



Dear Citizen:

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health (NYSDEC and NYSDOH) wish to inform you of the current status at the Camarota Cleaners Site and proposed remedial investigation activities involving installation of monitoring wells to evaluate groundwater conditions and collection of air samples. The State is intending to conduct field activities between March 10, 2008 and March 14, 2008. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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FACT SHEET

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Camarota Cleaners Site
Site No. 5-46-044
325-327 Park Avenue
Mechanicville, NY 12118

Proposed Field Activities for the Camarota Cleaners Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing that the State is conducting Remedial Investigation (RI) activities to evaluate and address contamination pertaining to the former Camarota Cleaners Site under the State Superfund Program (SSF).

The site is located at 325-327 Park Avenue in Mechanicville, Saratoga County, New York (see Figure 1). The site is presently being renovated and covers approximately 0.115 acres situated at the southeastern intersection of Park Avenue and Second Avenue in a primarily residential area.

Site History

The former Country Dollar Market was located at the property until the fall of 1963 when it was destroyed by a fire and later demolished. The property was developed in the 1970's and utilized by Camarota Cleaners. Dry cleaning and spot removal processes are believed to have utilized tetrachloroethene (PCE), which is a chemical typically used in the dry cleaning industry.

Historical Site Investigations

In July 1991, a soil vapor survey was conducted at the site at the request of the owner. Sample results detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including tetrachloroethene, in the subsurface (below ground).

In July 1992, site investigations detected tetrachloroethene in the soil and the groundwater at the site. Subsequent sampling activities were performed in 1993, which detected tetrachloroethene in the indoor air at an adjacent structure. As a result of the detections the site was designated a potential Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal site.

In September 1998 and May 1999, site investigations were performed and detected tetrachloroethene above groundwater standards. However, the concentrations had decreased from the 1993 detections. Soil samples did not detect tetrachloroethene above cleanup objective levels.

In September 1999, a preliminary site assessment was initiated in an attempt to locate the source of the contamination. Groundwater results detected chlorinated volatile organic compounds at concentrations above groundwater standards. Elevated tetrachloroethene concentrations were detected within sub-slab (underneath the building's foundation) soil vapor samples. Indoor air and soil samples did not detect tetrachloroethene. Based on the findings no definite source of contamination was identified. Contamination within the environment appears to be a result of improper handling of tetrachloroethene and/or poor housekeeping practices.

In March 2005, a soil vapor intrusion evaluation was initiated by the State in response to the New York State Department of Health's guidelines regarding indoor air quality. Elevated concentrations of tetrachloroethylene were detected in the soil vapor. Additionally, groundwater samples were obtained and detected tetrachloroethylene at similar concentrations to detections in 1999. As a result of the soil vapor and groundwater concentrations, the site was added to the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites.

Interim Remedial Measures

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the Remedial Investigation. The site owner has performed two interim remedial measures without NYSDEC involvement as detailed below:

1. In April 2007, approximately 30 hybrid poplar trees were planted at the site to reduce on-site contaminant levels from the shallow groundwater.
2. In May 2007, a sub-slab depressurization system was installed at the building to address contaminated soil vapors.

Proposed Activities

The State intends to conduct a Remedial Investigation, which will include the installation of permanent monitoring wells and conduct a soil vapor intrusion evaluation. The expected locations of the monitoring wells are illustrated on Figure 2. Field activities are scheduled to be performed between March 10, 2008 and March 14, 2008 from 8 am to 5 pm.

Public Water Supply

Groundwater in the vicinity of the site is not used as a source of public water supply. The City of Mechanicville Water Department and New York State Department of Health are monitoring water quality from the Mechanicville Reservoir and the Terminal Reservoir to ensure that the public water supply continues to meet or exceed Federal and State drinking water standards. Annual Water Quality Reports are available on the City of Mechanicville website: www.mechanicville.com.

Citizen Participation

Public comments will be sought and public announcements will be released as described in the Citizen Participation Plan that is available at the Document Repositories (locations indicated below). As indicated in the Citizen Participation Plan, fact sheets and/or public forums will be available when milestones (i.e. Proposed Remedial Action Plan and Record of Decision) are reached. The document repositories will contain the finalized Remedial Investigation Work Plan and future documents as the project progresses.

Document Repositories: *To review site information:*

Public Library
Mechanicville District Public Library
190 North Main Street
Mechanicville, NY 12118
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Hours: M & W 11 am to 8 pm
Tu, Th, F 11 am to 6 pm
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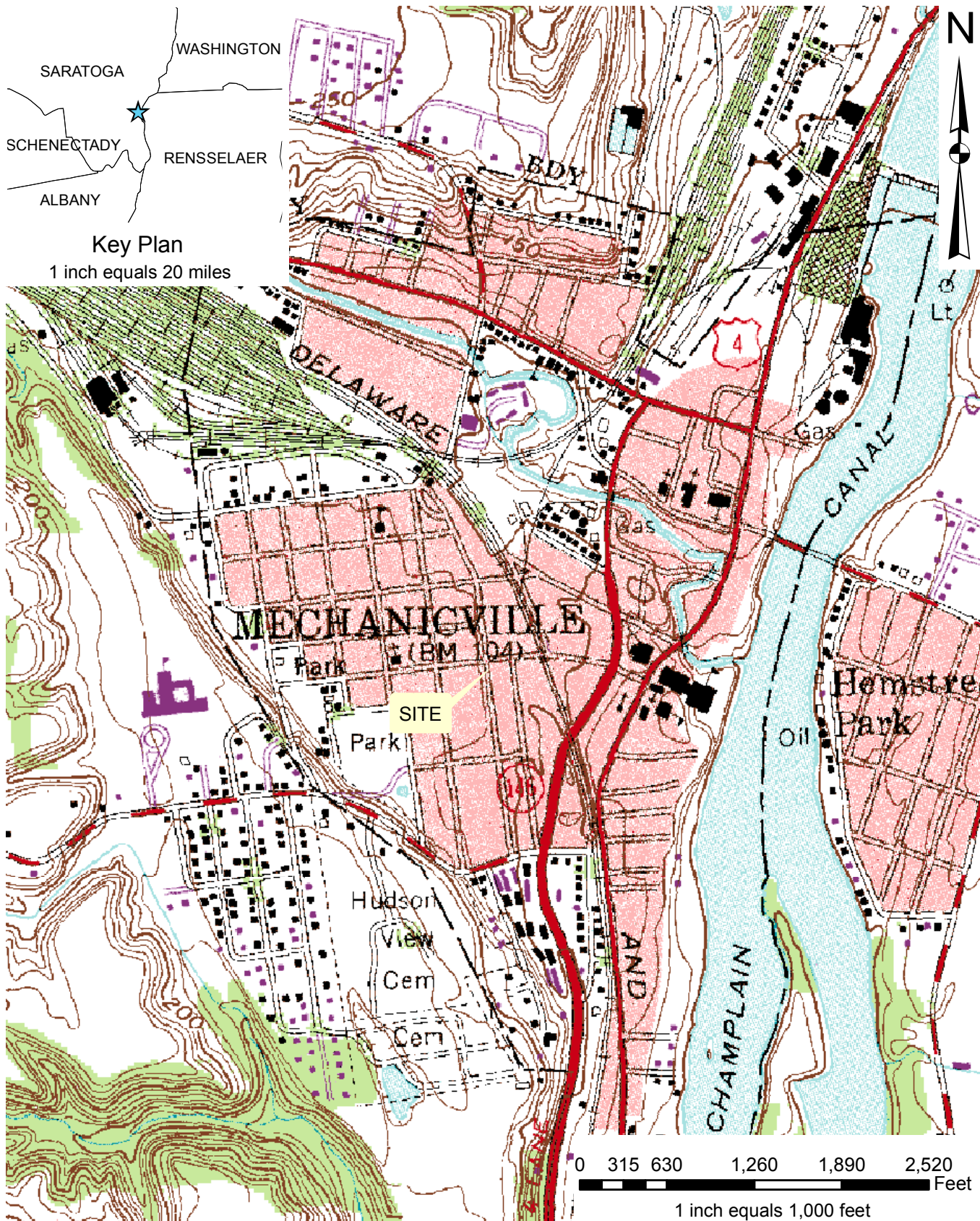
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Site Location Plan
Camarota Cleaners, Site No. 5-46-044
Mechanicville, Saratoga County, New York

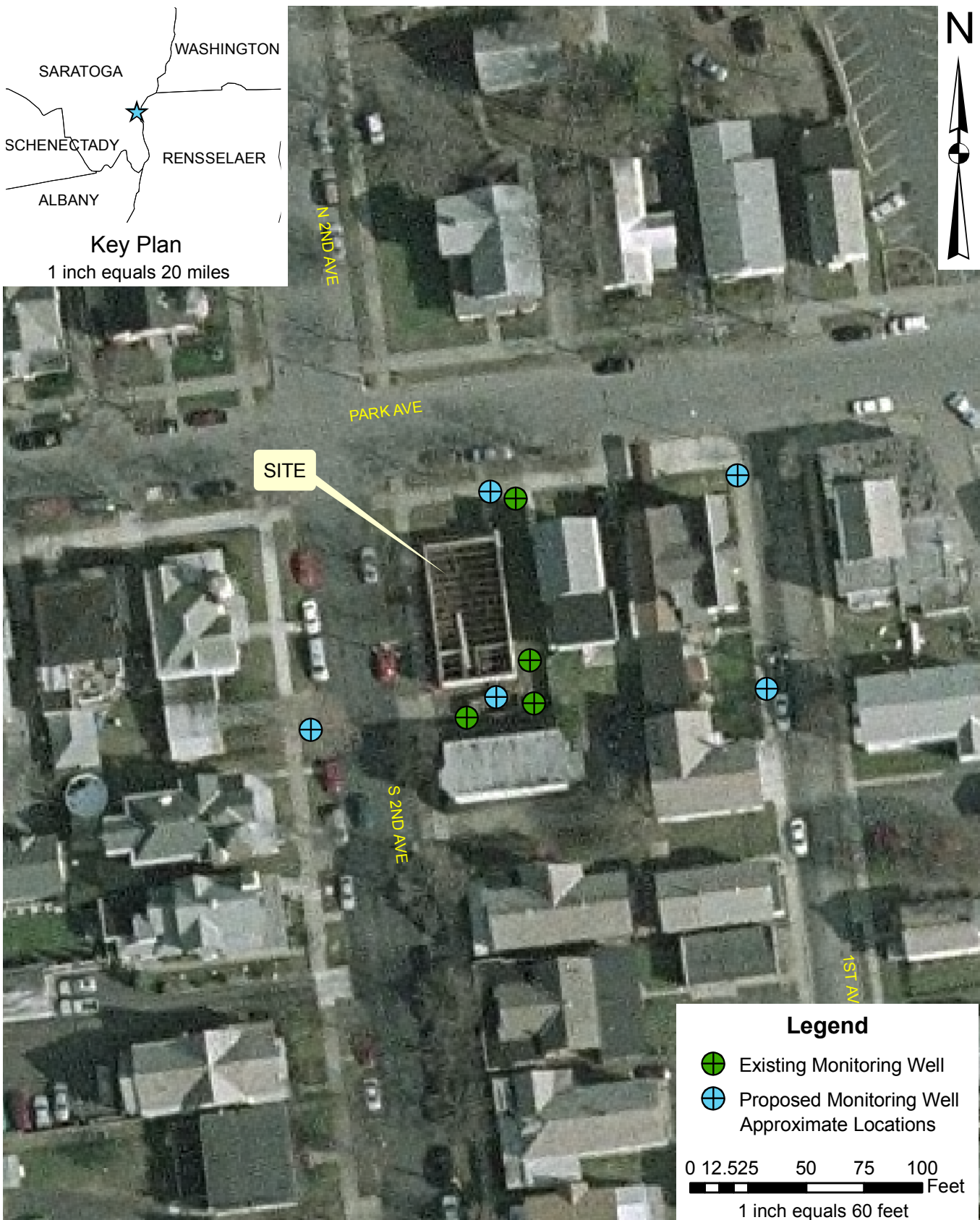
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Figure 1



Key Plan
1 inch equals 20 miles



Legend

-  Existing Monitoring Well
-  Proposed Monitoring Well Approximate Locations

0 12.525 50 75 100 Feet
1 inch equals 60 feet

Source Data: Aerial - 2004 Color 30cm Resolution



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Monitoring Well Plan
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Mechanicville, Saratoga County, New York

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Figure 2