

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DRAFT EIS

PROJECT: Sanitation Garage and Salt Shed for Manhattan Districts 1, 2 & 5

LEAD AGENCY: New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

Location: Borough of Manhattan, 500 Washington St., 297 West St., Community District 2

SEQR Classification: Type I **CEQR# 07-DOS-003M**

ULURP # C 080279 PSM – Site selection for the salt shed

ULURP # C 080280 PCM – Site selection and acquisition of property for the Garage

ULURP # C 080281 ZSM – Special permits for General Large Scale Development and Bulk Modifications

ULURP # C 080282 ZAM – Authorization for Curb cuts on wide streets

A public hearing to receive public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared for the project will be held on **August 27, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY**. The DEIS, released on November 7, 2007, is available on DSNY's website www.nyc.gov/sanitation and at the repositories listed below. Written comments will be accepted until 5 pm on September 8, 2008 and may be submitted at the public hearing or to the contact person by mail, fax or email. This notice has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (State Environmental Quality Review Act) and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review.

DSNY must relocate its Manhattan District 2 and 5 Garages and salt shed from the Gansevoort Peninsula to make way for Hudson River Park construction. DSNY also seeks to replace the obsolete District 1 Garage and provide off-street storage of its equipment. DSNY proposes to build a new facility for the District 1, 2 and 5 Garages ("the Garage") on Block 596, Lot 50 (500 Washington St.), bounded by Washington St., Spring St., West St./Route 9A and the St. John's Center. The District 1 Garage at 297 West St. would be replaced with a salt shed (Block 595, Lot 87). The two sites are within an M2-4 district and served by truck routes. The Garage would provide for the storage, refueling, washing, and maintenance of DSNY vehicles, snow plows, etc. and include personnel support space, offices and locker facilities. United Parcel Service parking and staging would occupy the ground floor. The Garage would store 27 refuse/recycling trucks for District 2, 20 for District 5, and 15 for District 1, respectively. Vehicles will exit and enter via West St. and Washington St. The Garage building would have approximately 427,250 net square feet, including UPS space, and a roof height of approximately 118 feet. It would incorporate environmentally beneficial "green building" features including solar design and a vegetated roof. DSNY diesel trucks will have particulate filters. The salt shed would store approximately 4,000 tons of salt. Project approvals include City Planning Commission Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) actions listed above, consistency with Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, DSNY construction contracts, and Public Design Commission approval. With proposed traffic signal adjustments at three intersections and rerouting the DEIS concluded the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Public Repositories: Department of Sanitation, 125 Worth Street, Room 708, New York, NY

Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination, 253 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY

NYC Public Library, Hudson Park Branch, 66 Leroy Street, New York, NY

NYC Public Library, Jefferson Market Regional Branch, 425 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY

Community Board 2 Office, 3 Washington Square Village, Apt. 1A, New York, NY

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