

Cleanup Activities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finished removing contaminated soil and sediment in the East Branch, as well as soil along and adjacent to the steep banks within Upson Park and is currently removing contaminated sediment in the West Branch of Eighteen Mile Creek south of Clinton Street. When the work in the area between the New York State Barge Canal and Clinton Street is done, EPA will continue moving north in the creek.

EPA will finish cleaning up the 34 residential properties near the former Flintkote Plant by the end of this year. EPA will also investigate and clean up various additional portions of the Superfund site this spring.

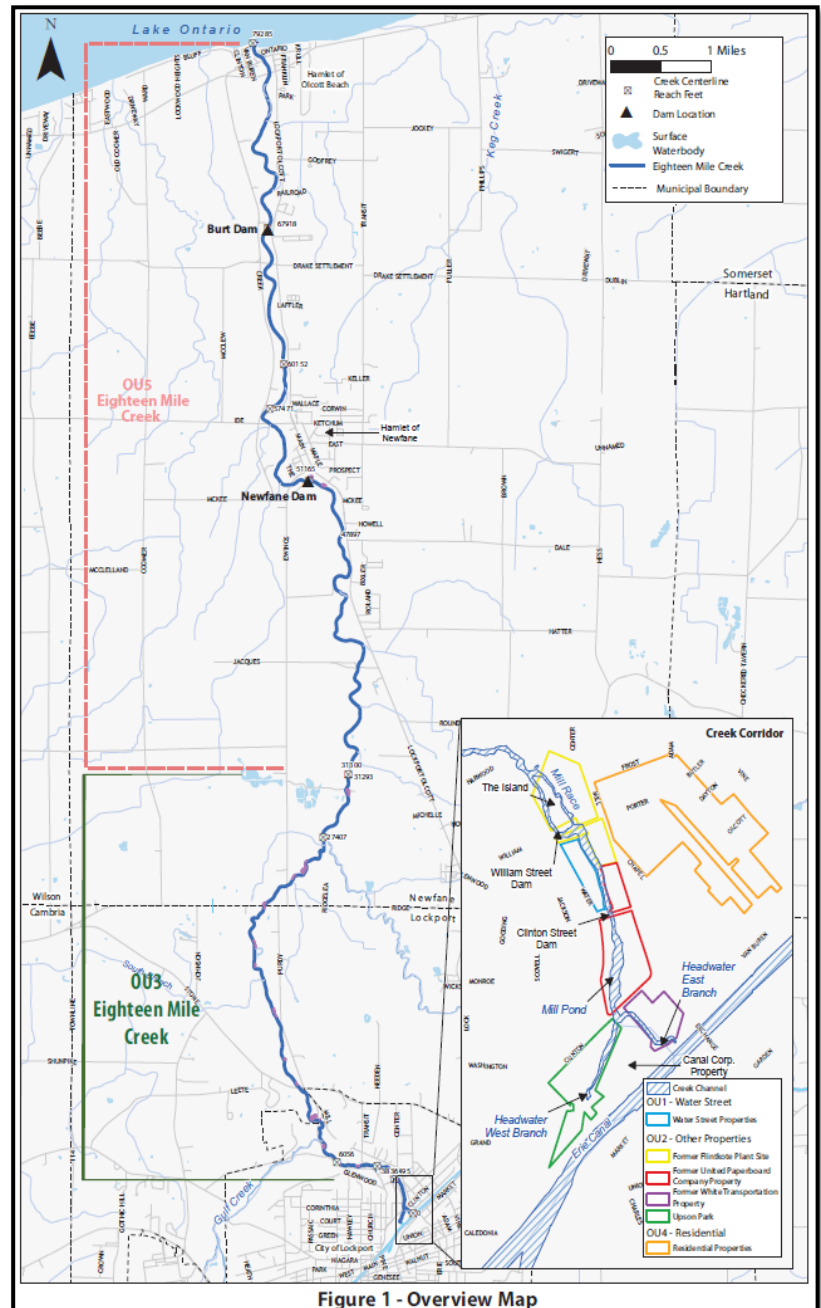
The ongoing cleanup of the site is very complex. Due to the complexity, EPA is addressing the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund site in five parts, called Operable Units, also referred to as OUs, please see Figure 1.

Operable Unit 1

EPA is addressing the risks associated with the residential soil contamination at nine residential properties located on Water Street and the threats posed from the deteriorating building at the Flintkote property. EPA previously relocated several residents from their homes along Water Street. Following the relocations, EPA demolished the residential properties. EPA will remove contaminated soil from the areas where the homes were demolished during the cleanup of OU2 work to prevent recontamination.

Operable Unit 2

EPA is addressing an approximate 4,000-foot segment of Eighteen Mile Creek that extends from the New York State Barge Canal to Harwood Street, referred to as the Creek Corridor. EPA finished removing contaminated soil and sediment in the East Branch of the creek and is working on restoring the uplands soil and wetland areas. EPA also finished removing contaminated soil along the banks in Upson Park in January 2026 and is currently removing the contaminated sediment in the West Branch. The agency finished building a temporary wastewater treatment plant and sediment processing area at the former Flintkote Plant property. EPA is almost done creating a large trench and placing an underground pipe to divert water from the creek during excavation. EPA will remove two unpermitted and dilapidated dams at Clinton and William Streets. The work will proceed north on the creek towards Harwood Street and include the floodplain soil as the project advances.



Operable Unit 3

EPA is addressing the contaminated sediment and floodplain soil impacted in the portion of the creek referred to as the sediment transition area. EPA is currently designing the cleanup for this part of the creek beginning at Harwood Street and extending downstream for about 5.3-miles. Over the next several months, EPA will coordinate with property owners to obtain access for further sampling and other activities to support the development of the design. The design provides detailed specifications for the performance of the cleanup.

Operable Unit 4

EPA is addressing lead contaminated soil at residential properties located near the former Flintkote property. EPA expects to begin cleaning up the next group of 42 residential properties in 2027. In addition, EPA continues to sample residential properties in the area to define the extent of contamination.

Operable Unit 5

EPA is addressing the remainder of the creek and floodplain soil which is located from downstream of the sediment transition area to the creek's discharge at Lake Ontario. This portion of the creek includes two holding areas where sediment is stored, upstream of Newfane Dam and Burt Dam. EPA will sample in this area as part of its investigation in late 2026 and 2027.



Fish Advisories

Fish consumption advisories, including the advisory for the Eighteen Mile Creek, are issued by the New York State Department of Health and updated annually. Information concerning fish consumption advisories is contained in the "Health Advisories" section of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's *New York Freshwater Fishing, Official Regulation Guide*, which is provided when a fishing license is issued. For additional information regarding the advisory, please visit:

www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/

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