



**Public Meeting
on a
Proposed Remedial
Action Plan**

**Wednesday,
March 5, 2008**

**from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
at**

Steele Memorial Library
101 East Church street
Elmira, NY 14901

The NYSDEC will present the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Former MGP site. At the meeting, representatives from NYSDEC and NYSDOH will:

1) describe the results of the site investigations;
2) explain the PRAP and alternatives considered; 3) answer questions and receive verbal or written comments on the proposal.

Public Comment Period

From: February 19, 2008
To: March 20, 2008

FACT SHEET

Madison Ave. Former MGP Site
Site No. 8-08-018
February 2008

Remedial Actions Proposed for the Madison Avenue Former MGP Site Meeting Scheduled for March 05, 2008 Public Comment Period: February 19 to March 20, 2008

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), has released a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) to address hazardous waste contamination at the Madison Avenue Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site. The March 5th meeting will give the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide their input to State representatives on the proposed remedy.

Site Description: The Madison Avenue Former MGP site is located in the City of Elmira, Chemung County and occupies approximately 6 acres (see Figure 1). The site is bounded by East Fifth Street to the north and northeast, East Clinton Street to the south and Madison Avenue to the west.

A gas manufacturing facility was located on the site from the late 1860s until 1947. The manufacturing process involved heating coal and petroleum products to produce a combustible gas. The gas was cooled, purified and then piped to homes and businesses in the surrounding area, where it was used for heating and cooking in much the same way that natural gas is used today. Over the years, by-products, such as coal tar generated from the MGP operations, have leaked or been released from the former holders and other structures resulting in the contamination of soil and groundwater.

The Proposed Action: The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) examines different ways to clean up the site, and presents the alternative preferred by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH. The proposed remedy includes the following components (see figure 9):

- Excavation and removal of shallow, heavily coal-tar impacted soil.
- Excavation and removal of contaminated structures and piping in the subsurface.
- In-place solidification/stabilization of coal tar impacted soils which are too deep to reach by conventional excavation using a cement like material.

- Passive recovery of mobile coal tar using recovery wells.
- Oxygen enhancement of groundwater to accelerate natural degradation of dissolved contaminants.
- Site restoration and maintenance (maintaining/replacing existing surface cover materials) following the excavation and stabilization.
- Implementation of environmental easement; and
- Site management and continued groundwater monitoring.

Next Steps:

Starting with the release of the PRAP, a public comment period will extend from February 19 through March 20, 2008. During this period, the public can provide comments about the PRAP in writing by letter or e-mail, or by telephone. Comments will also be accepted at the public meeting. The NYSDEC will consider the comments received as it prepares a final Record of Decision (ROD) for the site. The ROD will present the final remedy, and will include a Responsiveness Summary which will include public comments and the Department's response to them. The Record of Decision is expected to be issued at the end of March 2008.

After the ROD is issued, NYSEG will begin developing a work plan for a pre-design investigation to further refine the three dimensional extent of the areas to be remediated.

Document Repositories: Two document repositories have been established to provide you with access to information about the site. All relevant documents including investigation reports and work plans associated with the site are available for public review at the locations identified below:

Steele Memorial Library
101 East Church street
Elmira, NY 14901

NYSDEC
Division of Environmental Remediation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7014
Phone #: (518) 402-9662
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For questions related to any aspect of the former manufactured gas plant site, please contact the following staff:

Project Related Issues:

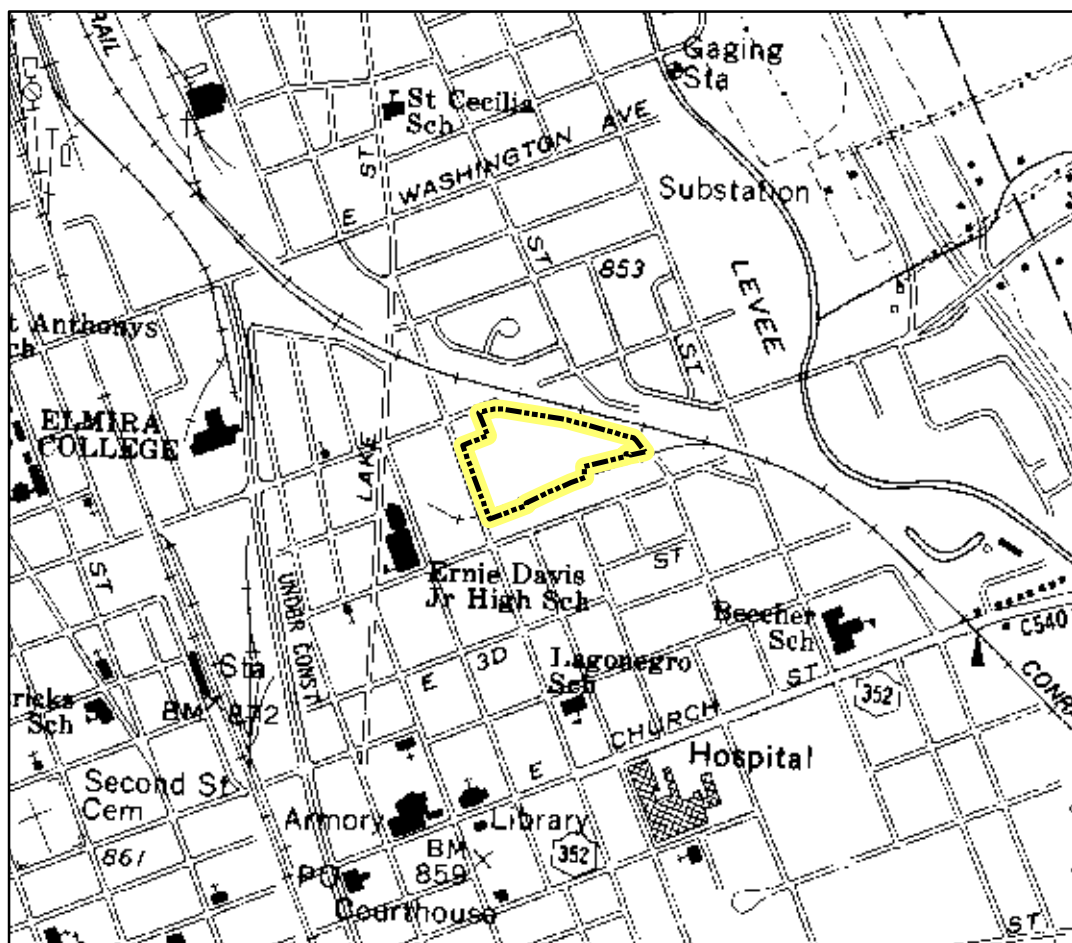
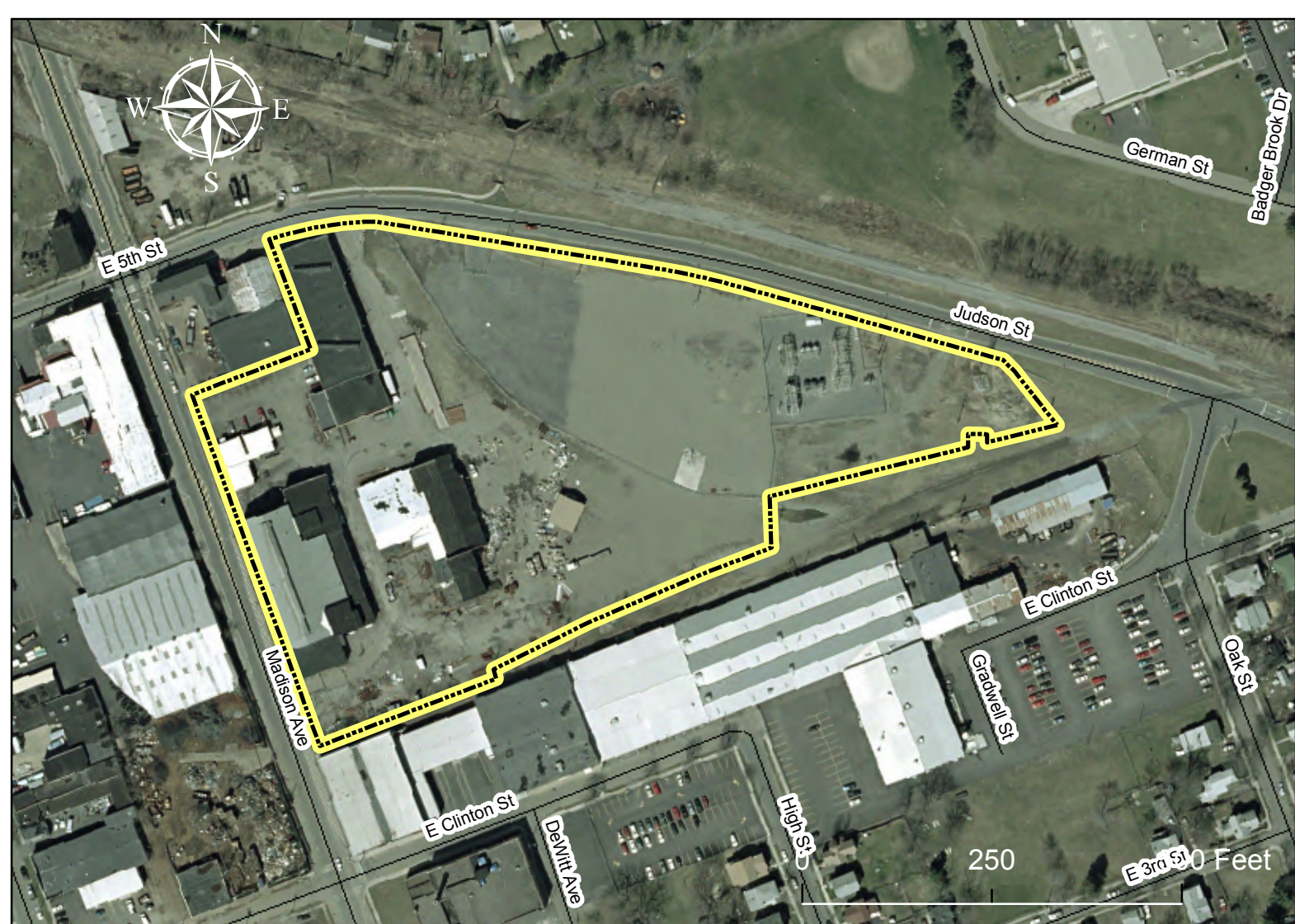
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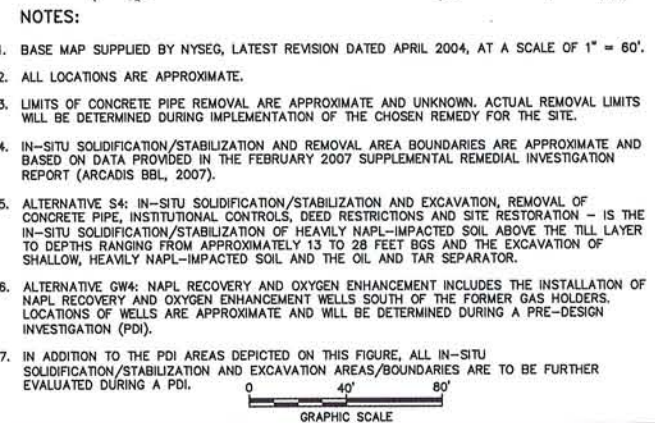


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NYSEG Elmira
Madison Avenue
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Figure 1
Site Map



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