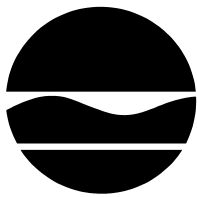


**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**

**PUBLIC AVAILABILITY SESSION
DATE AND LOCATION:**

March 25, 2009 7:00 – 9:00 PM
George Parness Community Center
41 Washington Avenue
Suffern, New York

Project documents are available for review at the document repositories listed on the next page. If you have any questions related to this project, please contact:

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Project Update and Public Availability Session

Orange and Rockland Utilities Suffern Former MGP Site

Village of Suffern, Rockland County
Site Number 3-44-045
March 2009

SITE WORK TO BEGIN

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), announces site work for the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) site located at the former US Bus property on Pat Malone Drive in the Village of Suffern. The location is shown on the attached figure. Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R) recently purchased the property and will demolish the existing building. In addition, an interim remedial measure will be conducted to remove the existing septic system to address low level contamination that is associated with past facility operations. Later in the Summer of 2009 additional investigations will be conducted to further define contamination and support the development of a feasibility study of remedial actions at the site. The additional site investigation will include the former MGP site and nearby properties. Several previous investigations were completed at the site and on adjoining properties but additional information is needed to fully characterize the nature and extent of site-related impacts. The DEC, DOH and O&R will be holding a public availability session at the Suffern Community Center on March 25, 2009 to answer questions related to the site work, investigations and next steps. Since there will be no formal presentation, the public can arrive at any time between the hours of 7PM and 9 PM to discuss the site and upcoming activities with project personnel.

SITE BACKGROUND

The site is located on property previously occupied by US Bus off Chestnut Street on Pat Malone Drive in the northwestern portion of the Village of Suffern in an area that is zoned for commercial and industrial land use. The former MGP made coal gas for street lamps and other uses from about 1902 until 1935 when the MGP was closed. In the late 1940s and early 1950s an electroplating facility was in operation at the site. More recently the site was used as a facility to manufacture school buses. In 1996, O&R entered into an Order on Consent with DEC to investigate several former MGP sites. Previous investigations have identified MGP impacts in subsurface soils and groundwater. To monitor groundwater conditions, O&R installed sentinel monitoring wells between the site and the Village of Suffern water supply wells. The sentinel wells are sampled on a quarterly basis to ensure that there are no site related impacts to the public drinking water supply.

BUILDING DEMOLITION WORK AND NEXT STEPS

Since the former MGP was operated by a predecessor company of O&R, they purchased the property in December 2008 in order to complete the site investigation and to conduct whatever remediation DEC determines is necessary. The Village of Suffern has requested that the existing building be demolished immediately. The demolition is expected to begin in March 2009 and continue for approximately 6-7 weeks. Along with the demolition, O&R will remove the existing septic system as part of an Interim Remedial Measure approved by DEC and DOH because low level contamination was detected during O&R's real estate transfer investigation.

In addition, a Remedial Investigation Work Plan was developed by O&R and was approved by DEC/DOH on January 26, 2009 to complete the site investigations. Two separate work plans describe the building demolition/septic system removal and the proposed remedial investigations which will include soil borings and installation of groundwater monitoring wells to sample soil and groundwater. These two work plans and previous site investigation reports are available in the document repositories listed below. Following completion of the investigation work, a Feasibility Study will be conducted to evaluate possible alternatives to clean up the site. After the Feasibility Study is complete the DEC, in cooperation with the DOH, will issue a Proposed Remedial Action Plan which will identify the proposed cleanup alternative for public comment and input.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Copies of the IRM and Remedial Investigation Work Plans, together with other site related documents are available for your review at the document repositories listed below. Your comments and suggestions about the Citizen Participation program and remedial work for the Suffern Site are always welcome

If you would like more information about this project, you are invited to visit the document repositories listed below. The repositories are located at:

Suffern Free Library
210 Lafayette Avenue
Suffern, New York 10901
(845) 357-1237

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 – 9:00

Friday & Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00

Sunday: 12:00 – 5:00

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 3 Office

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New Paltz, NY 12561-1696

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(call for an appointment)

Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

*Information on the NYSDEC's Manufactured Gas Plant program can be found at NYSDEC's web site:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>*

If you know of someone who would like to be added to the mailing list for this site, have them contact the NYSDEC Project Manager listed on the first page of this Project Update.

The Suffern Former MGP Site location is show on the next page.

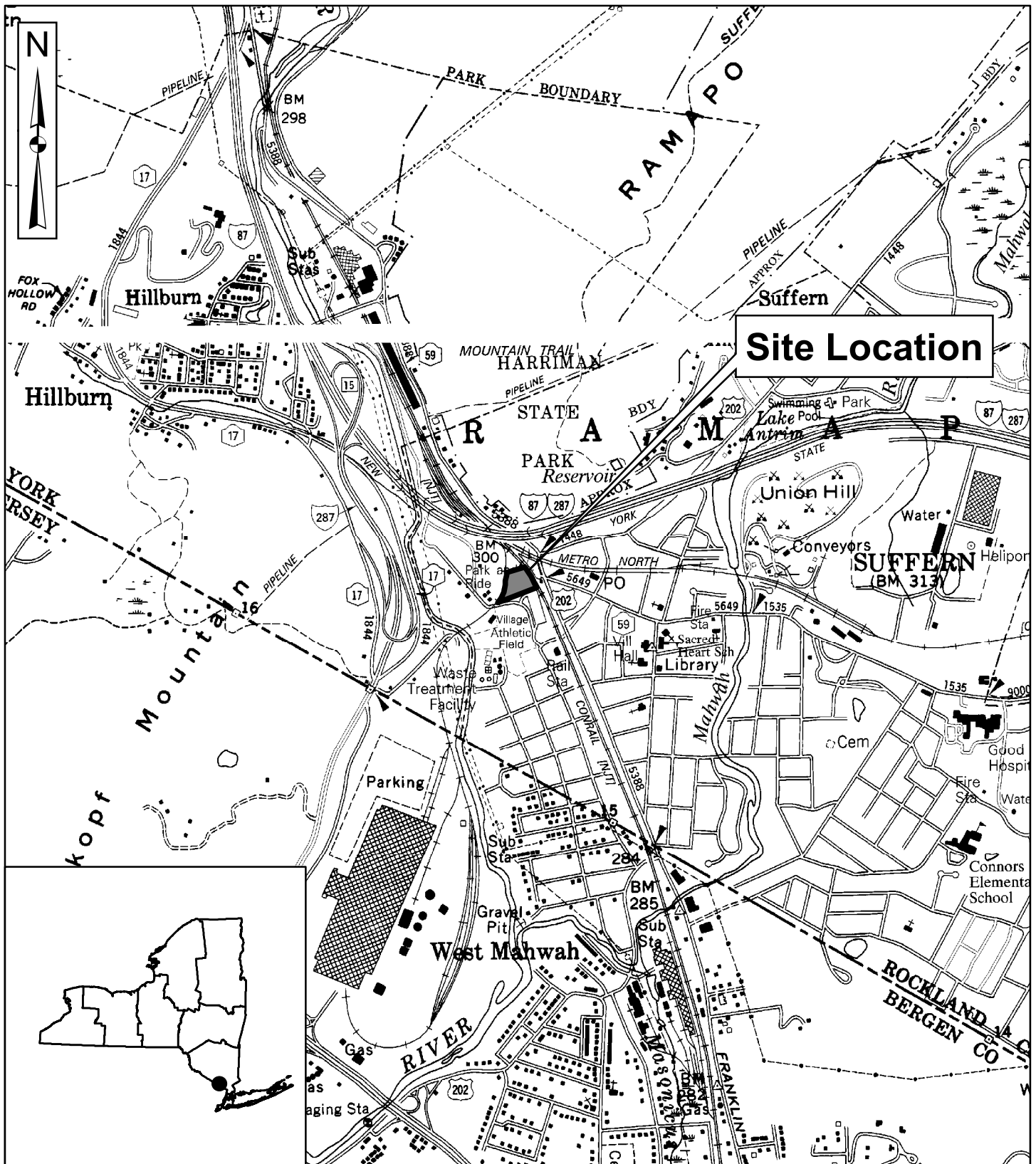


Figure 1 - Site Location Map

Suffern Former MGP Site

Site No. 3-44-045

Village of Suffern, Town of Ramapo, Rockland County

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