



**DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION
OF
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NEW YORK STATE LIFE SCIENCES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY**

Date: December 9, 2024

Title of Action: New York State Life Sciences Public Health Laboratory

Project Sponsor: New York State Department of Health
Wadsworth Center
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Lead Agency: Dormitory Authority of the State of New York
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SEQR Status: Type I Action (6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.4(b)(6)(i) and 617.4(b)(6)(v))

Review Type: Coordinated Review

This notice is issued pursuant to the *State Environmental Quality Review Act* (“*SEQRA*”), codified at Article 8 of the *New York Environmental Conservation Law* (“*ECL*”), and its implementing regulations, promulgated at Part 617 of Title 6 of the *New York Codes, Rules and Regulations* (“*N.Y.C.R.R.*”), which collectively contain the requirements for the *State Environmental Quality Review* (“*SEQR*”) process.

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”), as *SEQR* lead agency, has completed and accepted a *Final Environmental Impact Statement* (“*FEIS*”) for the Proposed Action and Proposed Project described below.

Overview. This project is being reviewed pursuant to *SEQRA*, Article 8 of the *ECL*, and its implementing regulations (6 *N.Y.C.R.R.* § 617), which are collectively referred to as *SEQR* or the *SEQR* process. Accepted methodologies and procedures that are consistent with *SEQR* have been utilized as a general guide for evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project (described in detail below). Specific methodologies and impact significance criteria used in the technical analyses are discussed accordingly in each *FEIS* chapter.

The Proposed Project is also being reviewed in conformance with the *New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980* (“*SHPA*”), specifically the implementing regulations of Section 14.09 of the *Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law* (“*PRHPL*”), as well as with the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding (“*MOU*”), dated March 18, 1998, between DASNY and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“*OPRHP*”). Additionally, the Proposed Project is being reviewed in conformance with the *State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act* (“*SSGPIPA*”).

Description of Proposed Action and Proposed Project. DASNY has received a request from the New York State Department of Health (“*NYSDOH*”) to construct the New York State (“*NYS*”) Life Sciences Public Health Laboratory (“*LSPHL*”). For the purposes of *SEQR*, the Proposed Action would consist of *NYSDOH*’s approval of construction pursuant to the *Public Health Law* (“*PHL*”) of *NYSDOH*’s plan to centralize and consolidate existing operations of the Wadsworth Center that are currently located in five separate facilities located in the Capital Region. DASNY’s role is to deliver the project on behalf of its customer agency, *NYSDOH*, the programmatic decision makers and owners of the project. As the Owner’s Representative, DASNY would hold all contracts, including with the design-build team and other consultants.

The Proposed Action would result in the construction of a new, purpose-built, state-of-the-art *LSPHL* building and accessory surface parking lot (the “Proposed Project”). The Proposed Project would foster innovation and collaboration at the Wadsworth Center facility, and between the Wadsworth Center and outside partners, contributing to broader life sciences initiatives in the Capital Region.

Location of Proposed Project. The Proposed Project would be located on a vacant, approximately 27-acre site on the southeastern portion of the W. Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus, flanked by Washington Avenue to the north, Western Avenue to the south, University at Albany to the west, and New York State Route 85 to the east, in Albany, Albany County, New York.

Potential Environmental Impacts. The *FEIS* evaluated the Proposed Project for potential environmental impacts, including land use, zoning, and public policy; stormwater management; socioeconomics; visual and community character; environmental justice; community facilities (including solid waste and recycling); infrastructure (including water supply, sanitary wastewater, and energy infrastructure); traffic and transportation; air quality and climate change; noise; hazardous materials; and construction activities.

The *FEIS* may be viewed and downloaded from the DASNY website at www.dasny.org/wadsworth-lab.

A hard copy of the *FEIS* may be viewed at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library, 517 Western Avenue, Albany.

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