for the purposes of evaluating the potential impacts of the proposed Fresh Kills Park East Park roads, their construction, operation, and possible alternatives. A public notice regarding the release of the DSEIS and the announcement of a public hearing on the DSEIS was published in the City Record, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental News Bulletin, and was also placed in a local newspaper, the Staten Island Advance. DPR held a public hearing on the DSEIS at Wagner College (Spiro Hall) on Staten Island on June 22, 2009 at 7PM. The period for the public to submit written comments remained open until July 24, 2009.

This FEIS reflects all substantive comments made on the DSEIS during the public hearing and subsequent comment period. The comments are summarized and responded to in Chapter 28, “Response to Comments on the DSEIS.” Changes to the text and graphics from the DSEIS were made in the FSEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments. Unless otherwise indicated by a footnote, with the exception of this Foreword, Chapter 28, Appendix E, and Appendix F, all changes to text since the publication of the DSEIS are marked by double underlining in this FSEIS.

Key additions to this FSEIS are:

- References and technical updates were made with respect to the “Landfill Section 6/7 Final Cover Design Report, Addendum 1 (Geosyntec for the Department of Sanitation of New York, September 24, 2009).
- Appendix E, “Supplemental DEC Supporting Data” which was prepared in response to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) comments on the DSEIS.
- Appendix F, “Supplemental Traffic Data,” which was also prepared in response to DEC comments on the DSEIS.

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