



Department of
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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Former RKO Dry Cleaners
566 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

SITE No. 401065
NYSDEC REGION 4

March 2021

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401065/>
and at these location(s):

*(*Repositories are temporarily unavailable
due to COVID-19 precautions. If you
cannot access the online repository, please
contact the NYSDEC project manager listed
below for assistance)*

Albany Public Library
161 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 427-4300

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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) for the Former RKO Dry Cleaners site ("site") located at 566 Washington Avenue, Albany, Albany County. 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.

A public comment period was held from February 17, 2021 through March 19, 2021 for Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the site. The comments received during the public comment period, 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/401065/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

Record of Decision: The chosen remedy is the No Further Action remedy, which includes the following engineering and institutional controls:

- Site Cover System – a site cover currently exists in areas not occupied by buildings and will be maintained to allow for industrial use of the site. Any site redevelopment will maintain the existing site cover. The site cover includes paved surface parking areas, concrete slabs, sidewalks and soil where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil meets the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) for industrial use.
- Groundwater Monitoring – groundwater will be sampled on a periodic basis to evaluate breakdown of residual contamination.
- Environmental Easement – an Environmental Easement will be recorded to control future land use and to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site.

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Site Description: The 0.077-acre site is located in the City of Albany at the intersection of Ontario Street and Washington Avenue. It is bordered on the west by Ontario Street followed by Beverwyck Park, to the north by Washington Avenue, and to the east and south by residential structures. The site is currently vacant and covered with concrete and gravel. A circa 1950 one-story building with a basement previously occupied the site until a fire occurred in 2000, resulting in the building being razed in 2012 by Albany County. The property was occupied by RKO Dry Cleaners and Tailors from 1964 until 2005.

Interim Remedial Measures: An expedited cleanup, called an "Interim Remedial Measures" (IRM), is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation. At the Former RKO Dry Cleaners site the following IRMs were conducted.

- The building was demolished after an inspection deemed it unsafe. Hazardous materials were properly disposed of off-site along with a fuel oil underground storage tank (UST). The basement and tank grave were backfilled with clean fill and crushed stone was placed in the final upper two feet of both excavations.
- An IRM was performed to excavate approximately 240 cubic yards of soil impacted by dry cleaning solvents. The excavation removed the contamination source area located near a doorway of the former dry-cleaning building. An in-situ chemical reduction (ISCR) amendment was then placed and mixed at the base of the excavation to promote degradation of residual soil and groundwater contamination. The excavation was backfilled with clean fill and finished with the placement of crushed stone to establish pre-existing site grades.
- Groundwater will continue to be monitored to evaluate the ongoing breakdown of residual contamination.

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are present in soil and groundwater, primarily in the identified source area. Chlorinated VOCs were also detected in the sub-slab and indoor air of adjacent structures, and a sub-slab depressurization system was installed to protect building occupants from exposure.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 401065) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/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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Site Location

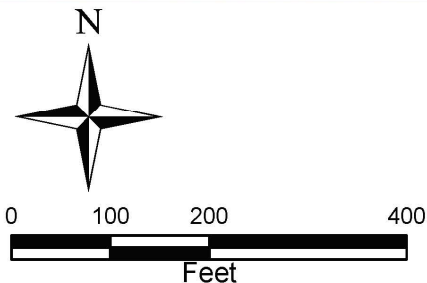
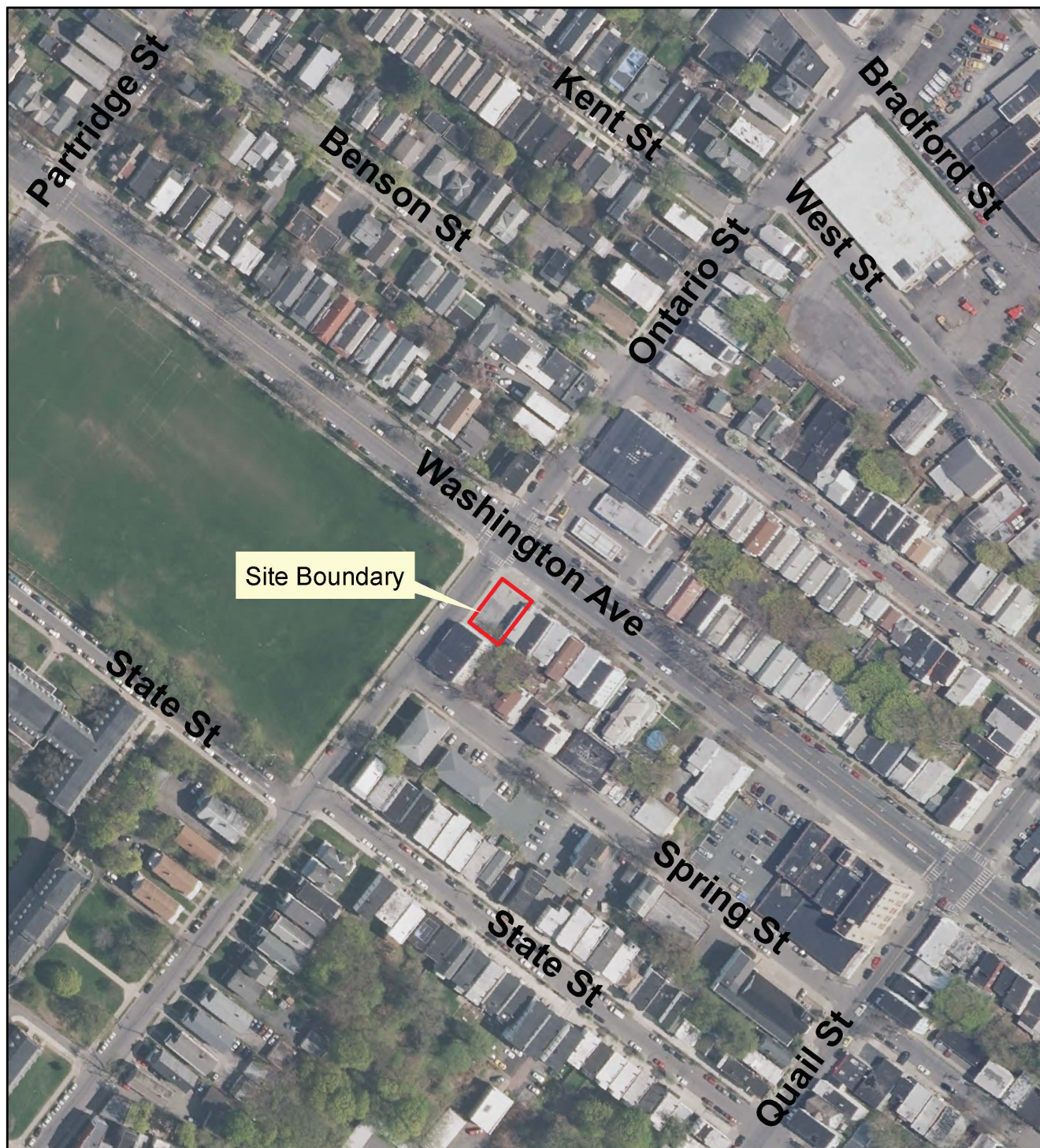


Figure 1

Site Map

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