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Dear Community Board Member:

In response to comments received during the public review of the Flood Resilience Zoning Text Amendment (130331 ZRY), the Department has submitted a proposed "A" Text that includes revisions to address additional issues consistent with the purpose of the text amendment but not fully addressed in the original proposal. These include:

- Promote active commercial streets and neighborhood services in lower density commercial districts by encouraging the dry-flood proofing of commercial and community facility ground floor space
- Broaden the ability to dry-flood proof by allowing temporary flood panels in additional types of open areas, including waterfront yards and publicly accessible open space
- Allow additional flexibility and time for the reconstruction of 1 and 2 family residences
- Broaden the applicability of streetscape standards
- Allow additional flexibility for mechanical systems in low density districts
- Apply flexible parking location rules to more types of elevated 1 and 2 family residences

In addition to these new provisions, the "A" Text contains all of the originally proposed provisions. The attached description details each of these changes, as well as other revisions and a number of clarifications to the proposed text to achieve the objectives specified in the original proposal.

These proposed revisions are illustrated on our web page at:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/flood_resiliency/index.shtml

On Wednesday, July 24, the Commission will calendar a public hearing on the original text and this "A" text for August 7. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these proposed revisions.

Sincerely,

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