

KNOW THE FACTS about the MTS (Marine Transfer Station) at 91st Street & the East River

An Industrial Plant Does Not Belong In A Residential Neighborhood:

The City proposes to build a massive industrial garbage facility, called a Marine Transfer Station (MTS), in the middle of our residential neighborhood. There are no other actual or proposed municipal garbage facilities anywhere in the City that are located in a residential neighborhood.

The proposed MTS will be 10-stories high, and cover two acres over the East River. It will operate 24 hours a day, six days a week. It will be capable of processing up to 5,200 tons per day. As many as 500 trucks a day will rumble up and down our local streets to dump garbage there. The ramp leading to the MTS will literally cut in half the Asphalt Green athletic field and playground where thousands of children from around the City play. This industrialization of our community will increase air pollution by at least 16%, increase noise levels already beyond legal limits, and irreparably harm the East River estuary, among numerous other harms. The City admits these facts in its reports.

The Spiraling Cost of this Garbage Facility:

The City's own estimated cost of the proposed MTS has already mushroomed from \$55 million to \$190 million. We expect it will cost far more. Why will it cost so much? The facility is three times larger than is necessary for the Manhattan residential garbage it is supposedly designed to handle. Rather than wasting our hard-earned tax dollars, the City should be spending this money on after-school programs, and teachers, police, firefighters and others who improve our quality of life.

There are Sane Trash Solutions:

The City plans to dump garbage at the MTS and then ship that trash on barges to costly and environmentally unfriendly landfills. That multi-step, hugely expensive process is not a sane solution. It is much more sensible to continue what the City is currently doing—transporting much of Manhattan's residential trash in clean air vehicles directly to a cogeneration plant in New Jersey. The garbage is then converted to much-needed electrical energy. That sane solution preserves precious resources, and answers the City's "borough equity" argument: other boroughs will not be absorbing Manhattan's residential garbage that is disposed of in this way.

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