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Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- ☒ 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.



**Department of
Environmental
Conservation**

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Former Damshire Cleaners

1205 Central Avenue
Albany NY 12205

SITE No. 401059

NYSDEC REGION 4

March 2021

Where to Find Information

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

[InfoLocator Site No. 401059](#)

William K. Sanford Town Library

629 Albany Shaker Rd.
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 458-9274

Who to Contact

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

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) Amendment for the Former Damshire Cleaners site ("site") located at 1205 Central Avenue, in the Town of Colonie, Albany County. Please see the map for the site location.

The ROD Amendment presents the remedy selected to address contamination related to the site and why the remedy was chosen. The ROD Amendment also includes a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments received about the proposal. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$1,440,000.

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.15, a public meeting was not held in an effort to limit the community spread of COVID-19. The comments received during the public comment period (January 20, 2021 through February 18, 2021), 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/401059/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

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

- Implementation of a remedial design program to inform the selection of the most appropriate subsurface remedial amendment;
- Removal of subgrade structures and/or Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), if found;
- Limited excavation and off-site disposal of impacted soils, if found;
- Treatment contaminated groundwater and saturated soils through injection of chemicals to break down contaminants;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Establishment of a site cover meeting the criteria for Commercial use;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

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Site Description: The site is located in a residential and commercial area at the intersection of Rooney Avenue and Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie. The site is approximately 0.39 acres in size and contains a 3,600 sq. ft. one-story masonry block building with a concrete slab-on-grade foundation. The site was a residential property until 1951. The current on-site building was constructed in 1968 and is believed to have been used as a dry cleaner from that time until operations ceased in 2001. The building is currently unoccupied but used for storage by the owner. The building is surrounded by an asphalt parking lot to the northwest and southwest, a grassy area and dirt/gravel driveway to the southeast, and a wooded area to the northeast.

Summary of the Investigation: Implementation of the remedy selected in February 2018 began in 2019 with a pre-design investigation (PDI). Additional monitoring wells were installed on the site and groundwater samples and groundwater elevations were collected. It was determined through this investigation that groundwater was too close to the ground surface to implement the selected remedy – Air Sparge and Soil Vapor Extraction (AS/SVE). Because of the high groundwater conditions found at the site, there is insufficient unsaturated soil depth to install the piping network necessary for a SVE system to work effectively. Without a sufficient depth of unsaturated soil to install the SVE piping, which collects the vapors generated by the air sparge system, the SVE system would not capture the volatilized contaminants, resulting in the potential for fugitive emissions which may impact air at and near the site. In addition to the limited thickness of soil above groundwater, the AS/SVE technology would be significantly hindered by the presence of the existing structure, underground utilities and newly documented large subsurface anomalies thought to be the former septic system and an underground storage tank. After evaluating the current and newly revealed site conditions, an alternative to the AS/SVE remedy was developed.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 401059 at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/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>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

DECinfo Locator

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

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