

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND
NEGATIVE DECLARATION/DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

**RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ALLEN AND
PIKE STREET MALLS PROJECT**

Date: April 8, 2010

This determination is issued pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and their respective implementing regulations.

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), a subsidiary of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation (a political subdivision and public benefit corporation of the State of New York), as lead agency, in cooperation with The City of New York, has determined that the Reconstruction of the Allen and Pike Street Malls Project (Proposed Project) will not, either individually or cumulatively, have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment or a significant adverse environmental impact. LMDC is therefore not required to prepare an environmental impact statement under either NEPA or SEQRA.

Name of Action: Reconstruction of the Allen and Pike Street Malls Project

SEQRA Status: The Proposed Project is a Type I Action

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Description of Action:

The Proposed Project will improve public open space and streetscapes through the reconstruction of median malls along Allen and Pike Streets.

Location:

The Proposed Project is located in Lower Manhattan (New York County) along Allen and Pike Streets between Delancey and South Streets.

Reasons Supporting this Finding and Determination:

LMDC, as lead agency, has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Proposed Project, which considers the action's potential for environmental effects.

Potential impacts of the Proposed Project were analyzed in the following areas: land use, zoning, and public policy; socioeconomic conditions; community facilities and services; open space; shadows; historic resources; urban design and visual resources; neighborhood character; natural resources (including floodplain); hazardous materials; waterfront revitalization program; infrastructure; solid waste and sanitation; energy; traffic and parking; transit and pedestrians; air quality; noise; construction impacts; environmental justice; and cumulative impacts.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, LMDC proposes to prepare a programmatic agreement or other monitoring agreement, in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, to address the potential need for additional consultation, testing and monitoring where excavations of greater than two feet will occur in areas found to have a moderate potential for the recovery of historic period archaeological resources.

Based on the EA, LMDC has determined that the Proposed Project will not, either individually or cumulatively, have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment or a significant adverse environmental impact. A full statement of the reasons supporting this determination is set forth in the EA.

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