A. INTRODUCTION

The 2001 *City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Technical Manual* defines community facilities as public or publicly funded facilities, including schools, health care, day care, libraries, and fire and police protection services. Direct effects may occur when a proposed project physically alters or displaces a community facility. Indirect effects may result from increases in population that place additional demands on community facility service delivery.

The *CEQR Technical Manual* provides thresholds to make an initial determination of whether a detailed analysis is warranted to determine potential impacts. Because the proposed project would not result in a direct effect on any community facility, nor would it contain a residential component, a detailed analysis of community facilities is not warranted. Therefore, this chapter provides information on the police and fire protection services that serve the development site.

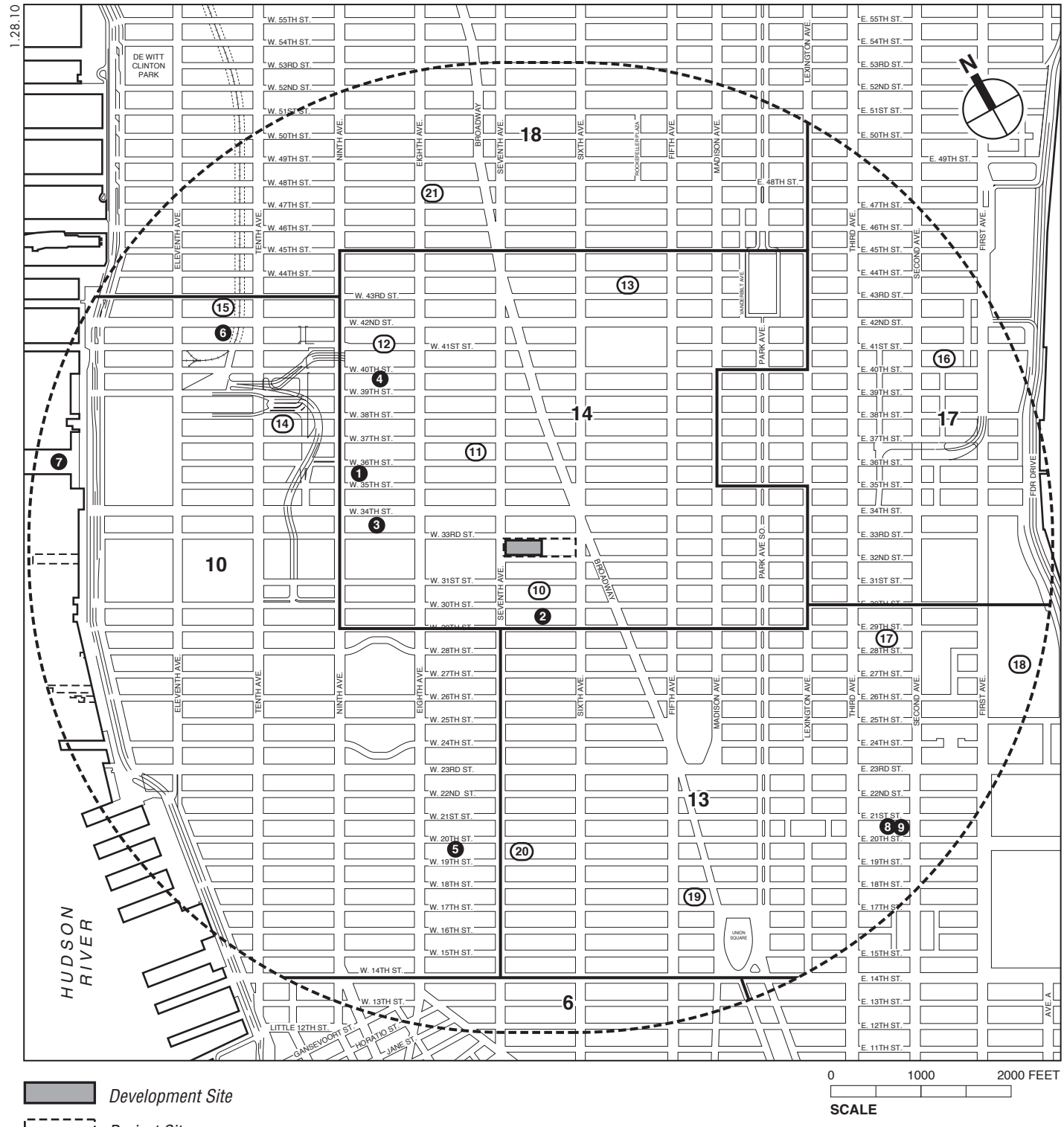
Overall, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts on community facilities as the project would not result in a direct effect on any community facility, nor would it contain a residential component that would place additional demands on the service delivery of any community facility.

B. POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

According to the *CEQR Technical Manual*, the ability of the police and fire departments to provide public safety for a new project usually does not warrant a detailed assessment under CEQR. A detailed assessment of police or fire service delivery is usually only conducted if a proposed action would have direct effects on a police precinct or fire house, either by physically altering a facility through displacement or other physical change, or by affecting access to and from a facility. The proposed project would not result in direct effects to either police or fire facilities. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to police or fire protection services. However, given the size of the proposed project, the existing police and fire facilities that would serve the development site are described below for informational purposes.

POLICE SERVICES

As shown in **Figure 5-1** and **Table 5-1**, the development site is located within the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) Midtown South (14th) Precinct. The Midtown South (14th) Precinct house is located at 357 West 35th Street and has a staff of 387 police officers. In total, the Midtown South Precinct serves an area of approximately 0.77 square miles bounded by West 45th Street, Lexington Avenue, West 29th Street, and Ninth Avenue. Additional police facilities located within the 14th Precinct include the Manhattan South Traffic Task Force and NYPD Movie and TV Unit at 138 West 30th Street, the Parking Enforcement Division at 330 West 34th Street, and the Central Warrants/Special Victims Facility at 314 West 40th Street.



Emergency Services
Figure 5-1

Table 5-1
Police Protection Services

Map No.	Police Department	Address	Facility Type	Staff
1	14th Precinct—Midtown South	357 West 35th Street	NYC Police Station	387
2	Manhattan South Traffic Task Force	138 West 30th Street	Other NYPD Facility	229
	NYPD Movie and TV Unit	138 West 30th Street	Other NYPD Facility	23
3	Parking Enforcement District	330 West 34th Street	Other NYPD Facility	Unknown*
4	Central Warrants/Special Victims	314 West 40th Street	Other NYPD Facility	Unknown*
5	10th Precinct	230 West 20th Street	NYC Police Station	151
6	Manhattan South Task Force	524 West 42nd Street	Other NYPD Facility	197
7	Mounted Unit Troop B	Pier 76	Other NYPD Facility	30
8	13th Precinct	230 East 21st Street	NYC Police Station	Unknown*
	Patrol Borough Command-Manhattan South	230 East 21st Street	Other NYPD Facility	Unknown*
9	Police Academy	235 East 20th Street	Other NYPD Facility	

Note: Refer to **Figure 5-1** for facility locations.
* The New York City Police Department was contacted for information regarding staffing levels but information was not provided.
Source: New York City Police Department, October 2008.

The 10th Precinct is to the west of the 14th Precinct, serving an area of approximately 0.93 square miles generally bounded by West 43rd Street on the north, Ninth and Seventh Avenues on the east, West 14th Street on the south, and the Hudson River on the west. The 10th Precinct house is located at 230 West 20th Street and has a staff of 151 police officers. Two other NYPD facilities are located within the 10th Precinct. The Manhattan South Task Force is located at 524 West 42nd Street and the Mounted Troop B is located at Pier 76.

The 13th Precinct is located to the south of the 14th Precinct, covering an area from 30th Street to the north, the East River to the east, 14th Street to the south, and Seventh Avenue to the west. The 13th Precinct house is located at 230 East 21st Street. The Patrol Borough Command-Manhattan South facility is located in the same building as the 13th Precinct. The Police Academy is located one block south at 235 East 20th Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

New York City Fire Department (FDNY) engine companies carry hoses; ladder companies provide search, rescue, and building ventilation functions; and rescue companies specifically respond to fires or emergencies in high-rise buildings. In addition, FDNY operates the City's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system. Normally, a total of three engine companies and two ladder companies respond to each call, although initial responses to alarms from any given call box location are sometimes determined by the specific needs of the geographic location or use at that location. Each FDNY squad company is capable of operating as an Engine, Ladder, or Rescue company, ensuring the versatility of companies for incident commanders. Each squad is also part of Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Response Group, with each company containing a HazMat Tech Unit. An FDNY battalion is the first (lowest) level of command and usually comprises five to seven companies (three to six engine companies and two to three ladder companies). There are five to six battalions in a division. FDNY can also call on units in other parts of the city as needed.

Approximately 25 personnel are staffed in each engine and ladder company. Therefore, if a firehouse contains one engine and one ladder company, a total of approximately 50 personnel

are assigned to that facility. Typically, during one shift, each engine and ladder company is manned by five and six firefighters, respectively.

As shown in **Figure 5-1** and **Table 5-2**, 12 FDNY facilities are located within one mile of the development site. Engine 1 Ladder 24 is located south of the development site at 142 West 31st Street. Engine 26, which is located at 220 West 37th Street, is the next closest facility to the development site. The EMS Battalion #9 and Engine 65 are also located in close proximity to the development site.

Table 5-2
Fire Protection Services

Map No.	Fire Department	Address	Facility Type
10	Engine 1 Ladder 24	142 West 31st Street	NYC Firehouse
11	Engine 26	220 West 37th Street	NYC Firehouse
12	EMS Battalion #9 Port Authority Outpost	641 Eighth Avenue	NYC EMS
13	Engine 65	33 West 43rd Street	NYC Firehouse
14	Engine 34 Ladder 21	440 West 38th Street	NYC Firehouse
15	Rescue Company 1	530 West 43rd Street	NYC Firehouse
16	Engine 21	238 East 40th Street	NYC Firehouse
17	Engine 16 Ladder 7	234 East 29th Street	NYC Firehouse
18	EMS Kips Bay Station #8-Bellevue Hospital	430-514 First Avenue	NYC EMS
	Engine 40 Ladder 25	131 Amsterdam Ave	NYC Firehouse
19	Engine 14	14 East 18th Street	NYC Firehouse
20	Engine 3 Ladder 12 Battalion 7	146 West 19th Street	NYC Firehouse
21	Engine 54 Ladder 4 Battalion 9	782 Eighth Avenue	NYC Firehouse

Note: Refer to **Figure 5-1** for facility locations.
Source: New York City Fire Department.

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