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- ☒ 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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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203114>

New York Public Library - Woodstock Branch

761 East 160th Street
Bronx, NY 10456
(718) 665-6255
woodstock@nypu.org

Bronx Community Board #2

1029 East 163rd Street, Room 202
Bronx, NY 10459
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Who to Contact

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

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**For more information about New
York's Brownfield Cleanup
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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Vernon C. Bain Center
1 Halleck Street
Bronx, Bronx County**

June 2025

**SITE No. C203114
NYSDEC REGION 2**

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 Vernon C. Bain Center site ("site") located at 1 Halleck Street, Bronx, Bronx County. Please see the map for the site location.

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The investigation will be performed by New York City Department of Correction ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **June 11 through July 11, 2025**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203114/>
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

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

Previous investigations have detected coal tar and purifier waste, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds (VOCs and SVOCs), and metals in soil and/or groundwater on or adjacent to the site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Visual inspection of existing steel sheeting bulkhead;
- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern.

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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 NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan" will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site actions 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 7.4-acre site is a portion of a larger tax parcel, Block 2780 Lot 73, located in a commercial and industrial area known as Hunts Point Food Distribution Center in the Bronx. The site is bounded by a fish market (former Voluntary Cleanup Program Site No. V00436) to the north and east and by the East River to the west and south. The Hunts Point Wastewater Treatment Plant is located adjacent to the western portion of the parcel and along the entrance road leading into the site. The site was most recently occupied and operated by the New York City Department of Correction as a parking area, serving the jail barge facility.

Historically, the larger Hunts Point area was part of a Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) operated by Consolidated Edison Company (Con Ed) during the first half of the 20th century until it ceased production in the early 1960s and was demolished in 1966. Gas operations included a coke/oven gas plant, a carbureted water gas plant, a light oil plant, and a liquid petroleum production area. In total, the MGP facility covered approximately 182 acres with 46 structures that were actively involved in gas production. The BCP site was formerly submerged and part of the East River and was infilled to current grade to serve as usable land near the end of the Con Ed MGP's life. No

documentation is available regarding the historic MGP operations on the site except for historical aerial photos and a historic map of the former structures associated with the MGP. The site is anticipated to be redeveloped for a future use that will serve the larger neighboring Hunts Point Food Distribution Center.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203114) at: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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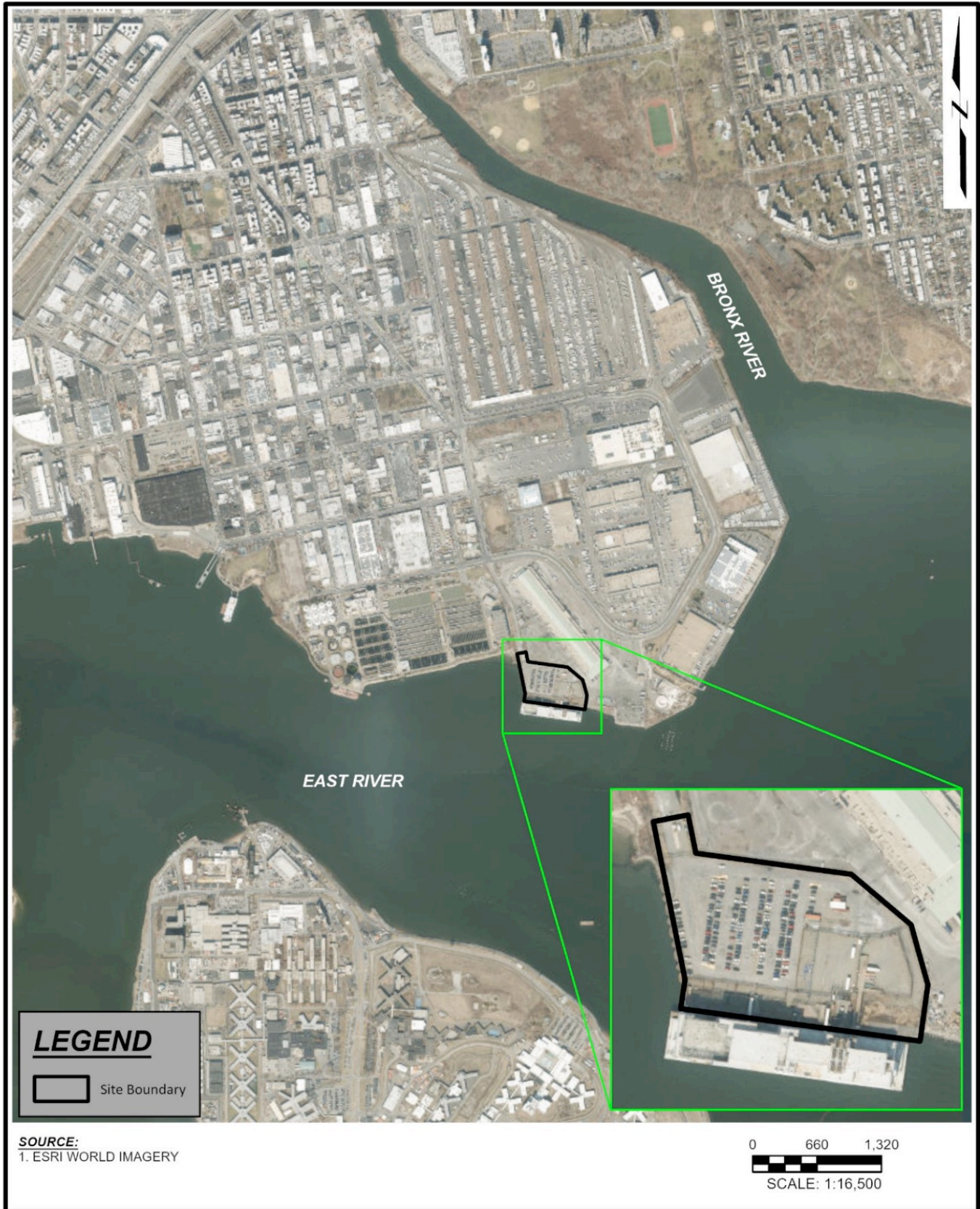
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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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Site Location





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