



# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

## **for the PROPOSED USTA BILLIE JEAN KING NATIONAL TENNIS CENTER STRATEGIC VISION PROJECT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT - Notice is hereby given by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC DPR), as lead agency, that a Public Hearing will be held on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Strategic Vision Project. A Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the City Planning Commission's public hearing pursuant to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the:

City Planning Commission,  
Spector Hall,  
22 Reade Street,  
New York, New York 10007.

The action involves proposed improvements and an expansion to the facilities at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NTC), located in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens. The 42-acre NTC is one of the world's largest public recreational tennis facilities. For 11 months of the year, its facilities are open to the public for indoor and outdoor tennis. The NTC is also host to the US Open, one of the sport's four Grand Slam championship tennis tournaments. The proposed project would improve the NTC site plan, circulation, visitor amenities, and landscaping, and would include construction of two new stadiums to replace the existing Louis Armstrong Stadium in the same location, and Grandstand Stadium in a new location at the southwest corner of the NTC site, as well as possible improvements to Arthur Ashe Stadium. The proposed project would also include modifications to tournament courts and ancillary buildings, the construction of two new parking garages, the relocation of a connector road, and pedestrian enhancements. To accommodate the proposed project, 0.94 acres of land would be added to the NTC site, including 0.68 acres of park land that would be alienated, and 0.26-acres of previously alienated park land that is outside the current lease. Just to the south of the NTC, the relocated connector road and new sidewalks would be built on an approximately 0.3-acre area. Improvements to park features in Flushing Meadows Corona Park would also be provided. The proposed project would also enable the USTA to accommodate an extra 10,000 daily spectators during the US Open.

The Notice of Completion and the DEIS for this project were issued by NYC DPR on January 3, 2013 and are available for public inspection at the following locations: NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, The Arsenal in Central Park and the Al Oerter Recreation Center in Queens; USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Indoor Tennis Center; Queens Public Library at the branches in Corona, Jackson Heights, Langston Hughes, Lefrak City, Forest Hills, Flushing, Kew Gardens Hills and Richmond Hill; and can be obtained on-line at <http://nyc.gov/parks/NTC-Project> or by contacting the lead agency at the following address:

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New York City Department of Parks and Recreation,  
The Arsenal, Central Park,  
830 Fifth Avenue, Room 401,  
New York, New York 10065;  
Telephone: 212-360-3402;  
Fax: 212-360-3453;  
Email: [Joshua.Laird@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Joshua.Laird@parks.nyc.gov).

NYC DPR requests public comments on the DEIS. Oral and written comments on the DEIS can be submitted at the Public Hearing. Translators will be available at the Public Hearing for members of the public who wish to testify in Spanish or Chinese. Written comments will also be accepted by NYC DPR at the above address, fax, or email address until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013.

This Notice of Public Hearing has been prepared pursuant to City Environmental Quality Review, Mayoral Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, and the City Environmental Quality Review Rules of Procedure found at Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York (CEQR), and the State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations found in Part 617 of 6 NYCRR (SEQRA).

CEQR No. 12DPR005Q;

ULURP No. 130155PPQ;

SEQR Classification: Type I;

Lead Agency: New York City Department of Parks and Recreation;

Project Location: Queens, New York;  
Block 2018, p/o Lot 1; Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens;  
Surrounding Community Districts #3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.