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Permitting

Mr. Lynch has worked with regulatory agencies including the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the NYS Department of State. Permitting documents typically require extensive analysis of environmental regulations and policy, and reconsideration of environmental requirements even if a project has already been through a coordinated agency review. Delay is an important criterion when a permit application is submitted since financing is in place and site preparation activities are usually expected to commence shortly. With his background in environmental review and policy analysis Mr. Lynch is uniquely qualified to assist agencies to provide timely processing of permit documentation, and to issue required findings to support decision-making.

Mr. Lynch has interpreted USACOE Nationwide Permit regulations and has been successful in spotlighting projects and securing Section 10 and 404 permits and permit extensions for substantial projects from this agency. These activities have involved substantial interaction with other agencies including the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the State Historic Preservation office, and the NYS Department of State.

Mr. Lynch has worked with FEMA to obtain revisions to flood insurance mapping allowing projects to proceed without the need for flood insurance.

He has worked with the NYS Office of General Services to confirm ownership of underwater lands, and to secure licenses for permanent in-water structures, with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (Regions 1, 2 and 3) to secure tidal and freshwater wetlands and protection of waters permits, water quality certifications, and air facility emissions permits. He has worked with associated professionals to secure stormwater discharge permits and compliance with solid and hazardous waste consent and other enforcement agreements.

Mr. Lynch has assisted property owners with compliance issues with the NYSDEC in Regions 1, 2 and 3.

He also assisted the Hudson River Park Trust with adherence to regulatory conditions of approval for the park preservation and reconstruction activities along the west side of Manhattan. He assisted in expediting NYC agency approvals for work within the park.

He has worked with NYC agencies to secure permits for work done on numerous waterfront projects.

He has worked with Westchester County departments on affordable housing development, to secure roadway work permits, the approval of subdivision plats for filing with the County Clerk's office, and to provide for County pick-up and disposal of municipal organic refuse.