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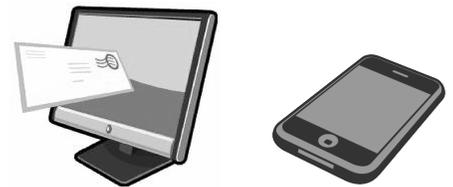
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- 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.

261 Walton Avenue

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C203135

New York, Bronx County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

February 2026

Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the 261 Walton Avenue site ("site") located at 261 Walton Avenue, Bronx, Bronx County. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by Tuck-It-Away Associates, Deegan, LLC, and Walton Owner, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has determined that the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

- Access the approved RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203135/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

Cleanup activities are expected to begin in February 2026 and last about 3 months.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the cleanup are:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil to a maximum depth of 9 feet below surface grade across the site;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy; and
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and include required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Next Steps

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

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the Final Engineering Report. NYSDEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion to the applicant(s). The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant(s) would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

NYSDEC will issue a fact sheet that describes the content of the Final Engineering Report. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, environmental easements) or engineering controls (for example, a site cover) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

Site Description

The 0.63-acre site is located at 261 Walton Avenue in the Mott Haven neighborhood of the Bronx, New York and is identified as Block 2344, Lot 60 on the New York City (NYC) Bronx Borough Tax Map. The site formerly contained a six-story building with a cellar, a two-story building, and a one-story building, which were occupied by a commercial storage facility. The buildings were demolished between February and May 2023. Portions of the site remain covered by the former building concrete foundation slabs. An asphalt-paved and gravel-covered parking lot surrounds the former building footprints.

The proposed development will include construction of a new charter school building.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203135) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

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 DEC 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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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203135/>

New York Public Library - Mott Haven Branch

321 East 140th Street
Bronx, NY 10454
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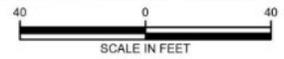
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Site Location



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