

**A. INTRODUCTION**

This chapter considers the potential of the proposed project to affect archaeological and architectural resources.

As described in Chapter 1, “Project Description,” the proposed project would redevelop the northern portion of the Bronx Psychiatric Center (BPC) campus with a mix of commercial and medical office, bio-tech/research, hotel, accessory, college/trade school, community facility, and retail uses along with open space and parking facilities. For the purposes of this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), it is assumed that in the future without the proposed project (the “No-Action” condition), the three primary, existing buildings (Bronx Children’s Psychiatric, Thompson, and Parker Buildings) would remain vacant. The powerhouse, two metal shelters, and small storage building on the project site would also be vacated and decommissioned, and the ballfields would remain as in the existing condition. The proposed project would be completed in two phases, with 2023 as the analysis year for Phase I completion, and 2028 as the year for Phase II full build-out, or “With-Action” condition.

**PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS**

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) determined that the project site has no archaeological or architectural significance and that there are no archaeological or architectural resources in the study area that would be affected by the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in any significant adverse impacts to historic and cultural resources.

**B. EXISTING CONDITIONS****PROJECT SITE***ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES*

The study area for archaeological resources is defined as the area where subsurface disturbance would occur. OPRHP and LPC determined in 2008 as part of the *Bronx Mental Health Redevelopment Project Environmental Impact Analysis Report* (EIAR) that they have no archaeological concerns. In their review of the proposed project, OPRHP, in a letter dated December 10, 2015 determined that the proposed project will have no impact on archaeological resources (see **Appendix B**). Therefore, the proposed project would not result in any significant adverse impacts to archeological resources, and no further assessment is required.

## **Bronx Psychiatric Center Land Use Improvement Project**

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### *ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES*

The project site contains four existing buildings—the 13-story Thompson Building (Building 1); the 6-story Parker Building (Building 2); the 2-story Children’s Hospital; and the 1-and 2-story powerhouse building. These buildings are clad in tan brick and were built in the 1960s. Building 1, Building 2, and the powerhouse building were determined not eligible for the New York State and National Register of Historic Places in 2012.<sup>1</sup>

### **STUDY AREA**

#### *ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES*

The 400-foot study area contains a mix of new buildings that include Hutchinson Metro Center, and the recently constructed Adult Hospital and Children’s Hospital for the BPC. These buildings do not meet the age requirement for the New York State and National Register of Historic Places.

ORPHP, in a letter dated December 10, 2015, determined that the project would have no impact on historic resources listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Therefore, the proposed project would not be anticipated to result any significant adverse impacts on historic and cultural resources. \*

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<sup>1</sup> According to the OPRHP CRIS website, [cris.parks.ny.gov/](http://cris.parks.ny.gov/).