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Where to Find Information:

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

**New York Public Library
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910 Morris Avenue
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**For additional information on the New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Brook 156

740 Brook Avenue
Bronx, NY 10451

SITE No. C203078

NYSDEC REGION 2

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Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Brook 156 site (the "Site") located at 740 Brook Avenue, Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information."

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Supplemental Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Brook 156 Housing Development Fund Corporation and New York City Housing Preservation and Development (NYCHPD) (collectively, the "applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **November 10** through **December 9**, 2015. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area on the left-hand side of this page.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to delineate impacts from on-site source(s) of contamination;
- Installing soil vapor probes and collecting soil vapor samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from on-site source(s) of contamination.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan" will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will

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include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is 0.17 acres and consists of 2 parcels (Tax Block 2360, Lots 1 and 3) located at the northeast corner of East 156th Street and Brook Avenue. Lot 1 consists of an approximately 5,658-square foot former rail-bed and tunnel, and a small grass covered area. Lot 3 consists of an approximately 1,780-square foot, irregularly-shaped vacant lot. The Site is abutted to the north by East 157th Street, to the east by a parking lot (part of Melrose Condominiums), to the west by Brook Avenue and to the south by East 156th Street. The surrounding area is mixed-use, and included residential and commercial/retail uses. Historically Lot 3 was developed as a gasoline station with a one-story lubrication office, and used auto sales lot. The gasoline filling station occupied the Site from approximately 1949 to 1969. Lot 1 was occupied by the Port Morris branch of the New York and Harlem Railroad since at least 1891. The railroad was abandoned circa 1999.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C203078) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. 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 BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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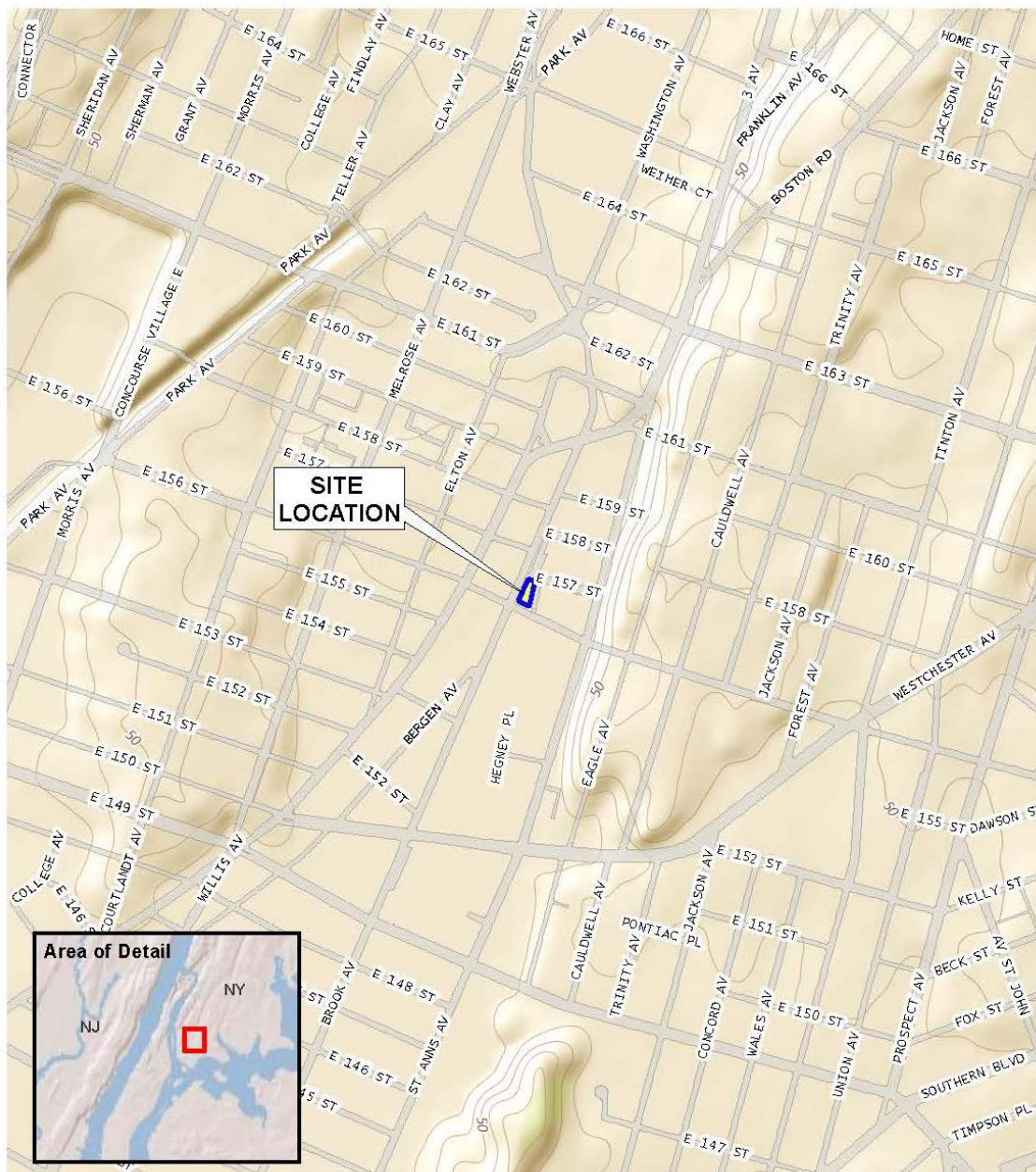
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. 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.

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Figure 1 – Site Location Map



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USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Map
Central Park Quad 2011

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