



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

Former Melrose Avenue Dry-Cleaner  
753 Melrose Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10451

October 2022

SITE No. 203009  
NYSDEC REGION 2

### Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/203009/>

**Woodstock Library**  
761 East 160<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bronx, NY 10456  
(718) 665-6255  
[woodstock@nypl.org](mailto:woodstock@nypl.org)

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

## Notice of Availability: Record of Decision

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announces that it has issued the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Former Melrose Avenue Dry-Cleaner site ("site") located at 753 Melrose Avenue, in Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

The ROD presents the remedy selected to address contamination related to the site and why the remedy was chosen. The ROD also includes a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments received about the proposal. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$3,438,000.

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, NYSDEC held a public meeting presenting the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the site. The comments received at this meeting and during the public comment period (May 11, 2022, through July 25, 2022), along with the administrative record, were considered in preparing the final ROD for the site.

- Access the ROD and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/203009/>.
- Documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to find information."

**Record of Decision:** The following is a summary of the chosen remedy described in the ROD:

- Treating contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Evaluating soil vapor intrusion in structures potentially impacted by contamination originating from the site;
- Implementing actions recommended to address soil vapor intrusion exposures where detected;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities; and
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term maintenance of remedial systems.

As part of future cleanup actions, certain owners of property near the site will be contacted for access to perform evaluations related to the potential for vapor intrusion.

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**Site Description:** The site is 0.066-acres and is bordered on the north by a community garden, to the east by Melrose Avenue, to the south by a 6-story apartment building, and to the west by the Public School (P.S.) 29 Ball Field. The site is currently a vacant lot covered with crushed stone and surrounded by a chain link fence. The site structure was demolished in 1968. Previously, the site had been used as a dry-cleaner since approximately 1950. The site is owned by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development and is zoned for residential use.

**Summary of the Investigation:** Soil and groundwater samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, and metals. Groundwater samples were also analyzed for emerging contaminants. Soil vapor samples were analyzed for VOCs. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern for the site include VOCs in groundwater and soil vapor.

For this site, alternatives that restrict the use of the site to residential use (which also allows for restricted-residential use, commercial use, and industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were evaluated.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 203009) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.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 before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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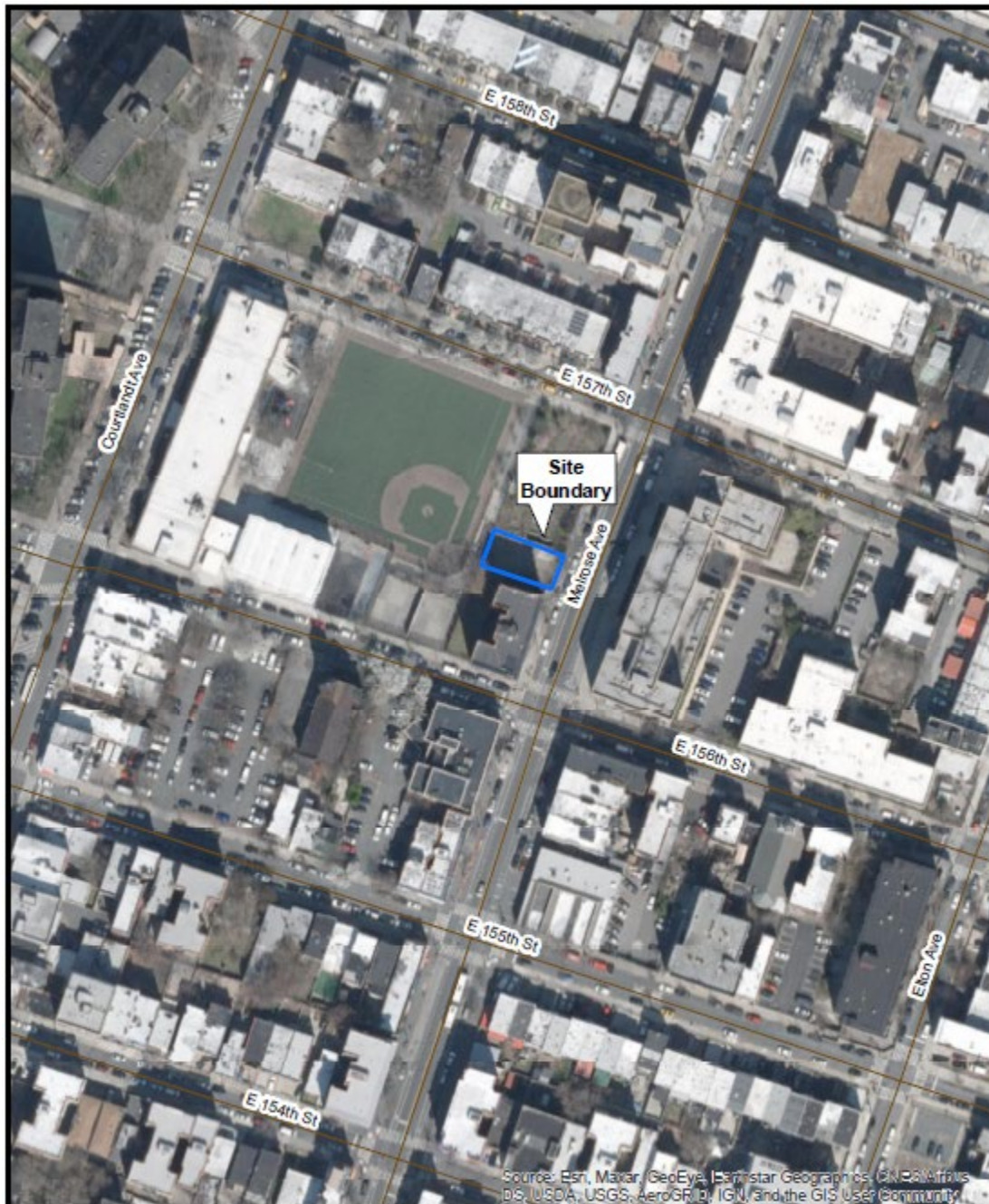
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Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:


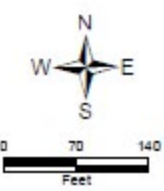
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## Site Location



**Site Map**  
Former Melrose Avenue Dry Cleaner  
753 Melrose Avenue  
City of New York, Bronx County  
Site No. 203009





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