# <u>Public Involvement</u>

## Environmental Review of the Solid Waste Management Plan

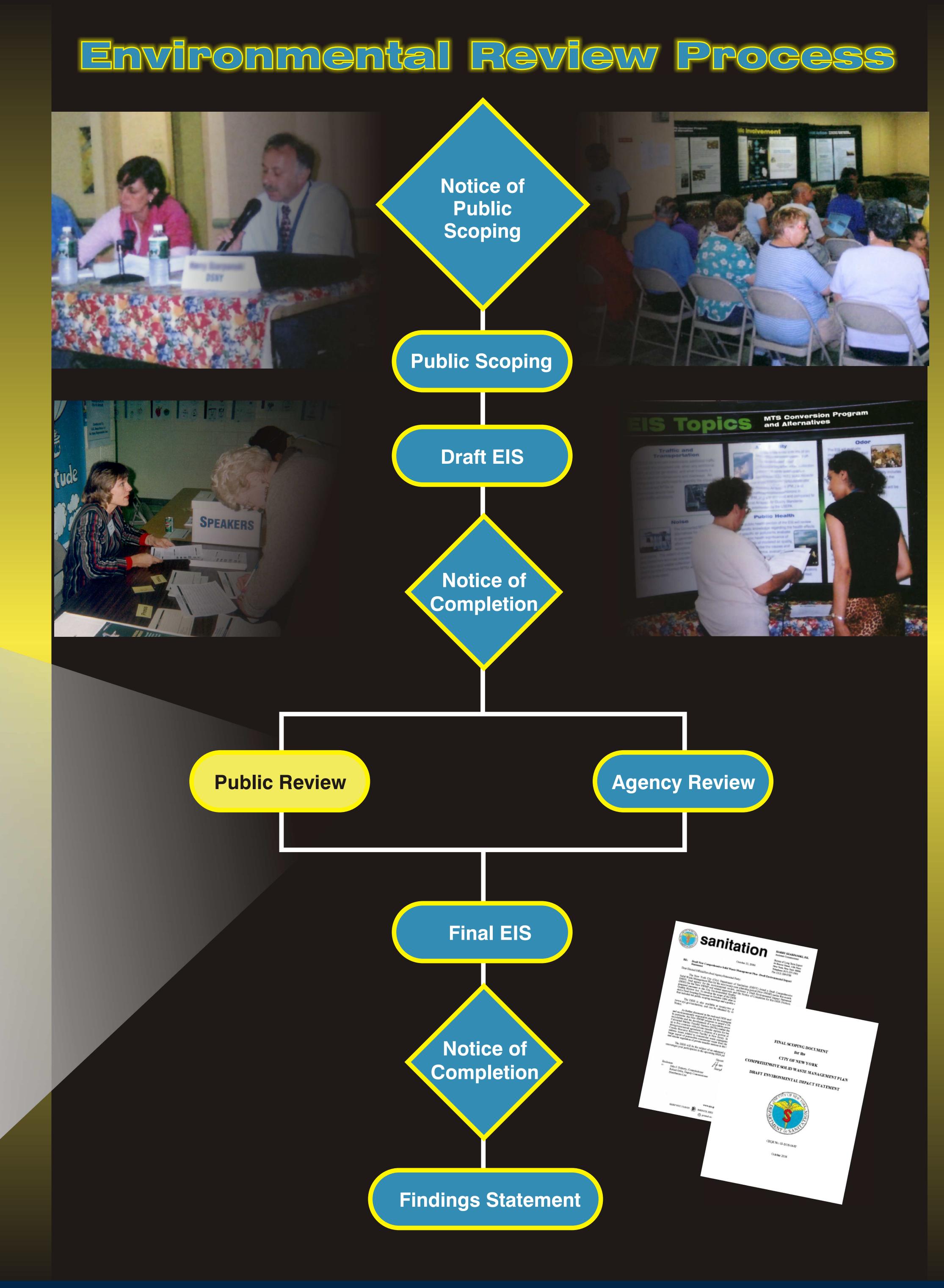
The City must evaluate the environmental consequences of certain proposed actions before it can act. The evaluation is called an environmental review. Some actions, like city-wide plans, call for a detailed environmental review called an Environmental Impact Statement or EIS. The City is preparing an EIS to support its Draft Solid Waste Management Plan for the next twenty years, referred to here as the New SWMP.

As part of the EIS process in October 2004, the City issued a Draft EIS or DEIS. The DEIS evaluates and describes the consequences of certain actions in the New SWMP, called the Proposed Action, as well as alternatives to the Proposed Action.

#### Public Review

The EIS process provides meaningful opportunities for the public to get involved. The first was during the public scoping process for the EIS. The City held ten public meetings on the Draft Scoping Document for the EIS and took comments for eight weeks. The comments were considered in the preparation of the Final Scoping Document and DEIS.

The second opportunity is during the comment period for the DEIS that runs from October 22, 2004 through January 24, 2005. The City will hold eight public hearings, at least one in each borough, to take comments. The hearings are being held in communities that host facilities/sites at which the City proposes to containerize and export waste. Also, the City Council plans to hold public hearings on the new SWMP.



## Provide Your Comments

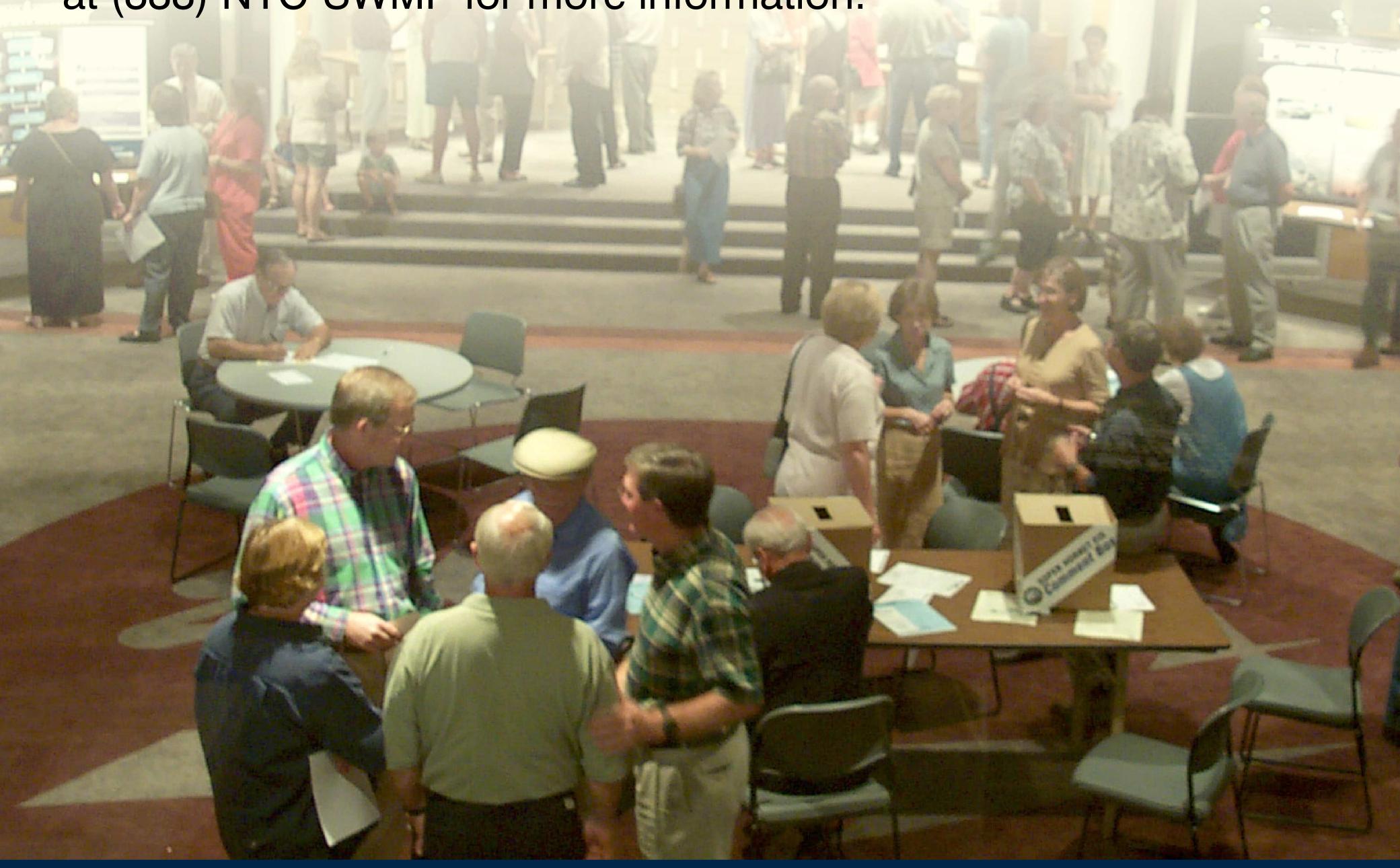
All are invited to review and comment on the DEIS. You can speak and submit written comments at any of the public hearings. You can mail written comments to:

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### Next Steps

The City will consider and respond to substantive comments received during the DEIS comment period. The Final EIS issued will set forth comments received and responses thereto, as well as revised text, as appropriate.

Please visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation or call the NYC SWMP hotline at (888) NYC-SWMP for more information.



## Estimated EIS Schedule

Notice of Public Scoping May 2004

Scoping Meetings
June 2004

Final Scoping Document October 2004 DEIS Issuance/Start of Comment Period October 22, 2004

DEIS Public Hearings
December 2004

End DEIS Comment Period January 24, 2005 Final EIS/Finding Statement February/March 2005