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Public Notice

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application from 135 Kent Avenue Management Corp. for a site known as the 135 Kent Avenue site, ID #C224177. This site is located in the Borough of Brooklyn, within the County of Kings, and is located at 135 Kent Avenue. **Comments regarding this application must be submitted no later than September 20, 2013.** [Information](#) regarding the site, the application, and how to submit comments can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html> or send comments to: Ioana Munteanu-Ramnic, NYS DEC - Region 2 Office, Division of Environmental Remediation, 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101, Phone: (718) 482-4065, E-mail: ixmuntea@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application from Queens Development Group, LLC; QDG URA Corporation; QDG Hotel Partners, LLC; QDG 126th Street Partners, LLC; QDG Parking Partners, LLC; and QDG Retail Partners, LLC for a site known as the Willets Point

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Development, Site ID #C241146. This site is located in the City of New York, within the County of Queens, and is located at 126th St./Willeys Point Boulevard. **Comments regarding this application must be submitted no later than September 20, 2013.** [Information](#) regarding the site, the application, and how to submit comments can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html> or send comments to: Dana Kaplan, NYS DEC - Region 2 Office, Division of Environmental Remediation, 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101 Phone: (718) 482-7541, E-mail: dpkaplan@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

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Negative Declaration

Richmond County (Staten Island) - The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed Recreate NY Home Buyout - Oakwood Beach Area, Staten Island Site-specific Properties Acquisition/Demolition will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. In October 2012, Tropical Storm Sandy storm surges, rain and flooding caused substantial damage to infrastructure, private property and the environment. New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYS HCR) was awarded grant funds to assist homeowners whose primary residences were substantially damaged. The project provides a way for owners to dispose of properties and relocate to safer places. The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (NYSHTFC) Oakwood Beach Community Buyout Program is a site-specific project proposal to acquire approximately 300 homes and properties, with the option of up to 510 homes and properties opting into the buyout plan covering the street grid around western Mill Road in Oakwood Beach, Staten Island. The project area is in federally designated Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE). This voluntary homeowner buyout will provide for public sector acquisition of parcels and structures. The plan is to demolish damaged housing stock that is located in an unsafe place which faces chronic future disruption from

climate change and sea-level rise. Owners will be reimbursed fair market value for units based on pre-Sandy conditions. The area will result in open space state created by demolishing homes and ancillary structures on the named streets. Demolition will adhere to accepted best management practices. The project will enhance open space quality consistent with waterfront- and coastal-area policy. Moreover, a floodplain management plan in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards was completed as part of environmental review. The overall intent is to remove housing that is at risk of future storm damage, aid owner and tenant relocation, and provide open space restoration. Under this project no new housing is proposed within the flood hazard area. Funding is by the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (US CBDG-DR) with funds administered by the NYSHTFC.

The project is located on Aviston Street, Carmella Court, Cedar Grove Avenue, Delwitt Avenue, Dugdale Street, Fairbanks Avenue, Foxbeach Avenue, Fox Lane, Kissam Avenue, Merkel Place, Mill Lane, Mill Road, Promenade Avenue, Riga Street and Tarlton Street in the Oakwood Beach section of Staten Island, New York

Contact: Heather Spitzberg, New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207, Phone: (518) 486-3379, E-mail: nyscdbg_dr_er@nyshcr.org.

Notice of Acceptance of Final EIS

Queens County (Queens) - The New York City Planning Commission, as lead agency, has accepted a Final Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Halletts Point Rezoning. Copies of the Final EIS for the proposed Halletts Point Rezoning project may be obtained from: Robert Dobruskin, New York City Department of City Planning, Environmental Assessment and Review Division, 22 Reade Street, Room 4E, New York, NY 10007, Phone: (212) 720-3423; Robert Kulikowski, Office of Environmental Coordination, 100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10038, Phone: (212) 788-2937 and on the

NYC Department of City Planning's website at
http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/env_review/eis.shtml.

The action involves a proposal by the applicant, Halletts A Development Company, LLC, in conjunction with New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) who would be a co-applicant for certain discretionary approvals affecting the existing NYCHA Astoria Houses campus, is requesting discretionary approvals that will facilitate a mixed-use development on several parcels on Halletts Point along the East River.

The proposed actions being requested by the applicants from the New York City Planning Commission (NYCPC) include zoning map changes; zoning text amendments; Large-Scale General Development (LSGD) special permits related to bulk and rear yard; waterfront special permits related to height, setback, floor area coverage, and minimum distance between buildings; waterfront authorizations and certifications; and City mapping actions. Other discretionary actions being requested from other City, State, and Federal agencies include NYCHA board and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval of the disposition of public housing property; New York State Office of General Services (NYS OGS) approval for disposition of a negative easement; permits and approvals by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for in-water and tidal wetlands construction activities; State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit from NYS DEC; alienation of Parkland by the New York State Legislature; and, potential financing from City and/or State agencies for affordable housing construction. The proposed disposition of NYCHA property will require a federal approval subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

By 2022, the proposed actions would facilitate the development of eight buildings of approximately 2.73 million gross square feet in total that would include approximately 2.2 million gross square feet of residential space (2,644 housing units including 2,161 market-rate

and 483 affordable housing units); approximately 69,000 gross square feet of retail space (including an approximately 30,100 gross square foot retail space designed for supermarket use); and 1,400 accessory parking spaces. The proposed project would also include approximately 105,735 square feet (2.43 acres) of publicly accessible open space, including a waterfront esplanade along the East River and upland connections to 1st Street. The proposed project would include improvements to stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure to support the new development. Other improvements would be made to the street network (reconnection of Astoria Boulevard, traffic directional changes, and pedestrian access) and transit services (an on-street bus layover facility) of the area. Absent the proposed actions, the project site would remain as it is under existing conditions of light manufactory uses and the present NYCHA Astoria House campus.

The project comprises all or portions of eight tax lots on the Halletts Point peninsula (along the East River) in Astoria, New York.

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Queens County (Queens) - The New York City Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic, as lead agency, has accepted a Final Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Willets Point Development. The Final EIS is available on line at:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/oec/html/ceqr/project_willets_point.shtml.

The action involves the proposed modifications to the previously approved Willets Point Development Plan for the Special Willets Point District in Queens to include the proposed "Willets West" development on the surface parking lot west of the CitiField baseball stadium; the development of structured parking facilities on surface parking lots south of Roosevelt Avenue; and changes to the phasing of the project. The proposed project could result in up to 10.34 million square feet of development

and include residential, retail, hotel, convention center, entertainment, commercial office, community facility, open space, and parking uses. The 108.9 acre project site is roughly bounded by Shea Road and Northern Boulevard to the north, the Van Wyck Expressway to the east, Roosevelt Avenue and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Corona Rail Yard to the south, and Shea Road to the west. The proposed actions would include a zoning text amendment to allow use modifications as part of a phased development within the Special Willets Point District, a special permit to allow interim surface parking/recreation uses within the Special Willets Point District, modification of the existing lease for the CitiField property and adjacent parking properties, Mayoral and Queens Borough Board approval of the business terms pursuant to NYC Charter section 384(b)(4), approval for the waiver of the mortgage recording tax for property within the Special Willets Point District, and minor modification of previously approved changes to the City Map to modify the staging for the closure of City Streets. The Notice of Completion and the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement were issued by the New York City Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development on Friday, August 19, 2013. The project is located on Northern Boulevard, Roosevelt Avenue, Grand Central Parkway, Van Wyck Expressway in Queens, New York.

Contact: Rob Holbrook, New York City Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, 110 William Street, New York, NY 10038, Phone: (212) 312-3706, E-mail: rholbrook@nycedc.com.