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Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

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**Proposed Expansion of Boating at Cannonsville Reservoir
CEQR No. 09DEP047U**

This Negative Declaration has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) process as set forth in Executive Order 91 of 1977 and amendments, and Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law establishing the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its regulations as set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), as lead agency, had determined that the proposed action described below would not have a significant effect on the environment and is herein publishing a Negative Declaration. Part I of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was distributed on February 27, 2009.

Action Description

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) proposes to designate portions of Cannonsville Reservoir in Delaware County as Recreational Boating Areas as defined in proposed amendments to Title 15, Chapter 16 of the Rules of the City of New York, the existing rules governing the recreational use of New York City water supply lands and waters (Existing Rules). The Existing Rules only allow boating for fishing purposes and restrict the types of boats allowed. The revised rules (Proposed Rules) provide expanded recreational boating opportunities to the public by allowing additional types of boats to be used in Recreational Boating Areas specifically designated by the NYCDEP without the requirement that occupants of these boats be engaged in fishing. Under the Proposed Rules, boats eligible for Recreational Boat Tags include canoes, sculls, small sailboats with removable center/dagger boards and jonboats that measure no less than eleven feet six inches (11' 6") in length and kayaks that measure no less than nine (9) feet in length. Inflatable boats, collapsible boats and motorized boats are still prohibited. All boats would have to be steam cleaned prior to entry into the reservoir. All boats would be required to be hand carried into the water. Swimming would still be prohibited. The Proposed Rules continue to ensure that appropriate protections are in place to protect water quality and ensure security. The amendments have been written to allow NYCDEP to designate Recreational Boating Areas at City-owned reservoirs or portions thereof, after compliance with site specific environmental reviews of each potential Recreational Boating Area.

NYCDEP in partnership with local watershed community officials, stakeholders and regulatory agencies proposes to develop and implement through a collaborative process an expanded boating program at the Cannonsville Reservoir that is proposed to commence Memorial Day Weekend (22 May) 2009. The annual season would end Columbus Day weekend. Boating on the Reservoir would be allowed from sun up to sun down. To support the expanded boating program at the proposed Recreational Boating Areas at Cannonsville Reservoir, NYCDEP proposes to create eight boat launch areas, six of which are located in the Town of Tomkins and two of which are located in the Town of Walton. Each boat launch area would consist of a parking area including handicap parking at three sites (Dry Brook, Patterson, and Apex Bridge), an access road, an information kiosk, a handicap accessible portable toilets at the three sites with handicap parking and regular portable toilets at the other sites, and a flagpole in addition to signage as needed in order to assist boaters with identifying the launch area they utilized. The parking areas would be composed of gravel and the access roads would be composed of gravel except where paved access roads already exist (Dry Brook, Patterson and Apex Bridge)

The proposed boat launch areas, parking capacity, handicap accessibility are presented below: Projected parking is a total of 126 vehicles based on minimum space requirements (9' x 18').

Town of Tomkins

- Dry Brook: 193' x 74' = 21 cars and room for trailers (Handicap Accessible)
- Patterson Property: 98' x 79' = 20 cars and room for trailers. (Handicap Accessible)
- Dryden Brook: 53' x 30' = 5 cars, no trailers.
- Chamberlain Brook: 139' x 42' = 15 cars and trailers.
- Mormon Hollow Brook: 62' x 42' = 7 cars and room for trailers. (There is room for a second parking area at the top by the road for another 15 cars and trailers).
- Apex Bridge: 97' x 33' & 80' X 33' = total of 18 cars and room for trailers (Handicap Accessible)

Town of Walton

- Beers Brook: 129' x 34' = 14 cars and room for trailers.
- Fish Brook: 100' x 33' = 11 cars.

Project Purpose

The primary purpose of the Proposed Action to designate portions of Cannonsville Reservoir as Recreational Boating Areas is to improve regional recreational opportunities for watershed residents and visitors and to promote environmentally sound economic development by allowing certain new types of reservoir recreational boating, as discussed above. All recreational activities would be conducted in a manner that would ensure appropriate protections are in place to protect water quality and ensure security of the water supply system.

Environmental Assessment

This environmental review is the site-specific environmental review for the designation of Recreational Boating Areas at Cannonsville Reservoir. The Proposed Rules are currently undergoing public review. Recreational boating would not be permitted at Cannonsville Reservoir until the Proposed Rules are promulgated. If the Proposed Rules are not promulgated, no recreational boating would be undertaken at Cannonsville Reservoir and the activities to support the recreational boating would be utilized for the existing fishing program.

The environmental review of the Proposed Action will evaluate the potential for significant adverse impacts that could occur as a result of designating portions of the Cannonsville Reservoir as Recreational Boating Areas. This environmental assessment evaluates the potential impacts of expanding boating opportunities to include additional kinds of boats in the reservoir and the creation of boat launch facilities to support recreational boating at Cannonsville Reservoir.

Below is an analysis of the environmental assessment criteria considered to have potential to be affected by the Proposed Action.

Natural Resources

Water Quality

It is the intent of the Proposed Action to make Cannonsville Reservoir more accessible for recreational use without weakening the water quality protections codified in Title 15, Chapter 16 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY). For example, the following are activities that would continue to be prohibited under the proposed boating expansion program: the use of motorized equipment, littering, polluting, or dumping; bathing, swimming, or washing of any objects; camping; and depositing game entrails in any watercourse or within a certain distance of such watercourses. In addition, recreational users would be responsible for their trash, which would be handled by a carry-in carry-out policy. Portable toilets would be provided at the boat launch sites. NYCDEP staff would conduct weekly inspections of launch sites noting any issues and remove garbage as necessary.

Site work at the proposed boat launch areas would be conducted in a manner to minimize disturbance. Silt fencing would be established around the limits of disturbed areas and gravel would be applied as soon as an area is cleared and grubbed (on the same day). Dry Brook is the only boat launch ramp site that would require work below the high water level of the Reservoir. At this location there is an existing paved road that was originally installed prior to Reservoir construction. Sediment that is currently on the road (approximately three inches in depth, twelve feet in width) would be scraped as the level of the reservoir drops to within twenty feet of the water surface. No fill would be placed in the Reservoir. The sediment excavated is not anticipated to exceed 50 cubic yards. During the removal of the sediment, silt fencing and other sediment control measures would be placed around the excavation area to prevent sediment from entering the reservoir, thus minimizing the potential for adverse water quality effects of the

excavation from turbidity increases. Site work for all eight sites would be temporary and anticipated to be about one month in duration.

At all sites, no trailers or vehicles would be allowed to enter the water. All watercrafts would be required to be hand carried in and out of the reservoirs to prevent pollution from the vehicles entering the Reservoir.

NYCDEP prohibits the use of live aquatic bait from waters infested with zebra mussels, which are organisms that can clog public drinking water intakes and disrupt aquatic systems. All recreational boats would be subject to the same requirements as permitted fishing boats, and would be required to be steam cleaned before placed on the reservoir or in approved/assigned boat storage locations. Equipment to be used with the boats would also be required to be steam cleaned, including sails and paddles. The types of boats allowed for recreational boating have been limited to boats that can easily be steam cleaned. Steam cleaning is a requirement to obtain a Boat Tag for the reservoir. Certified Steam Cleaning vendors would be trained by NYCDEP to assure adequate cleaning. This requirement aids in the prevention of zebra mussel infestation in the City's water supply reservoirs and lakes, as well as prevent other contaminants, pollutants, and organisms from entering the waters.

NYCDEP regularly monitors the quality of water at Cannonsville Reservoir. The West Delaware Tunnel Outlet into Rondout Reservoir, with water originating from Cannonsville Reservoir, is monitored on a daily basis throughout the year for various water quality constituents. Elevation taps, sampled weekly at the West Delaware Intake Chamber, provide an indication of water quality at three water column elevations. Limnological surveys of the Cannonsville Reservoir are now performed monthly (April- November). Multiple depths at six site locations are assessed. Monitoring for zebra mussel veligers is currently conducted during May, August, and October at Dry Brook and DEP launch area and for zebra mussel adults at Trout Creek, the Cannonsville Dam, and at the intake structures. Additional reservoir monitoring sites would be added following the designation of recreational boating areas (e.g., an additional site will added at Chamberlain Brook). NYCDEP would also increase monitoring to monthly May through October for both zebra mussel veligers and adults. NYCDEP would also expand their comprehensive monitoring program at Cannonsville to effectively monitor any changes in water quality as a result of the proposed expanded boating program. Therefore, it should become apparent if recreational use of reservoirs were impairing or had the potential to significantly impair water quality. NYCDEP would retain the authority to limit or prohibit access to Recreational Boating Areas if it is determined that there is potential to significantly impair water quality as a result of activities within these areas.

NYCDEP Police would enforce the proposed rules. NYCDEP would communicate what areas are designated for recreational boating use and whether access to any of the areas is restricted via posted signs, direct mailings to Access Permit holders, press releases, NYCDEP's web site, announcements on 1-800-575-LAND (5263), and NYCDEP's annual newsletter *Watershed Recreation* which is sent to Access Permit holders and posted on the NYCDEP website. In

addition, buoys on the Reservoir would be placed to restrict access in certain areas. The West Delaware Intake Chamber is located near the geographic center of the reservoir and the dam is at the western edge. Both currently require a 500 foot buffer zone for physical security. To limit the possibility of bodily contact with the water in the water supply reservoirs, the use of sailboats, which may have a higher tip over frequency, would be limited to portions of the reservoir outside of the 60 day travel time to New York City. Sailboats would be restricted to the area between Trout Creek Bridge and Cannonsville Bridge.

As long as users of the Cannonsville Reservoir and lands use them while abiding by the RCNY, significant adverse water quality impacts are not anticipated as a result of the proposed action. NYCDEP Police would continue to enforce these rules under the proposed expanded boating program. If the proposed Recreational Boating Areas are further expanded in the future, water quality would continue to be monitored and NYCDEP could limit or prohibit access as deemed necessary.

Therefore, it is not anticipated that the Proposed Action would have a significant adverse impact on water quality.

Soil Impacts

The creation of Recreational Boating launch areas would require creating or improving gravel parking areas, launch ramps, Kiosks, portable restrooms, and user access ways. As mentioned above, site work for the creation of boat launch areas would include the use of silt fencing around limits of disturbed areas and gravel would be applied as soon as an area is cleared and grubbed (on the same day). All other disturbed areas at the launch sites would be re-seeded and mulched. The silt fencing would be removed upon establishment of at least 70% of the vegetation in the re-seeded areas.

Stormwater controls around the access roads and parking areas would include various best management practices (BMPs) such as the use of check dams, stone lined drainage ditches, infiltration trenches, swales and berms. Stone filled trenches would be emplaced at the small kiosk roof drip lines to account for the impervious surfaces of the kiosk roofs.

In addition, it should be noted that NYCDEP would continue to provide maintenance and upkeep to ensure that no detrimental affects occur to nature or the water quality of the receiving waters from these lands. NYCDEP would monitor access ramps into the water for potential for erosion. If it is determined that soil impacts are occurring as a result of the increased usership at Recreational Boating Areas, NYCDEP would further implement additional BMPs to reduce or alleviate the soil impacts resulting from the public's use of these areas. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed action would result in significant adverse soil impacts.

Wildlife

As discussed above, the RCNY prohibit the use of live aquatic bait on City property from waters infested with zebra mussels and require inspection and cleaning of boats immediately before they are placed at Fishing Areas, Recreational Boating Areas on City property or transferred between reservoirs. These requirements aid in the prevention of zebra mussel infestation and the introduction of other contaminants, pollutants, and organisms from entering the City's water supply reservoirs and lakes, and they therefore have a beneficial impact on aquatic wildlife.

There are several bald eagles' nests in the vicinity of the proposed designated Recreational Boating Areas. NYCDEP in discussion with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) selected the location of the proposed boat launch areas to minimize potential impacts to the eagle habitats and would enforce certain restrictions on boating in certain areas.

After discussion with NYSDEC, NYCDEP proposes to prohibit recreational boating before September first, from the beginning of the reservoir near the NYCDEP Police Precinct at Beerston, to the mouth of Fish Brook in the vicinity of Fish Brook Road, to protect eagles' habitats. Recreational boating in this area would be permitted only between September 1 and Columbus Day Weekend. This restriction is under further review by the NYSDEC and may be modified. If the restriction is modified, it would be as a result of a determination that relaxing the restriction would not result in a potential adverse impact to the eagles or their habitat.

Eagle nest areas are also present near the Mormom Hollow Brook and Apex Bridge launch sites. In accordance with NYSDEC requirements, a 700 foot set-back distance from eagles or eagle nests would be maintained. Eagle watching etiquette would be communicated via brochures and briefings to all recreational boat users.

An increased number of recreational users talking and paddling has the potential to increase noise levels. But these boat users would likely be spread out across the Reservoir and not be concentrated in one particular area. And given the 700 foot buffer zone, it is not anticipated that increased recreational activity would adversely impact the bald eagles.

NYCDEP and NYSDEC would continue to monitor and manage these areas to prevent detrimental impacts to these sensitive species. NYCDEP maintains the right to limit or suspend recreational opportunities in the vicinity of the species as necessary in order to protect these species.

Therefore it is not anticipated that the Proposed Action would have any significant impact on wildlife.

Vegetation

Some tree removal would be required for proposed parking areas for the Recreation Boating Launch sites. No trees would be removed from four of the proposed boat launch sites (Dryden

Brook, Apex Bridge, Fish Brook, Beers Brook). At Mormom Hollow Brook a total of 10 trees would be removed, nine are less than two inches in diameter and one is four inches in diameter. At Chamberlain Brook a total of 45 trees would be removed, eight of which would be greater than four inches in diameter. At Patterson a total of 6 trees would be removed, 2 of which are greater than four inches in diameter. At Dry Brook a total of 25 trees would be removed, 6 of which are greater than four inches in diameter. The number of trees proposed for removal is minimal compared to the large forested area that is well managed and protected in the watershed. The trees less than 4 inches are primarily saplings and provide minimal habitat to animals. The removal of these trees should not adversely impact erosion or animal habitat.

It is not anticipated that the proposed action would have any potential significant impacts on Vegetation.

Wetlands

There is one U.S. Army Corps wetland (1.12 acres) in the vicinity of the Dryden Brook boat launch site. The existing parking lot at the Dryden brook site is approximately 125 feet from the wetland. Improvements to the parking area near the wetland would include adding and grading gravel as well as stormwater BMPs. No work or access is proposed in the wetlands or closer than 125 feet from the wetland. In addition, the BMPs should prevent stormwater flow from the parking lot from adversely affecting the wetland.

Therefore it is not anticipated that the proposed action would have any potential significant impacts on wetlands.

Socioeconomic Conditions

It is anticipated that expanding boating at Cannonsville Reservoir would result in a beneficial impact to the economies of the towns in proximity to the Reservoir.

By allowing recreational boating at Cannonsville Reservoir, it is anticipated that usership of the NYC watershed lands would increase above its current usership. It is expected that these additional visitors would patronize businesses in the local communities, including such businesses as gas stations, restaurants, hotels, and sporting goods shops, thus infusing capital into the local economy.

Currently 411 boats are registered as fishing boats at the Reservoir, however currently peak usage of the Reservoir is approximately 10 boats on weekends. The proposed expansion of boating to allow for recreational boats is planned to be able to support up to 2,000 boat visits across the boating season. At any one given time, boat usage would be limited by the number of available parking spaces, which are currently approximately 126 spaces. Therefore, if every parking space were used, up to approximately 126 boats could utilize the Reservoir at a time.

Currently no commercial enterprises at the boat launch sites are planned, but they may be considered in the future. Approximately five part-time steam cleaning businesses would be

created by the Proposed Action. The expansion of boating would not result in either direct or indirect displacement of businesses or residents because the proposed project is on NYC-owned lands, on which no businesses or residences exist.

Therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed project would result in a significant adverse socioeconomic impact.

Induced Growth

The proposed project is to allow recreational boating in certain areas of Cannonsville Reservoir. It is anticipated that the anticipated boaters who would take advantage of the increased recreational opportunities provided by the proposed project would patronize businesses in the communities around the Reservoir and would provide additional inputs into the regional and local economies beyond inputs from tourism currently experienced as a result of recreational use of NYC watershed lands.

The boating program is planned to support up to 2,000 additional boat visits during the course of the season. At any one given time a maximum of approximately 126 boats could utilize the Reservoir, given that 126 parking spaces would be provided at the eight designated boat launch areas.

While it is anticipated that the proposed project could result in increased economic activity in the local communities around the Reservoir due to increase in usership, it is not anticipated that the level of activity would rise to a level to induce new businesses to move to the area or for existing businesses to expand significantly.

It is anticipated that many of the additional users would be existing watershed residents or visitors and tourists. It is not anticipated that the proposed action would result in an increase in migration that would substantially affect the services or needs of the local communities.

Therefore, it is not anticipated that the Proposed Action would result in a significant adverse growth inducement impact to the local communities in the vicinity of Cannonsville Reservoir.

Community Character

The designation of Recreational Boating Areas could attract greater numbers of users to Cannonsville Reservoir than they do currently under the existing fishing program. It is likely that a majority of these users would come from the communities surrounding the Cannonsville Reservoir but a portion of the users could also be attracted from outside the immediate areas around the watershed lands. The recreational activities permitted under the proposed action would expand current recreational opportunities on the Reservoir and local communities would benefit from these expanded activities. Therefore it is not anticipated the Proposed Action would result in significant adverse community character impacts.

Community Resources

Managing the proposed designated Recreational Boating Areas would be undertaken by NYCDEP. NYCDEP Police would coordinate with the County Emergency Services and local rescue services for emergency response and recovery preparation and actions. NYCDEP would oversee water monitoring programs and management of the boating areas. It is not anticipated that the creation of Recreational Boating Areas would place a significant impact or burden on Community Resources in the area around Cannonsville Reservoir due to the fact that NYCDEP would handle the expanded services necessitated by the proposed project.

Aesthetic Resources

The proposed Action could result in an increase in usership in certain areas designated as Recreational Boating Areas, and the number of boats in these areas. However, it is not expected that an increase in usership would adversely alter the visual and aesthetic character of the Reservoir. The Recreational Boating Areas and Boat Launch areas are on City property. There are no residences within the vicinity of the boat launch areas, with the exception of the boat launch at Beers Brook, which has a residence about 389 feet away.

The increase in boats on the reservoir should not drastically alter the views of the reservoir given the limited number of boaters at any one given time, as discussed above who are likely to be spread out across the designated areas in the Reservoir.

Changes to the shoreline are minimal. A kiosk and flagpole at these eight boat launch sites will be constructed in each area and the gravel parking areas will be improved. These changes would minimally change views of the shoreline in eight small spread out around the reservoir. The overall appearance of the shoreline would not change.

Thus, no significant adverse impact to aesthetic resources is anticipated as a result of the proposed action.

Air Quality

It is anticipated that there could be some additional vehicle traffic to Cannonsville Reservoir as a result of designating portions of the reservoir as Recreational Boating Areas. Parking is however limited to 126 vehicles at any given time, spread across eight different sites. These additional vehicles are not expected to result in concentrations of emission sources significantly greater than those that currently exist. Again, no motorized recreational vessels are allowed on the Reservoir.

Therefore, no significant adverse air quality impact is anticipated.

Noise

The Recreational Boating Areas would prohibit the use of motorized recreational equipment on watershed lands and waters as specified in the RCNY. The additional boats on the reservoir are not anticipated to create significant noise impacts.

The Recreational Boat Areas and launch sites are on City property and are not in the vicinity of any residences with the exception of Beers Brook, where a residence is located about 389 feet away. The Beers Brook location at a maximum can support parking for 14 vehicles.

An increased number of recreational users talking and paddling has the potential to increase noise levels. But these boat users would likely be spread out across the Reservoir and not be concentrated in one particular area while they are recreating on the Reservoir. As mentioned above, it is anticipated that the maximum number of users would be limited by the number of parking spots. Also boating would only be permitted from Sunrise to Sundown from Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

Therefore, it is not anticipated that a significant adverse noise related impact would occur as a result of the Proposed Action.

Traffic and Parking

It is possible that there could be some additional vehicle traffic to Cannonsville Reservoir as a result of designating portions of the Reservoir as Recreational Boating Areas. The additional vehicles would be limited at any one given time by total the number of parking spaces, which is 126 combining the capacity of all eight boat launch sites. Three of the boat launch sites (Dry Brook, Patterson, and Apex Bridge) support handicap parking (this is included in the 126 spaces).

It is anticipated that the proposed expansion of recreational boating program could support up to 2,000 boat excursions during the course of the entire season from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Peak usage periods are anticipated to be weekends.

While there are 126 parking spaces, it is unlikely that all will be used at the same time and when they are used they would be occupied for multiple hours. In addition, user vehicles would not be concentrated in one area but would be spread out across the eight sites.

Six of the proposed boat launch sites would be accessed from or nearby NYS Route 10, classified as a Rural Minor Arterial by American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Two of the proposed launch sites would be accessed from County Route 27 classified as Rural Local Roadway. A traffic study was conducted in 2001 as part of the environmental review for the reconstruction of Trout Creek Bridge on County Route 27 and included traffic counts on both roads. Automatic traffic recorders (ATR) were used to develop the Peak Hour Volumes (PHV) and Average Daily Traffic (ADT) counts and from this the Average Annual Daily Traffic for these roadways. This resulted in 225 vehicles for County Route 27 (well under the 400 ADT design for very low volume local rural roads). The AADT for Route 10 in the vicinity of the boat launch sites was calculated to be between 570 and 1,005 vehicles (well under the 1,500 to 2,000 ADT for a Rural Minor Arterial). With these low vehicle volumes on the local roadways, the additional vehicles accessing recreational boating

opportunities on the Reservoir are not anticipated to contribute high enough levels of traffic on these roads to result in an adverse impact to the road network since these roads are operating well below capacity.

Therefore, no significant traffic or parking impacts would be anticipated as a result of the proposed action.

Public Health and Safety

The Proposed Action is intended to increase the availability of recreational boating opportunities without weakening the water supply protections provided by the RCNY. Furthermore there would be less risk to water supply associated with expanded boating recreation in a non-terminal reservoir like Cannonsville Reservoir, because the water flowing from Cannonsville would later be disinfected. Water Quality would continue to be monitored regularly to take note of any changes that may result from increased boating, and NYCDEP could limit or prohibit access where needed. Therefore the Proposed action is not anticipated to result in a significant adverse public health impact to the users of the New York City Water Supply System.

Recreational boating activities at Cannonsville Reservoir would be taken at the user's own risk. NYCDEP Police would coordinate with the County Emergency Services and local rescue services for emergency response and recovery preparation and actions. The program may be suspended or adjusted at any time in response to changing conditions such as a major flood or drought event. Furthermore certain areas of the reservoir would be restricted and indicated as such with buoys and signs to protect public safety.

Therefore it is not anticipated that the proposed action would significantly impact public safety.

Hazardous Materials

No motorized boats would be allowed on the reservoir, so there is no potential for gasoline leaks from recreational boats. All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot and are not allowed to be driven to the Reservoir's edge. All boats would be hand carried. This minimizes the potential for any automotive fluids or fuels from entering the reservoir. Parking would be permitted only from sunrise to sunset. No overnight parking would be permitted. NYCDEP would monitor the boat launch locations. If a leak was noticed from one of the vehicles, it would be contained and cleaned by the NYCDEP Hazardous Materials team. NYCDEP has not had a problem with leaking vehicles under the existing boating program, and given that no motorized boats are allowed on the Reservoir, it is not anticipated that there is a high potential for contaminants to be introduced to the Reservoir or surrounding lands as a result of the proposed action.

The expansion of recreational boating at Cannonsville Reservoir or the creation of boat launch areas to support the Recreational Boating Areas, are not anticipated to have any hazardous material impacts.

Infrastructure

Under the proposed action to designate portions of Cannonsville Reservoir as Recreational Boating Areas, certain portions of the Reservoir would also be restricted to protect NYC Water Supply Infrastructure. Boating would be restricted within 500 feet of the West Delaware Intake Chamber and within 500 feet of the Cannonsville Dam. Buoys would be used to mark and indicate buffer areas for tunnel intakes as well as bridges and areas of the reservoir that are off limits.

Therefore it is not anticipated that the proposed action would result in any significant impacts to NYC water infrastructure.

Construction

The designation of Recreational Boating Area would involve construction of new parking lots, kiosks, boat launch ramps, and stormwater BMPs. Any construction impacts would be very short-term, anticipated to be less than one month. All work is on NYCDEP property and not in the vicinity of any residences or commercial businesses. Therefore, no significant construction impacts would be anticipated as a result of creation of boat launch sites.

STATEMENT OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT

The NYCDEP has determined that, as proposed, the proposed expansion of recreational boating at Cannonsville Reservoir is not anticipated to have any potential significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated to occur with respect to natural resources, socioeconomic conditions, growth, community character, aesthetic resources, air quality, noise, traffic and parking, public health and safety, hazardous materials, water supply infrastructure, or construction.

Supporting Statements

The above determination is based on an environmental assessment which finds that the project, as proposed, would not result in significant effects on the environment which would require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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