



## **GREENPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT PROJECTS PROGRAM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

### **FACT SHEET 4 JULY 2012**

#### **Background**

This is the fourth in a series of Fact Sheets prepared to keep the Greenpoint community informed of progress on the Greenpoint Environmental Benefit Projects Program (the "Program"). Funding for the Program 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. In accordance with the settlement, projects are to be designed to secure significant environmental improvements in Greenpoint and address environmental areas of concern for the community, such as water quality, groundwater, open space, reduction of toxic pollution, and air quality.

#### **March 2012 Community Meeting & Community Project Ideas**

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 Community Advisory Panel ("CAP") joined with approximately 170 members of the community to discuss the process for the Program, the community's ideas for possible projects, and preferences for criteria to be used in selecting a General Administrator (GA) to manage the Program. Since then, community members have continued to add to the 100+ project ideas generated at the meeting. The most recent list of project ideas and criteria preferences identified by community members is available on the Program's website: [www.ag.ny.gov/environmental/greenpoint-environmental-benefit-projects](http://www.ag.ny.gov/environmental/greenpoint-environmental-benefit-projects). Additional community project ideas are welcome and should be forwarded to Laura Truettner of ESE at the e-mail address provided under "Contacts" below. The State, ESE and the CAP thank everyone for their ideas and enthusiasm!

#### **What Has Happened Since the Community Meeting?**

The collaboration between the State and the Greenpoint community in developing and implementing the Program continues to be very productive. Since the March community meeting, the State has worked closely with the CAP to develop a Request for Application (RFA) to solicit applications for the position of GA for the Program. The State and the CAP met twice to discuss details of the RFA, including the scope of the GA's work, minimum requirements for the GA position and a system for evaluating the qualifications of applicants. Applicants who meet the minimum requirements of the job will be evaluated using a scoring system that awards "points" for their demonstration of expertise in five areas: 1) Grant Program Management; 2) Fiscal/Fiduciary Management; 3) Community Engagement/Collaboration; 4) Grant Program Tracking, Recordkeeping and Reporting; and 5) Budget.

The State and the CAP have ensured that the scoring system will reward those applicants who have actively collaborated with communities on similar types of programs, are familiar with the Greenpoint community and have experience in administering the range of project ideas that have been identified by the community.

On July 6th, the State publicly released the RFA for the GA (available on the Program's website). Applications are due by August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the State's application review and selection process is expected to then take about six weeks. It is anticipated that a GA will be selected by early October 2012 and the State will make a formal announcement at that time.

### What's Next?

Once on board, the GA will initiate the formal process to solicit more in-depth proposals for environmental benefit projects. The process will begin with a community meeting in which the community's list of project ideas will be refined and finalized in order for it to be incorporated into the Request for Proposal (RFP) for projects. At this meeting, community members will also be able to meet with entities (e.g. academic institutions, not-for-profit organizations, government agencies) who can develop proposals and implement projects that match the community's project ideas. Soon after that meeting, the GA will work closely with the CAP to develop and distribute a final RFP to solicit detailed proposals.

The Program will provide more information -- including another Fact Sheet -- in the near future on the process that will be used to review proposals and ultimately select projects to be funded by the Program. This will include details on opportunities for both the CAP and the Greenpoint community at-large to participate in the process.

The tentative schedule for the upcoming Program milestones is as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Selection of Program GA	October 5, 2012
Community Meeting #2 (Refine/Finalize Project Ideas)	November 7, 2012
Release of RFP for Project Proposals	December 5, 2012
Closing Date for Receipt of Project Proposals	February 28, 2013
Community Meeting #3 (Community Preferences on Proposals)	June 26, 2013
State Announcement of Project Funding	July 31, 2013

### For More Information

For more information -- including latest developments and accomplishments -- visit the Program's website at: [www.ag.ny.gov/environmental/greenpoint-environmental-benefit-projects](http://www.ag.ny.gov/environmental/greenpoint-environmental-benefit-projects).

### Contacts

Please contact Laura Truettner at 646-872-4157 or [ltruettner@aol.com](mailto:ltruettner@aol.com) with project ideas, questions or comments about the Program or to be added to the Program's contact list.

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