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EVENT DATE: 5/24/22

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NYC SANITATION, NYC PARKS, AND NEW YORK STATE DEC TO MAKE MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT AROUND FRESH KILLS LANDFILL CLOSURE

State DEC certifying landfill as officially closed; key step in decades-long process of converting Fresh Kills from landfill to park

WHAT: NYC Department of Sanitation Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch, NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue, and New York State DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos will gather on Staten Island to announce the final certification of the closure of the Fresh Kills landfill, once the world’s largest solid waste management site. The closure has cost nearly \$1 billion since 1986, and this certification comes nearly 20 years after Fresh Kills received its final piece of debris from Ground Zero and months ahead of the opening of North Park, the first major phase of what will become a 2,200-acre park

WHERE: The “top of the mound” at Fresh Kills. Enter via 600 West Service Road, Staten Island, where DSNY personnel will direct you to the press conference site.

WHEN: Tuesday, 5/24. Press conference to begin at 11am; **media encouraged to enter no later than 10:30am.**

Key Visuals: Sweeping panoramic views of Fresh Kills; Lower Manhattan may be visible if weather allows. Commissioners will speak outdoors.

Please RSVP to pressoffice@dsny.nyc.gov by COB on Monday, 5/23.