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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152175/>

Smithtown Library

1 North Country Road
Smithtown, NY 11787
(631) 265-2072

Key project documents and project summary also are available on the EPA website at:

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0204148>

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:

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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Smithtown Groundwater Contamination

Moriches Rd and Fifty Acre Rd
Smithtown, Suffolk County

SITE No. 152175

NYSDEC REGION 1

May 2025

NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at State Superfund Site; Proposes Delisting Site from Superfund Registry; Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Smithtown Groundwater Contamination site ("site") located along Moriches Road and 50 Acre Road, Smithtown, Suffolk County, under New York's State Superfund Cleanup Program have been met. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities were performed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

NYSDEC has approved a Final Close Out Report (FCOR) for the site.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about its proposal to remove the site from the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites ("Registry"). The 30-day comment period runs from **May 7 through June 6, 2025**.

- Access the FCOR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/152175/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Completion of the Project: Following site cleanup, NYSDEC has determined that the site no longer presents a threat to public health or the environment and is proposing to delist the site from the for the following reason(s):

- Approximately 270 homes within the affected area of the site were connected to either Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) or St. James Water District for their potable water needs. After hookup to the water mains, the residential wells were properly abandoned (in accordance with New York State requirements) to eliminate possible risk to human health.
- Long-term monitoring to ensure aquifer restoration included groundwater and surface water sampling. Based on the results of

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three five-year reviews, it has been determined that the remedy has been constructed in accordance with the 2004 Record of Decision (ROD). All groundwater monitoring data collected from the groundwater monitoring well network through 2019 indicates that the groundwater restoration cleanup levels identified in the ROD have been achieved.

- Institutional controls such as groundwater use restrictions (through well drilling permit restrictions) will be utilized to prevent future use of contaminated groundwater.

Final Close Out Report Approved: NYSDEC has approved the FCOR, which:

- Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- Certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site.
- Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Groundwater Use Restriction

Site Description: The Smithtown Groundwater Contamination site is an approximately four-square mile area located in a suburban area. The site is bounded by Stony Brook Harbor and an east-west line defined by Spring Hollow Road to the north; the Nissequogue River to the west; Edgewood Avenue and North County Road to the south; and Hitherbrook Road to the east. Previous sampling of private wells in the area revealed volatile organic compound (VOCs) contamination, primarily tetrachloroethylene (PCE). The source of contamination was never found.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 152175) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/in dex.cfm?pageid=3>

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup, and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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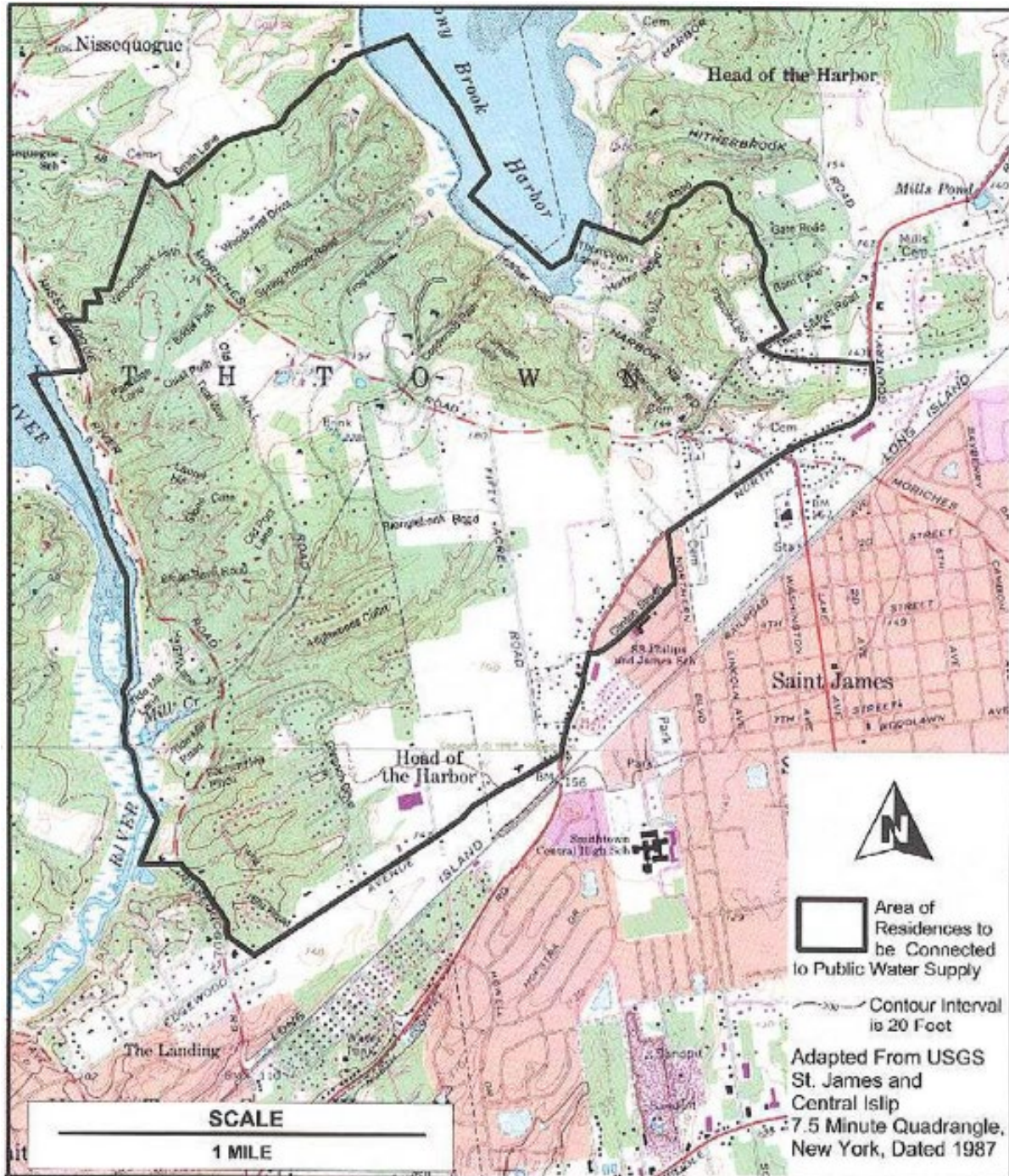
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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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Site Location Map





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