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**FACT SHEET  
Campagnolo Property  
City of Ithaca, Tompkins County  
Environmental Investigation Update**

**June 2007**  
Site No. 7-55-013

**INTRODUCTION**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (collectively referred to as “the State”), is conducting an environmental investigation in the vicinity of the Campagnolo Property, located at 507-511 North Meadow Street in the City of Ithaca. The Campagnolo Property (“the site”) housed a dry-cleaning business during the 1960’s and 1970’s. While in operation, the dry-cleaning business used a cleaning fluid that contained tetrachloroethene, a chemical commonly referred to as perchloroethene, or PCE. The location of the site is shown on the enclosed map.

**SITE INVESTIGATION HISTORY**

Groundwater samples collected on-site during a limited subsurface investigation revealed the presence of PCE and breakdown products of PCE (e.g., trichloroethene or TCE). As a result, the State began investigating the site further, as well as the surrounding area.

Results from the environmental investigations indicate contaminated groundwater has impacted soil vapor on-site and in nearby structures. The potential for soil vapor containing site-related contaminants to enter the structures surrounding the site has been investigated by collecting indoor and sub-slab (i.e., air beneath building slabs) air samples during one prior summer (2005) and the past two winter heating seasons (2005-2007). To date, the State has sampled fifteen buildings for soil vapor intrusion. Based upon the soil vapor information gathered, the State has installed sub-slab depressurization (SSD) systems at two commercial buildings which minimize exposures related to soil vapor intrusion. These systems, also referred to as radon mitigation systems, are essentially venting systems that draw the air from subsurface soils beneath buildings and vent it to the outdoor air above the building’s roofline. For other buildings sampled, the State has reviewed the information and recommended to property owners that either air sampling be continued, or that no further action is necessary.

**DESCRIPTION OF UPCOMING INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES**

The State has approved a plan for an environmental investigation with the intent to define the nature and extent of contamination, evaluate the potential for human exposures to site-related contaminants, and evaluate alternatives for remediating the site.

Specific investigation elements scheduled to occur in the next few months include the following:

- Soil and groundwater contaminant characterization at and in the vicinity of the site
- Installation of groundwater monitoring wells
- Periodic groundwater hydraulic and quality monitoring

To determine whether additional actions are needed to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion, air sampling of residences and other structures will continue during the upcoming winter heating season, which is typically identified from mid-November through the end of March.

Depending on the results of the investigation, more immediate cleanup and corrective actions, such as solvent-contaminated soil removal or additional installations of SSD systems may be performed. Subsequently, various long-term remedial alternatives will be developed and evaluated for the site. Once completed, an RI/FS Report will be prepared and submitted to the State.

#### **WHAT'S NEXT**

Based on the findings of the environmental investigation, the State will prepare an action plan which will outline the proposed remedy. Reports for the environmental investigation and the proposed remedy will be available for public comment. Selection of the remedy will be made using public input.

#### **LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Public understanding and input are important to the success of this project. As the project progresses, the NYSDEC will distribute fact sheets, like this one, to keep you informed. Public meetings may be scheduled as the investigation progresses. The public is encouraged to review documents related to this project at the following regional locations:

Tompkins County Public Library  
101 East Green St.  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 8:15 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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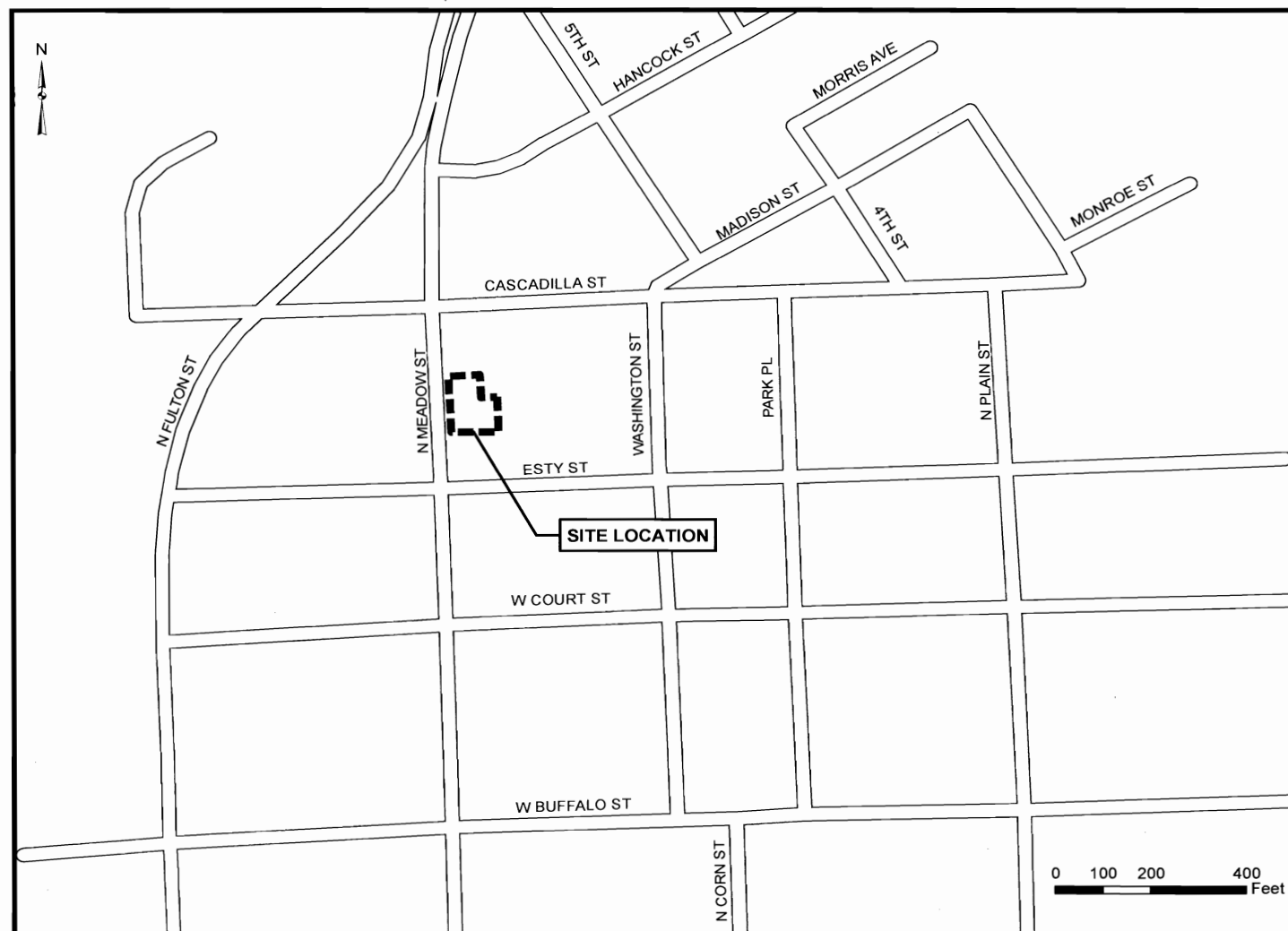
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Site Location Map