

# COMMUNITY FACT SHEET

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Interim Remedial Measure  
Cayadutta Creek Bank Restoration  
National Grid Johnstown (No. Market St.)  
Site #5-18-020  
Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site

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Under a Consent Order (legal agreement) with the NYSDEC, National Grid will establish vegetation along the Cayadutta Creek Bank at the Johnstown Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site (the Site), located at 105 North Market Street, Johnstown, Fulton County, New York.

**MGP History at the Site**

The Johnstown MGP site began operating in March 1857 as the Johnstown Gas Light Company. In 1929, a gas pipeline from a MGP in Troy, New York reached Johnstown, and local gas production was only performed on a seasonal (winter) basis, until local production of gas ceased in 1931. Niagara Hudson Power Company was the owner of the Site in 1930, which then consolidated into National Grid Power Company in 1950. By 1980, all buildings at the Site were removed. Currently, National Grid operates a natural gas regulator station at the Site. Information on Manufactured Gas Plants can be found at

NYSDEC's web site: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>.

**Cayadutta Creek Bank Restoration to Begin**

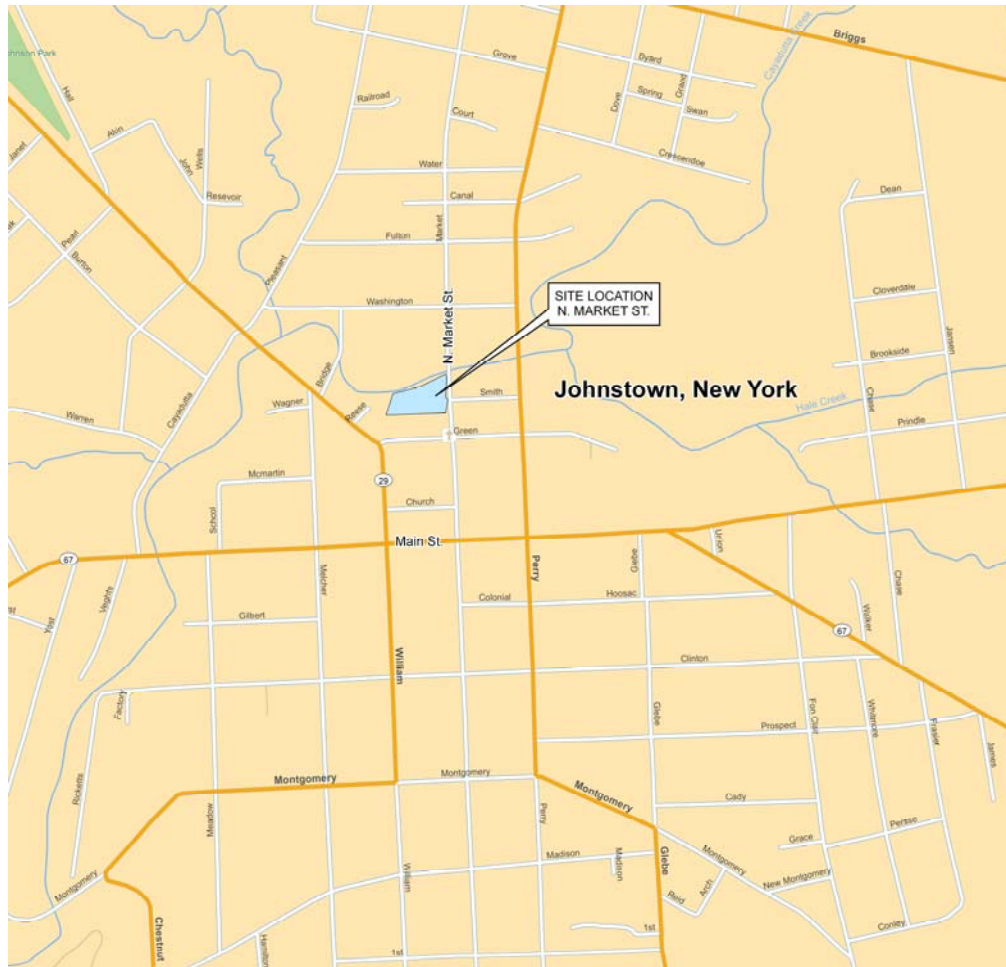
In 2002-2003 and 2005-2006, National Grid undertook Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) to remove the former gas holders and associated MGP-impacted soils, and to mitigate the migration of the MGP-impacted materials. A total of approximately 22,000 cubic yards of material were excavated and properly disposed. The excavated area was backfilled and the southern bank of Cayadutta Creek was stabilized with rip-rap armor to improve erosion prevention.

National Grid will enhance the current Creek bank rip-rap area by establishing a natural vegetation cover over the area. The work will include:

- Installing soil erosion and sediment control measures;
- Removing of excess fabric and erosion control mat materials;
- Filling crevices and covering the surface of the rip-rap with soil;
- Seeding the bank of Cayadutta Creek with a mixture of seeds, which, as much as possible, match the species already present within the stream corridor;
- Planting native shrubs along the bank of the Creek; and
- Maintaining the seeded area until the plants become established.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has approved National Grid's Interim Remedial Measure IRM Work Plan for the above work. IRM Work Plan activities will be performed during the summer of 2009. Document repositories exist at the Johnstown Public Library and at the NYSDEC regional office. A copy of the documents relevant to the restoration, including the IRM Work Plan, will be placed in the repositories to allow interested citizens and groups an opportunity to review these documents.

## Site Location Map



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