

Manhattan Community Board 8

December 18, 2012 – Answer to question regarding the prevention of flooding of the Second Avenue Subway during a Sandy-like storm: All entrances are about 40 feet or more above the 500 year flood level of elevation of 110 feet, so no additional protective action is necessary. Some sidewalk gratings from 99th to 105th Streets, however are between 1.5 to 4.4 feet below the 500 year flood level. Since the city will not allow sidewalk gratings to be raised to a height of nearly five feet, the protective action to be taken on these gratings would be to cover them with sandbags.