# Foreword

This document is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Halletts Point Rezoning (the proposed project). The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed project was accepted as complete by the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) and the New York City Planning Commission (CPC) issued a Notice of Completion for the DEIS on April 19, 2013. A public hearing on the DEIS was held on July 10, 2013 and July 24, 2013, concurrently with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) public hearing held by the CPC at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007. Oral and written comments were accepted at those hearings and throughout the public comment period, which remained open until August 5, 2013.

This FEIS reflects all relevant substantive comments made on the DEIS since its publication, at the public hearing, and during the public comment period. The comments are summarized and responses are provided in Chapter 29, "Response to Comments on the Draft Scope of Work and DEIS." Changes to the text and graphics from the DEIS were made in this FEIS, as necessary, in response to these comments.

This FEIS reflects notable changes subsequent to publishing the DEIS, which include the following:

- Updates to Chapter 9, "Urban Design and Visual Resources," to include new figures illustrating the view from Astoria Park toward Manhattan in existing conditions and in the future with the proposed project. In addition, the views from Lighthouse Park in Roosevelt Island were updated to include a view of the future with the proposed project without the proposed Astoria Cove project.
- Updates to the analyses in Chapter 15, "Transportation," and the transportation-related analyses. As described in the DEIS, the analyses presented in Chapter 15 were prepared based on a slightly smaller version of the proposed project's development program, with 71 fewer affordable housing units and 25 fewer accessory parking spaces. The changes to the proposed project's program occurred shortly prior to certification of the DEIS, after substantial transportation-related analysis work had been completed and reviewed. The transportation and transportation-related analyses have been updated to include the additional affordable housing units and accessory parking spaces in the FEIS. In addition, the transportation analysis has been updated to reflect background changes associated with other projects (e.g., Cornell NYC Tech and Astoria Cove), as appropriate, and the addition of new study area traffic intersections.
- Updates to Chapter 16, "Air Quality," to reflect updated *CEQR Technical Manual* guidance regarding $PM_{2.5}$ analyses.
- Updates to Chapter 20, "Construction," to reflect the completion of a refined construction noise analysis that resulted in fewer predicted construction noise impacts and a shorter duration of impacts. Accordingly the discussion of construction noise in Chapter 20, "Construction," was revised to reflect this analysis.

- Updated conclusions in Chapter 22, "Mitigation," in the areas of community facilities, open space, transportation, and construction noise to reflect further analysis of potential mitigation measures conducted between the DEIS and FEIS and the completion of the refined construction noise analysis.
- Where appropriate, various chapters have been updated to account for changes in background conditions related to certain projects expected to be complete in the future without the proposed project (No Build projects).
- In various chapters throughout the document, the discussions of floodplains were updated to address the release of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) preliminary work maps in June 2013 and the proposed amendment to the New York City Zoning Resolution that would allow the use of this data for purposes of determining base flood elevation (BFE) under zoning. As discussed in these chapters, the FEMA preliminary work maps represent the best available flood hazard data at this time (BAFHD).
- Throughout the document, the name of Hallet's Cove Playground has been changed to Halletts Point Playground for consistency with the proposed project's ULURP documents.
- Chapter 29, "Response to Comments on the Draft Scope of Work and DEIS," which is entirely new to the document.
- Appendix H, "Transportation," Appendix I, "Written Comments Received on the DEIS," Appendix J, "Written Comments Received on the Draft Scope of Work," Appendix K, "Other Agency Correspondence," and Appendix L, "Mitigation—Construction Noise Results with Proposed School," which are entirely new to the document.

All text changes since publication of the DEIS are indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~ and double underlines, except in tables where only double-underlines are used for clarity. No double-underlining is used for the Foreword, Chapter 29, Appendix H, Appendix I, Appendix J, Appendix K, and Appendix L, which are entirely new to the EIS. ✷