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Utica City Dump

State Superfund Program
Site No. 633015
Utica, Oneida County

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November 2026

Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to Utica City Dump ("site") located at the intersection of Incinerator Road and Leland Avenue, Utica, Oneida County under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be funded by the state superfund program and be performed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) through its contractor, Kubricky-Jointa Lime, LLC.

Work is expected to begin in October 2026 and last approximately two years. The estimated cost to implement the cleanup is $43,000,000. As detailed below, the cleanup design for the site incorporated many green and sustainable elements, making it one of the most sustainable cleanups undertaken by DEC in its history. The site is listed as a Class 2 site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/633015/
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to find information."

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup is to protect public health and the environment and to make the site available for future commercial and industrial uses. The key components of the cleanup are:

- Consolidation of waste material under an evapotranspiration cover system, which is a natural system, made up of plants and soil, designed to reduce water infiltrating into waste material;
- Utilizing locally sourced Navigational Dredge Materials from the NYS Canals Corp;
- Demolition of the former incinerator stack and pump house;
- Wetland restoration and creation; and
- Recording an Environmental Easement to control future land use and to ensure adherence to the Site Management Plan.

Green and Sustainable Remediation (GSR) practices will be employed during the work, including:

- The use of solar-powered and battery-powered equipment to the extent practicable;
- Reuse of NYS Canals navigable dredge material in the evapotranspiration cover;
- Furnish products (e.g., silt fence, silt logs) with recycled and biobased content;
- Identify and implement beneficial use for clearing and grubbing debris;
- Limit extent/control of on-site traffic to reduce disturbance area;
- Furnish stormwater collection/storage system for watering and maintenance of plantings;
- Use of local contractors and employees when possible (minimize commuter distances);
- Create nearly 12-acres of wetland along the Mohawk River;
- Use native plants for site restoration;
- Install bluebird nest boxes;
- Source water locally for plant upkeep;
- Use on-site waste consolidation, to the extent possible (minimize waste transport distance); and

- Minimize idling of equipment and vehicles.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP establishes procedures to protect on-site workers from exposure to contaminants during construction. The CAMP establishes complementary procedures for the protection of both on-site workers and the surrounding public and includes required work zone air monitoring, site perimeter air monitoring, and specific dust action levels that would trigger dust suppression. The CAMP also outlines specific dust and odor suppression techniques to be used in case action levels are reached.

Next Steps

After cleanup activities are completed, DEC will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER). The FER will memorialize the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

DEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

Site Description

The approximately 126-acre site is bounded by the Erie Canal to the north, the Mohawk River to the east and south, and Leland Avenue to the west. The site was used as a municipal landfill for the City of Utica. Dumping began in the 1930s at the western end of the site and extended eastward with time. The western portion containing municipal solid waste was closed in 1972.

Hazardous waste was disposed of at the eastern portion of the site as recently as 1984. A section of the eastern portion of the site was utilized by the City of Utica for construction and demolition debris along with yard waste. A temporary cover was constructed over this section of the site, and the area was closed in 1997. In 1996, a different section of the eastern portion of the landfill was temporarily reopened to dispose of demolished houses as a result of fire from arson. Subsequently, a temporary cover was installed on this portion in 1998. The cleanup standard for this site is for commercial use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 633015) at:

https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are lead, copper, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soil and debris. The incinerator stack and pump house are presumed to contain asbestos.

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. DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:
https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

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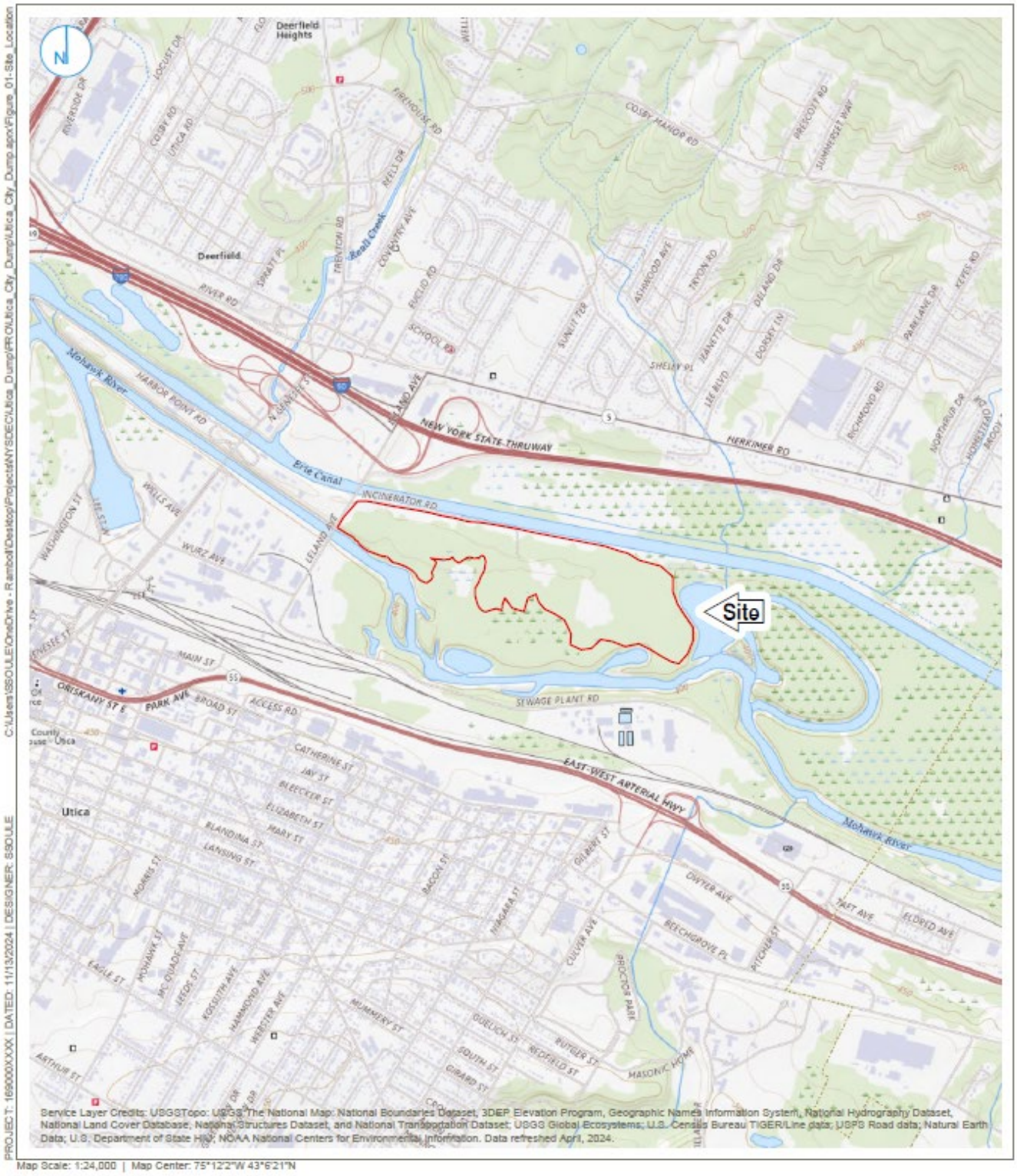
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Erie Canal
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RIVER RD
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