

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) Project

LEAD AGENCY: On behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the City of New York, as the recipient of HUD grant funds, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is the “Responsible Entity,” as defined by HUD regulations at 24 CFR § 58.2(a)(7)(i), for the Proposed Project. In accordance with criteria in 40 CFR § 1501.5(c), HUD has designated OMB as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Lead Agency to prepare the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Proposed Project in accordance with NEPA (42 USC §§ 4321 et seq.). Additionally, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC Parks) has assumed the responsibilities of Lead Agency under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR).

COOPERATING AGENCIES: Federal Emergency Management Agency, and United States (US) Army Corps of Engineers New York District, and US Environmental Protection Agency Region 2.

ABSTRACT: OMB announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the ESCR Project (the Proposed Project). The Proposed Project was developed from a concept conceived through Rebuild by Design (RBD), a design competition to promote the development of resiliency in the Sandy-affected region and has been allocated United States (US) Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant funds. The Proposed Project is a comprehensive urban water management project designed to reduce the risk of floods from coastal storm surges and/or flooding from high-intensity rainfall events. The Proposed Project would be located in the Borough of Manhattan in New York County, NY. The FEIS includes a detailed project description and a description of environmental impacts, including direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts, associated with a No Action Alternative, Preferred Alternative, and three other With Action Alternatives. We request your comments on the ESCR FEIS.

Electronic copies of the FEIS are also available for public review on the following website: <http://www.nyc.gov/cdbqdr>. Paper copies of the FEIS will also be available for inspection or copying at this location between 9:00 AM. and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal and State holidays.

- OMB, 255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007
- NYC Parks, The Arsenal, Central Park, 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 401, New York, NY 10065
- New York Public Library – Seward Park Branch, 192 East Broadway, New York, NY 10002
- New York Public Library – Epiphany Branch, 228 East 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010

The FEIS will be available at these locations starting on September 13, 2019. This date is the beginning of the public comment period. Any person wishing to comment on the FEIS may do so. The public comment period will be 30 days. All comments and related material must be submitted on or before October 15, 2019 by 5:00 PM. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Email: CDBGDR-Enviro@omb.nyc.gov
- Online at <http://www.nyc.gov/cdbqdr>.
- Mail: New York City Office of Management and Budget, c/o Calvin Johnson, Assistant Director CDBG-DR, 255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007
- Hand delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal and State holidays.

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