

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT of HEALTH (NYSDOH)
JEWISH HOME LIFECARE, MANHATTAN
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

This notice is issued pursuant to the *State Environmental Quality Review Act* (“*SEQRA*”), codified at Article 8 of the *New York Environmental Conservation Law* (“*ECL*”), and its implementing regulations, promulgated at Part 617 of Title 6 of the *New York Code, Rules and Regulations* (“*NYCRR*”), which collectively contain the requirements for the *SEQRA* process, and Part 97 of Title 10 of the *N.Y.C.R.R.*, which is the New York State Department of Health (“*NYSDOH*”) regulation implementing *SEQRA*.

NYSDOH, as lead agency, having issued a *Positive Declaration Determination of Significance Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement* on June 5, 2013, indicating that the Proposed Action described below may have a significant effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“*DEIS*”) will be prepared, announces that a public scoping meeting will be conducted to allow all involved and interested agencies and members of the public an opportunity to comment on the scope of the *DEIS*.

Lead Agency: New York State Department of Health
Title of Action: Jewish Home Lifecare, Manhattan
Replacement Nursing Facility Project
Approval of Construction Application
(Certificate of Need Project # 121075- C)
SEQRA Status: Type I Action — 6 *NYCRR* 617.4(b)(6)(v) and
10 *NYCRR* Part 97.14(b)(1)(v)

Description of Proposed Action and Proposed Project. NYSDOH has received a request from Jewish Home Lifecare, Manhattan (“*JHL, Manhattan*”), a member of Jewish Home Lifecare System, to construct a replacement nursing facility (the “*Proposed Project*”). For purposes of *SEQRA*, the Proposed Action would consist of NYSDOH’s approval of a construction application filed pursuant to Section 2802 of the *Public Health Law* (“*PHL*”) that would consist of *JHL, Manhattan*’s plan to rebuild its Manhattan Division, which is currently located at 120 West 106th Street, at a new location at 125 West 97th Street (the “*Project Site*”) in Manhattan’s Upper West Side neighborhood. The Proposed Project would result in the construction of a new 414-bed skilled nursing facility in a single, newly-constructed building on the Project Site with private- and semi-private rooms, replacing the 514 existing, mostly semi-private beds currently located in several older buildings in *JHL, Manhattan*’s existing nursing facility.

The Proposed Project would redevelop an existing, approximately 31,804-square-foot (“*sf*”), 88-space surface accessory parking lot located on the Project Site with a new, 20-story (plus cellar floor), approximately 376,000-gross-square-foot (“*gsf*”) building. Construction is expected to begin in 2014 and last approximately 31 months. Occupants would move into the new facility over the course of 4 to 10 months. The Proposed Project is expected to be completed and occupied by 2018.

Location of Proposed Project. The Proposed Project would be located at 125 West 97th Street (Block 1852, Lot 5) in the borough of Manhattan, New York County, New York. The Project Site is located on the southern portion of the superblock bounded by West 100th Street to the north, West 97th Street to the south, Columbus Avenue to the east, and Amsterdam Avenue to the west.

Other Approvals. NYSDOH is the only identified agency with a discretionary *SEQRA* action.

Scoping Process. In accordance with *SEQRA*, the Lead Agency is initiating a process to define the scope of the DEIS. As a first step in that process, a Draft Scoping Document for the DEIS has been prepared and made available to agencies and the public for review and comment. The Draft Scoping Document presents the scope of work for the DEIS. The Lead Agency invites comments on this document. Written comments may be sent to the contact person listed below.

Public Scoping Meeting. A public scoping meeting has been scheduled as follows:

Thursday, June 27, 2013

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

P.S. 163

163 West 97th Street

New York, New York 10025

The purpose of the meeting is to allow all involved and interested agencies and members of the public an opportunity to comment on the scope of the DEIS. Copies of the Draft Scoping Document can be obtained via a written request to the contact person or at the public scoping meeting. The Draft Scoping Document may also be viewed on the NYSDOH's website at: http://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/cons/environmental_quality_review/jewish_home_lifecare/

Written comments on the Draft Scoping Document may be sent to the contact person and will be accepted for a period of ten calendar days following the close of the Public Scoping Meeting. **For Further Information Contact:** Charles P. Abel, Acting Director, Division of Health Facility Planning, New York State Department of Health, Room 1805, Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12237. **Email:** dhfpdivoffice@health.state.ny.us
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