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- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ☒ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Saugerties Town Landfill
1765 Route 212
Saugerties, NY 12477

October 2020

SITE No. 356003
NYSDEC REGION 3

Where to Find Information

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

Document Repository Name

DECinfo Locator:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/356003/>

Due to COVID-19 there is no physical repository at this time.

Sign up to receive site updates by email:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Whom to Contact

Questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

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

Site Characterization Investigation to Commence at Saugerties Town Landfill

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), will be conducting a Site Characterization at the Saugerties Town Landfill site ("site") at 1765 Route 212 in Ulster County. Please see the attached Map 1 for the site location.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/356003/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Due to detections of 1,4-Dioxane, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in groundwater samples, the site has been designated as a Potential State Superfund Site ("P Site"). This designation requires the completion of a Site Characterization to determine if the site meets the criteria for placement on the New York State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (the Registry). It is expected that field work will begin in November 2020.

Site Characterization Steps and Outcomes: The goal of a Site Characterization is to assess the presence of hazardous waste and whether that waste poses a significant threat to human health or the environment. Major steps in a Site Characterization include:

- Records Search – Conduct a background review of historical documentation relating to the use of the site and adjacent properties. A site reconnaissance visit(s) and interviews will also be conducted to determine past use and disposal activity at the site.
- Surficial Sampling/Surveys – Perform surface soil, surface water/sediment, and leachate sampling as well as geophysical surveys;
- Subsurface Sampling/Logging – Investigate presence of subsurface contamination utilizing soil borings and monitoring wells.

At the completion of the Site Characterization, investigation results will be evaluated to determine if hazardous waste is present on the property and if the waste poses a significant threat to human health and/or the environment. A decision will then be made by DEC and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) whether to place the site on the Registry. If the site is added to the Registry, the next step would be to begin a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study involving further study and an evaluation of cleanup alternatives. If the site is determined to not to represent a significant threat, then no further investigation

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or action is warranted under the NYS Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites program.

Next Steps: A DEC contractor, CDM Smith, will implement the Site Characterization investigation in accordance with a State-approved work plan and under DEC oversight. The work plan details the investigation activities required to meet the goals of the project in accordance with DEC regulations and program policy. The work plan also includes a project schedule. The work plan and tentative schedule are available via the DECinfo Locator link on the previous page. DOH will review information for the site as it becomes available and will continue to coordinate sampling of selected private wells in the vicinity of the landfill to assess public health exposures.

Site Description: The Saugerties Town Landfill site is located at 1765 Route 212, Saugerties NY in Ulster County just to the southeast of Route 212. The original 44-acre plot was purchased by the Town of Saugerties in 1969. The site operated as a landfill from 1970 to 1997. The landfill was closed in accordance with state Solid Waste Regulations with an engineered cap in 1997. Maintenance and monitoring of the landfill have been performed by the Town of Saugerties since 1997 in accordance with a DEC-approved post-closure monitoring program.

The capped landfill occupies approximately 15 acres on the southeast portion of the property. The west portion of the site is predominantly wooded. The north-northeast portion of the site is utilized as a municipal solid waste and recycling transfer station, and an animal shelter.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 356003) at:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Previous Investigations: DEC's Division of Materials Management performed groundwater sampling in October 2017 as part of the Inactive Landfill Initiative, a program to assess solid waste landfills for the potential presence of emerging contaminants (e.g., PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-Dioxane) and ensure protection of public health and the environment. Results from that investigation indicated 1,4-Dioxane, PFOA, and PFOS concentrations in groundwater above the State's stringent maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). The MCLs

are as follows: 1 part per billion (ppb) for 1,4-Dioxane, 10 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA, and 10 ppt for PFOS. To fully examine exposure pathways, including drinking water supplies, DEC in consultation with DOH identified and offered free sampling for PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-Dioxane to 94 parcels with private drinking water wells in the vicinity of the landfill. A total of 79 properties with private wells have since been tested to date. Based on those test results, bottled water is being provided to 57 property owners out of an abundance of caution. DEC will continue to test properties within the attached Area of Interest/Map 2. If you are within the targeted sampling area designated in light blue on Map 2 and are uncertain if your well has been sampled, please reach out to DOH at the contact information provided on Page 1.

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.

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

For more information about the SSF, visit:

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

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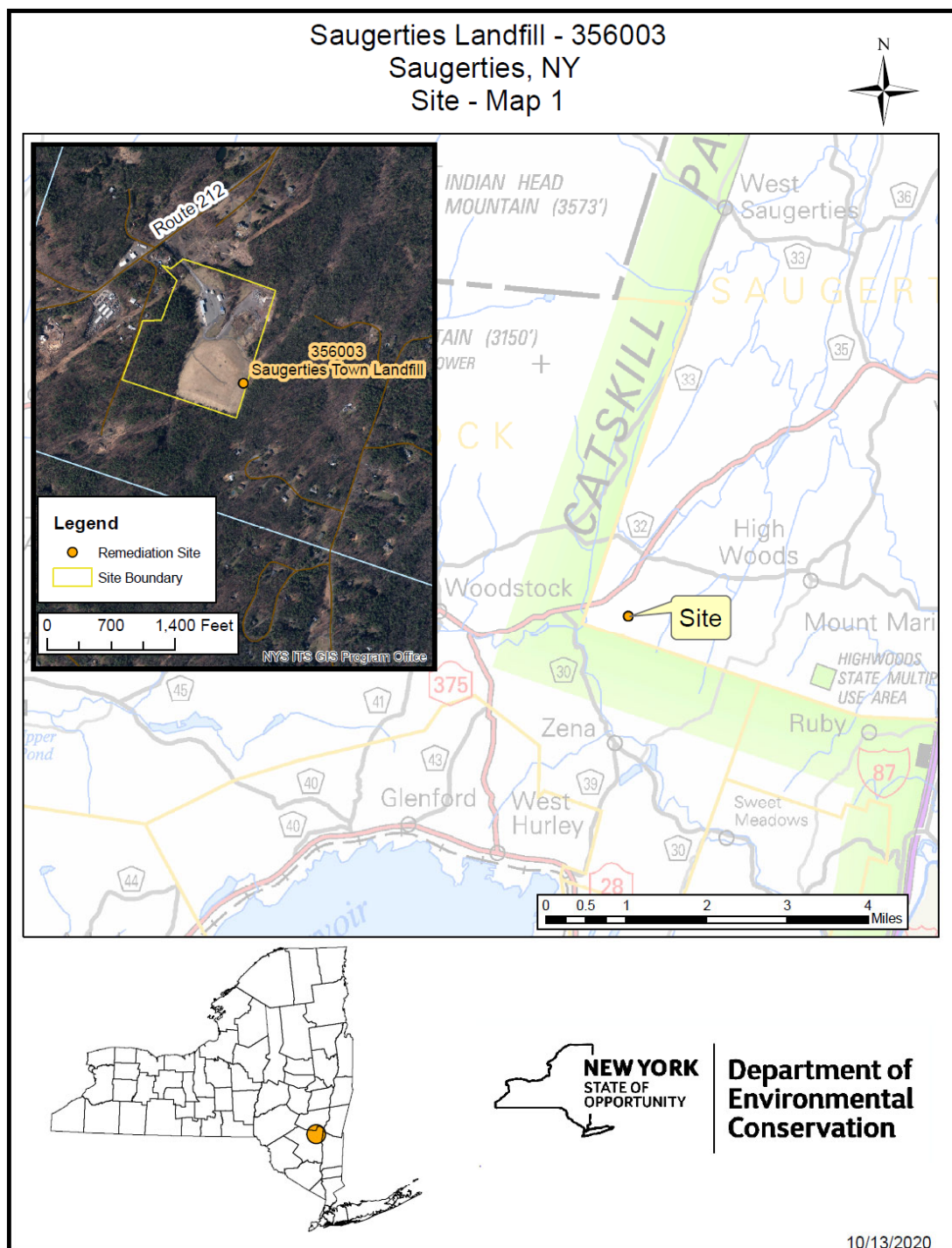
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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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