

The project site, including the additional lot at 45 East 49th Street that would be incorporated into the project site in Alternative C and Preferred Alternative D is located in a highly developed Midtown area and is fully developed with buildings and paved surfaces. It does not include any rare or endangered species or significant or unique habitats. The project site and surrounding area are not part of, or close to, any Critical Environmental Areas designated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The project site is not located in the designated Coastal Zone and therefore the city's Coastal Zone Management policies do not apply to the proposed facility. The project site and surrounding area are not part of, or close to, any Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats designated by the New York State Department of State.

There is a possibility that dewatering may be required for the project; however, the groundwater beneath the project site, as in the remainder of Manhattan, is not used for any purpose, and does not recharge groundwater at other locations. The quality and magnitude of stormwater runoff from the proposed facility would be similar to that of stormwater runoff from the existing buildings, and would drain to the municipal sewer system.

Based on the above information, neither Alternative B, C, nor Preferred Alternative D would result in any significant adverse impacts on terrestrial or aquatic natural resources. *