



# GREENPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS PROJECT

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

### FACT SHEET 1 FEBRUARY 2012

#### Background

In 2011, a settlement between the State of New York and Exxon Mobil Corporation was finalized that required the company to, among other things, pay a sum of \$19,500,000 for Environmental Benefit Projects ("EBPs") to benefit the environment and public health in Greenpoint, Brooklyn ("Greenpoint EBP"). According to the settlement, such EBPs are to be designed to secure significant environmental improvements and address environmental areas of concern, such as water quality, groundwater, open space, reduction of toxic pollution, and air quality.

The settlement also committed the State to consulting with the Greenpoint community on the general allocation of EBP funds that would best serve the environment in Greenpoint and to retain an independent community outreach consultant to assist in this effort. The State has selected Enviro-Sciences Engineering/ARC Engineering & Construction, P.C. ("ESE") as the independent community outreach consultant. The ESE team includes John Fleming, Steve Fleischacker and Laura Truettner.

Among other things, ESE will assist the State in identifying the Greenpoint community's preferences regarding:

- Projects and/or types of environmental projects to receive EBP funding; and
- Criteria for selecting non-profit fiscal administrators for the EBP.

#### Greenpoint Community Advisory Panel

The Greenpoint EBP began with the establishment of a community-based advisory group -- the Greenpoint "Community Advisory Panel" (CAP) -- to provide advice to ESE and the State on matters related to the community consultation process. The CAP includes representatives of the Community Committee formed during the Newtown Creek EBP as well as several new members:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Leah Archibald	EWVIDCO	Ryan Kuonen	CB-1
Katie Denny	OSA Community Committee	Rami Metal	Councilmember Levin's Office
Rich Mazur	North Brooklyn Dev Corp (NBDC)	Emily Mijatovic	Assemblyman Lentol's Office
Phillip Musegaas	Riverkeeper	Matthew Trapasso	State Senator Dilan's Office
Dewey Thompson	GWAPP	Michael Heimbinder	NCA
Christine Holowacz	NCMC	Paul Pullo	NBDC/NCMC
Kate Zidar	Newtown Creek Alliance	Stephanie Thayer	OSA
Laura Hofmann	Barge Park Pals	Laura Treciokas	GWAPP

The CAP held meetings on December 1, 2011 and January 23, 2012. During these meetings, the CAP discussed internal protocols for communication and operation as well as "Principles of Collaboration" regarding how the State, ESE and the CAP will work together. The CAP also discussed the overall Greenpoint EBP process including alternative approaches to structuring the decision-making process and ways to maximize community engagement.

## Greenpoint EBP Framework

The Greenpoint EBP will be conducted in three phases:

- **Phase 1** -- The first phase of the Greenpoint EBP will involve consulting with the Greenpoint community to identify possible projects to be funded by the EBP and criteria for selecting a non-profit fiscal administrator to manage the EBP.
- **Phase 2** -- Guided by the community consultation in Phase 1, the second phase will involve the State's selection of such a non-profit fiscal administrator who will then oversee the solicitation, review and recommendation of specific projects to receive EBP funding. The Greenpoint community will be consulted throughout this phase, including having an opportunity to express preferences for projects to be funded.
- **Phase 3** -- The third and final phase will involve the final selection by the State of projects to receive EBP funding and their implementation in Greenpoint.

While the Greenpoint EPB just starting, it is apparent that community involvement in this EBP is significantly different from prior EBPs. Community engagement is beginning at a much earlier point and the community is having a direct hand in guiding the EBP process itself.

## Community Meeting

On March 21, 2012, the State, ESE and CAP will host a meeting of the Greenpoint community to discuss the Greenpoint EPB process, and to solicit community ideas for possible projects and on criteria for selecting fiscal administrators. The location for the meeting will be announced shortly.

## Greenpoint EBP Website/Document Repository

The State is in the process of establishing a website that will "house" documents related to the Greenpoint EBP, such as work plans, fact sheets and CAP meeting minutes. In the meantime, hard copies of documents are available at the document repository at the Greenpoint Library.

## Contacts

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