

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED CONVERSION OF PARKLAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW YANKEE STADIUM

This notice is to announce the opportunity for public comment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) beginning Friday, March 3, 2006 and ending Monday, April 3rd, 2006 on the proposed conversion of a portion of Macomb's Dam Park into non-parkland for Yankee Stadium-related use(s) and replacing the converted parkland with new parkland in accordance with the regulations for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) found at 16 U.S.C. § 4601-4 et seq. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) completed pursuant to City Environmental Quality Review, Mayoral Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, and the City Environmental Quality Review Rules of Procedure found at Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York (CEQR), and the State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations found in Part 617 of 6 NYCRR (SEQRA), will be used by the National Park Service (NPS) to fulfill its NEPA requirements and will serve as the environmental assessment for NPS' evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposed conversion.

The City of New York proposes to construct a new Yankee Stadium on a portion of Macomb's Dam Park that was improved with funds from the federal LWCF. By accepting the grant the City of New York agreed to protect the portion of the park bounded by East 161st Street to the south, Jerome Avenue to the west, East 162nd Street to the north, and River Avenue to the East as required by Section 6(f) of the LWCF Act. However, Section 6(f) does allow the conversion of parkland, so long as replacement parkland is provided that is of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent recreational usefulness. The City proposes to replace the converted parkland with new park areas to be developed on the existing stadium site, on Ruppert Place, and along the Harlem River waterfront.

A National Park Service decision is required on all proposals to convert parkland protected under Section 6(f) of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

You can review and comment on the proposed conversion and environmental analysis in the following ways:

1. Copies of the environmental review documents along with instructions on how to comment have been placed in the following public locations:

- the Office of the Borough President located at 198 E. 161st Street, Second Floor, Bronx, New York, 10451
- Offices of Community Board 4 located at 1650 Selwyn Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10457
- the High Bridge Branch of the New York Public Library, 78 West 168th Street, Bronx, New York, 10452
- the Melrose Branch of the New York Public Library, 910 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10451
- the Grand Concourse Branch of the New York Public Library, 155 East 173rd Street, Bronx, New York, 10457,
- the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Planning Division, 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 403, New York, New York 10021.

2. The FEIS is posted on the Internet at:

http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_your_park/nyy_stadium/html/nyy_redevelopment.html

3. Compact disks (CDs) and printed copies containing the entire FEIS are available. To request a CD or printed copy, write, phone or send an email request to Joshua Laird, Assistant Commissioner of Planning,

New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Planning Division, 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 403, New York, New York 10021; phone 212-360-3402; or email Joshua.Laird@parks.nyc.gov.

ALL WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS SENT VIA MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED IF RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Send all overnight and regular mail and email correspondence to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, on behalf of NPS, to the attention of:

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Include your name and return address in the body of all your messages. Your comments along with your name and address will be made available for public review. However, individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and addresses from the public record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state that request prominently at the beginning of your comment. Anonymous comments will not be considered.