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## **State Finalizes Cleanup Plan For the Mohasco Mill Complex Brownfield Site**

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), recently selected a cleanup plan for the Former Mohasco Mill Complex Environmental Restoration Site, located in the City of Amsterdam, Montgomery County, Site No. B-00052-4 (see map). This plan is described in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD also summarizes site investigations, cleanup alternatives evaluated by the State, and comments received from the public about the chosen plan.

The plan calls for removal and off site disposal of debris along the stream bank; consolidation and regrading of contaminated surface soils; a 2 foot thick protective soil cover; removal of physical hazards and debris under the building 31 foundation; demolition of the foundations of buildings 7, 7A, 11, and 26; asbestos abatement and demolition of buildings 20, 20A; demolition of the smoke stack at the former steam power plant; property deed restrictions, and maintenance the protective soil cover.

The estimated present worth cost to implement the remedy is \$ 2,590,000. The environmental remediation cost to implement the remedy is estimated to be \$ 1,060,860. The cost of building demolition with disposal onsite is estimated at \$1,444,950, and the estimated average annual maintenance cost for 30 years is \$ 5,000.

The Record of Decision and other site-related documents are available at the Central Office of the DEC in Albany and at the Amsterdam Public Library, (518) 842-1080. This fact sheet also provides background information about the site.

### **About the Former Mohasco Mill Complex Site:**

The former Mohasco Mill Complex is an approximately 23.5 acre site located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Forest Avenue and Lyon Street within the City of Amsterdam, New York. The North Chuctanunda Creek bisects the site from the northeast to the southwest. The Mohawk River is located approximately 1.25 miles southwest of the site. Most of the central and northern section of the property is covered by the remains of large buildings, building foundations, demolition debris, and a parking lot. An abandoned railroad and the former steam plant building are on the western and southern portion of the property.

A carpet manufacturing facility was operated at the site from the late 1880s through 1984. Manufacturing processes conducted at the site consisted primarily of milling and weaving of raw

materials and dye operations. Based on reviews of existing documents, it is believed that chemicals shipped to, used, and stored at the site included, but may not have been limited to, sulfuric acid, acetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, hydrosulfites, PCBs, and some metalized dyes. Carpet manufacturing activities ceased in 1984, after which time the site was leased for use as storage and office space until 1992. Most of the buildings at the site were destroyed by fires in 1992 and 1994. Debris from the buildings destroyed by the fire was left on-site and was used to backfill building foundations. The City acquired the site in 1994. The site is currently unoccupied.

Based on the environmental investigation at the site, and an evaluation of remedial alternatives, the State proposed a cleanup plan and presented it on March 1, 2001 at a public meeting. The State's responses to comments received at the public meeting and during the 30-day comment period are included in Appendix A of the Record of Decision.

### **What Happens Next:**

The City can now apply for state assistance to implement the remedy, or if the city has a private party who is interested in taking over the site, the private party could implement the proposed remedy.

### **For More Information:**

Please do not hesitate to contact the following staff member if you have questions about:

#### **The Record of Decision:**

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You can also contact DEC toll-free at 1-800-342-9296. Leave your name, phone number, and a brief message and someone will return your call.

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