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MODIFIED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

May 7, 2009

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

The environmental assessment within this Modified 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 6NYCRR Part 617. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), as lead agency, had determined that the proposed action of designating portions of Cannonsville Reservoir as Recreational Boating areas per Proposed Amendments to Title 15, Chapter 16 of the Rules of the City of New York, would not have a significant effect on the environment and is herein publishing a Modified Negative Declaration. Part I of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was distributed on February 27, 2009. A Negative Declaration was issued on March 30, 2009.

One of the eight previously proposed boat launch sites, Chamberlain Brook, located along NYS Route 10, is no longer being pursued due to concerns regarding limited sight distance from the highway to the entrance of the site.

Speedwell, an alternate boat launch site in the Town of Tompkins is proposed instead. The Speedwell site is located north of the Veteran's memorial on Trout Creek Road. It was chosen as a proposed alternative boat launch site due to its level area, which would make it suitable for a parking lot, and its previously established access roadway to the shoreline. A gravel parking area 80 feet by 40 feet would be created at this site, which could accommodate 10 vehicles. The Chamberlain Brook site had a proposed parking area that was slightly larger and would have accommodated 15 vehicles. The total parking available for Recreational Boating around the reservoir would now be reduced to 121 vehicles from 126 vehicles. The existing access road to the water is 20 feet long by 16 feet wide and would require some minor brush removal. As with the other sites, a kiosk, flagpole and portable restrooms would be created on site. Stormwater Best Management practices such as building infiltration trenches and swales would be incorporated. A total of 22 trees would be cleared to support the project site, three of which are

greater than 4 inches in diameter. At the previously proposed Chamberlain Brook a total of 45 trees would be removed, eight of which were greater than four inches in diameter.

The site was located in consultation with NYSDEC, and no impacts to bald eagle nesting sites are anticipated by the proposed location since no known sensitive areas are in proximity to the site. No wetlands exist at the proposed Speedwell boat launch area.

Statement of No Significant Effect

The selection of the Speedwell Boat Launch site instead of the Chamberlain Brook Site would not affect the conclusions of the natural resources (water quality, soil impacts, wildlife, vegetation, wetlands), socioeconomic conditions, induced growth, community character, community resources, aesthetic resources, air quality, noise, traffic and parking, public health and safety, hazardous materials, infrastructure, and construction analyses conducted in support of the earlier Negative Declaration. In addition, the proposed action would continue to be consistent with the policies of 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.

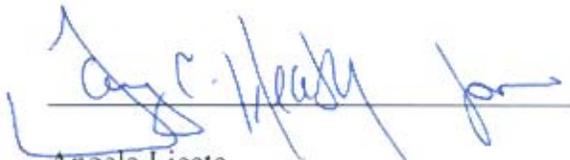
NYCDEP has determined that the proposed project, as modified would not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment. The above determination is based on the review of the Environmental Assessment Statement for Proposed Expansion of Boating at Cannonsville Reservoir and evaluation of the modified project conditions. Therefore, the previous environmental Negative Declaration and the supporting documentation remain unchanged in their conclusions.

Supporting Statements:

The above determination is based on an environmental assessment which finds that the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts on the environment which would require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

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