Chapter 25: Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Project

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 25, “Growth-Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Project.”

As described in the New York City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual, growth-inducing aspects of a proposed action or project generally refer to “secondary” impacts that may trigger further development. Proposals that add substantial new land use, new residents, or new employment could induce additional development of a similar kind or of support uses (e.g., goods and services for stores to serve new residential uses).

As discussed in detail in the FGEIS, the proposed Fresh Kills Park project would enhance the surrounding area, however, the vast majority of the surrounding area is already developed with residential, commercial, and industrial uses or is dedicated to large open spaces such as Arden Heights Woods, LaTourette Park, and the William T. Davis Wildlife Refuge. There is an area of vacant land north of the Staten Island Waste Transfer Station; however, while the proposed park would make this area more attractive for development, any substantial residential or commercial growth in this area would likely require a rezoning and would be subject to a separate environmental review. Thus, these conclusions would also apply to this SEIS. *