# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

COMBINED NOTICE OF POSITIVE DECLARATION
AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPE FOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL SCOPING MEETING

## MATRIX GLOBAL LOGISTICS PARK WEST CAMPUS

**PROJECT** 

SPONSOR: Matrix Staten Island Western Parcel Development, LLC

Forsgate Drive CN 4000

Cranbury, NJ 08512

**PROJECT** 

**LOCATION:** 530-534 Gulf Avenue, Staten Island, Block 1835, Lot 150, 300 and 550, part of

Lot 100, and a small area of Block 1760, Lot 115.

#### **NYSDEC APPLICATIONS AND ID NUMBERS:**

DEC # 2-6401-00042/00079

**SCOPING SESSION:** Thursday September 8, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Virtual Scoping session via WebEx (See details below)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), as Lead Agency pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR), has determined that the proposed construction and operation of the Matrix Global Logistics Park West Campus is a Type I Action and may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) must be prepared. The proposed action is the development of two (2) logistics facilities located along the east side of the Arthur Kill at 530-534 Gulf Avenue, Staten Island, on the north and south side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street/Frank W. Gay Blvd. The action involves the development of approximately 95 acres containing both regulated freshwater wetlands and tidal wetlands and the construction of two (2) buildings totaling approximately 1.78 million square feet; 1,010 parking spaces; 303 truck loading berths; 225 trailer parking spaces; utilities (including an 8-inch natural gas main); sewer and water infrastructure; roadway improvements; a stormwater management system; and accessory structures. As proposed, the action would involve: infilling 3.2 acres of state regulated freshwater wetlands and 0.02 acres of state regulated tidal wetlands; developing within twenty-four (24) acres of state regulated wetland adjacent area and conducting approximately 6.4 acres of onsite wetland mitigation. Primary access to the proposed action from Gulf Avenue would be provided by a proposed western extension of Frank W. Gay Blvd/5<sup>th</sup> Street. The 95-acre site of the proposed action is located primarily on portions of 5 lots, where the total area of the five (5) lots is approximately 261 acres. A draft scoping document has been prepared to outline the content of the required Draft EIS.

# STATE AND LOCAL PERMITS/APPROVALS REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT:

- Article 24 Freshwater Wetland Permit (DEC)
- Article 25 Tidal Wetland Permit (DEC)
- Article 15 Protection of Water (DEC)
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification (DEC)
- SPDES Permit (DEC)
- Article 11/Part 182 Endangered and Threatened Species of Fish and Wildlife; Species of Special Concern; Incidental Take possible
- Part 601 Water Withdrawal (DEC) possible
- Part 360 Solid Waste (DEC) possible
- New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT)
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (USACE)
- Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act (USACE)

**SCOPING MEETING**: A virtual public scoping meeting will be held on September 8, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. (EST) pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 to gather unsworn, public comment on the draft scoping document and proposed content of the Draft EIS. The Scoping Meeting will be conducted electronically before ALJ Molly T. McBride through the Webex Webinar platform. All persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies which may be affected by the proposed project are invited to attend the scoping meeting and to submit oral or written comments.

Any person who wishes to speak must pre-register by 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 2022. Any person who wishes only to observe the webinar online must also register. Any person may listen to the hearing by phone without pre-registration. After registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation by email with information about how to join the hearing.

To pre-register, use the following link:

## Register link:

https://meetny-broadcast-pilot.webex.com/meetny-broadcast-pilot/j.php?RGID=r0ff6398377a26fc2f295cfd28de44620

To join by phone only:

Dial: 1-518-549-0500 Access Code: 2340 985 2803

Password: 73780676 from phones

Persons who wish to receive the instructions by mail or telephone may contact the DEC Office of Hearings and Mediation Services by telephone at (518) 402-9003 or by email to ohms@dec.ny.gov. Please provide your first and last name, address, and telephone number and reference the Matrix public scoping meeting.

Lengthy statements should be in writing and summarized for oral presentation. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker to afford everyone an opportunity to be heard. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements. Interpreter services shall be made available to deaf persons, and translator services shall be made available to persons with limited English proficiency, at no charge for either service, upon written request by 5:00 p.m. August 29, 2022. Requests should be submitted to NYSDEC Office of Communication Services, either by mail (address: NYSDEC, Office of Communication Services, Albany, New York 12233-4500), by telephone (518-402-

8044) or by e-mail (language@dec.ny.gov).

**SCOPING SESSION PURPOSE:** The purpose of scoping is to define the extent to which environmental impacts identified in the Department's Positive Declaration and project sponsor's Draft Scoping Document will be evaluated in the DEIS. Scoping will help to ensure that this DEIS is a comprehensive, accurate and complete document, adequate for public review and which properly evaluates the environmental impacts that may occur if the landfill expansion is approved. (DEC has published general information about the scoping process in the SEQRA Handbook, pages 110-112, found here: <a href="www.dec.ny.gov/permits/357.html">www.dec.ny.gov/permits/357.html</a>.

**AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION:** A copy of the draft scoping document and SEQR Positive Declaration may be viewed on the DEC Matrix Global Logistics Park West webpage: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/125941.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/125941.html</a> and the project sponsor's webpage: <a href="http://matrixwestcampusdocuments.com/">http://matrixwestcampusdocuments.com/</a>

Paper copies of the draft scoping document and SEQR Positive Declaration may be viewed at the DEC Region 2 Office in Long Island City during normal business hours by appointment by emailing the contact person below.

**COMMENTS:** Written comments on the draft scoping document are being accepted by DEC and must be submitted by mail or e-mail to the contact person listed below by September 23, 2022. Written comments should be limited in content to comments on potential significant adverse impacts. General opposition to the proposal cannot be accommodated within the scoping document or the Draft EIS. **Equal weight is given to written and oral comments.** 

**CONTACT PERSON:** Stephen A. Watts, Regional Permit Administrator, NYSDEC Region 2, Hunters Point Plaza, 47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Long Island City, NY 11101

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