

MEPA should allow for an exemption of mandatory EIR for project in or near EJ blocks when those projects will benefit the environment and resiliency (e.g. those that would qualify for a Restoration Order of Conditions under the wetlands protection act, brown fields contamination clean up, etc.). Requiring an expensive EIR for beneficial projects like restoration and remediation with no possibility for waiver will disincentivize proponents of critically important projects from undertaking them.

Thank you

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