

Former Silver Cleaners

State Superfund Program

Site No. 828186

Rochester, Monroe County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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Cleanup Action to Continue at State Superfund Site

An additional cleanup phase is about to begin that will address remaining contamination related to the Former Silver Cleaners site ("site") located at 245 Andrews Street, Rochester, Monroe County under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Cleanup activities are expected to begin in June 2025, and last about 3 months. The estimated cost to implement these efforts is \$200,000. The site is listed as a Class "2" site 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.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/828186/>.
- 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 action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remaining cleanup are:

- Installing up to 4 additional groundwater wells to support future monitoring of groundwater contaminant concentrations.
- Completing a full-scale In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO) injection program at the previously remediated source area using four previously installed injection wells. The ISCO process involves injecting a chemical reagent to reduce residual contaminants in soil and groundwater.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers, nearby workers, and residents. It includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Next Steps

After cleanup activities are completed, DEC will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and Site Management Plan (SMP). The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved. The SMP will describe the monitoring, operations, and maintenance activities that will be implemented following the completion of the remedial measures.

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

Site Description

The site was used as a dry cleaner from 1949 to 2011 and consists of three adjacent parcels located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Andrews Street and North Clinton Avenue. The site is 0.3 acres of paved vacant land currently used as a parking lot.

The dry cleaner building was demolished in 2023.

The previous site actions completed at the site included: asbestos abatement of the building, demolition of the building, excavation and off-site disposal of source area contaminated soils from under the building footprint, installation of a passive ISCO injection header at the source area backfill, installation of ISCO injection wells and installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells.

The remedy allows for the future development of the property 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, 828186) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds from historical dry cleaning operations, which have impacted soil, groundwater, and soil vapor, primarily in the area around the footprint of the former site building. Sub-slab depressurization systems (SSDS) have been installed at two adjacent offsite buildings to address the potential for inhalation of site related contaminants via vapor intrusion.

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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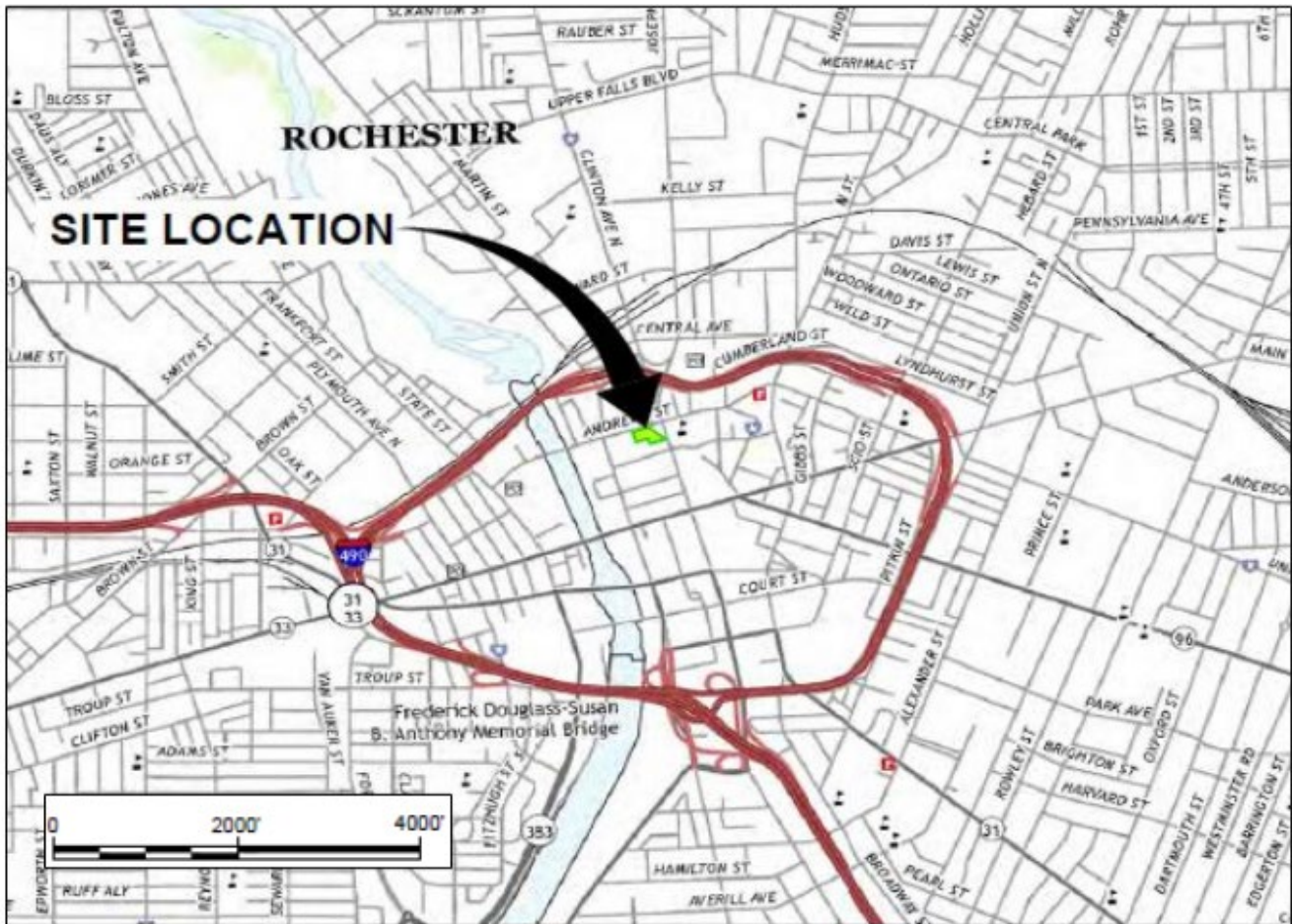
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Site Location





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