



FACT SHEET

December 2005

Proposed Cleanup Activities & Restoration Plan Franczyk Park



Project Start: Spring 2006

Project No. B00174-9

INTRODUCTION

An environmental investigation report has been prepared and a cleanup plan is being proposed for Franczyk Park (the site) by the City of Buffalo's Department of Public Works, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The work will be performed during the spring of 2006, under the New York State 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act "Environmental Restoration Program" (ERP).

Through the ERP, DEC provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup and restoration of brownfields sites. A brownfield is currently unused or under-used property that may have been used for industrial purposes in the past, and no longer contributes to the tax base of a municipality. Brownfields may be, but are not necessarily, environmentally contaminated.

This fact sheet is being provided to explain why a cleanup plan for Franczyk Park is being proposed, what proposed cleanup activities will involve, and how to obtain more information.

SITE BACKGROUND

Franczyk Park is a 16.5 acre public park located at 564 Babcock Street in the City of Buffalo, Erie County. The site was first developed in the late 1800's as an agricultural fertilizer manufacturing facility where operations continued for nearly a century. In the late 1930's the southeast corner of the site was sold to rendering and soap manufacturers. In 1977, an automobile salvage yard purchased the site. When the automobile salvage yard went bankrupt in 1981, a real estate company acquired the site and later sold it to the City of Buffalo in 1984.



You are invited to attend a **PUBLIC MEETING**

Regarding
Franczyk Park
to be held

January 12, 2006

at

7:00 PM

at

**T.J. Dulski Community Center
129 Lewis Street, Buffalo**

This meeting is an opportunity for you to input your comments on the design and layout of Franczyk Park's recreational facilities.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

To eliminate or reduce human health and environmental threats associated with potential exposure to contaminants, and to allow continued use of the site as a City park, the City and DEC are proposing the following cleanup activities:

- Implement a remedial design program to provide details necessary for the construction, maintenance, and monitoring of the cleanup program;
- Excavate soil/fill determined to be hazardous and dispose of off-site;
- Increase existing cover through the placement of at least 18 inches of clean fill in all park areas;
- Place at least six inches of topsoil and establish a vegetative cover in all greenspace areas, or place at least six inches of concrete or asphalt paving in non-vegetated areas;
- Install geotextile and place at least six inches of pea gravel (or other suitable material) in playground areas;
- Install a groundwater interceptor trench along Fleming Street;
- Demolish and replace all athletic facilities and playground equipment in order to install the cover system;
- Impose an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement;
- Develop a Site Management Plan for implementation of the institutional and engineering controls including soil management, groundwater monitoring, and site use restrictions; and
- Provide periodic certification to DEC that all institutional or engineering controls remain in place and are being maintained.

The goal of the proposed cleanup activities is to restore Franczyk Park to a condition suitable for public recreational use.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on January 12, 2006, at the T.J. Dulski Community Center (see meeting announcement on front of this page) to discuss the proposed cleanup and restoration activities for the park. At the meeting, the City of Buffalo and DEC representatives will be available to answer questions regarding the construction schedule and proposed cleanup activities. The City of Buffalo will also have landscape architects available to discuss the future design of the park facilities. In addition, The City will accept public comments and recommendations regarding the design and layout of Franczyk Park's facilities.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FRANCZYK PARK SITE?

Project related questions

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Environmental related questions

Thomas Biel
NYSDEC
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

Health related questions

Cameron O'Connor
NYS Department of Health
584 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4385

LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of the ERP program. To keep you informed, the City of Buffalo and DEC have established two locations at which you can view site-related project documents. These locations include:

T.J. Dulski Community Center
129 Lewis Street
Buffalo, NY 14206
(716) 847-2860

Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 9 Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220
(by appointment only)