

4.1 PROCESS

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate and document the anticipated impacts of a given project on the environment. The EA analysis helps to decide if a proposed action has any significant impacts on environmental resources. If the EA analysis determines that the proposed action will not result in any significant impact the federal lead agency, which is the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Proposed Action, will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). If the proposed action results in a significant impact, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared.

Upon the completion of the EA, the document will be made available for public inspection at the office of the Project Sponsor (Metro-North), FTA, and at appropriate local repositories. A notice will be placed in local newspapers advising the public of the availability of the EA document for review and comment, indicating where the EA information may be obtained, and inviting comments from interested parties. Comments must be provided within thirty (30) days of the availability of the EA. Upon the completion of the comment period, FTA, in consultation with Metro-North, will respond to any comments received.

4.2 AGENCY COORDINATION

As discussed in the EA, local agencies and interested parties have been consulted as part of the environmental review process and preparation of technical studies. Several meetings have been held between Metro-North and representatives of Westchester County, the City of White Plains, and the Town of North Castle. Metro-North has also consulted with local, state, and federal resources agencies in the preparation of the environmental analysis, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; New York State Offices of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; the New York State Department of Transportation; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; the Westchester County Department of Public Works; and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

4.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public outreach was initiated in May 2009, when Metro-North sent a status report to community groups and local repositories and posted the status report on the MTA web site. Metro-North and Westchester County offered to meet with all interested parties. In response, the North Broadway Citizen's Association requested that Metro-North meet with them regarding the project, which occurred on May 27, 2009. The public will also have the opportunity to comment on this EA during the 30-day public review period. FTA, through Metro-North, has circulated a notice of the availability of this EA to community groups in the affected area, and will consider any public comments that are received prior to issuing a statement of findings for the Proposed Action.

4.4 CONTACT INFORMATION

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4.5 VIEWING LOCATIONS

Viewing locations for the EA are listed below. The document can also be downloaded from the project web site at <http://www.mta.info/mta/planning/nwp/>.

Federal Transit Administration,
Region 2 Office
One Bowling Green, Room 429
New York, NY 10004

North Castle Public Library
19 Whipoorwill Road East
Armonk, NY 10504

Metro-North Railroad
[by appointment: (888) 836-8301]
525 North Broadway
White Plains, NY 10603

North Castle Public Library
10 Clove Road
North White Plains, NY 10603

Metro-North Railroad
[by appointment: (888) 836-8301]
420 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Town of Greenburgh
177 Hillside Ave
Greenburgh, NY 10607

Westchester County Department of Transportation
[by appointment: (914) 813-7753]
100 East First Street
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Greenburgh Public Library
300 Tarrytown Road
Elmsford, NY 10523

City of White Plains
255 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

Town of Mount Pleasant
One Town Hall Plaza
Valhalla, NY 10595

White Plains Public Library
100 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

Mount Pleasant Branch Library
125 Lozza Drive
Valhalla, NY 10595

Town of North Castle
15 Bedford Road
Armonk, NY 10504

Mount Pleasant Public Library
350 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY 10570

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