

Greenpoint Environmental Benefits Project Community Meeting 3 Summary September 25, 2013

On September 25, 2013, almost 300 Greenpoint residents and other interested people participated in a community meeting on the GCEF. The meeting provided an update on the GCEF as well as an in-depth discussion of the upcoming RFP for Small, Large, and Legacy grants. The presentations sought to provide attendees with a “roadmap” for participating in the GCEF grant program, including how to apply for funding and to avail themselves of the resources that the GCEF was dedicating to helping members of the community to develop their project ideas into successful proposals. Presenters included the State’s Outreach Consultant on the history of the program to date, North Brooklyn Development Corporation about the progress of community outreach efforts, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation on the process for the grant program, and the Center for Watershed Protection on kinds of environmental improvement projects relevant to Greenpoint and a framework for understanding their costs.

Among the most prominent issues raised at the meeting were (1) the due date of the application; and (2) ways in which the General Administrator could help facilitate collaboration on projects between community members and provide introductions to technical experts.