



Department of  
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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the [DECinfo Locator](#) and at the locations listed at the end of this document to help the public stay informed.

## Who to Contact

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

### Project-Related Questions

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State Superfund Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

SYW-12 Site

302 Hiawatha Blvd. West, Rear  
Syracuse, NY 13290

SITE No. 734075A

NYSDEC REGION 7

January 2023

## Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Public Meeting, Tuesday January 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**(snow date of Wednesday February 1, 2023)**

**Open House from 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Salina Town Hall**

**201 School Road, Liverpool 13088**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

DEC will provide interpreter services for hearing impaired persons and language interpreter services for individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English, at no charge, upon written request submitted to the DEC project manager no later than January 23, 2023.

The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the SYW-12 site ("site") located in the east corner of Onondaga Lake between the lake and railroad tracks in Syracuse, Onondaga County. Please see the map below for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy (described below) is \$8,300,000.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Proposed Plan, for 30 days, from **January 19, 2023** through **February 18, 2023**.

- Access the Proposed Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/734075A/>.
- Documents also are available at the locations identified below, under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

The site is listed as Class 2 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 and action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to address these threats:

**Proposed Plan** - The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Placing a two-foot-thick cover in select areas of the site, totaling approximately 8.2 acres;
- Evaluating several additional areas for potential cover placement, totaling approximately 2.2 acres;
- Integrating wetland conditions and functions to improve the success of wetland restoration following cover placement;
- Importing clean material for the cover as backfill that meets Ecological and/or Commercial Use soil cleanup objectives;
- Monitoring animal and plant life to track and evaluate the remedy's effectiveness and protection of ecological resources;
- Monitoring the natural attenuation of contaminated groundwater;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during construction activities;
- Implementing long-term maintenance and monitoring;
- Recording of an environmental easement to ensure proper use of the site; and
- Developing and implementing a Site Management Plan that identifies use restrictions and engineering controls for the site. The plan will both detail the steps and requirements necessary to ensure these controls remain in place and effective, and establish a monitoring plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy.

Trees used for winter roosting by Bald Eagles would be protected and undisturbed by this remedy.

NYSDEC and EPA developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the feasibility study submitted under New York's State Superfund Program by Honeywell International, Inc. The feasibility study is included in the documents available for public review.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC and EPA will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a record of decision that will both explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The approximately 23.5-acre site is bordered to the north and east by CSX railroad tracks, the south by Onondaga Creek, and the west by Onondaga Lake. It is owned by Onondaga County and currently undeveloped with approximately 10.4 acres of upland (non-wetland areas) and 13.1 acres of New York State delineated wetland.

Historically, Onondaga Creek flowed through the site. In the late 1800s, the creek was re-routed and an amusement complex known as the Iron Pier Resort operated on the property. The resort closed in 1906 and historic maps and aerial photos indicate the area was filled with various materials, including dredge materials from the barge canal or other locations.

The use of the site, also referred to as Murphy's Island, includes an extension of Onondaga County's Loop-the-Lake Trail, a recreational multiple-use trail. The trail will be closed annually from December 1 through March 31 to protect winter roosting habitat for bald eagles.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 734075A) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/ectapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants include benzo(a)pyrene and other polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs); polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); the pesticide 4,4-DDT; and metals including cadmium, chromium, and mercury. Impacts to groundwater on the site are limited, with naphthalene being the only contaminant exceeding guidance values in one well.

**State Superfund Program and EPA Superfund:** New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) and EPA's Superfund program identifies and characterizes 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. DEC and DOH project managers are not involved with the solicitation or procurement for the work discussed in this fact sheet.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

In addition to the [DECinfo Locator](#), project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed.

# STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM

Atlantic States Legal Foundation  
658 West Onondaga Street  
Syracuse, NY 13204  
(315) 475-1170

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
615 Erie Boulevard, West  
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
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For more information about the SSF, visit:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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## 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>



## SYW-12 Site





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