

8.0 Growth Inducing Aspects of the Proposed Project

This chapter focuses on whether the Proposed Project has the potential to induce new development within the Project Area by supporting or encouraging such development. Typically, growth-induced effects occur when a project:

- Attracts significant increases in local population by creating or relocating employment or by providing support facilities or services; and/or
- Increases development potential of an area due to the introduction of roads, water and sewer infrastructure, or other utilities.

The Proposed Project would provide flood control measures that would safeguard the area from the 100-year storm event, inclusive of the 90th percentile projection for sea level rise through the 2050s. While the landscape of the Project Area would be changed by the construction of the flood barrier system, the use of the Project Area would not be altered. After the Proposed Project is constructed, each of the defined reaches would continue to function as they currently do. The Esplanade is an important Lower Manhattan waterfront resource that already attracts a consistent and large volume of residents and visitors, which would not change after the Proposed Project is implemented.

As the Project Area is a highly developed urban area, there is limited, if any, space available for future development. Regardless, the Proposed Project would not incorporate new roads, water or sewer infrastructure, or other utilities that would increase the development potential of the Project Area.

As such, the Proposed Project does not have the potential to induce future growth within the Project Area.