

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF FLOODWALL FLOOD PROTECTION SYSTEM  
AT THE VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces preparation and availability of “Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)” for the proposed construction and operation of a floodwall flood protection system at VA’s Manhattan campus located at 423 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. With the posting of a Notice of Availability (NOA) and the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) documents on the VA NY Harbor Healthcare System Internet site’s News & Events and publication in the New York Times for three days beginning March 14, 2014, VA made available a draft environmental assessment (DEA) online and also at Ottendorfer Library, started a 30-days comment period, and announced that the DEA findings indicated that the proposed action would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. After incorporating comments into Environmental assessment (EA), and upon reviewing EA it was found that the implementation of the Proposed Action as described would not constitute a major federal action that would have significant impact upon the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA of 1969. Accordingly, VA has finalized a FONSI and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Action is not required.

Request for copies of FONSI and EA must be submitted within 30 days of this notice to:

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