



# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

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Site Name: Union Fork & Hoe  
DEC Site #: 622011  
Site Address: 253 East Main Street  
Frankfort, NY 13340

June 2012

### Interim Remedial Measure to Begin at State Superfund Site

An Interim Remedial Measure is about to begin at the Union Fork & Hoe site ("site") located at 253 East Main Street, in the Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County under New York State's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

**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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

Documents related to this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." The cleanup activities will be performed by Ames True Temper with oversight provided by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

#### Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) will consist of the demolition of all, or most, of the on-site buildings. Initially, asbestos abatement and asbestos air monitoring will be conducted. Following asbestos removal, buildings will be stripped of all material besides wood, brick, block, steel, and concrete. Buildings will then be characterized for contamination and demolished in place. Contaminated debris will be disposed of off-site. Uncontaminated wood will be segregated and reclaimed and uncontaminated steel will be recycled. Uncontaminated brick, block, and concrete will be ground into pieces less than 3 inches in diameter and then used on-site as fill material.

#### Next Steps

After completion of the IRM and associated cleanup activities, Ames True Temper will prepare a Construction Completion Report. The Construction Completion Report will certify the IRM was completed in accordance with the NYSDEC's requirements for the IRM. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

## **Background**

**Location:** The Union Fork & Hoe site is located in a suburban area in the Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County. A portion of the site is located in the Village of Frankfort. The site consists of a rectangular-shaped area of approximately 29 acres along East Main Street. The site is approximately ½ mile southwest of the Mohawk River.

**Site Features:** The site includes several vacant industrial buildings, which were part of a former hand tool manufacturer. The majority of the site is covered by former parking areas and grass fields with some more densely vegetated areas along the site boundaries. A public water supply well field was impacted by the site and is located adjacent to and northeast of the site. In 1991, a treatment system was placed on the municipal well.

**Current Zoning/Use:** The site is currently inactive, and is zoned for commercial and industrial use. The surrounding area has a mix of industrial, commercial, and residential zoned uses.

**Historic Use(s):** The site has been used for industrial purposes for over 100 years. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, railroad operations took place in the central portion of the site. For most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the site was used for the manufacture of hand tools such as hoes, shovels, and forks. Manufacturing processes included forging, stamping, painting, varnishing, and milling. In 2006, the site was acquired by Ames True Temper, and manufacturing operations were discontinued.

The site has been the subject of several environmental investigations over the last 25 years. Elevated levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), and Metals have been documented historically in site soils. Several removal actions have been performed at the site to address impacts to site soils over the last 15 years.

In 2011, Ames True Temper signed a Consent Order with NYSDEC to complete a remedial program at the site. A Remedial Investigation Work Plan is currently under development.

**Site Geology and Hydrogeology:** The site lies on relatively flat terrain ½ mile southwest of the Mohawk River. Site soils primarily consist of glacial till, which increases in density with depth. Overburden groundwater is encountered at approximately 15 feet below grade. Bedrock is mostly at depths greater than 50 feet. Groundwater flow is primarily northeast towards the Mohawk River.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=622011>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Village of Frankfort  
110 Railroad Street  
Frankfort, NY 13340  
phone: (315) 895-7651

NYSDEC  
Central Office  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-7014  
phone: (518) 402-9662

### Whom to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

#### Project Related Questions

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Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-7014  
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#### Site-Related Health Questions

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NYSDOH Field Office  
5665 State Route 5  
Herkimer, NY 13350  
(315) 866 6879

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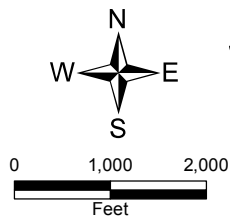
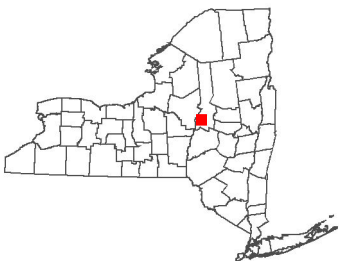
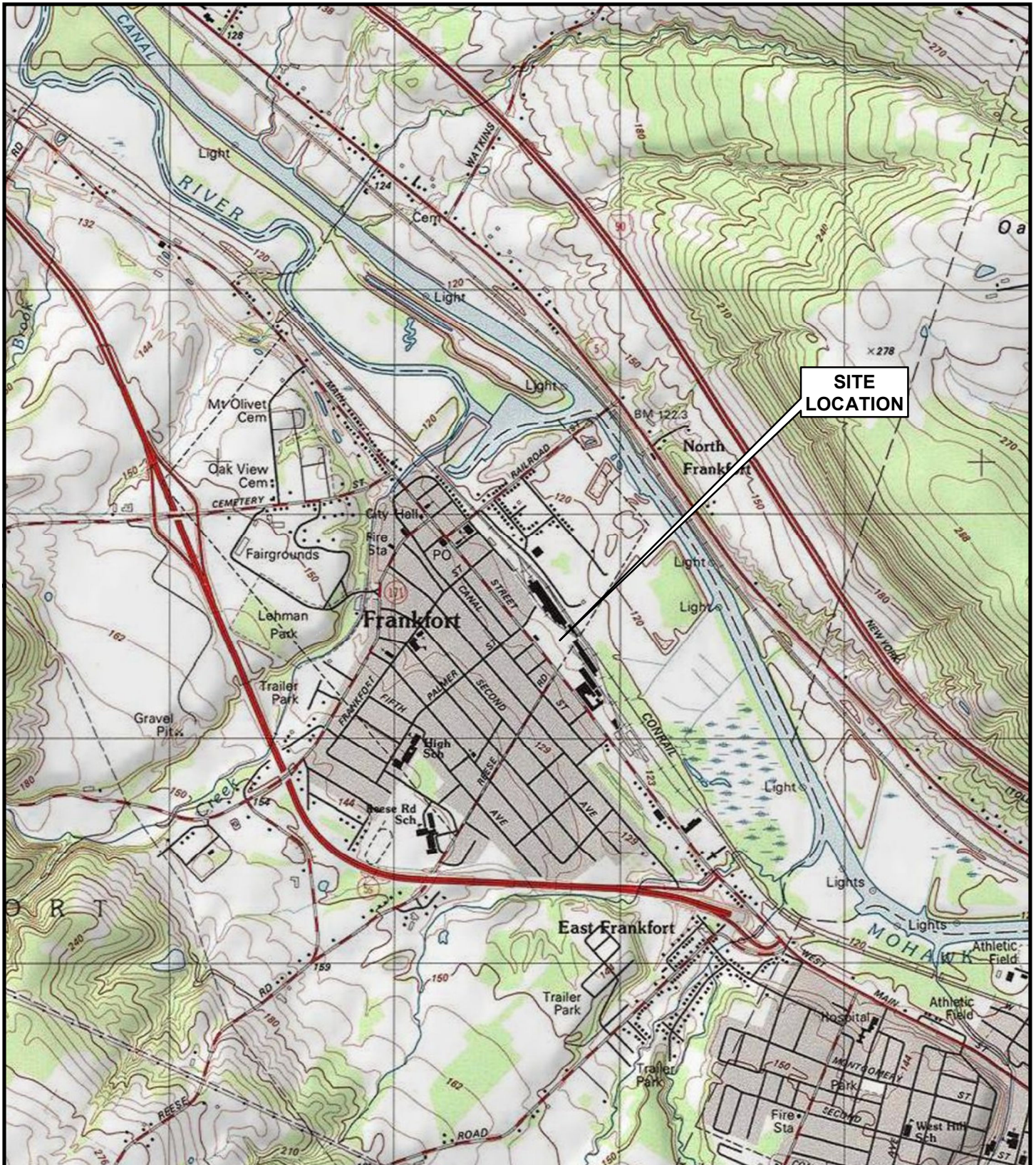
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# Site Location Map

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 Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County  
 Site No. 6-22-011

