



GREENPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT PROJECTS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**FACT SHEET 2
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Background

This is the second in a series of Fact Sheets that are being prepared to keep the Greenpoint Community informed of progress on the Greenpoint Environmental Benefit Projects (“EBPs”). Funding for these EBPs arises from a 2011 settlement between the State of New York and ExxonMobil Corporation that required the company to, among other things, pay a sum of \$19,500,000 for projects to benefit the environment and public health in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. According to the settlement, EBPs will 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.

Community Meeting

On March 21, 2012, the State of New York, its community outreach consultant Enviro-Sciences Engineering/ARC Engineering & Construction, P.C. (“ESE”), and the Greenpoint EBPs Community Advisory Panel (“CAP”) will host a meeting for the Greenpoint community to discuss the EBPs process, to solicit community ideas for possible projects to be funded as EBPs, and to review proposed community preferences for criteria to be used by the State in selecting a General Fiscal Administrator to manage the EBPs process. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. The meeting time and location are below:

**EBPs COMMUNITY MEETING 1
6:30 TO 8:30 PM
THE POLISH NATIONAL HOME/ CLUB WARSAW
261 DRIGGS AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

Community Project Ideas

At the Community Meeting, residents will have an opportunity to offer their ideas on possible projects or project types to be funded as EBPs. The CAP has developed the statement below to help guide residents in their consideration of potential projects:

As a part of a 2011 legal settlement with ExxonMobil, the State of New York obtained \$19.5 million to be used for environmental projects that will benefit the environment in Greenpoint, Brooklyn (the Environmental Benefit Projects). The Greenpoint community is committed to working with the State to ensure these funds support projects that best serve the community’s environment, including addressing environmental areas of concern such as water, groundwater and air quality, reduction in toxic pollution, and open space.

This settlement presents an opportunity for Greenpoint residents to continue to realize their

vision of a sustainable community by funding activities that readdress a long history of abuse and neglect of Greenpoint's natural resources while facilitating a cleaner, healthier environment. Through the Environmental Benefit Projects, members of the community will have the opportunity to work together to recover and protect Greenpoint's environment and thereby improve the community's quality of life. Projects of the types listed below will help Greenpoint to realize this vision:

Preliminary list of project types considered consistent with Greenpoint priorities and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Benefit Projects Policy

- Environmental education programs
- Existing park/open space rehabilitation
- Acquisition/creation of new park/open space
- Stormwater management (such as green roofs)
- Clean energy (such as solar panels)
- Community facilities that provide a significant environmental improvement
- Waterfront/waterway access
- Urban forestry
- Air quality improvements
- Biological remediation of soil and/or water

Preliminary list of project types considered inconsistent with Greenpoint priorities or DEC Environmental Benefit Projects Policy

- Projects related to ExxonMobil's existing legal obligations, including those under the 2011 settlement.

Criteria for Selecting the General Fiscal Administrator

The State is also seeking input from the Greenpoint community on its preferences for the criteria to be used by the State in selecting a General Fiscal Administrator ("GFA") to manage the process of soliciting, selecting and implementing EBPs. Some preliminary criteria has already been proposed by the CAP for review and discussion by the community at the March 21st meeting:

Proposed GFA Selection Criteria

- Expertise in managing large request for proposals and technical review processes
- Local presence/experience
- Community outreach experience
- Financial management experience
- Cost effective administration

The State will follow a formal process to select a General Fiscal Administrator for the Greenpoint EBPs, and the above community preferences for selection criteria will be used by the State to guide this process. The State intends to involve the CAP in this process to the greatest extent allowable under government procurement rules.

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