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FACT SHEET

Manufactured Gas Plant Program

Former Fulton

Manufactured Gas Plant
(MGP) Site
530 South First Street
Fulton, NY 13069

February 2023

SITE No. 738034

NYSDEC REGION 7

Notice of Availability: Amended Record of Decision

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announces that it has issued the Amended Record of Decision (ROD) for the Fulton Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site ("site") located at 530 South First Street, Fulton, Oswego County. Please see the map for the site location.

The Amended ROD presents the remedy selected to address contamination related to the site and why the remedy was chosen. The Amended ROD also includes a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments received about the proposal. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$4,999,000.

On Thursday, February 10, 2022 NYSDEC held a virtual public meeting presenting the proposed Amended ROD for the site. The comments received at this meeting and during the public comment period (January 19, 2022 through February 17, 2022), along with the administrative record, were considered in preparing the final Amended ROD for the site.

- Access the Amended ROD and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/738034/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

Record of Decision: The following is a summary of the chosen remedy described in the Amended ROD:

- Excavating former MGP-related structures/foundations and impacted soil in their immediate vicinity to the extent practicable;
- Excavating areas of impacted soil in Area 1 (see figure) to seven feet below grade (ft bg) or to the extent practicable due to dewatering limitations.
- Excavating the top 4 feet and performing in-situ solidification of MGP-impacted soil from 4 ft bg to the full depth (i.e. 28 ft bg) of identified impacts in Area 2 and the off-site, adjacent City of Fulton owned property south of Area 2;
- Disposing of former structures and impacted soil off-site;
- Treating contaminated groundwater in Area 1 through introduction of oxygen (or other nutrients, if necessary);
- Installing a soil cover over Areas 1 and 2 consisting of a minimum of two feet of clean material that meets NYSDEC's clean backfill criteria;

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- Importing clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives in 6 NYCRR Part 375 for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an environmental easement to ensure proper use of the site.

Site Description: The approximately 1.04-acre former MGP is located in a residential section of the City of Fulton, Oswego County, approximately 10 miles south of Lake Ontario. South First Street passes through the site, dividing it into parcels designated as Areas 1 and 2. Area 1 lies to the east of South First Street and Area 2 is bounded to the southwest by the Oswego River. Both areas are owned by National Grid and are comprised of vacant lots with active overhead electric utility transmission lines.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 738034) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: Soil and groundwater have been impacted by volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs). In Area 1, these impacts are generally noted in the vicinity of the northeastern concrete gas holder pad, a former MGP structure. Impacts are limited to the upper 12 feet below ground surface (ft bgs) in this area. In Area 2, observations of impacts begin at four ft bgs and extend to depths up to at least 28 ft bgs., concentrated between four and 12 ft bgs. The MGP-impacted material extends off-site onto the City of Fulton owned property southeast of Area 2. Impacts were not observed adjacent to the Oswego River. NYSDEC developed the Amended ROD after reviewing the results of a pre-design investigation conducted in 2019, which included groundwater sampling and a closed-circuit television inspection of the storm sewer adjacent to the south of Area 2.

MGP Program Overview: New York's MGP Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of former MGP sites. Sites where contamination has been released to the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

The gas manufacturing process involved the heating of coal and/or petroleum products to produce a gas mixture. Once cooled and purified, the gas was distributed through a local pipeline network. The gas was used for heating and cooking much like natural gas is used today. In the early years, the gas was also used for lighting in homes and in streetlights. A dense, oily liquid known as coal tar would condense out of the gas at various stages during its production, purification and distribution, and be discharged to the subsurface.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the MGPs, visit:

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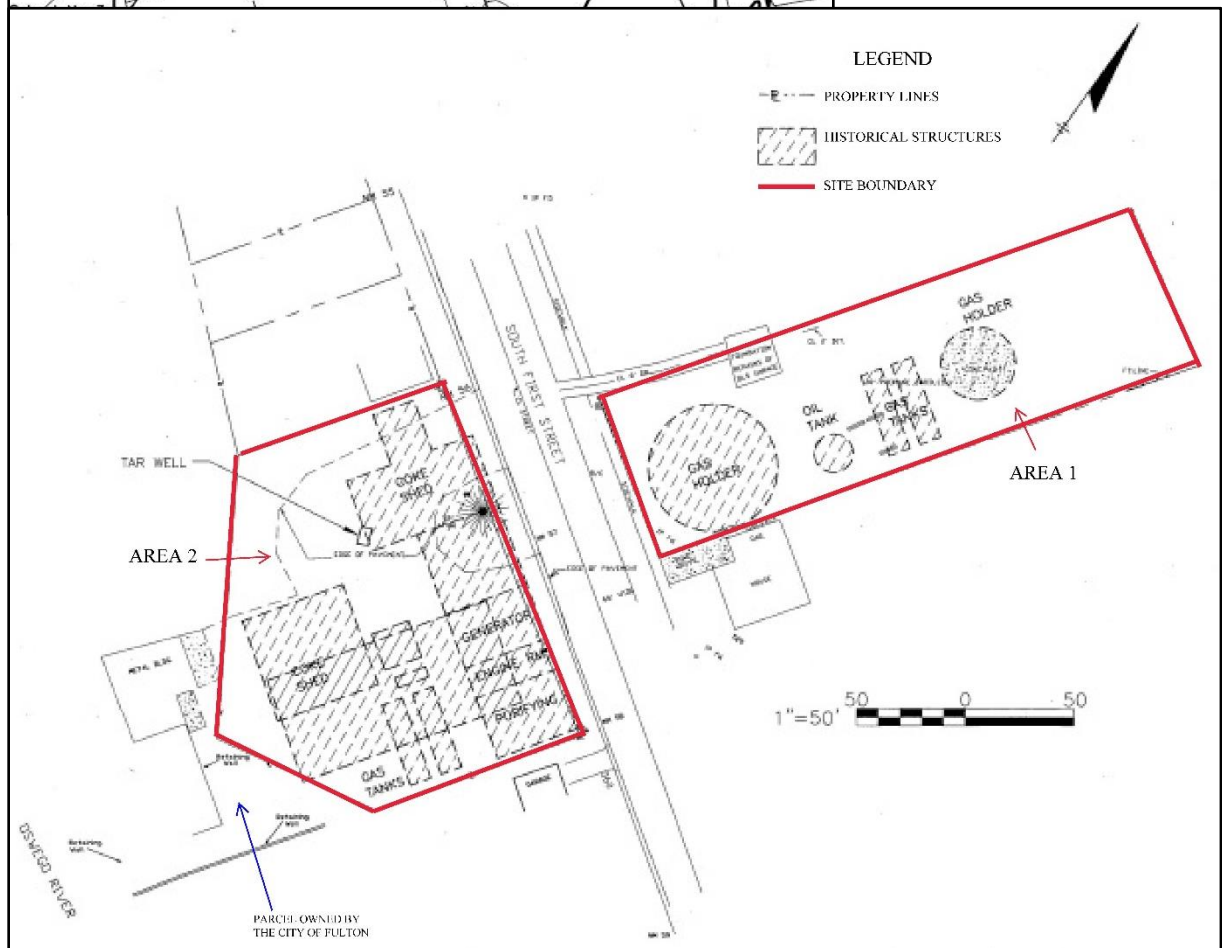
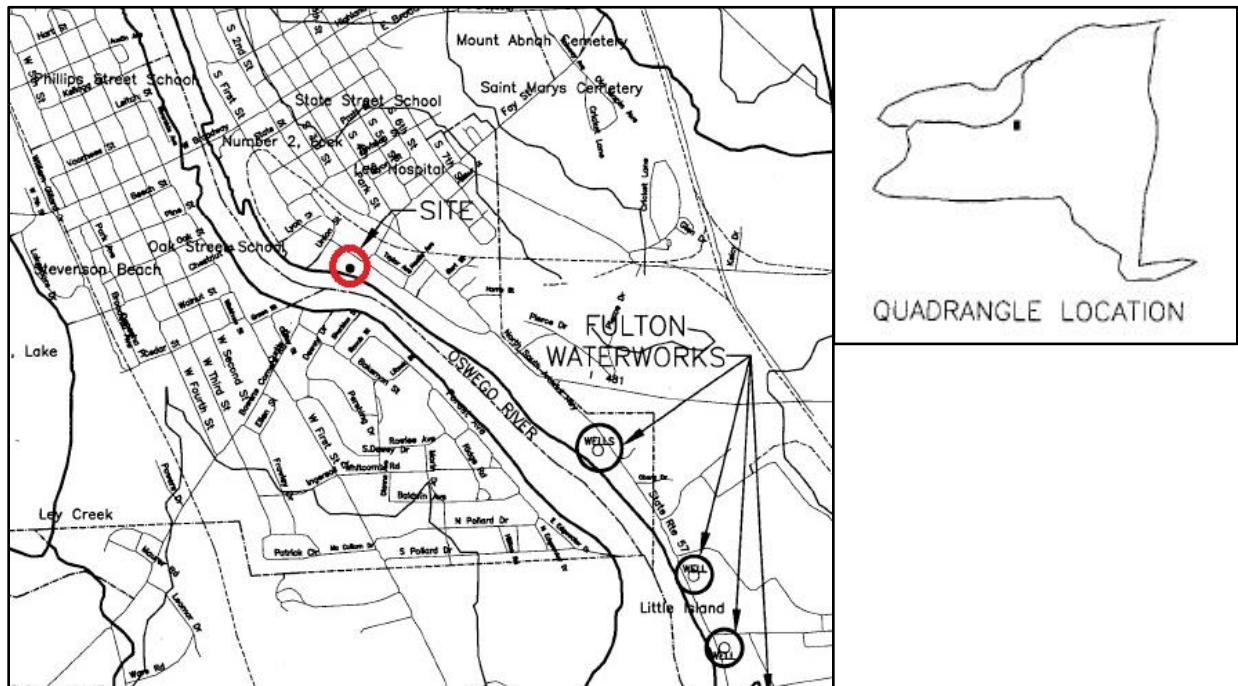
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