Foreword

This document is the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Phased Redevelopment of Governors Island. The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (ODMED) in the Office of the Mayor is the lead agency for the preparation of this GEIS, with The Trust for Governors Island (The Trust) as the applicant. ODMED determined the Draft GEIS (DGEIS) for the proposed action to be complete and issued a Notice of Completion for it on October 21, 2011. A public hearing on the DGEIS was held in Spector Hall at 22 Reade Street in Manhattan, on November 21, 2011. Comments were accepted throughout the public comment period, which remained open until December 2, 2011.

No substantive changes have been made to the Proposed Project since publication of the DGEIS. This FGEIS accounts for relevant substantive comments made on the DGEIS since its publication and during the public comment period. The comments are summarized and responses are provided in Chapter 27, "Response to Comments on the DGEIS."

All changes to the text since publication of the DGEIS are indicated. Where the DGEIS text has been deleted it is left in place and indicated by ~~strikethrough~~; text added to the FGEIS is indicated by double-underlining. This Foreword and Chapter 27 are presented for the first time in this FGEIS, so no double underlining is used. ✷