

# We want to hear from you!

In October 2004, the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) issued a Draft Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, referred to as the "New SWMP." The New SWMP describes how all the waste generated in New York City will be managed over the next twenty years. The New SWMP continues existing programs, but also proposes changes. The way City residential waste will leave the City will change. Now it goes out mostly in transfer trailers, but under the New SWMP most waste would exit by barge or rail. Where recyclables will be processed and how the City's commercial waste will be managed is also slated to change. These changes are referred to as the "Proposed Action." Key elements of the Proposed Action are to:

- Require the City's recycling processor to build a recycling processing facility in the City and to receive most recyclables by barge.
- Build, on existing Marine Transfer Station sites, four new Marine Transfer Stations at which waste would be loaded into containers and placed onto deck barges (Converted MTSs). The Hamilton Avenue and Southwest Brooklyn Converted MTSs in Brooklyn, **the North Shore Converted MTS in Queens**, and the East 91st Street Converted MTS in Manhattan would handle the community district waste they accepted in the past.
- Enter into as many as five contracts with private transfer stations for barge or rail export of the City residential waste formerly handled by the South Bronx MTS or the Greenpoint MTS.
- Provide a site (the existing 59th Street MTS in Manhattan) for barge export of commercial waste (putrescible waste from City businesses, not fill or construction and demolition debris).
- Encourage the export of City commercial waste (putrescible only) by barge from the four Converted MTSs.

**The North Shore Converted MTS, located in Queens Community District 7, is proposed in the New SWMP to be a City-owned facility, built on the site of the demolished existing MTS. The Converted MTS would accept the residential waste generated in Queens Community Districts 7 through 14, as in the past, containerize it, and send it out by barge.**

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was issued along with the New SWMP. The DEIS evaluates and discloses the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action.

You are invited to review the DEIS and the New SWMP and to provide comments. DSNY will hold a total of eight public hearings on the DEIS. The public hearings will be held in the communities of the four proposed Converted MTSs, the five private transfer station alternative sites, and in Staten Island.

**Land Side View**



The DEIS Public Hearing for the North Shore Converted MTS community is scheduled as follows:

**Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 6:00 pm**  
**Union Plaza Health Care Facility**  
**33-23 Union St. (near intersection of Union St. and Willets Point Blvd.)**  
**Flushing, NY**

Copies of the DEIS, the New SWMP and other project materials will be available for review at the public hearing. This information is also on DSNY's web site at [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation), and in your community at:

**The Mitchell-Linden Public Library**  
**29-42 Union St., Flushing, NY**  
**Hours: Mon. and Thurs. 1-8pm; Tues. 1-6pm;**  
**Wed. and Fri. 10-6pm**  
**(718) 539-2330**

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**45-35 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY**  
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