



# FACT SHEET

## Environmental Restoration Program

**Jonas Automotive Site**

**October 2011**

**Site No. B00136**

**City of Newburgh, Orange County, NY**

### Cleanup Action to Begin at Municipal Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Jonas Automotive site ("site") located at 86 Wisner Avenue in the City of Newburgh, Orange County, under New York's Environmental Restoration Program. See map for site location.

The cleanup action includes excavating soils from the site that contain levels of contamination and capping the site with clean gravel and soil. The cleanup activities will be performed by a contractor hired by the City of Newburgh. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have approved the design documents for this project, and will provide oversight of the cleanup activities.

#### Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the upcoming activities is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The cleanup will consist of the following tasks:

- Excavation and proper off-site disposal of soils contaminated from historic site operations. Contaminants include lead and mercury.
- Removal and off-site disposal of petroleum contaminated debris near the conveyor/trough inside the former Jonas Automotive operations building.
- Installation of a site cover consisting of one foot of gravel or vegetated soil. A stormwater infiltration system will be constructed as part of the cover to manage runoff.
- Demolition and off-site disposal of a garage, small aluminum shed, concrete pad, and oil/water separator.
- Placement of a Deed Restriction and implementation and development of a Site Management Plan to assure long term effectiveness of the remedy.

#### **Environmental Restoration Program:**

New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities for their costs to investigate and clean up municipally 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:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html)

## **Next Steps**

The City of Newburgh is expected to begin cleanup activities at the site in October 2011. The city has hired Enterprise Network Resolutions Contracting, LLC. to perform the cleanup. These activities are anticipated to take approximately one month.

After the City completes the cleanup activities, it will prepare a Final Engineering Report and submit it to NYSDEC. The Final Engineering Report will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

The City will develop and implement a site management plan because residual contamination will remain on site. The plan will ensure protection of public health and the environment by describing the required engineering and/or institutional controls and how they would be effectively maintained. The City also will be required to place a Deed Restriction on the site that identifies the restrictions on use of the site and the institutional/engineering controls. The deed restriction will give NYSDEC the ability to assure compliance with these restrictions and controls.

When the City has completed the project to NYSDEC's satisfaction, NYSDEC will issue a document called a "Certificate of Completion". This document releases the City from liability related to known contamination at the site and allows the site to be re-used.

NYSDEC and the City will keep the public informed during the cleanup of the site.

## **Background**

NYSDEC previously accepted an application from the City to participate in the Environmental Restoration Program. The application proposed that the site would be used for commercial or industrial use.

The Jonas Automotive site is situated on approximately 1.5 acres. The area around the site is mixed residential and commercial/light industrial in nature. A foundry was operated at the site from approximately 1963 to 1993. The site was then used for salvaging automobiles from 1993 through 1999. The property was taken by the City of Newburgh for back taxes in 1999 and is currently owned by the City of Newburgh. The site contains a former foundry building and a smaller garage building. The remainder of the property is unpaved and covered with fill consisting of gravel and cinders with vegetation in less traveled areas.

The City of Newburgh completed a Site Investigation under the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) in 2003. As part of the investigation an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) was conducted which included the removal of several above-ground and underground storage tanks as well as petroleum contaminated soil and waste. A Record of Decision was signed for the site in March 2003. The City received \$ 129,000 from the State's ERP, which represented 90 % of the costs they incurred during the investigation.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **Where to Find Information**

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public to stay informed. These documents include the decision document describing the selected remedy for the site, called the “Record of Decision”, and the approved plan for the upcoming remedial work.

Newburgh Free Library  
124 Grand Street  
Newburgh, NY 12550  
Phone: (845) 563-3601  
Hours: Mon to Thu: 9 am – 9 pm  
Fri to Sat: 9 am – 5 pm  
Sun: 1 pm – 5 pm

NYSDEC Region 3 Office  
Attn: Michael Knipfing  
21 S. Putt Corners Road  
New Paltz, NY 12561-1696  
Phone: (845) 256-3154  
(by appointment only)

### **Who to Contact**

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

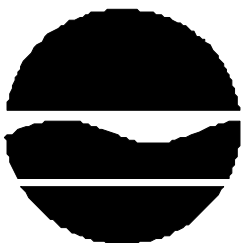
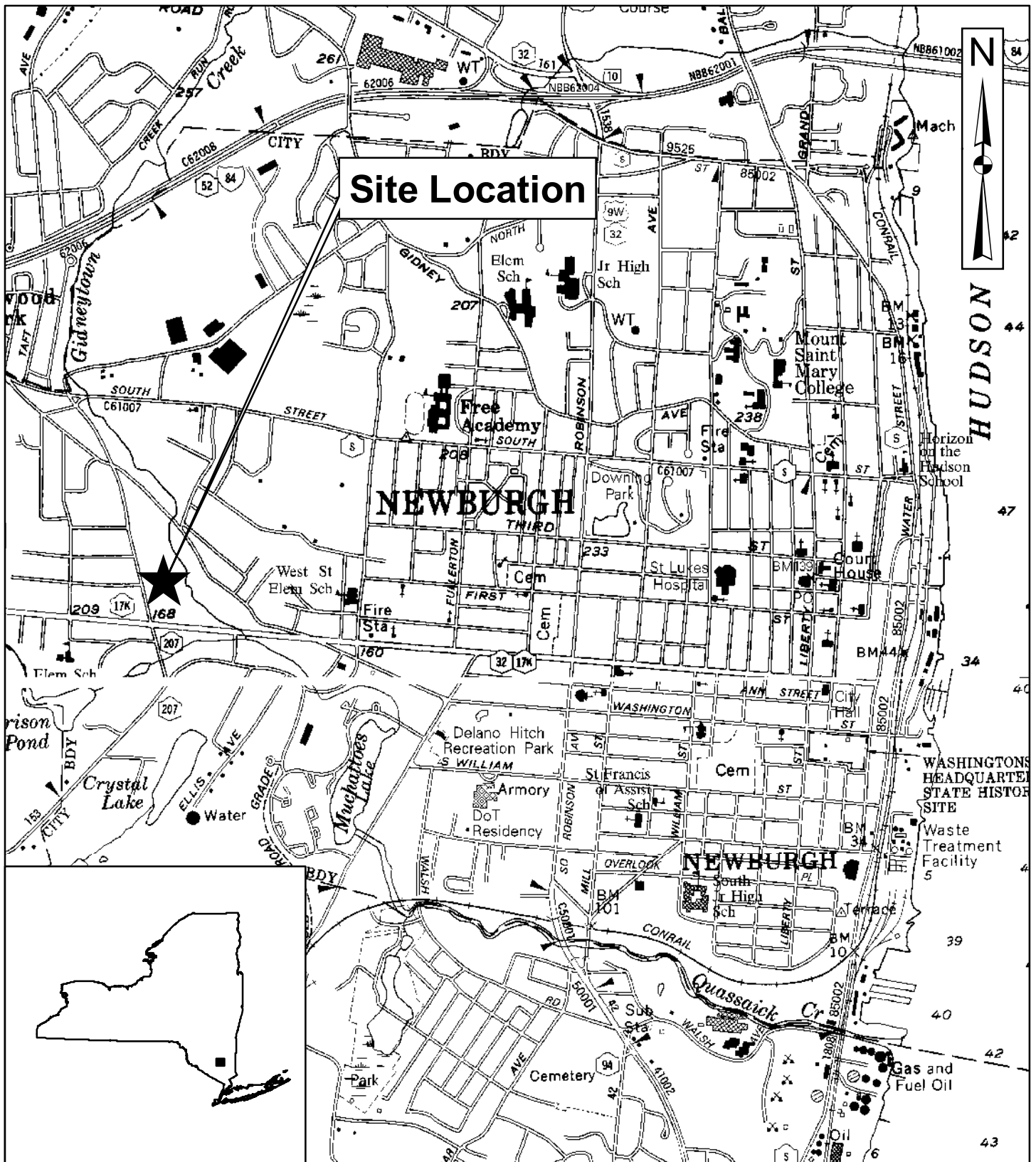
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