

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This notice is issued pursuant to the National Environmental Protection Act of 1969 and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation (a political subdivision and public benefit corporation of the State of New York), as lead agency, in cooperation with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, has accepted a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) on the proposed World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan (Proposed Action).

Project Location: The Project Site consists of the World Trade Center Site (WTC Site) and the Adjacent Sites in Lower Manhattan, New York, New York. The WTC Site is an approximately 16 acre parcel bounded by Liberty Street, Church Street, Vesey Street, and Route 9A. The Adjacent Sites include the Southern Site and the below-grade portion of Site 26 at Battery Park City. The Southern Site comprises two adjacent blocks south of the WTC Site — one bounded by Liberty, Washington, Albany, and Greenwich Streets, and the other bounded by Liberty, Cedar, and Washington Streets and Route 9A — and portions of two streets: Liberty Street between those blocks and the WTC Site, and Washington Street between Cedar and Liberty Streets. Site 26 is half the block bounded by North End Avenue, Murray and Vesey Streets, and Route 9A on the eastern side of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Project Description: The Proposed Action would provide for the construction on the Project Site of a World Trade Center Memorial and memorial-related improvements, up to 10 million square feet of above-grade Class A office space, plus associated below-grade parking, storage, mechanical, loading, and other non-office space, up to 1 million square feet of retail space, a hotel with up to 800 rooms and up to 150,000 square feet of conference space, new open space areas, museum and cultural facilities, and certain infrastructure improvements.

The Proposed Action is a Type I action under SEQRA. The DGEIS analyzes the Proposed Action's potential impacts to land use and public policy, urban design and visual resources, historic resources, open space, shadows, community facilities, socioeconomic conditions, neighborhood character, hazardous materials, infrastructure/safety/security, traffic and parking, transit and pedestrians, air quality, noise, coastal zone, floodplain, natural resources, electromagnetic fields, environmental justice, and construction. The DGEIS also considers mitigation measures, alternatives, unavoidable adverse impacts, short-term effects vs. long-term benefits, irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources, indirect and cumulative effects and other areas of potential environmental impact.

Public Hearings: Two public hearings on the DGEIS will be held on February 18, 2004, at the Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts at Pace University, located at Spruce

Street between Park Row and Gold Street in the Borough of Manhattan, one from 1 PM to 5 PM and one starting at 6 PM.

Directions: The Schimmel Center is accessible to public transportation, including the subway to Park Place via 1/9, 2/3, Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall via 4/5/6, and Broadway/Nassau Street via A/C.

The public meeting site is accessible to the mobility-impaired. Interpreter services will be available for the hearing-impaired upon advance request.

Following the public hearings, the public comment period on the DGEIS will remain open for written comments, which must be received by LMDC by 5 PM EDT on March 15, 2004. Comments received after 5 PM EDT on March 15, 2004 will not be considered. Comments should be sent to:

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Attention: Comments WTC Memorial and Redevelopment Plan/DGEIS
One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10006

Comments on the DGEIS may also be submitted until 5 PM EDT on March 15, 2004, through LMDC's website, http://www.renewnyc.com/plan_des_dev/frm_coments.asp, by choosing the category "Environmental/Plan Review."

Contact person for further information: Information regarding the Proposed Action, and a copy of the DGEIS, is available on LMDC's website: www.RenewNYC.com in the "Planning, Design & Development" section, or by contacting William H. Kelley, Planning Project Manager, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10006; Telephone: (212) 962-2300; Fax: (212) 962-2431; E-mail: wtcenvironmental@renewnyc.com. Copies of the DGEIS may be purchased for the cost of reproduction. A copy of the DGEIS is also available for public review at the following locations:

Chatham Square Library 33 East Broadway New York, NY 10002	Community Board #1 49-51 Chambers Street #715 New York, NY 10007
New Amsterdam Library 9 Murray Street New York, NY 10007	Community Board #2 3 Washington Square Park New York, NY 10012
Hamilton Fish Library 415 East Houston Street New York, NY 10002	Community Board #3 59 East 4th Street New York, NY 10003
Hudson Park Library 66 Leroy Street New York, NY 10007	

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