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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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- ⚙ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ⚙ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ⚙ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.

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FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: Gansevoort/Franklin Street Parcel

DEC Site #: B00055

Address: Corner of Gansevoort and Franklin Streets
Albany (C), NY 12202

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Cleanup Action to Begin at Municipal Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address the contamination related to the Gansevoort/Franklin Street Parcel site ("site") located at Corner of Gansevoort and Franklin Streets, Albany (C), Albany County under New York State's Environmental Restoration Program. Please see the map for the site location.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

The cleanup activities will be performed by a state contractor with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

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 cleanup action for the site includes:

Installation of a one-foot thick clean soil cover or equivalent, such as gravel or blacktop, to allow for commercial use. The cover is being installed due to the presence of historic fill which contains a few metals and semi-volatile organic compounds above commercial use soil cleanup objectives. Construction costs are expected to be approximately \$35,000; the State will pay 90% of the cost, and the municipality's share is 10%.

Deed restrictions, as per the ROD, were placed on the property in December 2010 to prohibit use of site groundwater and restrict site use to "commercial" or "light industrial. A site management plan will be developed to guide any future soil excavation activities and site cover inspection and maintenance.

Next Steps

Construction of the site cover is expected to be performed in the next few weeks. After the contractor completes the cleanup activities, NYSDEC will prepare a Final Engineering Report. The Final Engineering Report will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When the contractor has completed the project to NYSDEC's satisfaction, NYSDEC will issue a

document to the municipality called a "Certificate of Completion." This document releases the municipality from liability related to the site and allows the site to be re-used.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed with additional fact sheets throughout the project.

Background

Location: The Gansevoort/Franklin Street Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) Site is a 0.6 acre vacant property in the south end of the City of Albany located on the corner of Gansevoort and Franklin Streets. The site is a few blocks from Downtown Albany and I-787 and the Hudson River is approximately 0.5 miles to the east. The site is situated in a moderately developed commercial/industrial area. A newly built liquor store borders the northwest corner of the site and an adjacent former liquor store is awaiting demolition. St. John/St. Ann Parish and a vacant public bathhouse are located immediately north. A gas station/convenience store is located adjacent to the northwest corner of the site. Warehouses are located to the east and south, including a commercial business located to the south. Although residences are not adjacent to the site, there are residential neighborhoods in close proximity to the site.

Site Features: The site is relatively flat with a few trees and consists of a total of seven tax parcels.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The current deed restriction allows the site to be used for commercial or light industrial use and is currently vacant.

Past Use of the Site: The site is believed to have been residential until approximately 1945 when it was acquired by Wm. McEwan Coal Company and served as a coal yard in the late 1940's and mid 1950's. The McArdle and Cazazzar Trucking Company used the site in the late 1960's. The property was subsequently acquired by Grand Realty Company and remains vacant. It was acquired by Albany County through foreclosure in 1973. A March 2001 Record of Decision (ROD) calls for a one-foot thick protective cover (e.g., blacktop, building foundation or clean soil/stone/gravel).

The County applied to the New York Works Round II ERP program in 2015, was deemed eligible, and accepted into the program.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=B00055>

Environmental Restoration Program: New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities for their costs to investigate and clean up municipality owned contaminated properties. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

A brownfield is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the ERP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

John A Howe Branch Library
105 Schulyer Street
Albany, NY 12202
phone: 518-472-9485

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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

As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

Gansevoort/Franklin Street, ERP Site #B00055, Site Location Map



Legend

-  Site Boundary
-  Site Location



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