



# FACT SHEET

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## Update on Brownfield Site Investigation, Cleanup and Reconstruction Franczyk Park Buffalo, NY

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**Project Started: June 2007 (Construction)**

**Project No. B-00174**

### INTRODUCTION

The City of Buffalo, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), is currently completing an environmental cleanup and park rehabilitation project at Franczyk Park on Lewis Street in the City of Buffalo. This work is being conducted under the Environmental Restoration Program authorized under the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996. The ERP provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup of brownfield sites. Based upon a previous remedial investigation, environmental cleanup at the Park began in June of 2007.

This fact sheet has been sent to inform you that the environmental cleanup and park rehabilitation project completion date has been extended. Provided below is information relating to the new project schedule. If you have any questions, a project contact list has been provided near the end of this fact sheet.

### WHY HAS THE PROJECT BEEN EXTENDED?

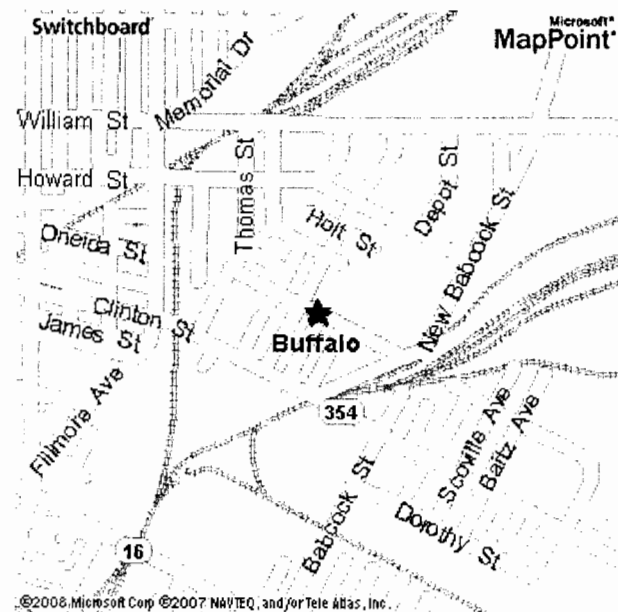
Part of the project included removing soil that contained hazardous levels of heavy metal contaminants. Sample results from the original excavation indicated that hazardous material was still present at depths of 5-10 feet below the ground surface. Additional hazardous soil was removed and the excavation resampled. This process was repeated several times in 2007 until weather conditions necessitated stopping excavation activities. Sampling showed hazardous material still remained.

### WHAT IS LEFT TO BE COMPLETED?

During the winter shut down, sampling was performed on the remaining soil to determine the extent of remaining hazardous soil. The amount of remaining hazardous soil requiring excavation was determined to include an additional 2000 tons. This soil is expected to be excavated and removed from the park by early summer 2008. Following the hazardous soil excavation, the contractor will continue placing the required thickness of clean cover soil and begin park reconstruction.

### WHEN WILL THE PROJECT BE COMPLETE?

The Contractor, Hohl Industrial Services, estimates that they will complete park reconstruction at the end of Summer 2008, with the exception of the tree plantings. The tree plantings will be delayed until the Fall to give the trees a better chance at survival.



**WHEN WILL THE PARK BE OPEN?**

The park will officially reopen in the Spring of 2009 after the grass and trees have had sufficient time to take root.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

The community will be kept apprised of the project's progress through fact sheets mailed to local residents and government officials.

**WHO SHOULD I CONTACT ABOUT THE FRANCZYK PARK SITE?**Project related questions

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TJ Dulski Center  
126 Lewis Street  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14206  
(716) 847-2860

or

NYSDEC's Buffalo Office  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14203  
(716) 851-7220  
(Please call for an appointment)