

A. INTRODUCTION

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 4, “Community Facilities.”

The *City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual* methodology calls for detailed community facility assessments when a project may have an impact on the provision of public or publicly funded community services and facilities. The manual also provides thresholds that can be used to make an initial determination of whether a detailed study is recommended to determine potential impacts. Because the proposed Fresh Kills Park would not add any residential units to the area, it would not meet the threshold for analysis of public schools, libraries, health care facilities, and day care centers. With respect to police, fire protection, and hospitals services, CEQR guidelines advise a detailed assessment only when a project would have a direct effect on those services (i.e., would physically alter a fire station or police precinct house, whether by displacement or other physical change). The Fresh Kills Park project would not directly affect any police precinct houses, fire stations, or hospitals. Therefore, a detailed assessment of these services is not required.

B. CONCLUSIONS

The FGEIS concluded that the proposed project would not result in direct effects on the physical operations of, or access to and from, any New York City Police Department (NYPD) precinct house. It is NYPD policy not to make adjustments in advance of planned or potential development; the NYPD would continue to evaluate its staffing needs and assign personnel based on a variety of factors, including demographics, calls for service, and crime conditions. Therefore, with continued adjustments in the deployment of personnel and equipment, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to police protection services. In addition, the roads being proposed as part of the project would help decrease response times by providing a more direct route between Richmond Avenue and the West Shore Expressway. In addition, the proposed project would not result in any direct effects to New York City Fire Department (FDNY) facilities. FDNY does not allocate personnel based on proposed or potential development, and it is expected that FDNY would continue to evaluate the need for personnel and equipment and make necessary adjustments to adequately serve the area. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to fire protection services. Also, as noted above, the roads being proposed as part of the project would help decrease response times by providing a more direct route between Richmond Avenue and the West Shore Expressway.

These conclusions also apply to the SEIS.

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